CS61B Lecture #4: Simple Pointer Manipulation

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Announcements

- Today: More pointer hacking.
- Handing in labs and homework: We'll be lenient about and late homework and labs for lab1, lab2, and hwO. Just get part of the point is getting to understand the tools involved. not accept submissions by email.
- We will feel free to interpret the absence of a central representation for you or a lack of a lab1 submission from you as indicating intend to drop the course.
- Project 0 to be released tonight.
- HW1 is released.

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Answer: This is valid. Although modify changes the head of the object pointed to by aList, it does not modify the of aList itself (which is a pointer).

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Aside: How to Write a Loop (in Theory)

- Try to give a description of how things look on any arbitrar tion of the loop.
- This description is known as a loop invariant, because it is true at the start of each iteration.
- 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

```
// Invariant must be true here
while (condition) { // condition must not have side
    // (Invariant will necessarily be true here.)
    loop body
    // Invariant must again be true here
}
// Invariant true and condition false.
```

• So if our loop gets the desired answer whenever *Invariant* and *condition* false, our job is done!

Relationship to Recursion

 Another way to see this is to consider an equivalent recurs cedure:

```
/** Assuming Invariant, produce a situation where Inv
* is true and condition is false. */
void loop() {
    // Invariant assumed true here.
    if (condition) {
        loop body
        // Invariant must be true here.
        loop()
        // Invariant true here and condition false.
    }
}
```

- Here, the invariant is the precondition of the function loop.
- The loop maintains the invariant while making the condition
- Idea is to arrange that our actual goal is implied by this post-

Example: Loop Invariant for dremove All

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- result points to the list o final result except for the
- L points to an unchanged original list of items in L.
- last points to the last it or is null if result is null.

return result;