# CS61B Lecture #5: Simple Pointer Manipulation

#### Announcement

- Today: More pointer hacking.
- Handing in labs and homework: We'll be lenient about accepting late homework and labs for the first few. Just get it done: part of the point is getting to understand the tools involved. We will not accept submissions by email.
- For bugs, use bug-submit. There are instructions on the class homepage Announcements.

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# Aside: How to Write a Loop (in Theory)

- Try to give a description of how things look on any arbitrary iteration of the loop.
- This description is known as a loop invariant, because it is true from one iteration to the next
- The loop body then must
  - Start from any situation consistent with the invariant;
  - Make progress in such a way as to make the invariant true again.

```
while (condition) {
  // Invariant true here
  loop body
  // Invariant again true here
}
// Invariant true and condition false.
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• So if (invariant and not condition) is enough to insure we've got the answer, we're done!

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  while (L != null) {
    IntList next = L.tail;
                                    result:
    if (x != L.head) {
      if (last == null)
                                       last:
        result = last = L;
      else
        last = last.tail = L;
                                      next:
                                                     P = dremoveAll (P, 2)
     L.tail = null;
   L = next;
  return result;
```