

Memory and Pointers

Stack/Heap/Global

- Stack
 - Allocated by context entry
 - Lifetime same as the function
- Heap
 - Allocated by explicit code (details later today)
 - Lifetime managed by explicit code (details later today)
- Global
 - Allocated by runtime
 - Lifetime the whole runtime of program

So Far

```
int x;  
double probability;  
bool feature_vector[28][28];  
vector<ImageData> training_images;  
ImageData tmp_image;  
cin >> tmp_image;  
training_images.push_back();
```

Pointers

(Dereference Operator *, Address of Operator &)

Pointers are just variables

- Store addresses

Declare in C++ as follows

```
int *ptr_x;
```

How do I set a pointer

```
ptr_x = ptr_y;
```

```
ptr_x = &x;
```

How do I access what a pointer points to?

```
*ptr_x = 42;
```

```
cout << *ptr_x;
```



What is the behavior?

```
int *ptr;  
int val;  
ptr = &val;  
*ptr = 10;  
cout << val;
```

What probably happens?

- A. 10 printed
- B. Some address printed
- C. Some unknown value printed
- D. Segfault and crash

Explicit Dynamic Allocation

- new
 - allocates memory and constructs objects returning the address
 - `int *heap_int = new int;`
 - Can allocate arrays
 - `int *heap_array = new int[10]`
- delete
 - Releases memory allocated with new
 - `delete heap_int;`
 - Must specify when releasing arrays
 - `delete[] heap_array;`

What is the behavior?

```
int *heap_x;  
int *heap_y;  
heap_x = new int;  
heap_y = heap_x;  
*heap_y = 10;  
cout << *heap_x;
```

What probably happens?

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What is the behavior?

```
int *heap_x;  
int *heap_y;  
heap_y = heap_x;  
heap_y = new int;  
*heap_y = 10;  
cout << *heap_x;
```

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Passing Arguments

- By value
 - Make a copy
- By reference
 - Like Java objects
- By pointer
 - Pass a copy of the pointer

What happens?

```
void fn(int x) {  
    x = 10;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int x = 200;  
    fn(x);  
    cout << x;  
}
```

What probably happens?

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- B. 200 printed
- C. Won't compile
- D. Some unknown value printed
- E. Segfault and crash

What happens?

```
void fn(int &x) {  
    x = 10;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int x = 200;  
    fn(x);  
    cout << x;  
}
```

What probably happens?

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What happens?

```
void fn(int *x) {  
    x = 10;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int x = 200;  
    fn(x);  
    cout << x;  
}
```

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What happens?

```
void fn(int *x) {  
    x = 10;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int x = 200;  
    fn(&x);  
    cout << x;  
}
```

What probably happens?

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