

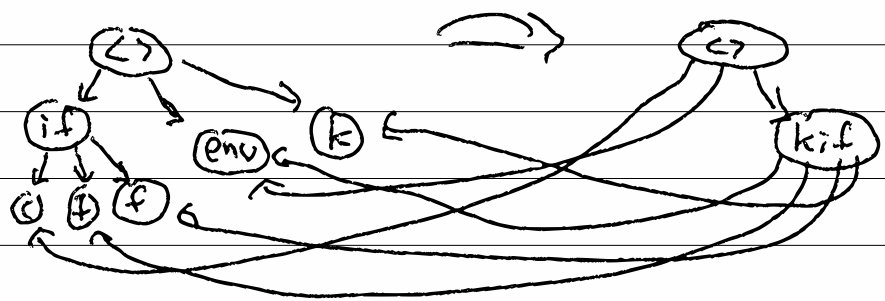
# 18-1/ Memory Management

alloc: 4

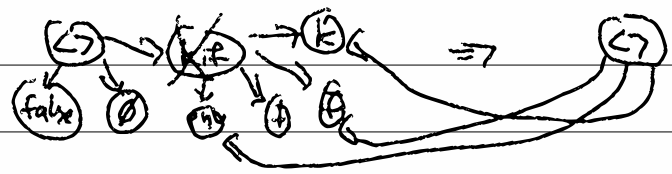
$\langle \text{if } c \text{ } \dagger \text{ } f, \text{env}, k \rangle$

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$\mapsto \langle c, \text{env}, \text{kif}(\text{env}, \dagger, f, k) \rangle$  dealloc: 4



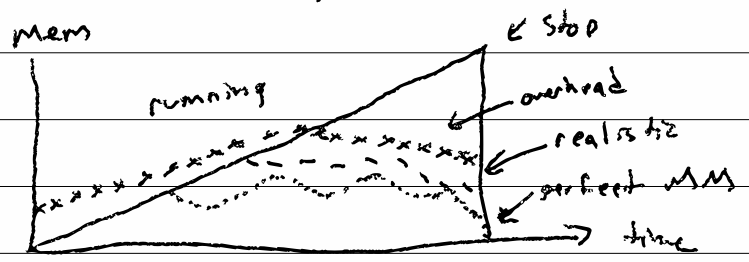
$\langle \text{false}, \emptyset, \text{kif}(\text{env}, \dagger, f, k) \rangle \mapsto \langle f, \text{env}, k \rangle$



18-2/ What should a MM do?

- when to call free()

calls free only at the end of program



soundness . . . .

$$f(x) = a$$

if any MM, returned

.. then it's wrong

we can call free() if any object won't be looked at

18-3/ {  
obj; x = new()

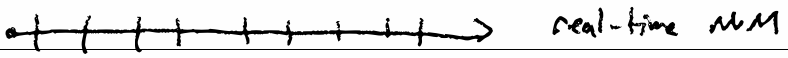
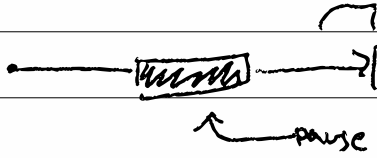
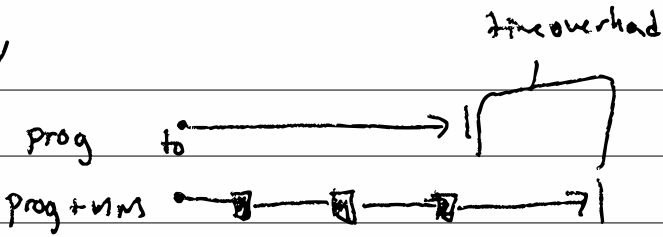
20 ← :::: use x

if ( f 0 == true ) {

40 ← use x; }

return g(); } → safe for free \*

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# 18-5] Manual insertion of free()

Is it sound? → definitely not

alias → but, two references to it

↓  
one obj in memory (ie pointer)

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f() {  
  char * c = malloc ...  
  ... f(c)
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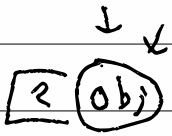
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global c  
g(char * c) {  
  global c = c
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}  
return; }  
free(c)

stack ownership

- always assume you cannot free
- always make a copy rather than an alias

# 18-6/ Reference Counting / Smart pointer



retain(p) = p.count++

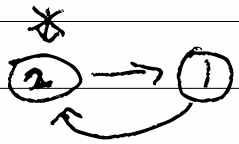
release(p) =

if (--p.count == 0)

free(p)

counts aren't free

64-bit ... 8-bit



ref counting fails to release cycles