

Programming Techniques II Exercise 5

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Task 5.1 Preparation

• Install a debugger such as gdb or lldb, optionally within your IDE.

Task 5.2 PennaLV

• Write a simulation class to reduce the code in the main.cpp. Remove N_max, N_init and N_t (population properties) from the species_property_struct, since these variables aren't really a property of the animals. The new simulation class should take care of counting and managing the population. The configuration (both animal properties and population properties) should still be done in main.cpp. Some signature changes in the animals will be necessary (to provide N_t). Use your test framework to ensure that the results don't change.

Task 5.3 Debugging

• Build a debug version of your pennaLV and use a debugger of your choice to investigate it:

	gdb	lldb
launch the debugger and load the binary	gdb ./path/to/main	lldb ./path/to/main
set a break point in sheep.cpp	break filename:line	b filename:line
run it up to the break point	run	run
read the privates of bear!	print bear::xyz	print bear::xyz

- Find out the current lower/upper parameters of the bear RNG distribution (hint: stored as _M_a, _M_b)
- Try to change a constant or static constant class member
- Cheat sheet: http://lldb.llvm.org/lldb-gdb.html

Task 5.4 Challenge (optional)

This week there is no challenge (chocolate shortage :-P).