1 Input Reading

In the main function, the code initializes the last executed command to null and enters a while loop for the shell. It then performs the following steps:

- 1. Initializes variables needed for parsing tokens.
- 2. Calls ${\tt printPrompt}$ function to display a user prompt.
- 3. Retrieves the input line from the user and checks for an empty line.
- 4. Initializes variables for background processes and creates copies of the command line.
- 5. Tokenizes the input and checks for specific commands (exit, alias).

2 Alias Handling

If the token is alias, the code parses the line in alias format and creates a new alias using the addAlias function. This function checks for the existence of a file to store alias commands. If the file does not exist, it creates a file named AliasFile and writes the alias; otherwise, it appends the alias to the existing file. The last executed command becomes the alias if executed correctly.

3 Alias Lookup

If the token is not exit or alias, the code checks for an alias defined for the token using the findAlias function. This function searches for the token in the AliasFile and returns the corresponding command if found. If an alias is found, the command is added to cmdLine, and parsing continues with the new command line.

4 Command Execution

After parsing the first command line, memory is allocated for argv (tokens), and another while loop starts parsing a copy of cmdLine. The code checks for the & sign and sets the background flag accordingly. If the command is bello, the displayUserInfo function is called with the last executed command. If the command is not bello, the executeCommand function is called with argv, background, and argc parameters.

5 Command Execution Details

In the executeCommand function, the code initializes and checks for redirection operations. If > or >> is present, it sets the appropriate flags and outputFile

variable, removing the output name and redirection operation sign from argv. The code handles the PATH for command execution, checks for accessibility, and sets the successExecutablePath variable. If the path is not accessible, an error message is printed.

5.1 Output Handling

The code creates a pipe for >>> operation, forks, and waits for the child to return if not in the background. In the child process (pid = 0), it checks the output file and flags, sets the correct file flags, and executes the command. If the invert flag is set, the parent process reads the result from the pipe, inverts it, and writes it to the file.

6 Conclusion

The main function returns to the shell loop and frees memory allocations at the end of the program execution.