# Arrays

### **Memory Model**

- Variables live in local memory
  - The variables of a function are grouped in a frame

```
active frame 

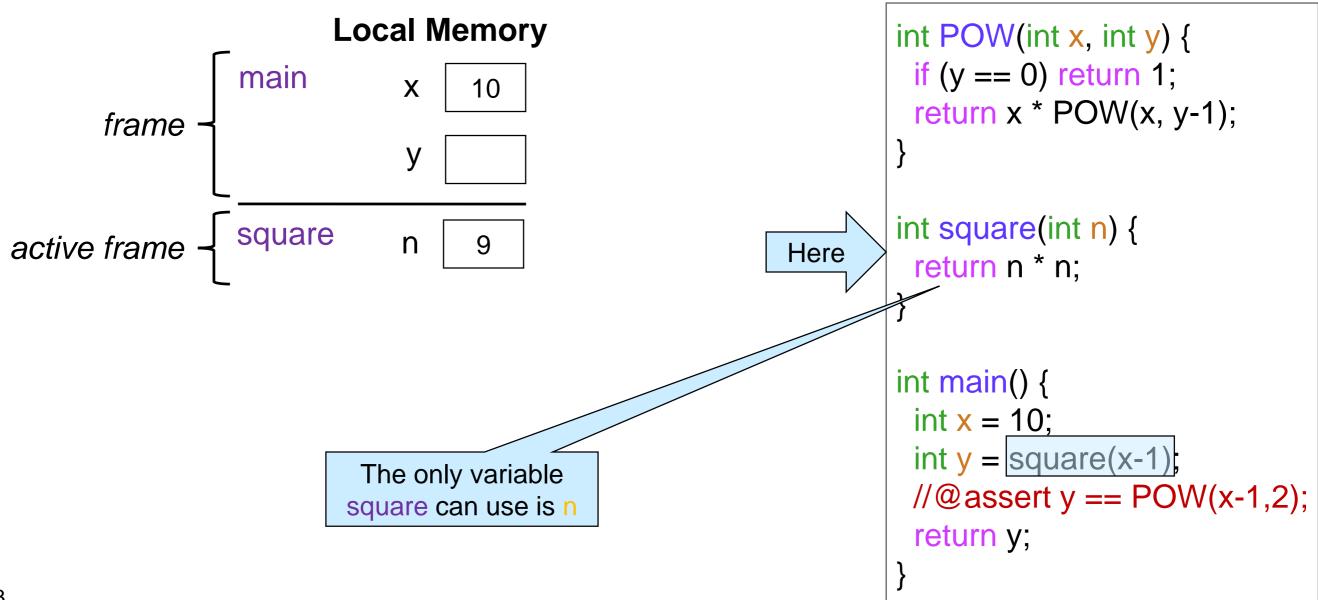
Local Memory

x 10

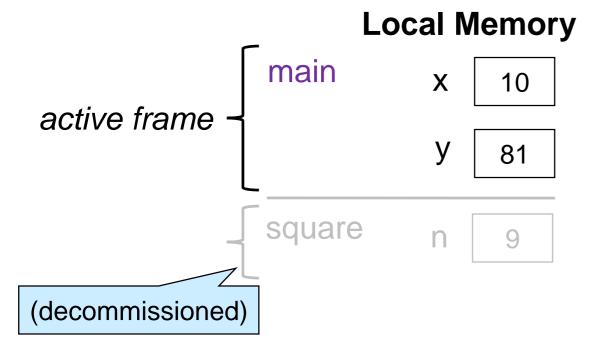
y
```

```
int POW(int x, int y) {
         if (y == 0) return 1;
         return x * POW(x, y-1);
        int square(int n) {
         return n * n;
        int main() {
         int x = 10;
Here
         int y = square(x - 1);
         //@assert y == POW(x-1,2);
         return y;
```

- Each function currently being called has its own frame
  - A function can only manipulate the variables in its frame

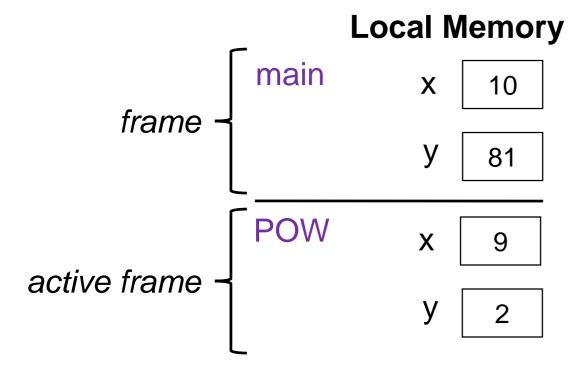


The frame is decommissioned when the function returns



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        int main() {
         int x = 10;
         int y = square(x - 1);
Here
         //@assert y == POW(x-1,2);
         return y;
```

- The next function call adds a new frame
  - The variable names may be same as the caller
    - > but the function can only manipulate the variables in its frame



```
int POW(int x, int y) {
  if (y == 0) return 1;
  return x * POW(x, y-1);
Here
           int square(int n) {
            return n * n;
           int main() {
            int x = 10;
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            //@assert y == POW(x-1,2)
            return y;
```

- The next function call adds a new frame
  - Recursive calls are treated the same way

```
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Here
          if (y == 0) return 1;
return x * POW(x, y-1);
         int square(int n) {
           return n * n;
         int main() {
          int x = 10;
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           return y;
```

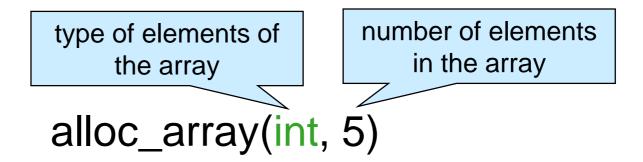
# **Arrays**

#### Arrays

- Types so far
  - o int, bool, char, string
- Arrays are collections of data of the same type
  - int[] is the type of arrays whose elements have type int
  - string[] is the type of arrays whose elements have type string
  - We can have arrays with elements of any type
    - > even other arrays

## Creating an Array

We create an array with



This returns an int[], an array of 5 int's

```
# coin
C0 interpreter (coin) ...

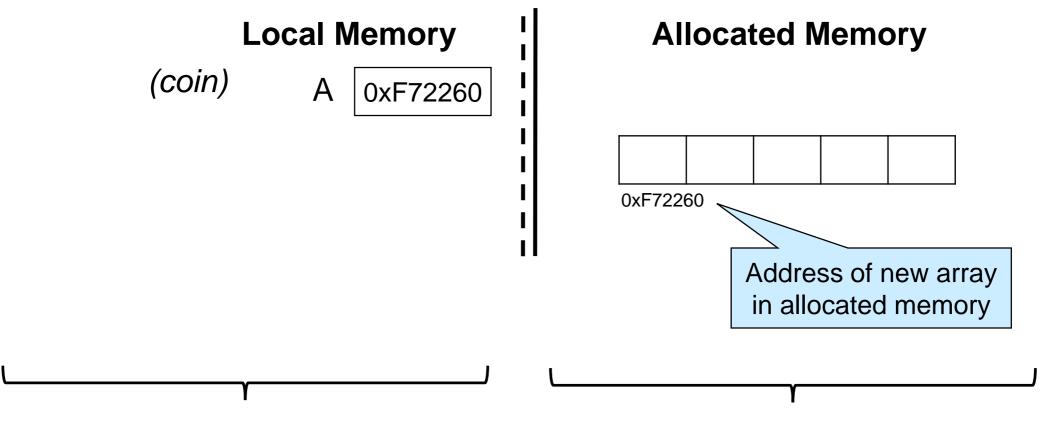
--> int[] A = alloc_array(int, 5);
A is 0xF72260 (int[] with 5 elements)

-->

This is a memory address
```

### C0 Memory Model – Revisited

- Array contents live in allocated memory
  - A new segment of memory distinct from local memory
  - The variable A lives in local memory and
  - o contains the address of the array in allocated memory

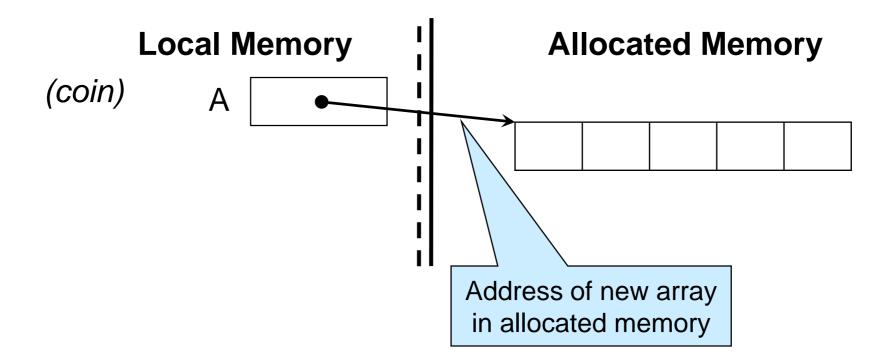


Contains the values of local variables int, bool, char, string, and **addresses** 

Contains arrays themselves as we create them using alloc\_array

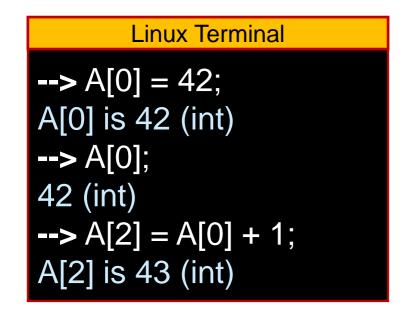
#### C0 Memory Model – Revisited

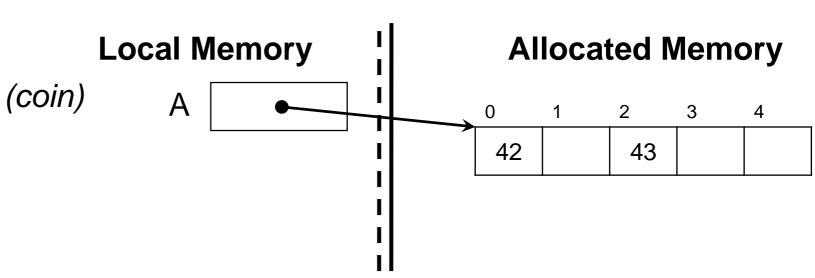
- Array addresses are invisible to the programmer
  - > Except in coin
  - Different runs may result in different addresses
- We often abstract them as arrows



### Accessing Array Elements

- i-th element of A is accessed as A[i]
  - Indices start at 0

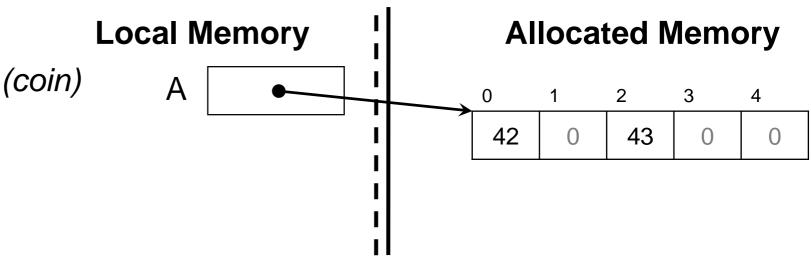




#### Accessing Array Elements

- Allocated memory is initialized with default values
  - 0 0 for int's





For readability, we generally don't write default values

#### Out-of-bound Array Accesses

#### **Linux Terminal**

--> A[-1];

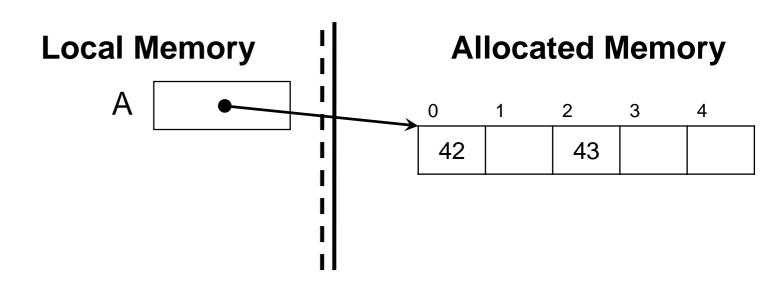
Error: accessing negative element in 5-element array

**-->** A[100];

Error: accessing element 100 in 5-element array

**-->** A[5];

Error: accessing element 5 in 5-element array



- Valid indices are only 0 up to length of the array
  - Anything else is out of bounds

### Preconditions of Array Operations

- Out-of-bound array accesses are unsafe
- Array operations have preconditions

```
alloc_array(type, n)
//@requires n >= 0;

A[i]
//@requires 0 <= i && i < 'length of A';</pre>
```

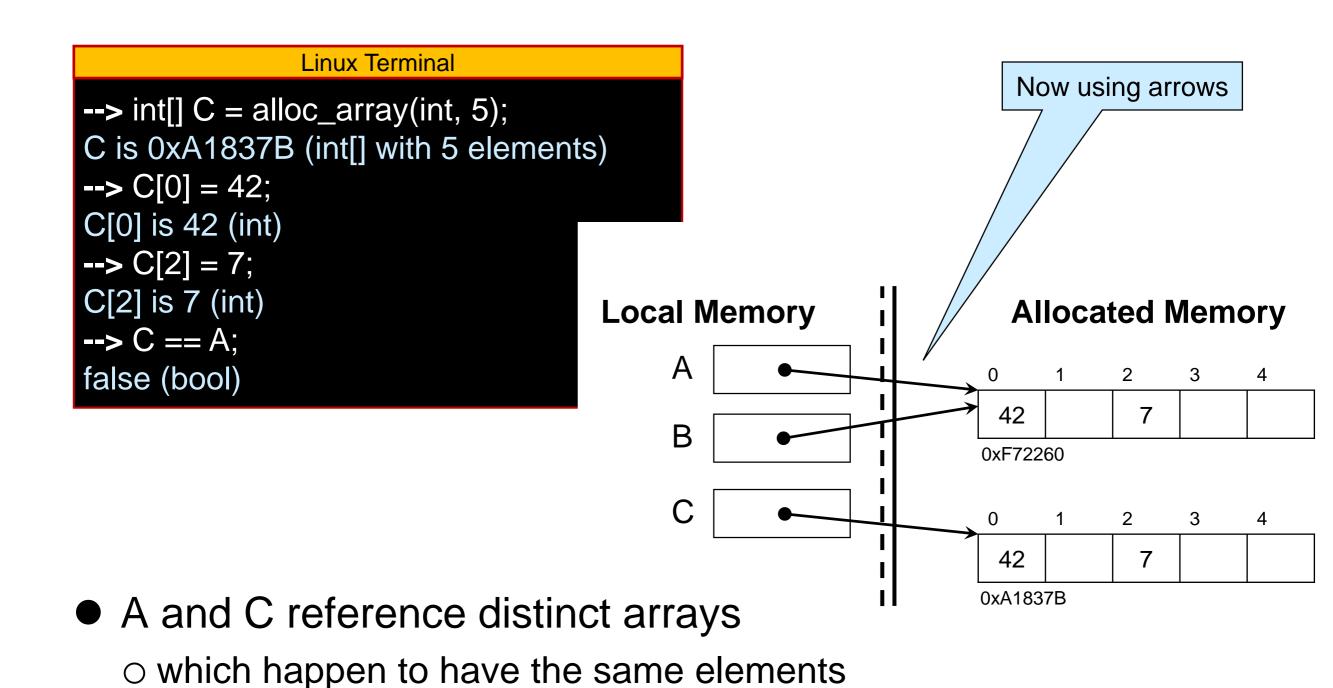
- When using array operations, we must prove these preconditions are met
- Arrays can have length 0

### Aliasing

```
Linux Terminal
--> int[] B = A;
B is 0xF72260 (int[] with 5 elements)
--> B[2] = 7;
B[2] is 7 (int)
--> A[2];
7 (int)
                                       Local Memory
                                                                       Allocated Memory
--> A == B;
                                                0xF72260
true (bool)
                                                                               2
                                                                                    3
                                                                     42
                                                                                7
                                             В
                                                0xF72260
                                                                    0xF72260
```

- A and B contain the same address
  - They refer to the same array in allocated memory
  - They are aliases
  - Modifying the array through one modifies it through the other

#### Aliasing

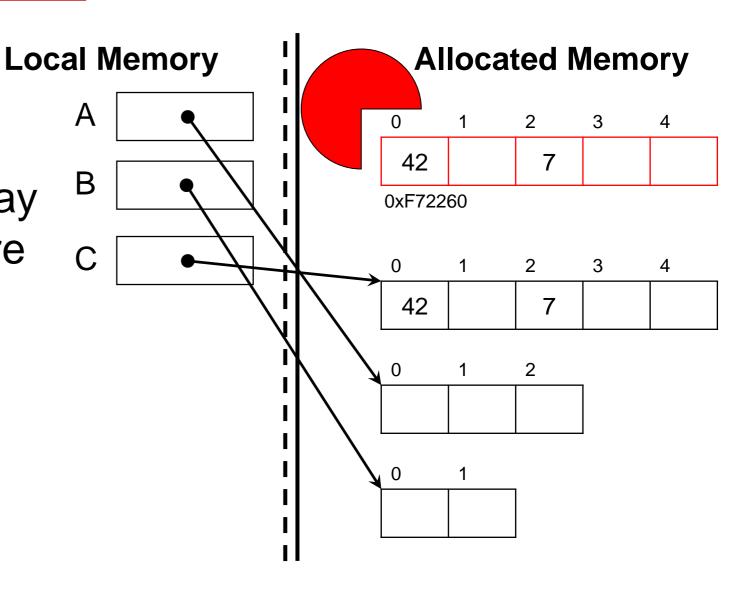


#### Garbage Collection

#### **Linux Terminal**

--> A = alloc\_array(int, 3); A is 0xF722C0 (int[] with 3 elements) --> B = alloc\_array(int, 2); B is 0xF722F0 (int[] with 2 elements)

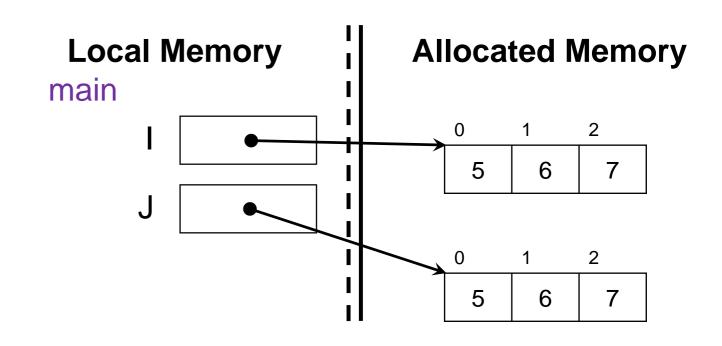
- Elements of the initial array (at address 0xF72260) are inaccessible
  - It will be automatically garbage-collected



### **Coding with Arrays**

#### array\_copy

- We want to write a function, array\_copy, that returns a new array with the same elements as the array passed to it
  - array\_copy returns a deep copy of inputNot a alias!

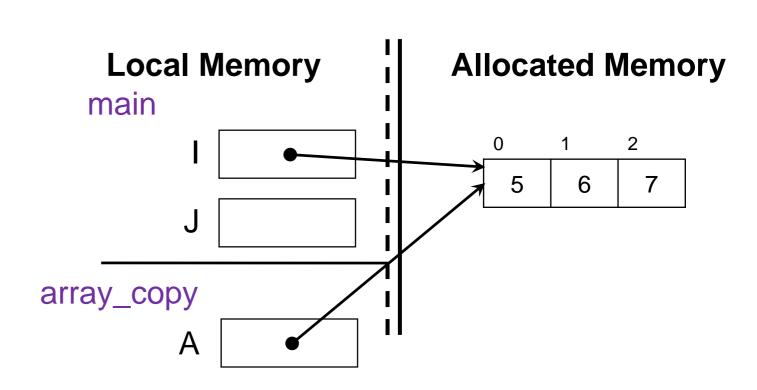


#### First Attempt

- Calling a function with an array
  - copies the address of the array into its parameter
- Returning an array from a function
  - returns the address of the array to the caller

```
int[] array_copy(int[] A) {
    return A;
}

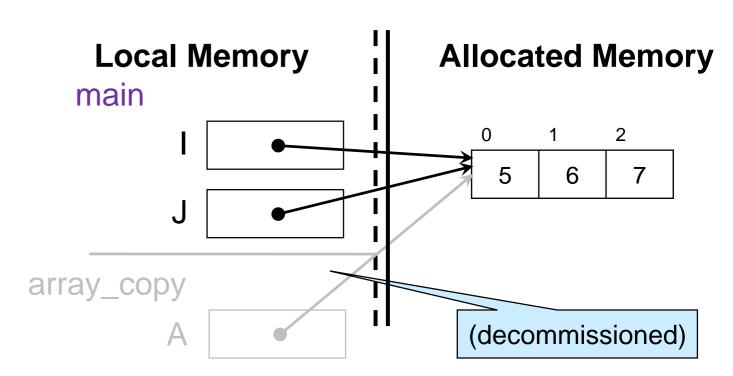
int main() {
    int[] I = ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
    int[] J = array_copy(I);
    return 0;
}
```



#### First Attempt

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int[] array_copy(int[] A) {
    return A;
}

int main() {
    int[] I = ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
    int[] J = array_copy(I);
    return 0;
}
```



- We returned an alias to I
  - O Not what we were aiming for!



array\_copy needs to allocate a new array

```
int[] array_copy(int[] A) {
  int[] B = alloc_array(int, ??);
  ...
  return B;
}

int main() {
  int[] I = ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
  int[] J = array_copy(I);
  return 0;
}
```

- What length should B have?
  - There is no way to get the length of an array in C0
  - We need to pass it as an argument

Pass the length of A as a second argument

- Is the call to alloc\_array safe?
  - $\circ$  No: we want  $n \ge 0$
  - Add precondition

```
//@ requires n >= 0;
```

```
int[] array_copy(int[] A (int n){
  int[] B = alloc_array(int(n))
  ...
  return B;
}

int main() {
  int[] I = ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
  int[] J = array_copy(I, 3)
  return 0;
}
```

- Is this enough to get intended behavior?
  - No: n should be the length of A
  - But we can't get the length of an array
- Special contract-only function:

```
\length(A)
```

- Can only be used in contracts
- Evaluates to the length of A

```
int[] array_copy(int[] A , int n)
//@ requires n == \length(A);
 int[] B = alloc_array(int, n);
 return B;
int main() {
 int[] I = ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
 int[] J = array\_copy(I, 3);
 return 0;
```

#### Contracts of Array Operations

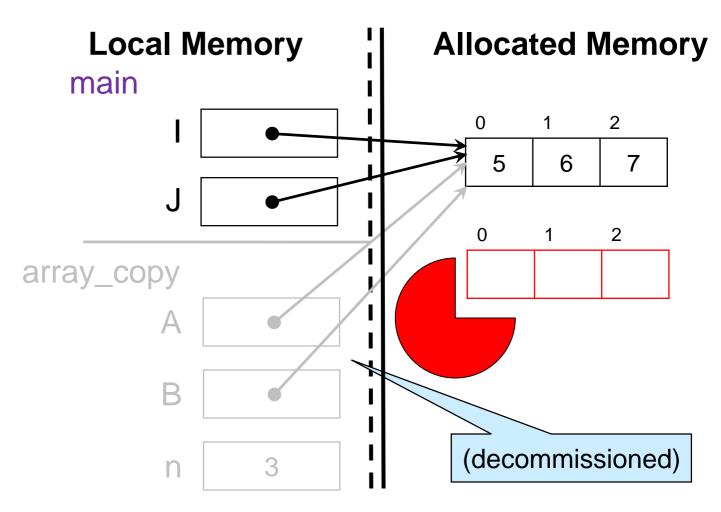
- We can now write strong contracts for the array operations
  - Better precondition of A[i]
  - Postcondition for alloc\_array

```
alloc_array(type, n)
//@requires n >= 0;
//@ensures \length(\result) == n;

A[i]
//@requires 0 <= i && i < \length(A);
\length(A)
//@ensures \result >= 0;
```

We can use them in our proofs

```
int[] array_copy(int[] A , int n)
        //@requires n == \length(A);
          int[] B = alloc_array(int, n);
          B = A;
          return B;
        int main() {
         int[] I = ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
          int[] J = array\_copy(I, 3);
Here
          return 0;
```

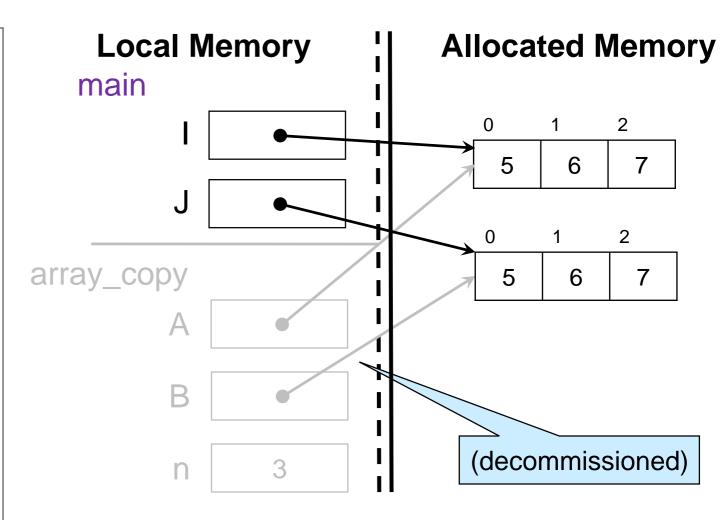


- B is aliased to A
  - Newly allocated array is garbage collected
  - We return an alias to I



#### Third Attempt

```
int[] array_copy(int[] A , int n)
        //@requires n == \length(A);
          int[] B = alloc_array(int, n);
          for (int i=0; i < n; i++) {
            B[i] = A[i];
          return B;
        int main() {
          int[] I = ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
          int[] J = array\_copy(I, 3);
Here
          return 0;
```



Works as expected



- for-loops are convenient to iterate through arrays
- Local variable i is only defined inside the loop

#### Safety of Array Code

• Is array\_copy safe? o alloc\_array(int, n) ?  $\geq$  To show:  $n \geq 0$ ○ A[i] ?  $\triangleright$  To show:  $0 \le i$ i < \length(A) and ○ B[i] ?  $\triangleright$  To show:  $0 \le i$ 

and

i < \length(B)

```
1. int[] array_copy(int[] A , int n)
2. //@requires n == \length(A);
3. {
4. int[] B = alloc_array(int, n),
5. for (int i=0; i < n; i++) {
     (B[i])=(A[i])
7.
8. return B;
9.
10.
11.int main() {
12. int[] I = ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
13. int[] J = array\_copy(I, 3);
14. return 0;
15.
```

```
alloc_array(int, n)
```

```
➤ To show: n >= 0
A. n == \length(A) by line 2
B. \length(A) >= 0 by \length
C. n >= 0 by A and B
```



```
1. int[] array_copy(int[] A , int n)
2. //@requires n == \length(A);
3. {
4. int[] B = alloc_array(int, n),
5. for (int i=0; i < n; i++) {
6. B[i] = A[i];
8. return B;
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```

#### A[i]

> To show: i < \length(A)

```
A. n == \operatorname{length}(A) by line 2
```

B. i < n by line 5

C. i < length(A) by A and B



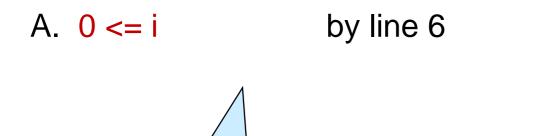
- **>** To show: 0 <= i
- o "i starts at 0 and is always incremented"
  - > this is operational reasoning
- O Nothing we can point to!



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_2. //@requires n == \length(A);
3. {
4. int[] B = alloc_array(int, n);
5. for (int i=0; i < n; i++) {
     B[i] = (A[i])
8. return B;
9.
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12. int[] = ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
int[] J = array\_copy(I, 3);
14. return 0;
15.
```

#### A[i]

- **>** To show: 0 <= i
- Add it as a loop invariant
  - > We will need to show it is valid



This is a common trick:

- if something is true by operational reasoning only
- turn it into a contract and prove it using point-to reasoning

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3. {
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6. //@loop_invariant 0 <= i;
     B[i] = A[i]
10. return B;
11.}
12.
13.int main() {
14. int[] I = ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
15. int[] J = array\_copy(I, 3);
16. return 0;
17.
```

```
B[i]
```

➤ To show: 0 <= i && i < \length(B)</p>

Left as exercise

```
1. int[] array_copy(int[] A , int n)
_2. //@requires n == \length(A);
3. {
4. int[] B = alloc_array(int, n);
5. for (int i=0; i < n; i++)
6. //@loop_invariant 0 <= i;
    (B[i) = A[i];
10. return B;
11.}
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### Validity of the Loop Invariant

```
//@loop_invariant 0 <= i;</pre>
```

#### INIT:

```
➤ To show: 0 <= i initially
```

A. i = 0 by line 5

B.  $0 \le 0$  by math

C.  $0 \le i$  by A and B



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1. int[] array_copy(int[] A , int n)
_2. //@requires n == \length(A);
3. {
4. int[] B = alloc_array(int, n);
   for (int i=0; i < n; i++)
6. //@loop_invariant 0 <= i;
    B[i] = A[i];
10. return B;
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## Validity of the Loop Invariant



by B, C and E

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_2. //@requires n == \length(A);
3. {
4. int[] B = alloc_array(int, n);
   for (int i=0; i < n; i++)
6. //@loop_invariant 0 <= i;
    B[i] = A[i];
10. return B;
11.
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13.int main() {
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15. int[] J = array\_copy(I, 3);
16. return 0;
17.
```

F. 0 <= i'

## Safety of Calls to array\_copy

Is array\_copy(I, 3) safe?

```
> To Show: 3 == \length(I)

A. \length(I) == 3 by line 14
```



```
1. int[] array_copy(int[] A , int n)
2. //@requires n == \length(A);
3. {
11.
12.
13.int main() {
int[] I = alloc_array(int, 3);
15.
int[] J = array\_copy(I, 3);
17. int[]K = array\_copy(J, 3);
18. return 0;
19.
```

# Safety of Calls to array\_copy

Is array\_copy(J, 3) safe?

> To Show: 3 == \length(J)

- "array\_copy creates an array of the same length as its input"
  - > Looks at the code of a different function
  - > This is operational reasoning!
  - We can only look at the contracts of other functions



#### Our trick again:

- if something is true by operational reasoning only
- turn it into a contract and prove it using point-to reasoning

```
1. int[] array_copy(int[] A , int n)
2. //@requires n == \length(A);
3. {
11.
12.
13.int main() {
14. int[] I = alloc_array(int, 3);
           ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
15.
16. int[] J = array\_copy(I, 3);
int[]K = array\_copy(J, 3)
18. return 0;
19.
```

### Safety of Calls to array\_copy

Is array\_copy(J, 3) safe?

```
To Show: 3 == \length(J)
A. \length(I) == 3 by line15
B. \length(J) == 3 by lines 3 and 17
C. 3 == \length(J) by A and B
```

```
1. int[] array_copy(int[] A , int n)
 2. //@requires n == \operatorname{length}(A);
3. //@ensures n == \length(\result);
 4. {
 12.
 13.
 14.int main() {
 int[] | = alloc_array(int, 3);
            ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
 16.
 17. int[] J = array\_copy(I, 3);
 _{18} int[] K = array_copy(J, 3)
 19. return 0;
 20.
```

#### Is array\_copy correct?

 Does B contain the same elements as A in the same order?

```
This what we expect

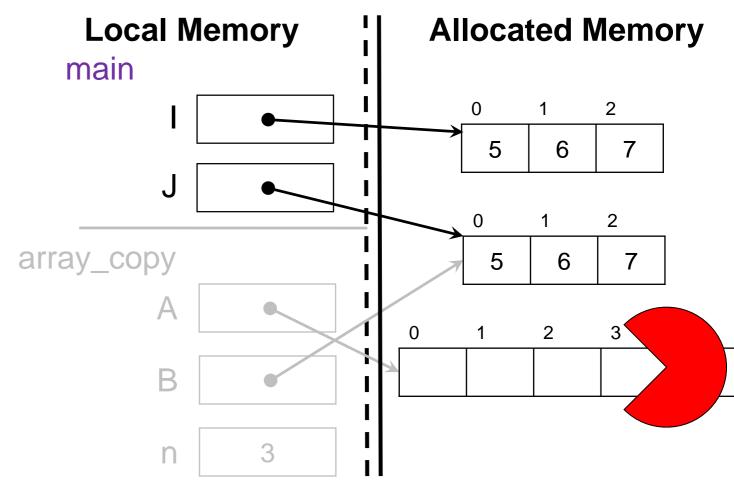
Correctness:
postconditions are met whenever preconditions hold
```

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3. //@ensures n == \length(\result);
4. {
5. int[] B = alloc_array(int, n);
6. for (int i=0; i < n; i++)
7. //@loop_invariant 0 <= i;</pre>
    B[i] = A[i];
10.
11. return B;
12.
13.
14.int main() {
15.
16.
```

#### **Effects of Array Code**

### Modifying Parameters

```
int[] array_copy(int[] A , int n)
//@ requires n == \length(A);
//@ensures n == \length(\result);
 int[] B = alloc_array(int, n);
 for (int i=0; i < n; i++)
 //@loop_invariant 0 <= i;</pre>
   B[i] = A[i];
A = alloc_array(int, 5);
 return B.
int main() {
 int[] I = ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
 int[] J = array\_copy(I, 3);
 return 0;
```

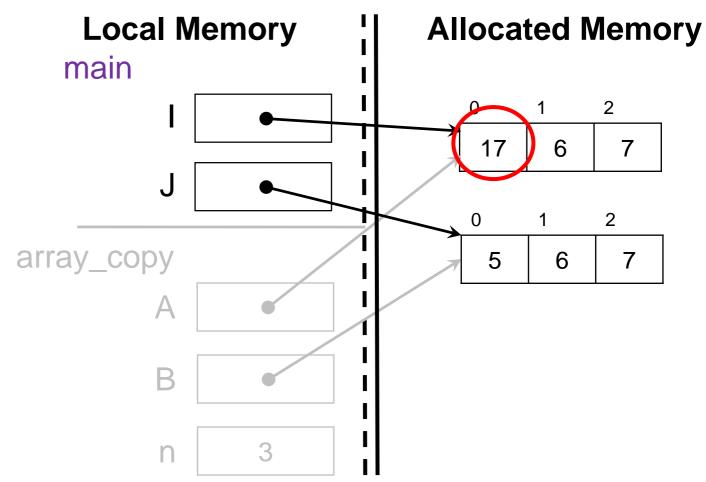


- Only the value of A in array\_copy changes
  - The value of I is unchanged
  - The change is not visible to caller

Here

### Modifying Array elements

```
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//@ requires n == \length(A);
//@ensures n == \length(\result);
 int[] B = alloc_array(int, n);
 for (int i=0; i < n; i++)
 //@loop_invariant 0 <= i;</pre>
   B[i] = A[i];
 if (n > 0) A[0] = 17;
 return B.
int main() {
 int[] I = ... [5, 6, 7] ...;
 int[] J = array\_copy(I, 3);
 return 0;
```



- The array contents is shared between caller and callee
  - The value of I[0] is changed
  - The change is visible to caller

Here