

A static analyzer detecting use-after-free and double-free bugs in JNI programs

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An interface to call C / C++ functions from Java programs

```
class A {
    native void hello();
}
A a = new A();
a.hello();

A.java

void Java_A_hello(
    JNIEnv *env, jobject thiz
) {
    printf("Hello world!");
}

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```

Making a wrapper class for a C / C++ struct

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 long p;
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 native void nDeallocate(long ptr);
  void allocate() { p = nAllocate(); }
  void use(...) { nUse(... p); }
  void deallocate() { nDeallocate(p); }
```

```
struct a;
jlong Java_A_nAllocate(...) {
 return (jlong) malloc(sizeof(struct a));
void Java_A_nUse(... jlong ptr) {
  ... (struct a*) ptr ...
void Java_A_nDeallocate(... jlong ptr) {
 free((void *) ptr);
```

A.java

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a.c

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A.java

Making a wrapper class for a C / C++ struct

```
A = new A();
a.allocate();
a.use(...);
a.use(...);
a.deallocate();
a.use(...); // use-after-free
a.deallocate(); // double-free
```

Making a wrapper class for a C / C++ struct

```
A = new A();
a.allocate();
a.use(...);
a.use(...);
a.deallocate();
                                    java(88116,0x70000c587000) malloc: *** error for object
                                    0x7ff5afd309d0: pointer being freed was not allocated
a.use(...); // use-after-free
                                    java(88116,0x70000c587000) malloc: *** set a breakpoint
a.deallocate(); // double-free
                                    in malloc_error_break to debug
```

The Goal of the Project

Design and implement a **static** analyzer that detects

use-after-free and double-free bugs

made by Java programmers

in **JNI** programs.

Challenge

JNI programs are written in more than one language.

Java programs and native programs have different execution contexts.

Naively designing a single top-down analyzer for an entire program would not work...

Approach

Making summaries for native functions

f()
h()
f()

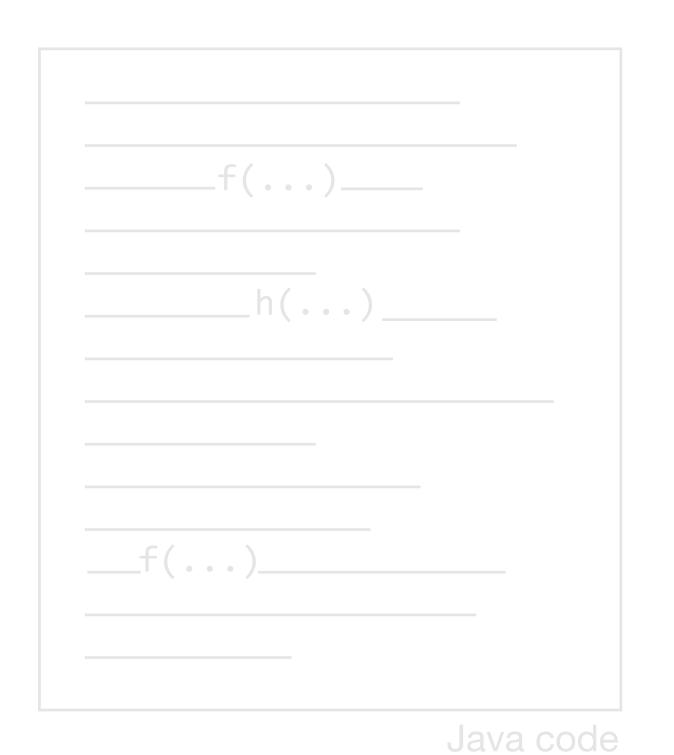
Java code

void f	
int g	
long h	

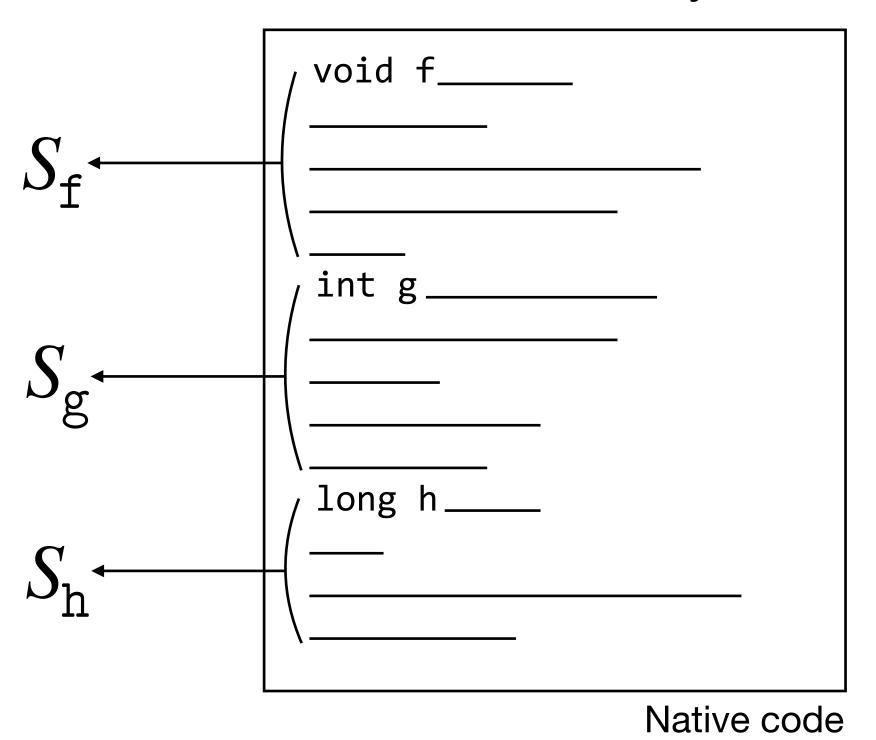
Native code

Approach

Making summaries for native functions



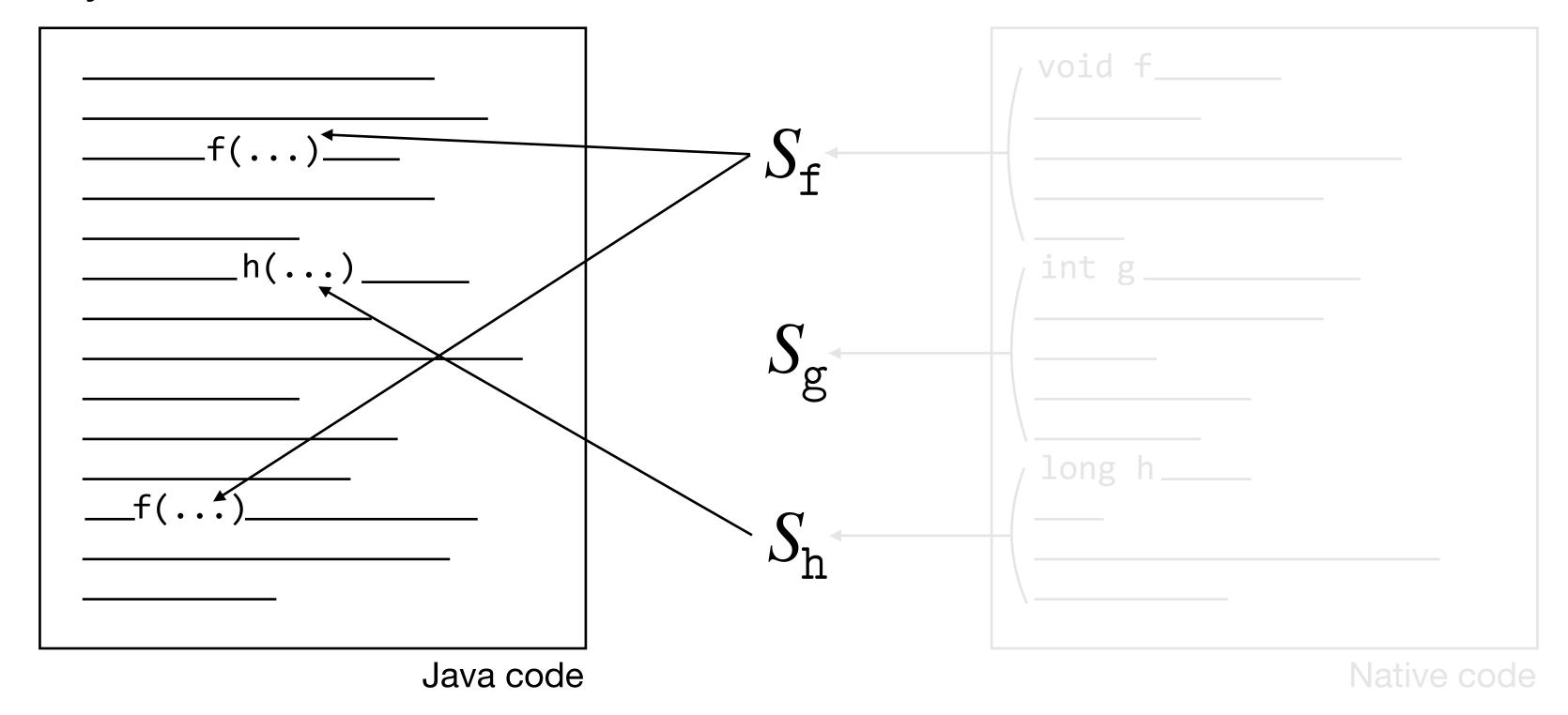
Phase 1



Approach

Making summaries for native functions

Phase 2



A modular flow-insensitive analysis for native code

$$E ::= \cdots \ | E(E, \dots, E) \ |$$
 bitcast $E \ |$ toptr $E \ |$ toint $E \ C ::= \cdots \ |$ free $E \ |$

Unsoundness Conditions

Recursive functions

Aliased parameters

Global variables

```
long allocate() {    return (long) malloc(sizeof(int)); }
```

```
S_{
m allocate} returnV = {allocsite l_1} used = {} freed = {} memory = []
```

```
void deallocate(long ptr) {    [ptr ↦'ptr]
    free((void *) ptr);
}
```

```
S_{	ext{deallocate}}
	ext{returnV} = \{\}
	ext{used} = \{\}
	ext{freed} = \{' 	ext{ptr}\}
	ext{memory} = [ 	ext{ptr} \mapsto ' 	ext{ptr}]
```

```
long read(long ptr) { [ptr → 'ptr, ptr → "ptr]
  return *((long *) ptr);
}
```

```
S_{\text{read}}
\text{returnV} = \{\text{"ptr}\}
\text{used} = \{\text{'ptr}\}
\text{freed} = \{\}
\text{memory} = [\text{ptr} \mapsto \text{'ptr,'ptr} \mapsto \text{"ptr}]
```

Java Bytecode Overview

instance

$$c \in \mathbb{C} = \mathbb{M} \times \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{G} \times ((\mathbb{W} \times \mathbb{J}) \to \mathbb{K})$$

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$$m \notin \mathbb{M} = (\mathbb{W} \times \mathbb{N}) \to \mathbb{V}^{\#}$$

$$h \notin \mathbb{H} = \mathbb{A} \to \mathbb{O}^{\#}$$

$$g \notin \mathbb{G} = \mathbb{U} \to \mathbb{V}$$

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$$k \notin \mathbb{K}^{\#}$$

$$c \notin \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{K}$$

$$h \notin \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H$$

```
class Box {
    native long allocate();
    native void write(long p, long v);
    native void deallocate(long p);
l_1: Box b = new Box();
l_2: long p = b.allocate();
l<sub>3</sub>: b.deallocate(p);
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```
jlong Java_Box_allocate(...) {
l<sub>4</sub>: return (jlong) malloc(sizeof(long));
  void Java_Box_deallocate(... jlong p) {
l_5: free((void *) p);
                       C Heap
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                                            Freed
[allocsite l_1 \mapsto \langle \rangle]
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A global analysis for Java code with summaries

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```
jlong
            S_{	ext{allocate}} return V = \{ allocsite \ l_4 \}
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                             S_{	ext{deallocate}}
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```

Results

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  native void deallocate(long p);
}
Box b = new Box();
long p = b.allocate();
b.write(p, 1);
b.deallocate(p);
No alarms!
```

```
jlong Java_Box_allocate(...) {
 return (jlong) malloc(sizeof(long));
void Java_Box_write(... jlong p, jlong v) {
  *((long*) p) = v;
void Java_Box_deallocate(... jlong p) {
 free((void *) p);
```

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}
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long p = b.allocate();
b.deallocate(p);
b.write(p, 1); // use-after-free
```

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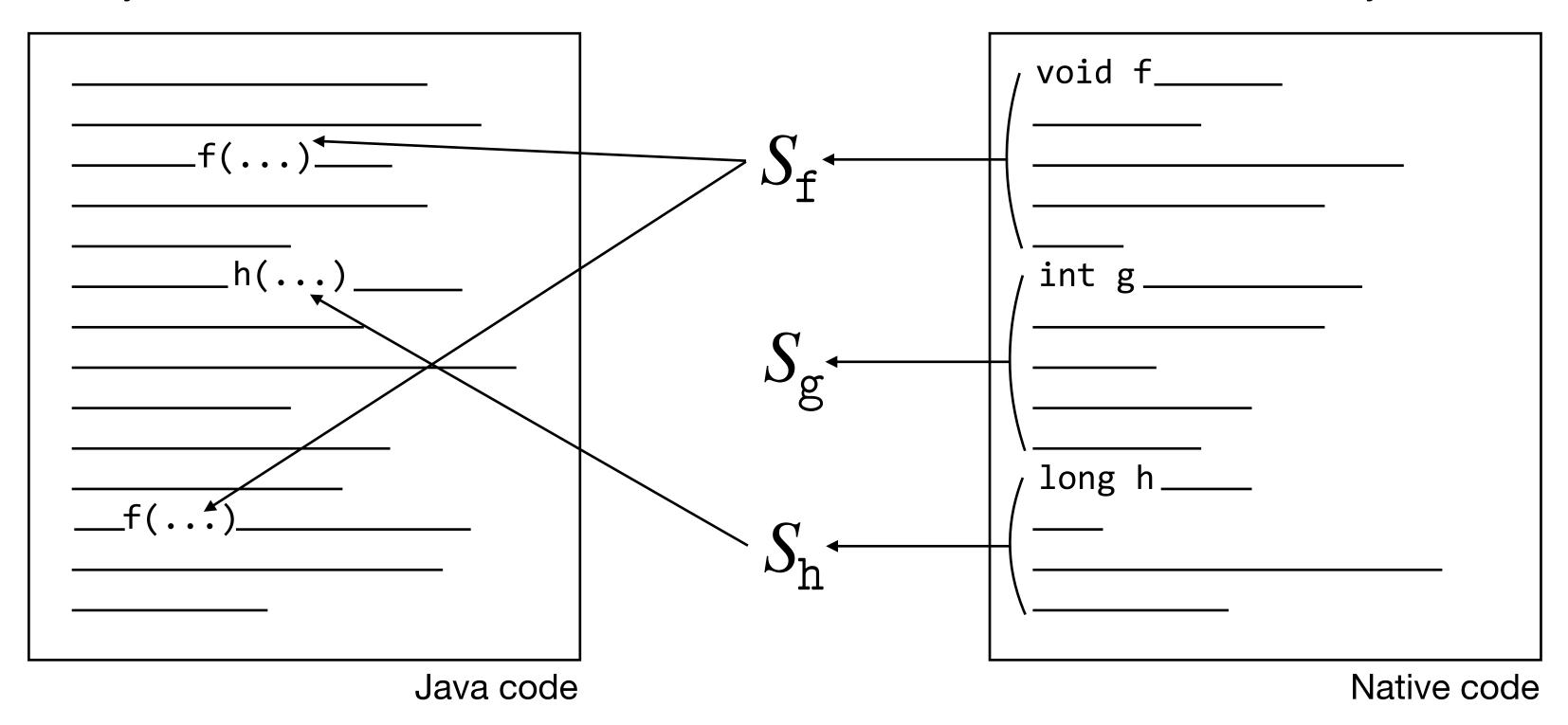
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Phase 2

Phase 1

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  native int bar(int i);
A = new A();
a.bar(2);
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  JNIEnv *env,
  jobject thiz,
  jint i
  jmethodId m = env \rightarrow (... "foo" ...);
  int j = env->callIntMethod(... m ...);
  return i + j;
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A.java a.c

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                                         A.java
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                                       A.java
                                                                                             a.c
```

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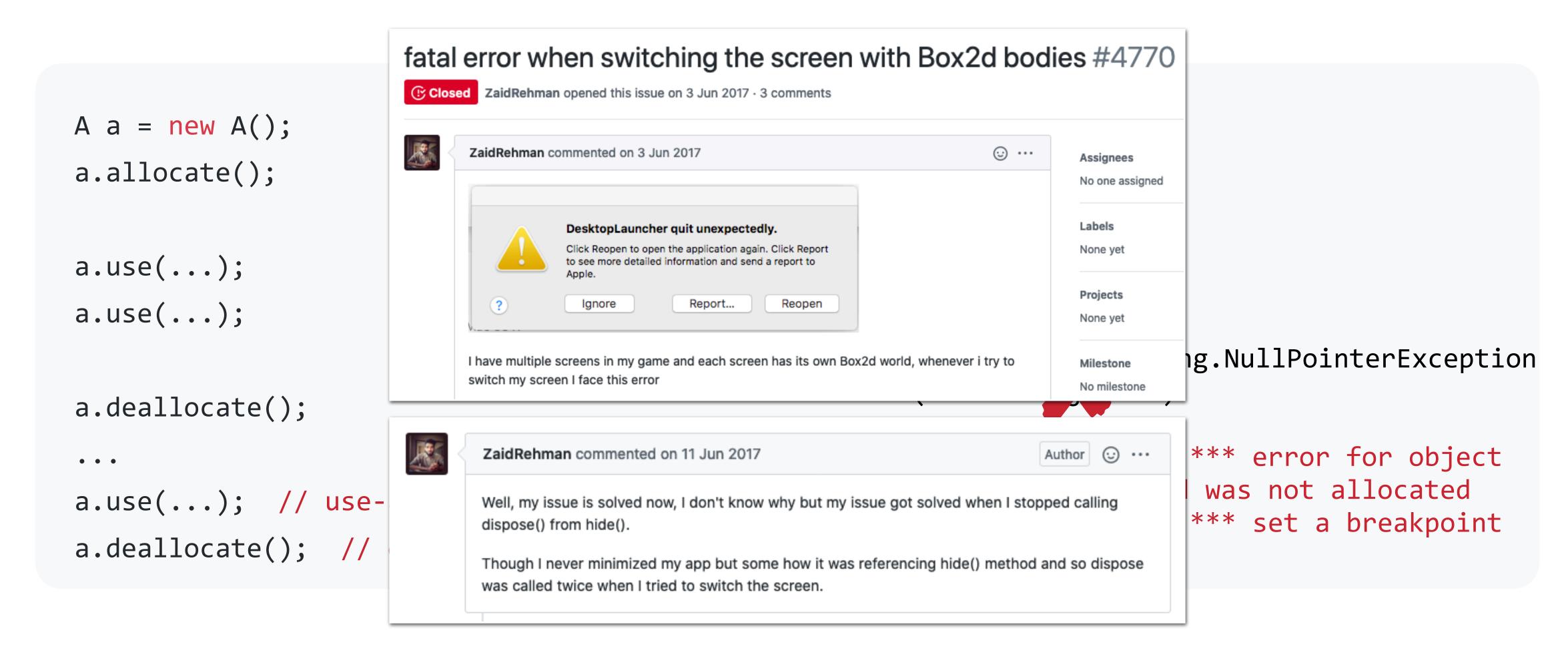
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                                                    jmethodId m = env->(... "foo" ...);
                                                    int j = env->callIntMethod(... m ...);
A = new A();
                                                    return i + j;
a.bar(2);
```

A.java a.c

An interface to call C / C++ functions from Java programs

```
class A {
                                             jint Java_A_bar(
 int foo() {
                                               JNIEnv *env,
   return 1;
                            Improve performance
 native int bar(int i
                                                               ->(... "foo" ...);
                            Reuse C / C++ code
                                                               IntMethod(... m ...);
A = new A();
                                               return i + j;
a.bar(2); // 3
                                   A.java
                                                                                   a.c
```

Making a wrapper class for a C / C++ struct



```
[ptr → 'ptr, ptr → "ptr, value → 'value]
void write(long ptr, long value) {
  *((long *) ptr) = value;
}
```

```
S_{\text{write}}
\text{returnV} = \{\}
\text{used} = \{\text{'ptr}\}
\text{freed} = \{\}
\text{memory} = [\text{ptr} \mapsto \text{'ptr},
\text{value} \mapsto \text{'value}, \text{ptr} \mapsto \{\text{'ptr}, \text{value}\}]
```

```
S_{\text{deallocate}}
S_{\text{read}}
\text{returnV} = \{\}
\text{returnV} = \{\text{"ptr}\}
    used = \{\} used = \{'ptr\}
  freed = {'ptr} freed = {}
 memory = [ptr \mapsto'ptr] memory = [ptr \mapsto'ptr,' ptr \mapsto"ptr]
   long read_deallocate(long ptr) {
      long value = read(ptr);
      deallocate(ptr);
      return value;
```

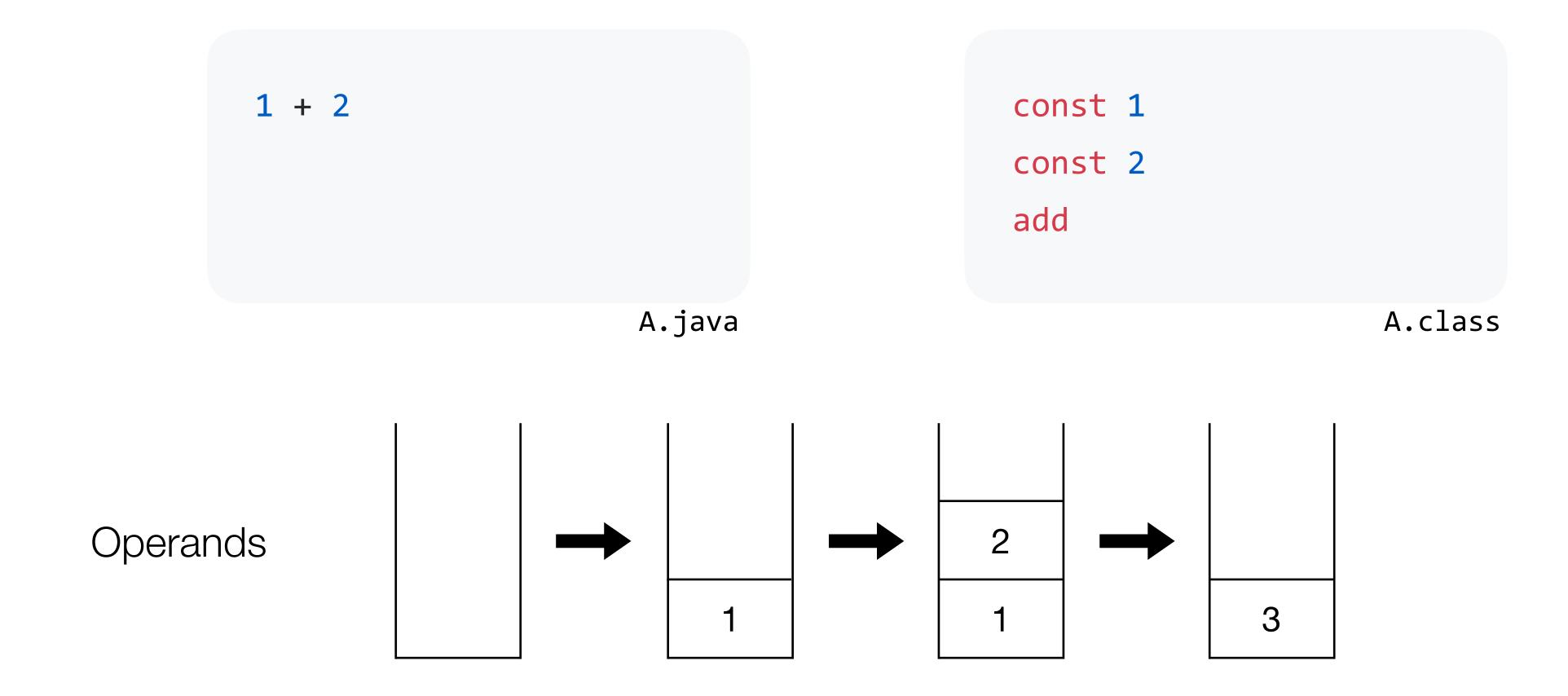
```
S_{\text{read\_deallocate}}

\text{returnV} = \{\text{"ptr}\}

\text{used} = \{\text{'ptr}\}

\text{freed} = \{\text{'ptr}\}

\text{memory} = [\text{ptr} \mapsto \text{'ptr}, \text{'ptr} \mapsto \text{"ptr}]
```

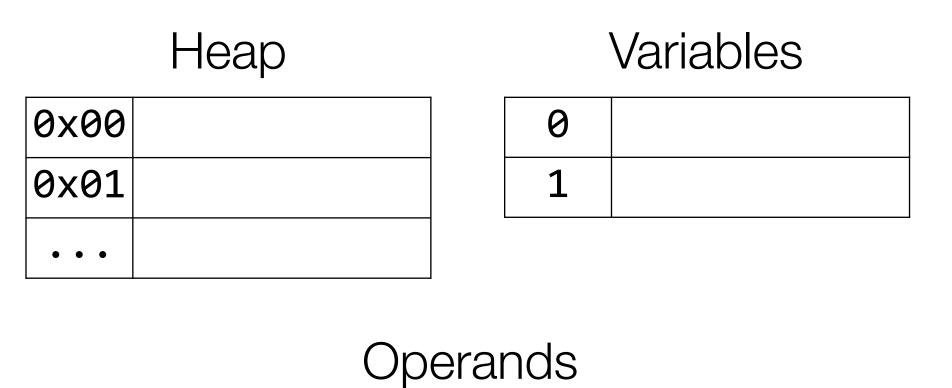


```
class A { long x; }
A a = new A();

long l = 1;

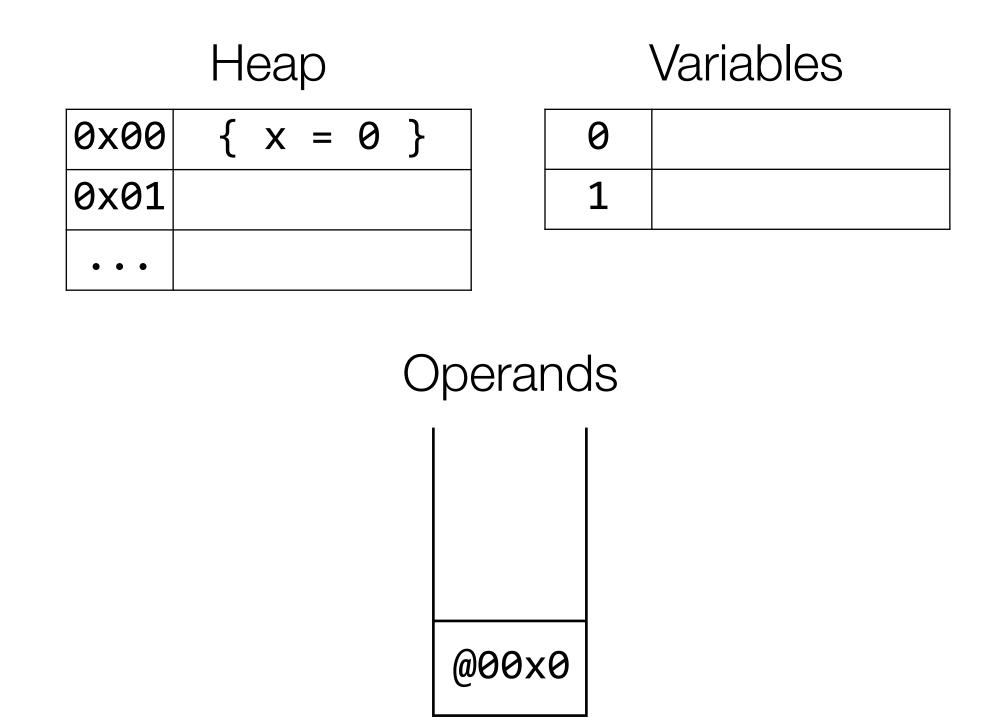
a.x = l;
```

```
new A
store 0
const 1
store 1
load 0
load 1
putfield x
```



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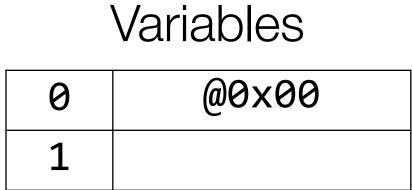
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```

Heap 0x00 { x = 0 } 0x01



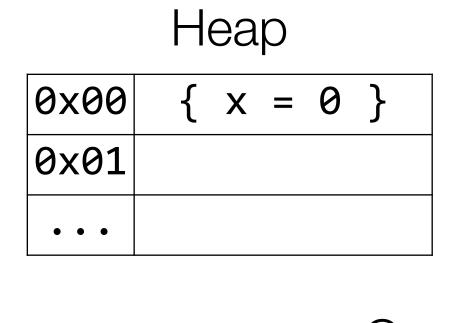


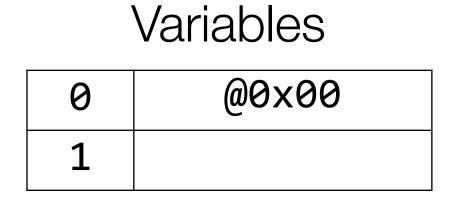
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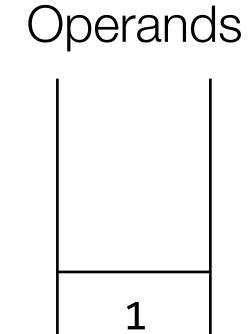
long l = 1;

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```

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```

Heap 0x00 { x = 0 } 0x01

0	@0x00
1	1

Variables

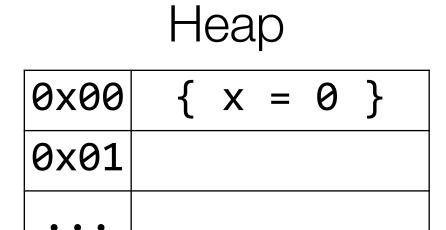
Operands

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Variables



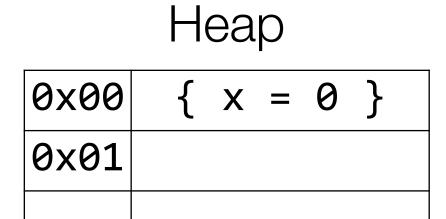


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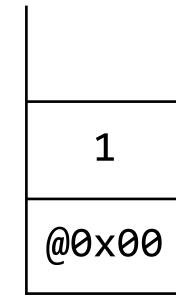
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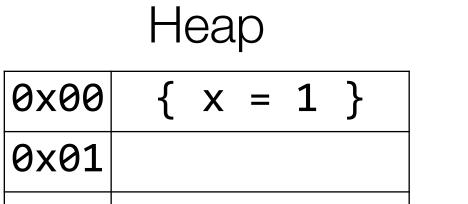


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Variables



A global analysis for Java code with summaries

Abstracting operand stacks

$$k \in \mathbb{K}$$
 $k ::= v; k \mid \cdot$

$$push(k, v) = v; k$$
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$$pop(v; k) = k$$

A global analysis for Java code with summaries

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$$k^{\#} \in \mathbb{K}^{\#}$$
 $k^{\#} ::= \kappa^{\#}$
 $\kappa^{\#} ::= v^{\#}; \kappa^{\#} \mid \cdot$
 $push^{\#}(\kappa^{\#}, v^{\#}) = v^{\#}; \kappa^{\#}$
 $top(v^{\#}; \kappa^{\#}) = v^{\#}$
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 $k^{\#} ::= \kappa^{\#} \mid [v^{\#}]$
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 $top(v^{\#}; \kappa^{\#}) = v^{\#}$
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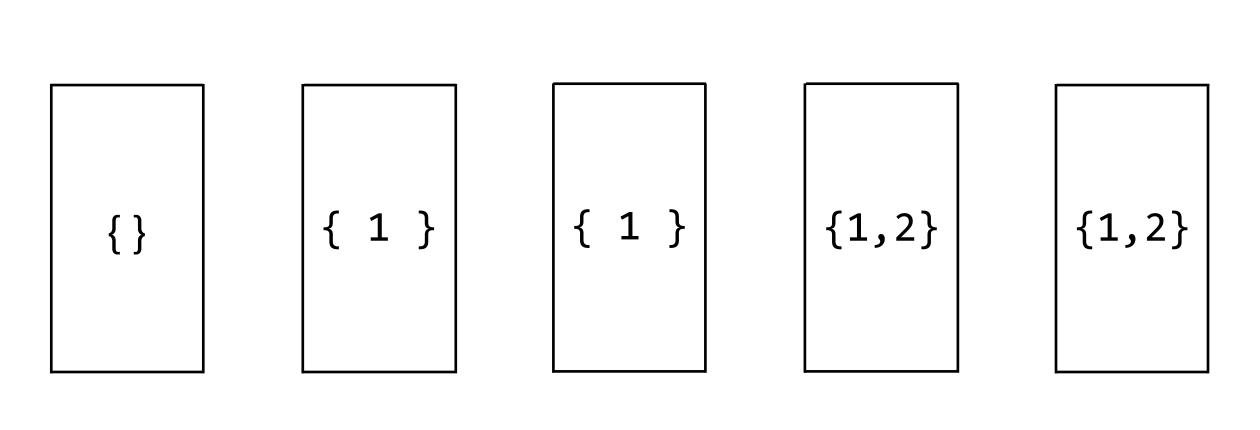
$$push^{\#}([v_{1}^{\#}], v_{2}^{\#}) = [v_{1}^{\#} \sqcup v_{2}^{\#}]$$

$$top([v^{\#}]) = v^{\#}$$

$$pop([v^{\#}]) = [v^{\#}]$$

```
void f() {
  long x = 1;
  long y = 2;
}
```

```
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  long x = 1;
  long y = 2;
  f();
}
```



```
class Box {
    native long allocate();
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l_3: b.write(p, 1);
l_4: b.deallocate(p);
```

```
jlong Java_Box_allocate(...) {
l<sub>5</sub>:    return (jlong) malloc(sizeof(long));
    }
    void Java_Box_write(... jlong p, jlong v) {
l<sub>6</sub>:    *((long*) p) = v;
    }
    void Java_Box_deallocate(... jlong p) {
l<sub>7</sub>:    free((void *) p);
    }
}
```

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    native long allocate();
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l_1: Box b = new Box();
l_2: long p = b.allocate();
l_3: b.write(p, 1);
l_4: b.deallocate(p);
```

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  }
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Heap	C Heap	Freed
		Т
[allocsite $l_1 \mapsto \langle \rangle$]		

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```
S_{\text{allocate}}
l_5: \text{ retur}
\text{returnV} = \{\text{allocsite } l_5\}
\text{void Java\_Box\_write}(\dots \text{ jlong p, jlong v}) \{
l_6: \text{ *((long*) p) = v;}
\text{void Java\_Box\_deallocate}(\dots \text{ jlong p}) \{
l_7: \text{ free((void *) p);}
\}
```

```
class Box {
    native long allocate();
    native void write(long p, long v);
    native void deallocate(long p);
l_1: Box b = new Box();
l_2: long p = b.allocate();
l_3: b.write(p, 1);
l_4: b.deallocate(p);
```

```
jlong Java_Box_allocate(...) {
   return (ilong) malloc(sizeof(long)):
l \text{ memory} = [ptr \mapsto 'ptr,
 value \rightarrow 'value, ptr \rightarrow { 'ptr, value}]
l_7: free((void *) p);
       Heap
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                                                            Freed
[allocsite l_1 \mapsto \langle \rangle]
 [allocsite l_1 \mapsto \langle \rangle] [allocsite l_5 \mapsto \{' \text{allocsite } l_5 \}]
 [allocsite l_1 \mapsto \langle \rangle] [allocsite l_5 \mapsto \{' \text{allocsite } l_5, 1\}] \perp
```

```
class Box {
    native long allocate();
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    native void deallocate(long p);
l_1: Box b = new Box();
l_2: long p = b.allocate();
l_3: b.write(p, 1);
l_4: b.deallocate(p);
```

Results

```
class Box {
  long p;
  native long nAllocate(); void allocate() { p = nAllocate(); }
  native void nWrite(long p, long v); void write(long v) { nWrite(p, v); }
  native void nAllocate(long p); void deallocate() { nDeallocate(p, v); // double-free }
Box b = new Box();
b.allocate();
b.deallocate();
b.deallocate();←
```

Context-sensitive analyses can improve results.