LINKED LISTS (CONTD)
RULE OF THREE
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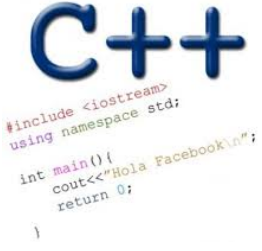
OPERATOR OVERLOADING

Problem Solving with Computers-II



Memory Errors

- Memory Leak: Program does not free memory allocated on the heap.

e.g.
```
void foo() {
    Node *p = new int;
}
```
p is removed from the stack but the object it points to is never freed

- Segmentation Fault: Code tries to access an invalid memory location

```
Node *p = 0;
cout << p->data << endl;
// dereferencing a null pointer
```

RULE OF THREE

If a class overload one (or more) of the following methods, it should overload all three methods:

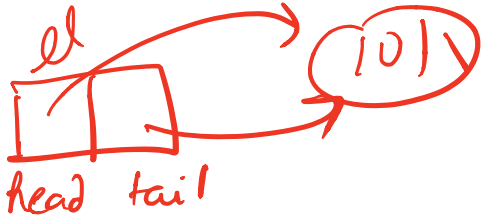
1. Destructor
2. Copy constructor
3. Copy assignment

The questions we ask are:

1. What is the behavior of these defaults?
2. What is the desired behavior ?
3. How should we over-ride these methods?

Behavior of default destructor


```
void test_append_0(){
    string testname= "Append 10 to empty list";
     vector<int> v = {10};
     LinkedList ll;
     ll.append(10);
     TESTEQ(ll, v, testname);
}
```



Assume:

destructor: default

copy constructor: default

copy assignment: default

What is the output?

A. Compiler error

B. Memory leak

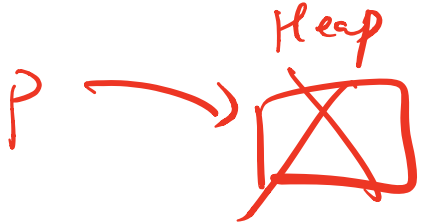
C. Segmentation fault

D. Test fails

E. None of the above

Why do we need to write a destructor for LinkedList?

A. To free LinkedList objects
B. To free Nodes in a LinkedList
C. Both A and B
D. None of the above



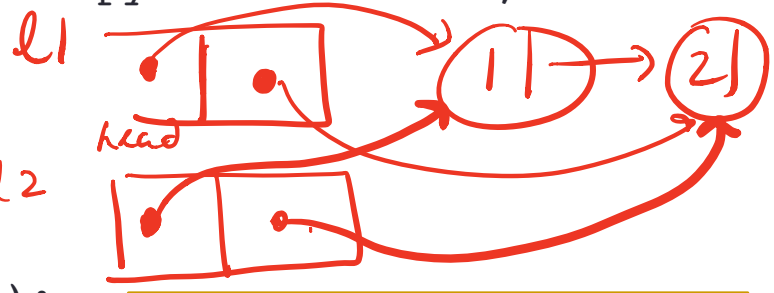

```
int * p = new int;
delete p;
delete p;
```

→ Seg fault!

Deleting heap memory that has already been freed resulting in a seg fault

Behavior of default copy constructor

```
void test_copy_constructor(){
    string testname = "test copy constructor";
   LinkedList l1;
   l1.append(1);
   l1.append(2);
   LinkedList l2(l1);
   TESTEQ(l1, l2, testname);
}
```



Assume:
destructor: overloaded
copy constructor: default
copy assignment: default

What is the output?

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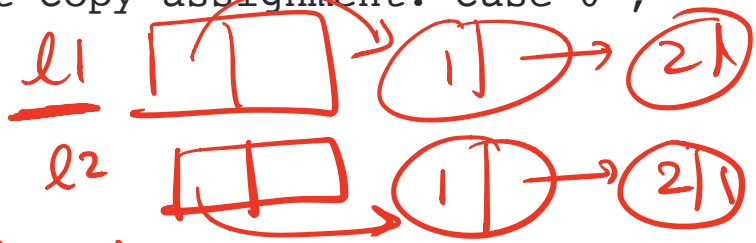
B. Memory leak
C. Segmentation fault
D. Test fails
E. None of the above

Behavior of default copy assignment

```
void test_copy_assignment_0(){
  string testname = "test copy assignment: case 0";
   LinkedList l1;
   l1.append(1);
   l1.append(2);
   LinkedList l2;
   l2 = l1;
   TESTEQ(l1, l2,);
}
```



l2.operator=(l1)

copy-assignment function

Assume:

destructor: overloaded ✓

copy constructor: overloaded ✓

copy assignment: default

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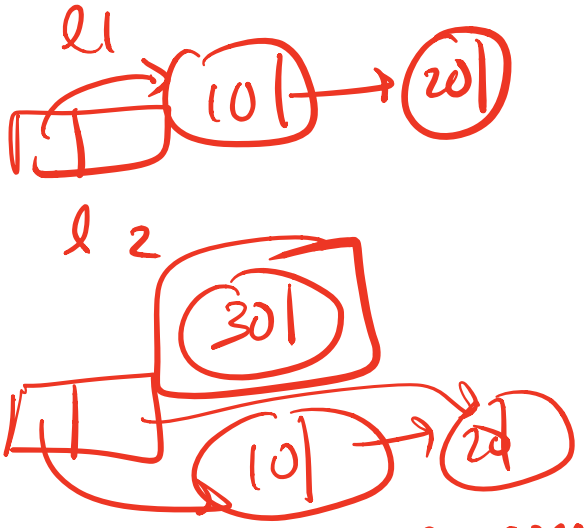
E. None of the above

This line calls the copy assignment function of l2

Write another test case for the copy assignment

```
void test_copy_assignment_2(){
```

LinkedList l1;
l1.append(10);
l1.append(20);
LinkedList l2;
l2.append(30)
l2 = l1;




```
}
```

If we used the same code as the copy constructor in our implementation of the copy assignment we would have a memory leak.

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```
void TESTEQ(const LinkedList & lst1, const LinkedList &lst2, string test){
    cout<<test<<endl;
    if(lst1.isEqual(lst2))
        cout<<" PASSED"<<endl;
    else
        cout<<"  FAILED"<<endl;
}
```

Overloading Binary Arithmetic Operators

We would like to be able to add two points as follows

```
LinkedList l1, l2;

//append nodes to l1 and l2;

LinkedList l3 = l1 + l2 ;
```

Overloading input/output stream

Wouldn’t it be convenient if we could do this:

```
LinkedList list;
cout<<list; //prints all the elements of list
```

Next time

- Recursion + PA01