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garbage collection \rightarrow automatic memory management

- collector
- mutator
- root set
- Intrinsically accessible

$x \in RS$

$x, rest, rest, rest = 122$

live set := (heap - garbage)

garbage := things with no references

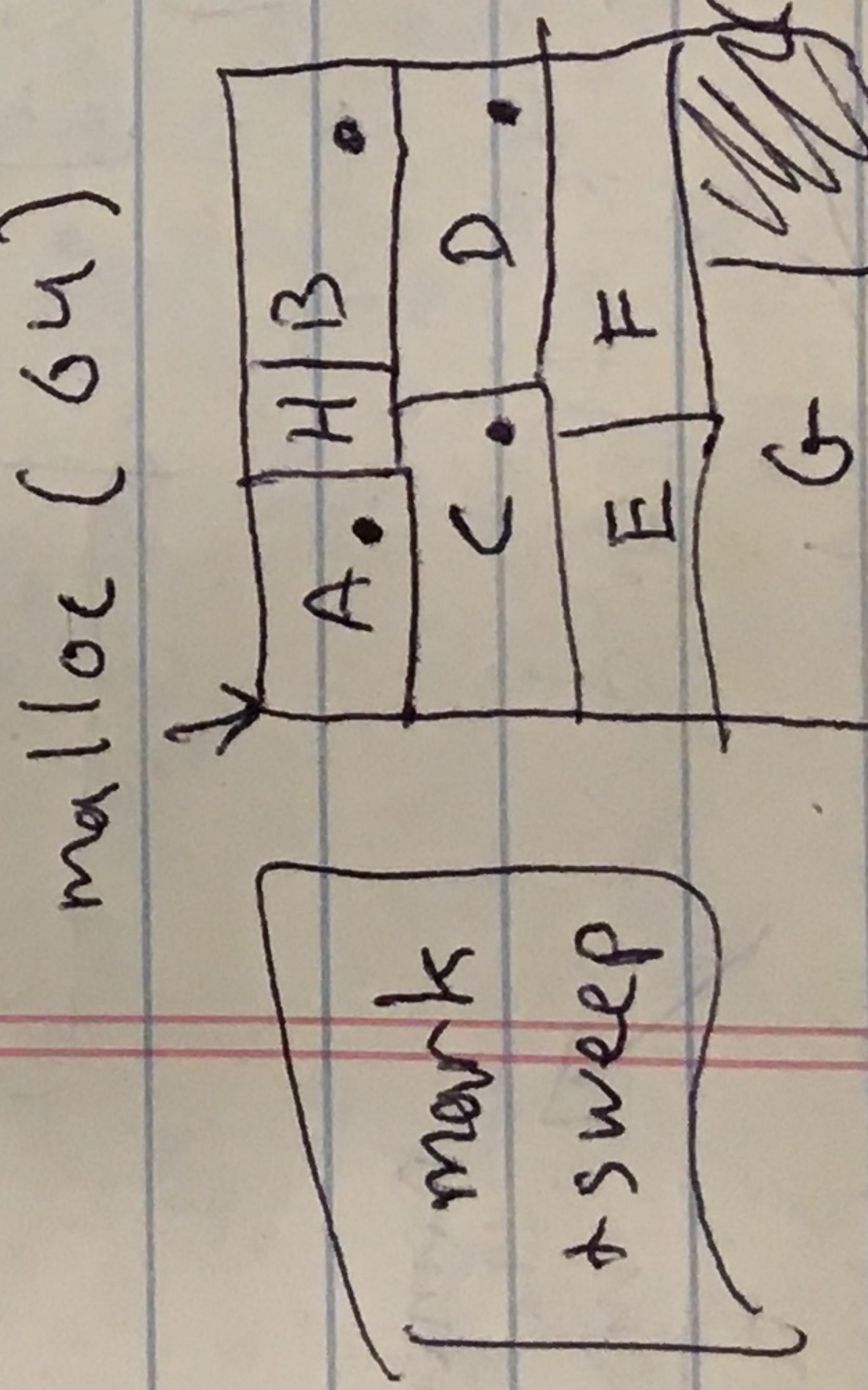
Promises

- ① GC can tell what structure a ptr points to
 $108 \Rightarrow [58 | 57 | 92]$... how big
 ↓
 easy, but not given
 (00s)
- ② Pointers cannot be manufactured
 scanf ("%d", &p)
 $*p = 17;$

RS

Big Bag of Pages
 $x@6-64$ bits stored in 64
 bits space is 48

malloc (6u)



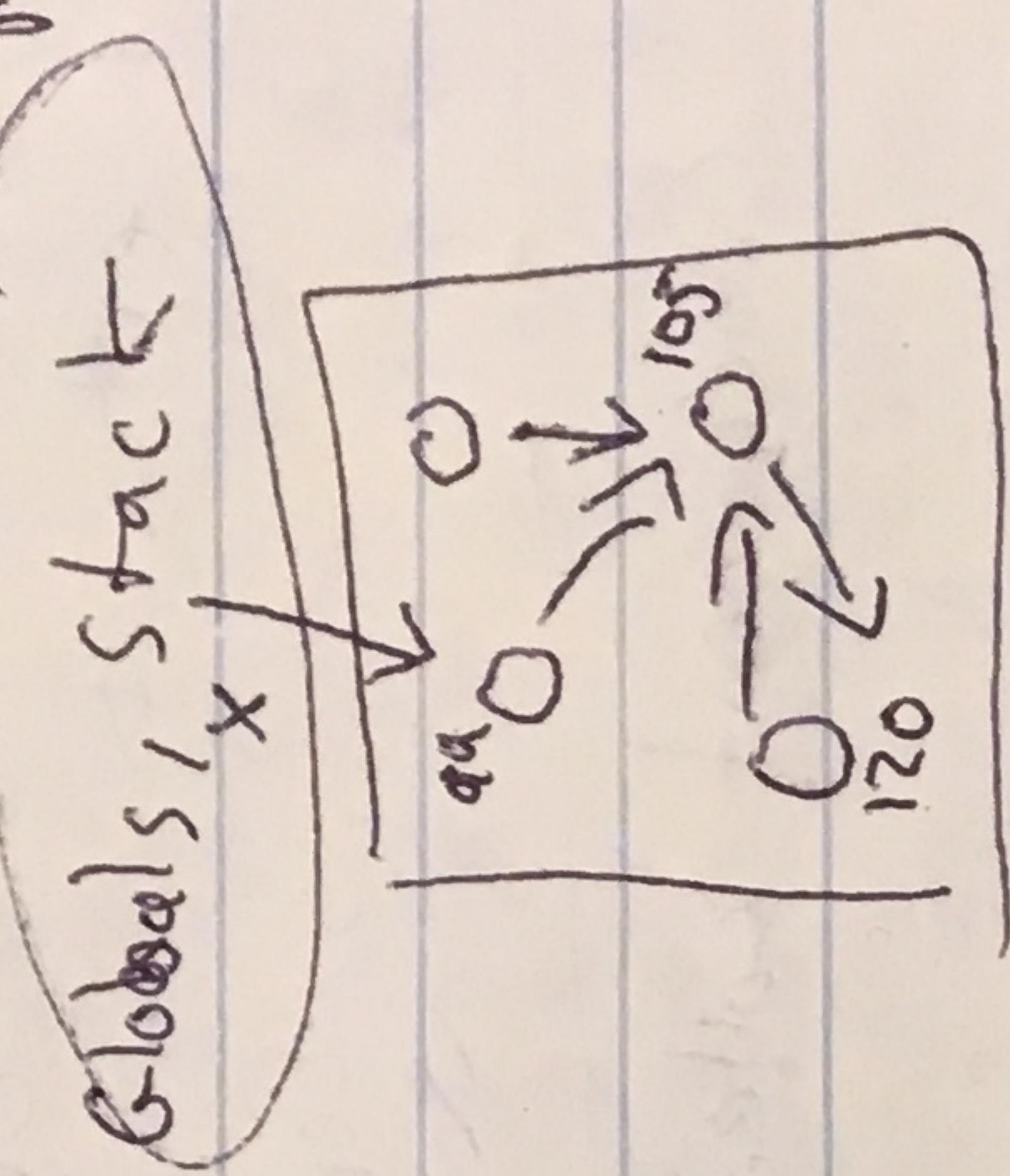
addr = 0 \Rightarrow 40 \Rightarrow 44 \Rightarrow 60
 A H B C 80

Free \leftarrow 130 \leftarrow 114 \leftarrow 100 \leftarrow D
 spot G F

If there's a •
 then remove •

put on free list
 (& merge)

Root set



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M&S costs

~~malloc()~~ → same as manual
free() → O(manual)

extra → marks = O(live)

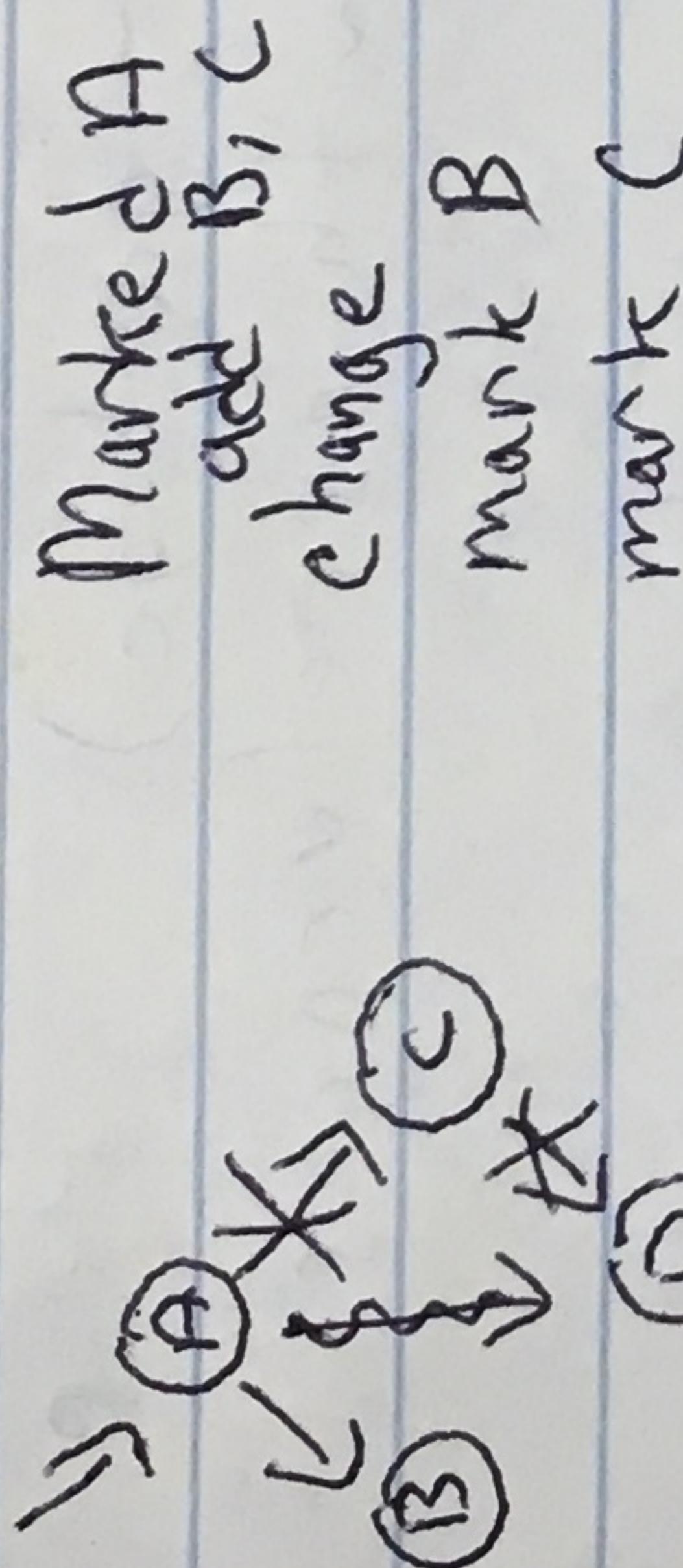
sweep = O(mem)

scheduling

↳ includes garbage ↳ auto free space

concurrent collection

↳ every X calls to malloc
↳ every X ms



solution: if mutator changes

marked thing, tell GC

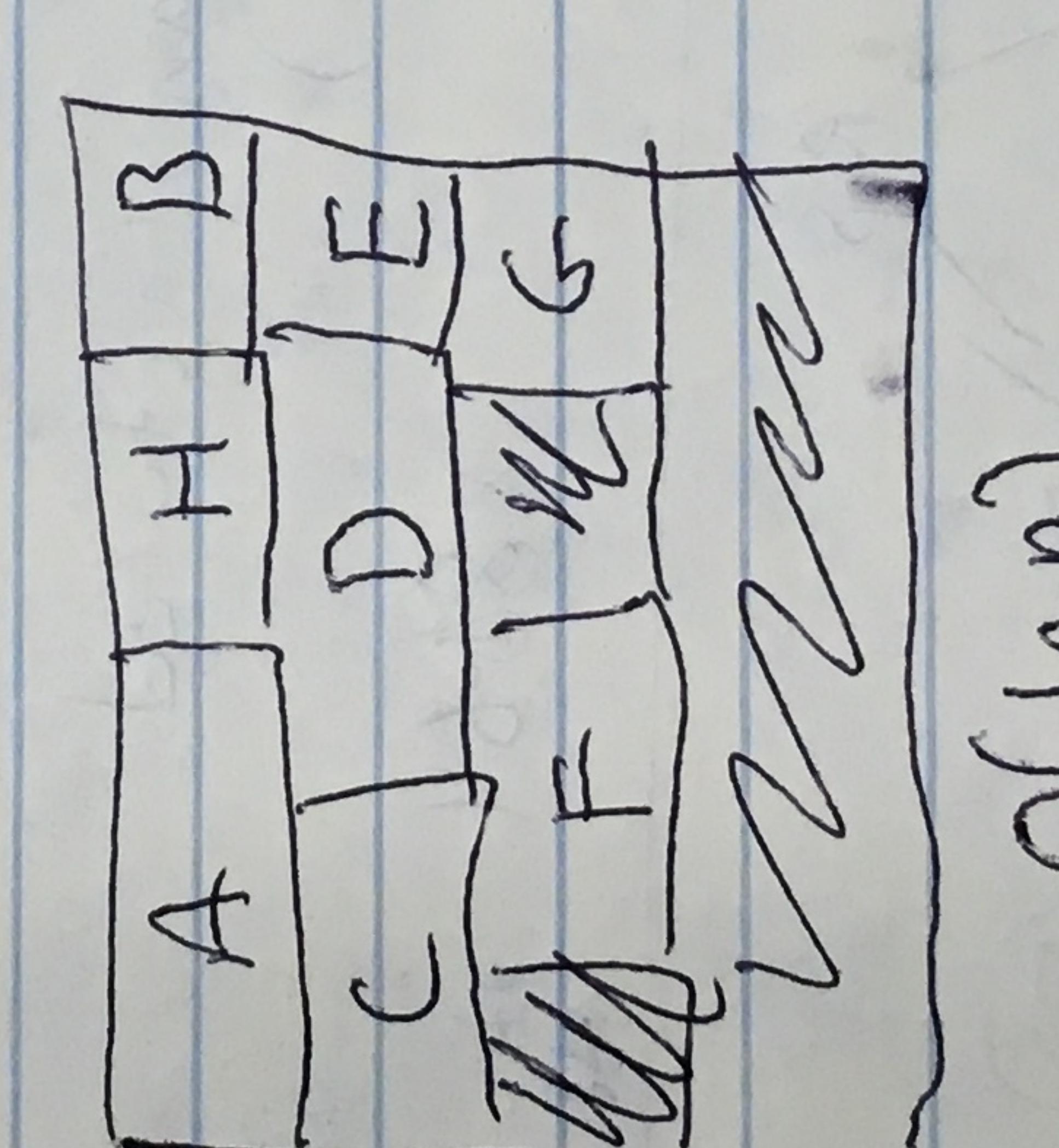
possible, but not great

↳ every X ms

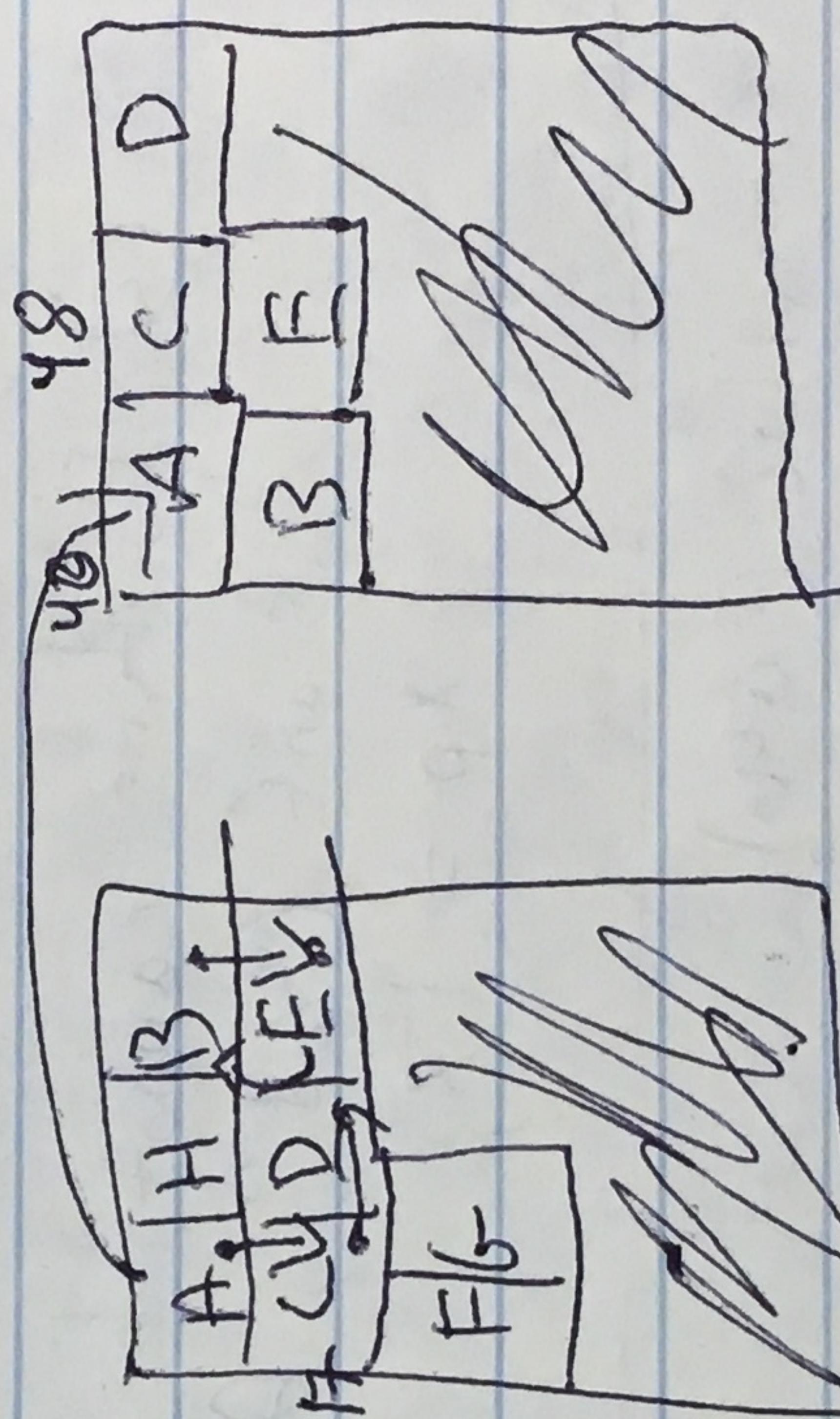
↳ every X bytes

↳ move allocation out

of hot spots



O(lgn)



O(l) \rightarrow

remember that it was moved forward addresses

step + copy

mark \Rightarrow copy to new spot in the order ↳ they were found \Rightarrow change the ref ptr

sweep \Rightarrow gone

malloc() = O(l) before! a.c = 17

free() = O after: a.c = u8
extra() = O(live)

memory overhead = x2

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