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### **Problem 1** (2 parts, 30 points)

**Hash Tables and Linked Lists** 

Consider a hash table that is implemented using the following struct definitions.

```
typedef unsigned int (*HashFunction)(unsigned int key);
typedef struct _HTE {
                      key;
    unsigned int
    void*
                      value;
    struct _ HTE*
                      next;
} HashTableEntry;
typedef struct _HT {
    HashTableEntry** buckets;
    HashFunction
                     hash;
    unsigned int
                     num_buckets;
} HashTable;
```

**Part A** (12 points) Complete the following function, which takes a pointer to a HashTableEntry, which is the head of a linked list of entries, and computes the length of the list. Be sure to declare and initialize any local variables. **Write only C-code (no comments) in the given spaces.** 

```
int Length(HashTableEntry* head) {
    unsigned L = 0;
    while (head) {
        L++;
        head = head→next;
    }
    return(L);
}
```

**Part B** (18 points) Complete the following function, which takes a pointer to a HashTable and computes the average bucket length (i.e, the average number of entries per bucket). It should call the **Length** function you wrote in Part A. **Write only C-code (no comments) in the given spaces.** 

```
int AvgBucketLength(HashTable* myHT) {
    // Declare & initialize any local variables:
    unsigned i, sum = 0;

// Loop through each bucket of myHT to count all entries:
    for (i=0; i < myHT->num_buckets; ++i)
        sum += Length(myHT->buckets[i]);

// Compute and return the average bucket length:
    return(sum/myHT->num_buckets);
}
```

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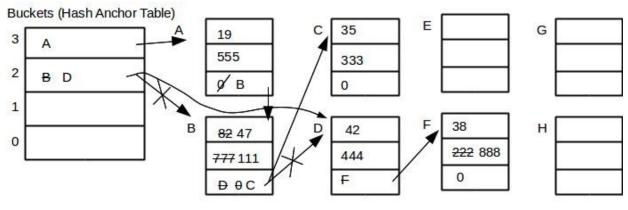
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## **Problem 2** (2 parts, 30 points)

#### **Hash Table Trace and Performance**

**Part A** (16 points) Consider an open hash table composed of a four-bucket table, with each bucket containing a variable length list. Each list entry has three slots <key, value, next> corresponding to the three word groupings in the entries section. The hash function is key mod four. Inserted entries are *appended to the end* of a bucket list. The initial state of the hash table is shown. List elements as allocated by malloc are shown in the figure. The symbol to the left of each list element (A, B, C,...) is the address returned by malloc. Entries that are freed are maintained in a last-in-first-out (LIFO) free list which starts out empty. *Be sure to reuse any blocks added to the free list before allocating unused blocks*.

Execute the access trace shown in the table below. For ease of representation, you may use the allocated blocks in any order. Show pointers both by their (symbolic) value, and with an arrow. If a value changes, cross it out and place the new value to the right. If a pointer changes, also place an x on the corresponding arrow, and draw the new arrow.



Trace #	ор	key	value	Trace #	op	key	value
1	remove	82	n/a	3	insert	35	333
2	insert	47	111	4	insert	38	888

**Part B** (14 points) Consider an associative set of **700 entries** each containing a (key, value) pair. Suppose the set is implemented by a hash table with **20** buckets. An application performs **6000** lookups of various keys: **4800** of the lookups find the key in the list and **1200** lookups fail to find the key. The keys that are found are distributed throughout the list so that each position is equally likely to be where a key is found.

**B.1** How many key comparisons would be required for the average lookup if the buckets are **sorted singly linked lists** of entries?

L = 700 entries/20 buckets = 35 entries/bucket

Avg number of comparisons per lookup in sorted list: (L+1)/2 = 18

Answer: \_\_\_\_18 key comparisons

**B.2** How many key comparisons would be required for the average lookup if the buckets are **unsorted singly linked lists** of entries?

L = 700 entries/20 buckets = 35 entries/bucket

hit rate= 4800/6000 = 4/5; miss rate = 1200/6000 = 1/5

Avg number of comparisons per lookup in unsorted list:  $hit_rate(L+1)/2 + miss_rate(L)$ 

= (4/5)(36/2) + (1/5)\*35 = 14.4 + 7 = 21.4

Answer: <u>21.4</u> key comparisons

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# **Problem 3** (4 parts, 40 points)

### **Heap Management**

Consider a memory allocator (malloc and free), such as described in class. Inside the C-code for the allocator, unsigned \*heapPtr is the address of the next word that could be allocated in the heap, and unsigned \*\*freePtr is the address of the first block (or object) on the free list (and the word at the address of each block on the free list is a pointer to the next block on the free list). The allocator uses a **best fit** strategy with a free list **sorted by increasing block size**, and never splits blocks.

Incomplete code for malloc() is:

L1	<pre>void * malloc(unsigned size){</pre>
L2	unsigned **ptr = &freeptr
L3	unsigned *block;
L4	while (*ptr) {
L5	if ( ) { //Part A
L6	block = *ptr;
L7	*ptr = **ptr;
L8	return block; }
L9	<pre>ptr = *ptr; }</pre>
L10	block = heapptr + 1;
L11	*heapptr = size = ; //Part B
L12	heapptr = ; //Part C
L13	return block; }

**Part A** (5 pts) Complete the code for line L5 so the predicate is true when the given block is able to satisfy the request.

```
L5 if (* (*ptr - 1) >= size) {
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**Part B** (5 pts) Complete the code for line L11 to set the block size properly.

```
theapptr = size = (size % 4) ? ((size - size%4)+4) : size;
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**Part C** (5 pts) Complete the code for line L12 to adjust the heapptr.

L12	heapptr = heapptr + size/4 + 1;
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**Part D** (25 pts) Suppose a snapshot of the heap is:

addr	value										
8000	16	8032	12	8064	4	8096	8048	8128	8	8160	0
8004	0	8036	0	8068	12	8100	8104	8132	8072	8164	0
8008	4	8040	8072	8072	8016	8104	4	8136	8	8168	22
8012	16	8044	12	8076	8144	8108	2	8140	4	8172	7000
8016	0	8048	16	8080	8	8112	12	8144	43	8176	12
8020	8	8052	0	8084	16	8116	8004	8148	28	8180	41
8024	8132	8056	8	8088	0	8120	4	8152	8	8184	40
8028	116	8060	8124	8092	16	8124	30	8156	0	8188	0

and heapPtr = 8148 and freePtr = 8132. Consider each part below **independently**.

**Part D1** (4 pts) How many **blocks and useable bytes** are on the free list?

blocks	3	bytes	36
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Part D2 (6 pts) Consider the call: malloc(11); Give the values of \*ptr and \*\*ptr at line L3.

^ptr   <b>8132</b>   ^^ptr   <b>8072</b>	*ptr	8132	**ptr	8072
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**Part D3** (9 pts) Now give the value of ptr, \*ptr and block at the point where block is returned:

ptr	ptr	8132	*ptr	8016	block	8072
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**Part D4** (6 pts) Which (if any) values in the above map would be changed by the call **free(8144)**?

addr <u>8144</u> value <u>8132</u> addr value addr value No change (✓)

Fill in the values at this point: heapPtr = <u>8148</u> freePtr = <u>8144</u>