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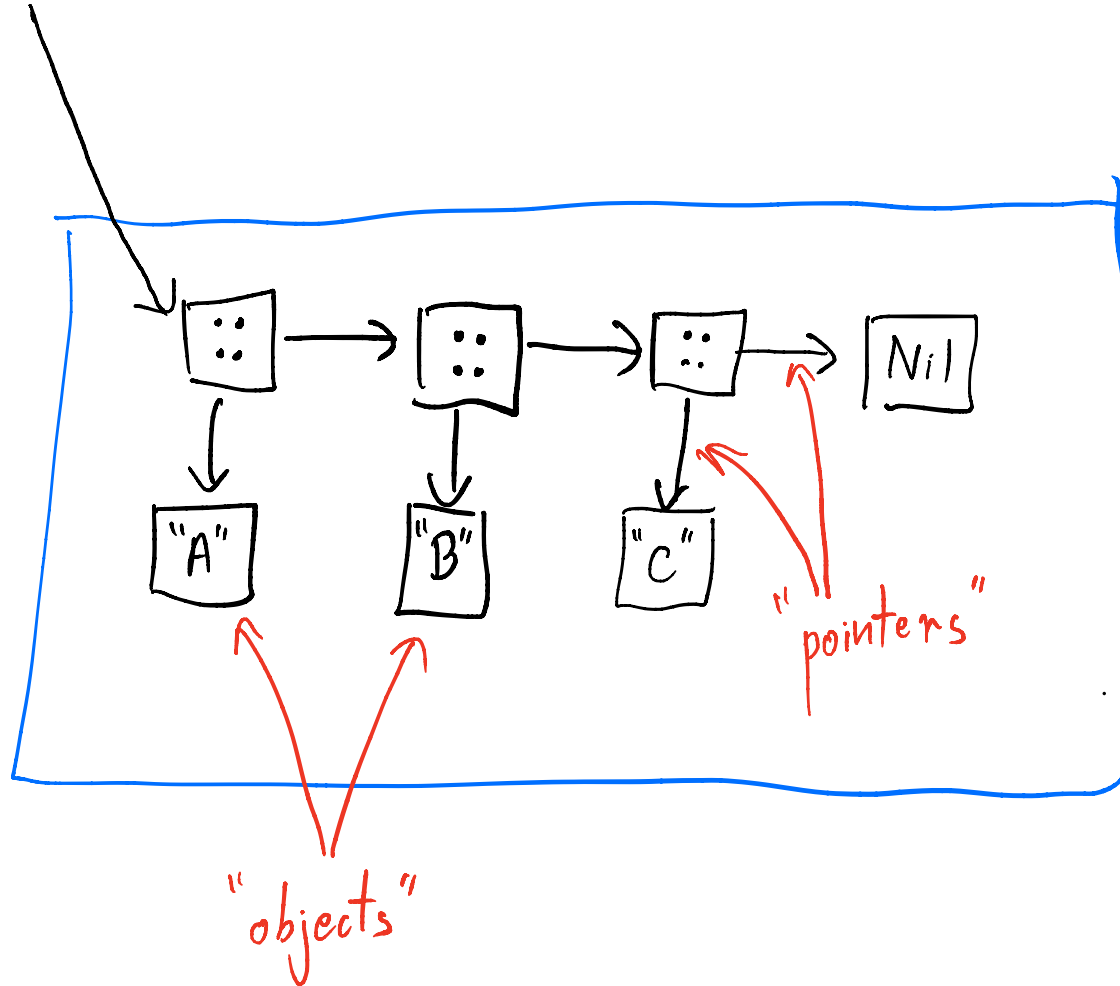
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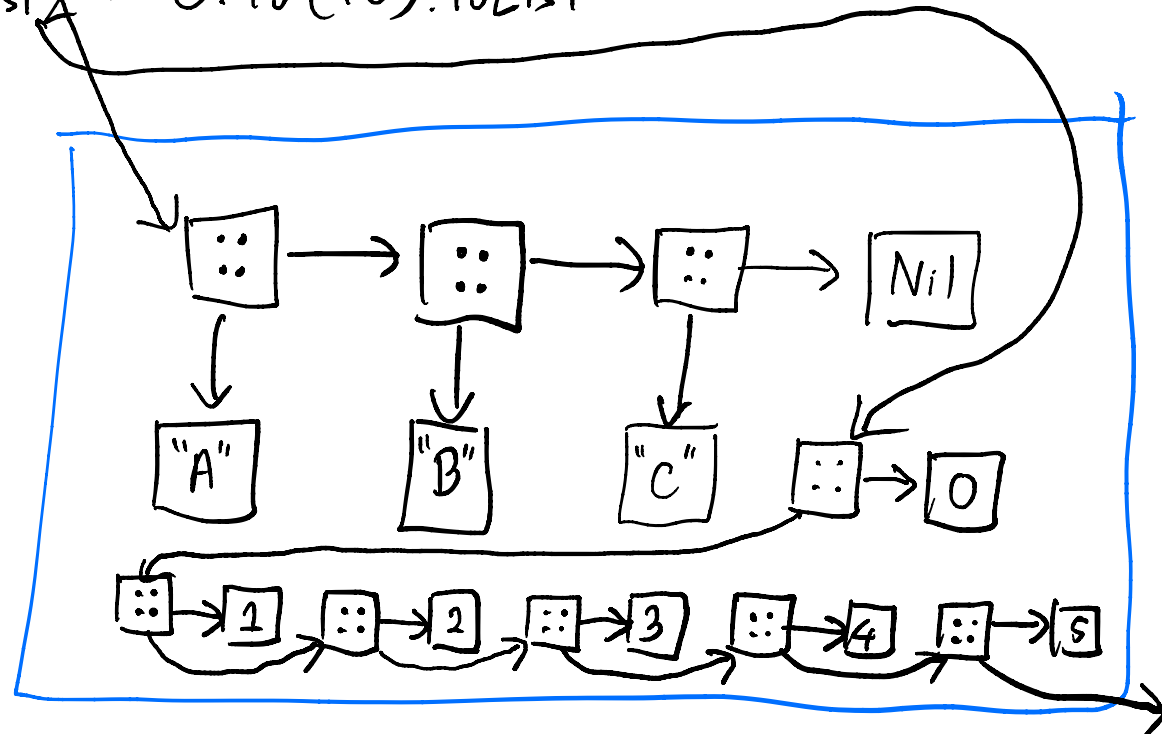
Equational Reasoning

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val ~~lst~~ = 0.to(10).toList



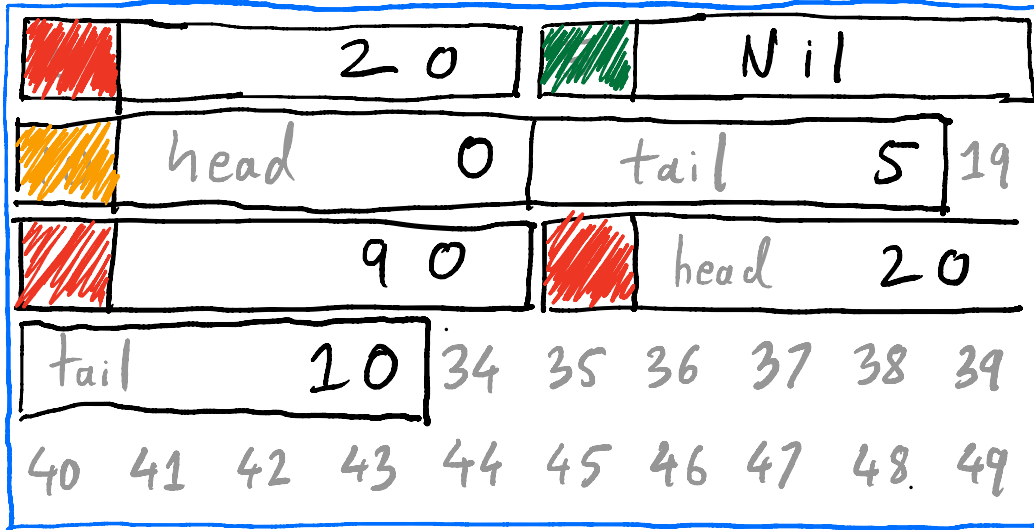
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49



val n = 20

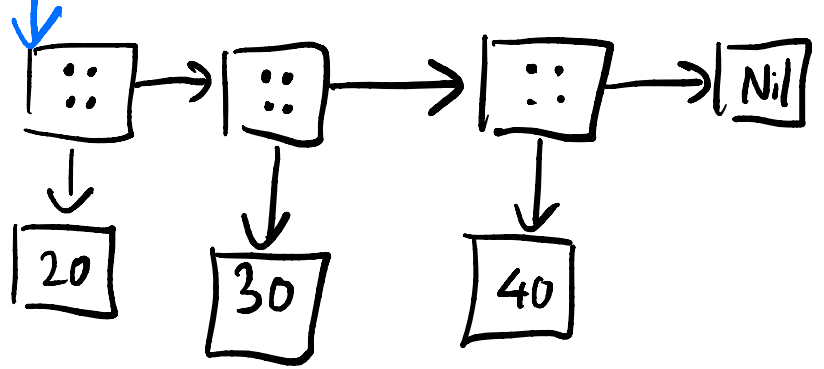
val lst = n :: Nil

val lst2 = 90 :: lst



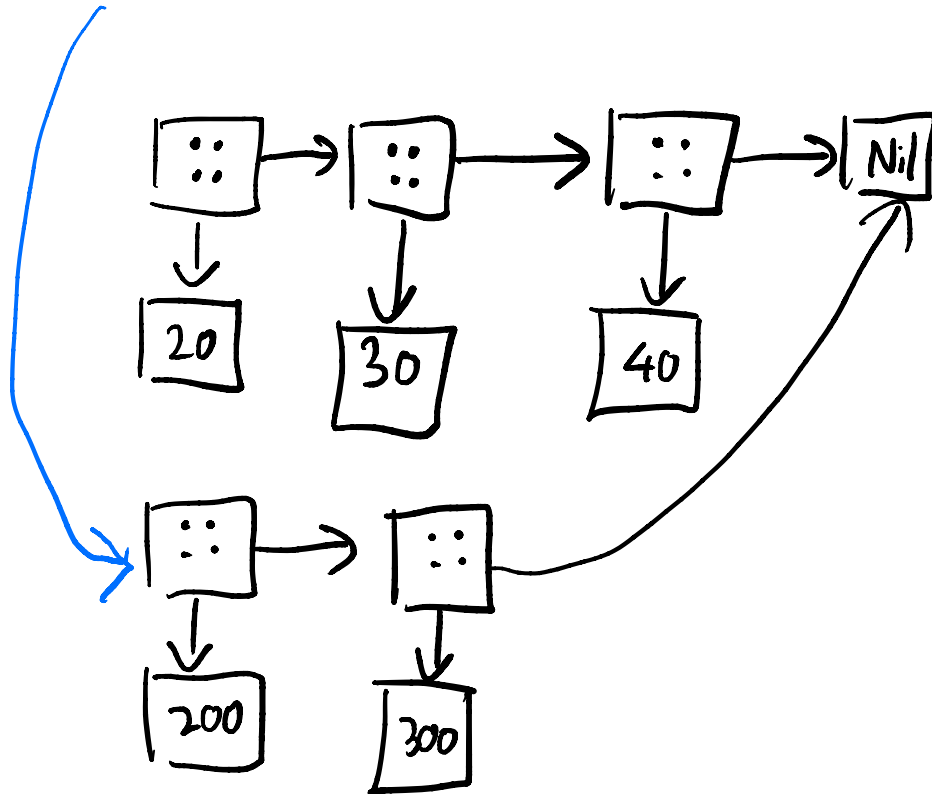
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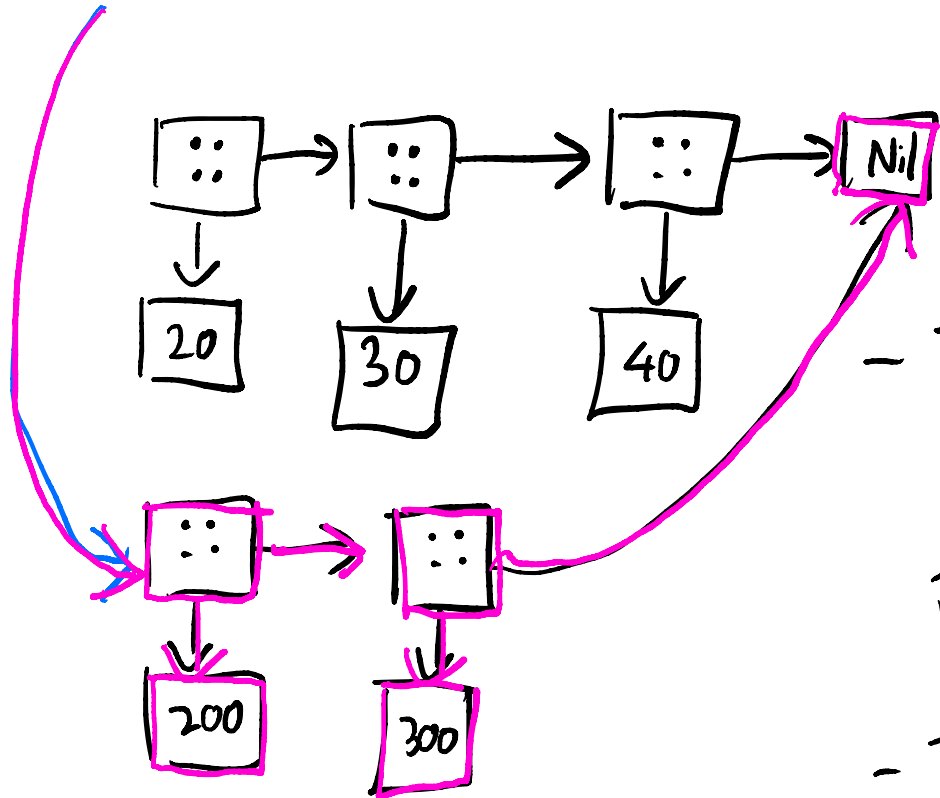
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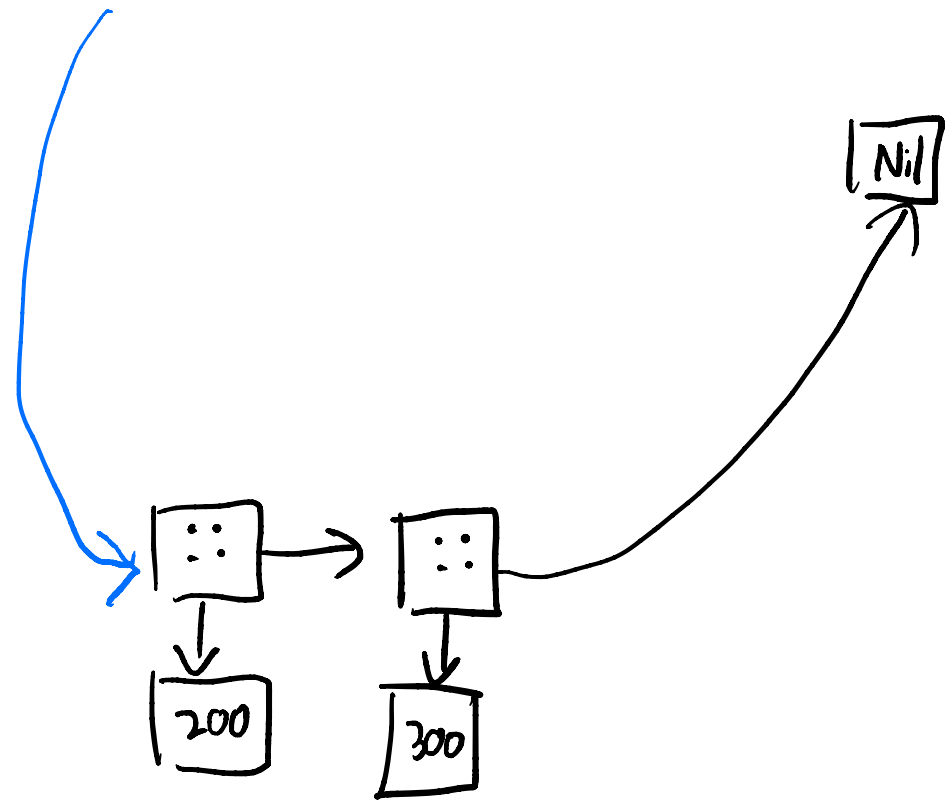


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So, we can just delete them!

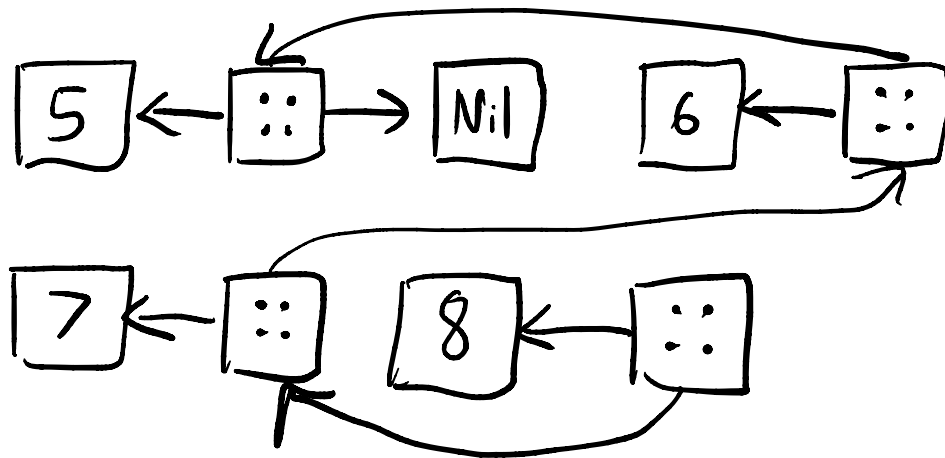
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3. Unmark remaining objects

The "Mark and Sweep" Algorithm is slow on large heaps

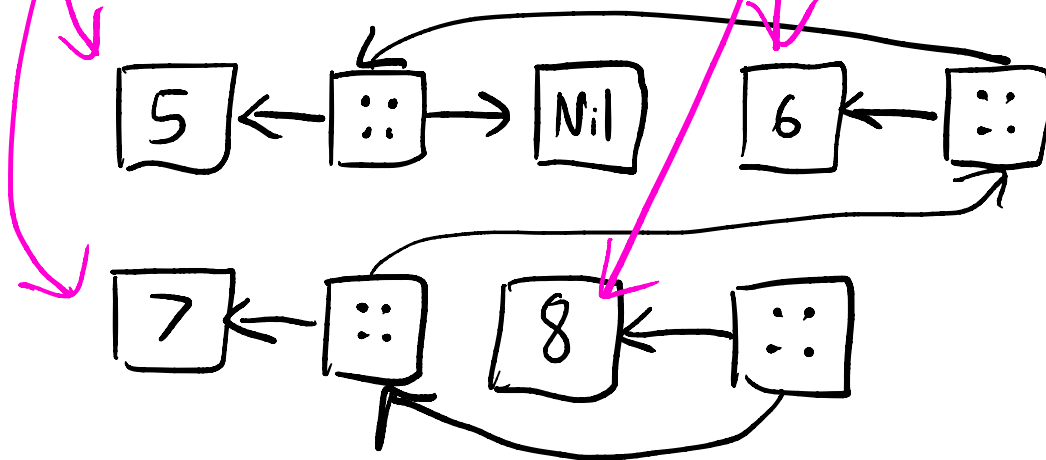
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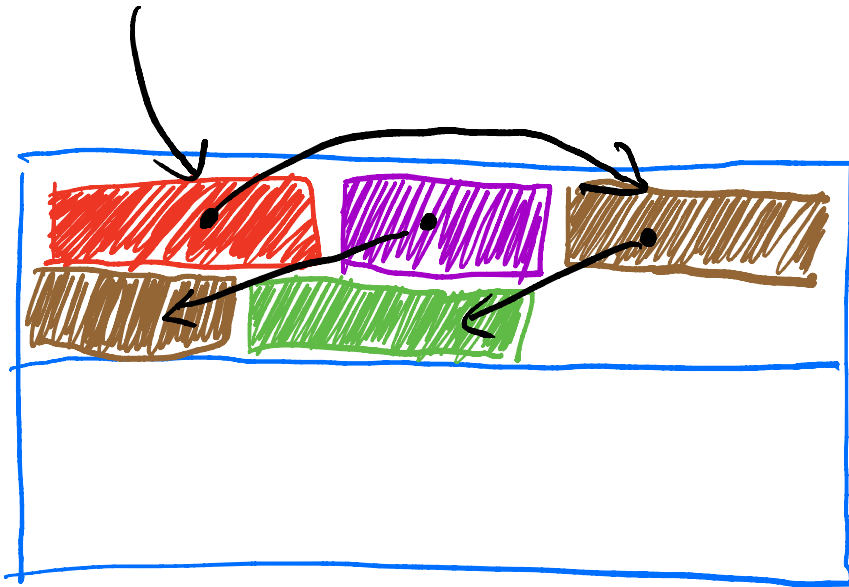
Fragmentation

## Low-level Details

1. Need a "free list" of blocks of unused memory.
2. To allocate a new object, need to search for a large enough block in the free list.
3. If no block can be found, may need to "compact" memory by moving objects closer together.

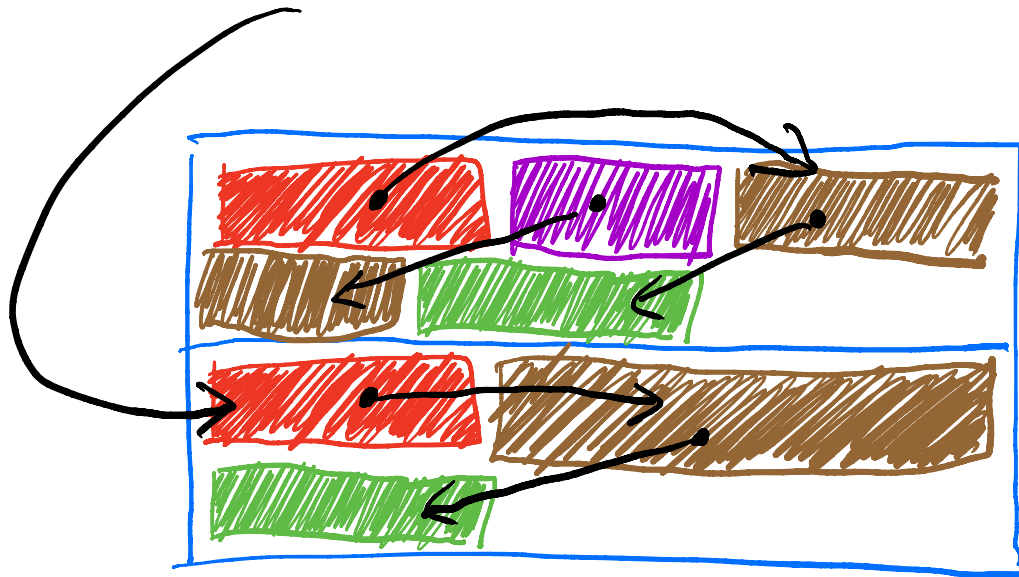
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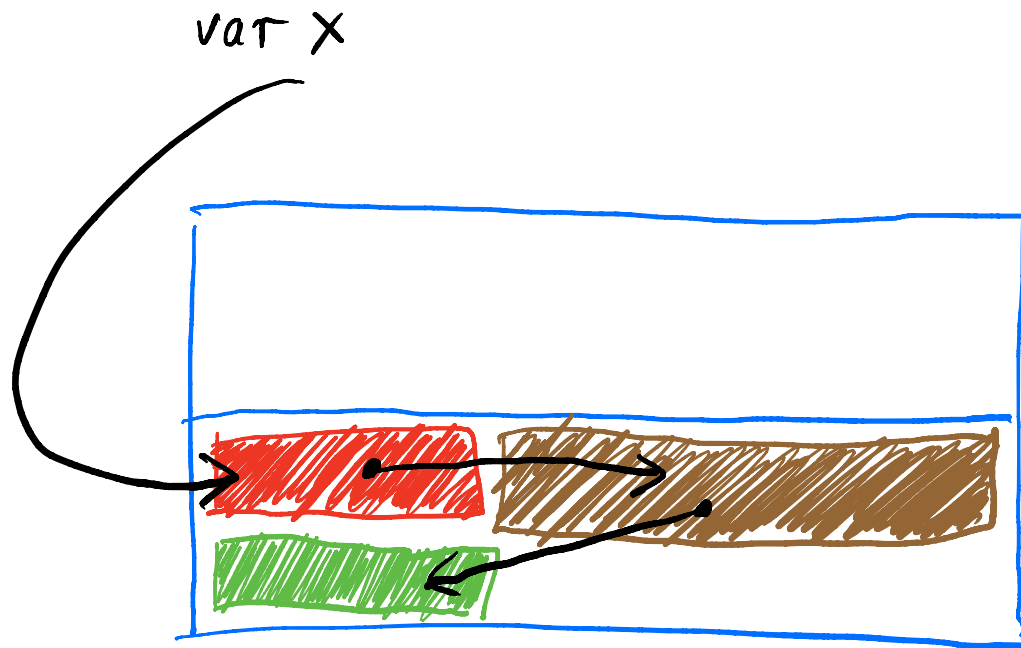


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Compaction  
"for free"

## Stop and Copy Algorithm

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2. Allocate objects in one half.
3. When one half is full, copy reachable objects to the other half. (Update pointers to point to new copies).
4. Allocate objects in the new half.
5. Keep alternating between the two halves.

Half of memory  
is lost!

No need  
for a free-  
list, just need 1  
pointer to end of  
heap

Copying large  
objects ...

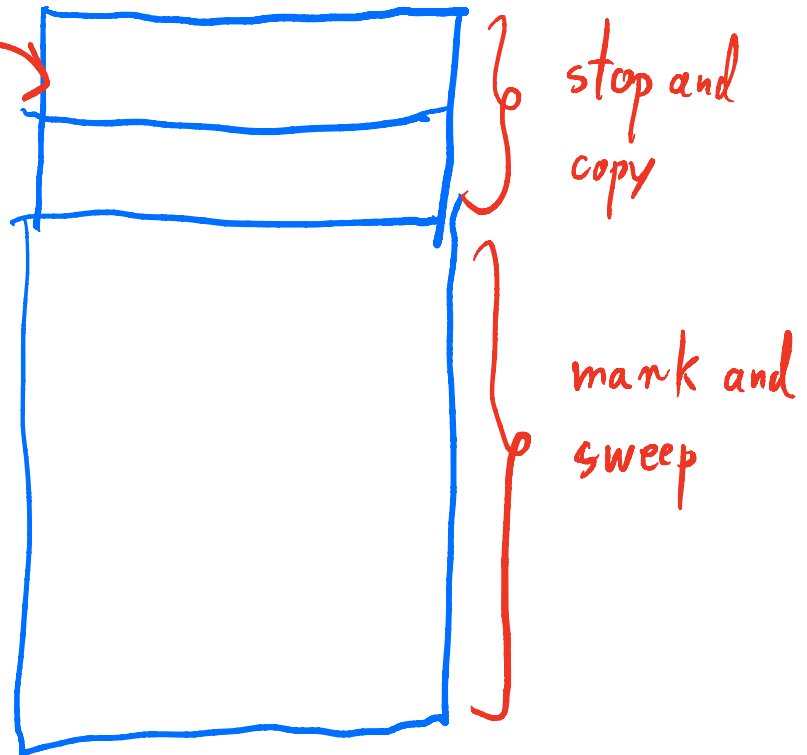
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# Generational Garbage Collector

1. Allocate new objects in the nursery.
2. If an object survives  $n$  rounds of stop-and-copy, move it to the old generation.
3. Allocate large objects directly in the old generation. (To avoid moving them.)



Generational Hypothesis: New objects tend to die young. (High infant mortality.)

Old objects tend to live for a long time.

Why does GC work?

- No pointer arithmetic.
- No way to directly address memory.



contrast to C/C++