CS61B Lecture #4: Simple Pointer Manipulation

Recreation Prove that for every acute angle $\alpha > 0$,

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Announcements

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

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Small Test of Understanding

- In Java, the keyword final in a variable declaration means that the variable's value may not be changed after the variable is initialized.
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     public void modify(int k) {
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```

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

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Destructive Incrementing

Destructive solutions may modify objects in the original list to save time or space:

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static IntList dincrList(IntList P, int n) {
                                                 X = IntList.list(3, 43, 56):
  if (P == null)
                                                 /* IntList.list from HW #1 */
    return null:
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  else {
    P.head += n;
    P.tail = dincrList(P.tail, n);
    return P;
 }
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  // 'for' can do more than count!
  for (IntList p = L; p != null; p = p.tail)
   p.head += n;
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                                              P: [-]
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                                              P: \
  // 'for' can do more than count!
  for (IntList p = L; p != null; p = p.tail)
   p.head += n;
  return L;
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```

Another Example: Non-destructive List Deletion

If L is the list [2, 1, 2, 9, 2], we want removeAll(L, 2) to be the new list [1, 9].

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/** The list resulting from removing all instances of X from L
 * non-destructively. */
static IntList removeAll(IntList L, int x) {
  if (L == null)
    return /*( null with all x's removed )*/;
  else if (L.head == x)
    return /*( L with all x's removed (L!=null, L.head==x) )*/;
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    return null;
  else if (L.head == x)
    return removeAll(L.tail, x);
  else
    return /*( L with all x's removed (L!=null, L.head!=x) )*/;
}
```

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  if (L == null)
    return null;
  else if (L.head == x)
    return removeAll(L.tail, x);
  else
    return new IntList(L.head, removeAll(L.tail, x));
}
```

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Iterative Non-destructive List Deletion

Same as before, but use front-to-back iteration rather than recursion.

```
/** The list resulting from removing all instances
 * of X from L non-destructively. */
static IntList removeAll(IntList L, int x) {
   IntList result, last;
   result = last = null;
   for (; L!= null; L = L.tail) {
      if (x == L.head)
        continue;
   else if (last == null)
      result = last = new IntList(L.head, null);
   else
      last = last.tail = new IntList(L.head, null);
   }
   return result;
}
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 for ( ; L != null; L = L.tail) {
   if (x == L.head)
                                   result:
     continue:
   else if (last == null)
                                     last: 
abla
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     result = last = new IntList(L.head, null);
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 return result;
```

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 IntList result, last;
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 result = last = null;
                                       L: T
 for ( ; L != null; L = L.tail) {
   if (x == L.head)
                                  result: N
     continue;
   else if (last == null)
                                                   removeAll (P, 2)
                                    last: 🖯
     result = last = new IntList(L.head, null);
                                                   P does not change!
   else
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                                      P: -2 - 2 - 2 -
 result = last = null;
                                      L: []
 for ( ; L != null; L = L.tail) {
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     continue;
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 result = last = null;
                                          L: []
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                                       last:
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                                    result:
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      continue:
    else if (last == null)
                                                       removeAll (P, 2)
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                                    L: T
   if (x == L.head)
                               result:
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     continue:
   else if (last == null)
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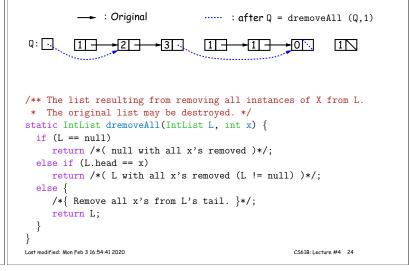
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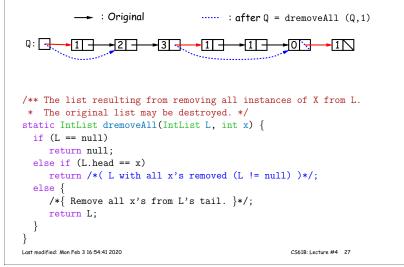
/*{ Remove all x's from L's tail. }*/;

return L;
}
}
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      return dremoveAll(L.tail, x);
   else {
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      return L;
   }
}
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   else if (L.head == x)
      return dremoveAll(L.tail, x);
   else {
      L.tail = dremoveAll(L.tail, x);
      return L;
   }
}
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```

Iterative Destructive Deletion

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/** The list resulting from removing all X's from L
 * destructively. */
static IntList dremoveAll(IntList L, int x) {
  IntList result, last;
  result = last = null;
  while (L != null) {
    IntList next = L.tail;
    if (x != L.head) {
      if (last == null)
        result = last = L;
      else
        last = last.tail = L;
      L.tail = null;
    L = next;
  return result;
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                              result: \
    if (x != L.head) {
                                last: \
     if (last == null)
       result = last = L;
      else
       last = last.tail = L; next: \square
                                             P = dremoveAll (P, 2)
      L.tail = null;
    L = next;
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                               last: 
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     if (last == null)
       result = last = L;
                                 L: [7
     else
      last = last.tail = L; next:
                                           P = dremoveAll (P, 2)
     L.tail = null;
   L = next:
  return result:
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   L = next;
 return result;
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  while (L != null) {
    IntList next = L.tail;
                                result:
    if (x != L.head) {
                                  last: 17
      if (last == null)
        result = last = L;
      else
        last = last.tail = L; next:
                                               P = dremoveAll (P, 2)
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    IntList next = L.tail;
                                result: |-
    if (x != L.head) {
                                  last: 1
      if (last == null)
        result = last = L;
      else
       last = last.tail = L; next:
                                               P = dremoveAll (P, 2)
      L.tail = null;
    L = next;
  return result;
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                              result:
    if (x != L.head) {
                                last: [7
      if (last == null)
       result = last = L;
                                   L: [7
       last = last.tail = L; next:
                                             P = dremoveAll (P, 2)
      L.tail = null;
   L = next;
  return result:
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  result = last = null;
  while (L != null) {
                                  P: 2 - 1
    IntList next = L.tail;
                              result:
    if (x != L.head) {
                                last: 17
      if (last == null)
       result = last = L;
                                  L: [7
      else
       last = last.tail = L; next:
                                             P = dremoveAll (P, 2)
      L.tail = null;
    L = next:
  return result:
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```

```
/** The list resulting from removing all X's from L
* destructively. */
static IntList dremoveAll(IntList L, int x) {
 IntList result, last;
  result = last = null;
  while (L != null) {
                                    P: - 2 -
                                                                   <del>--</del>9∇
    IntList next = L.tail;
                                result:
    if (x != L.head) {
                                  last: ☐
      if (last == null)
        result = last = L;
      else
        last = last.tail = L; next:∑
                                             P = dremoveAll (P, 2)
      L.tail = null;
    L = next;
  return result;
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```

Iterative Destructive Deletion

```
Iterative Destructive Deletion
/** The list resulting from removing all X's from L
* destructively. */
static IntList dremoveAll(IntList L, int x) {
 IntList result, last;
  result = last = null;
                                   P: - - 2 - 1 1
                                                           2 -
 while (L != null) {
    IntList next = L.tail;
                               result:
    if (x != L.head) {
                                 last: 1
      if (last == null)
       result = last = L;
      else
        last = last.tail = L; next: \square
                                            P = dremoveAll (P, 2)
      L.tail = null;
    L = next;
  return result:
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```

Iterative Destructive Deletion

```
/** The list resulting from removing all X's from L
* destructively. */
static IntList dremoveAll(IntList L, int x) {
  IntList result, last;
  result = last = null;
                                    P: 7 2 1
                                                             2
  while (L != null) {
    IntList next = L.tail;
    if (x != L.head) {
                                  last: -
      if (last == null)
        result = last = L;
        last = last.tail = L; next: \square
                                               P = dremoveAll (P, 2)
      L.tail = null;
      = next;
  return result;
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```

Iterative Destructive Deletion

```
/** The list resulting from removing all X's from L
 * destructively. */
static IntList dremoveAll(IntList L, int x) {
  IntList result, last;
  result = last = null;
                                             2
  while (L != null) {
    IntList next = L.tail;
                                result:
    if (x != L.head) {
                                  last: -
      if (last == null)
        result = last = L;
                                    L: N
      else
        last = last.tail = L; next: \sum
                                                P = dremoveAll (P, 2)
      L.tail = null;
    L = next;
  return result;
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```

Aside: How to Write a Loop (in Theory)

- Try to give a description of how things look on any arbitrary iteration of the loop.
- This description is known as a loop invariant, because it is always true at the start of each iteration.
- The loop body then must
 - Start from any situation consistent with the invariant and condition:
 - Make progress in such a way as to make the invariant true again.

```
// Invariant must be true here
while (condition) { // condition must not have side-effects.
    // (Invariant and condition are necessarily 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* is true and *condition* false, our job is done!

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Relationship to Recursion

 Another way to see this is to consider an equivalent recursive procedure:

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

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

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Example: Loop Invariant for dremoveAll

```
/** The list resulting from removing all X's from L
 * destructively. */
static IntList dremoveAll(IntList L, int x) {
  IntList result, last;
                                         P: 🗔
  result = last = null;
                                    result:
  while ** (L != null) {
    IntList next = L.tail:
                                       last: -
    if (x != L.head) {
      if (last == null)
        result = last = L;
                                                      P = dremoveAll (P. 2)
        last = last.tail = L;
                                    ** Invariant:
     L.tail = null:
                                     • result points to the list of items in the
                                       final result except for those from L on-
   L = next:
                                       ward.
  return result;
                                     • L points to an unchanged tail of the
                                       original list of items in L.
                                     • last points to the last item in result
                                       or is null if result is null.
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```