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Refreshing C for SCIP Programming

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- ▶ compile with: `gcc <name>.c`
- ▶ run with `./a.out`
- ▶ other C/C++ compilers: MSVC, gcc, intel, clang

integer types

- ▶ char
- ▶ short
- ▶ int
- ▶ long
- ▶ long long



larger value range
larger storage size

use char to store single characters, e.g., 'A', '3', '\$', ...

floating point types

- ▶ float
- ▶ double (2× the precision of a float)

Note: no boolean type, no string type

Operators

Arithmetic Operators

+ - * /	arithmetic operators	a + b
+= -= *= /=	'adds to', ...	a += b
++	increment by one	++a

Comparison Operators

==	'equal'	a == b
!=	'not equal'	a != b
>=	'greater or equal'	a >= b
<=	'less or equal'	a <= b
> <	'strict greater/less'	a < b or a > b

Logic Operators

!	logic not	!(a >= b)
&&	logic and	(a < b) && (b > 0)
	logic or	(a > b) (b < 0)

if Statement

```
1 int a;                  /* declare variables */
2 int b = 2;                /* directly initialize */
3
4 a = 3;                  /* assign new value */
5
6 if( a >= b )
7 {
8     /* enter block if condition is true */
9 }
10 else if( b == 2 )
11 {
12     /* enter block if second condition is true and the first is not */
13 }
14 else
15 {
16     /* enter block if all conditions above were false */
17 }
```

for - loop

```
1 int i;
2
3 /*
4  * for( 'start value'; 'continue condition'; 'increase value' )
5  */
6 for( i = 0; i < 10; ++i ) /* start with i = 0 */
7 {
8     /* enter block if condition is (still) true */
9     ...;
10    /* jump back to line 4 and increment i by one */
11 }
```

while - loop

```
1 int i = 0;
2
3 /*
4  * while( 'continue condition' )
5  */
6 while( i < 10 )
7 {
8     /* enter block if condition is (still) true */
9     ...
10    ++i; /* infinite loop if i does not increase */
11 }
```

Format Specifiers

How to use format specifiers:

- ▶ C documentation: `int printf (const char * format, ...);`
- ▶ `\n` for a line break
- ▶ `\t` for a tab

```
1 #include <stdio.h>          /* include system library */
2
3 int main()
4 {
5     char c = 'c';             /* specifier: %c */
6     short s = 1;              /* specifier: %i */
7     int i = 2;                /* specifier: %d */
8     long l = 3;               /* specifier: %ld */
9     long long ll = 4;         /* specifier: %lld */
10    float f = 5.0;            /* specifier: %e or %f */
11    double d = 1.0 / 3.0;      /* specifier: %e or %f */
12
13    printf("%i + %d = %d\n", s, i, (s + i)); /* prints 1 + 2 = 3 */
14
15    printf("%1.4e\n", d); /* prints 3.3333e-01 */
16    printf("%1.4f\n", d); /* prints 0.3333 */
17
18    return 0;
19 }
```

Functions

A **function** is a segment that groups code to perform a specific task.

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1  /* return-type function-name ( arg_type arg1, ..., arg_type argN ); */
2  double foo(int a, double b)          /* function header */
3  {
4      double c;                  /* c only exists in this function (scope) */
5
6      c = a * b;                /* assign value to c */
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1  /* function does not have a return value nor parameters */
2  void foofoo()
3  {
4      double c;                  /* this c has nothing to do with the c in foo(...) */
5
6      c = foo(3, 2.5); /* call functions foo(...) */
7
8      if( c == 0.0 )
9          return;               /* terminates the function immediately */
10
11     printf("foo(3,2.5) is %e\n", c); /* prints 'foo(3,2.5) = 7.5 */
12 }
```

Header and Source Files



c_one.c

```
1 #include <stdio.h>          /* <name> for system libraries */
2 #include <assert.h>
3
4 #include "c_one.h"           /* "name" for our header */
5
6 /* returns the sum of integers between a and b */
7 double sumup(int a, int b)
8 {
9     int i;                  /* declare variables */
10    double sum = 0.0;        /* variables can be initialized */
11
12    assert(a >= 0 && b >= 0); /* assert to state preconditions */
13
14    if( b < a )             /* execute code */
15    {
16        int t;              /* exists between the curly braces (scope) */
17        t = a; a = b; b = t; /* exchange values of a and b */
18    }
19    assert(a <= b);
20
21    for( i = a; i <= b; ++i ) /* loop from a to b */
22        sum += i;            /* add i to sum */
23
24    return sum;              /* return value of the function */
25 }
```

c_one.h

```
1 /* declare interface function here but implement it in another *.c file */
2 extern double sumup(int a, int b);
```

c_main.c

```
1 #include <stdio.h>           /* <name> for system library */
2 #include "c_one.h"            /* "name" for our header */
3
4 int main()
5 {
6     printf("sumup(2,6) = %e\n", sumup(2,6)); /* prints 'sumup(2,6) = 20' */
7     return 0;
8 }
```

- ▶ header files contain function declarations and macro definitions
- ▶ `#include "name".h` copies the whole content of the header file
- ▶ use them to structure your project and define interfaces

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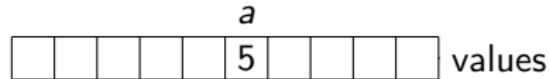
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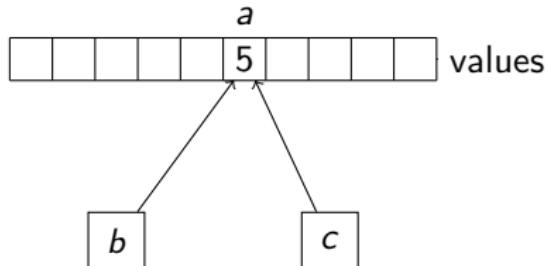
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Memory



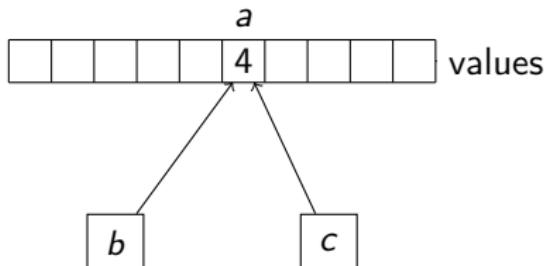
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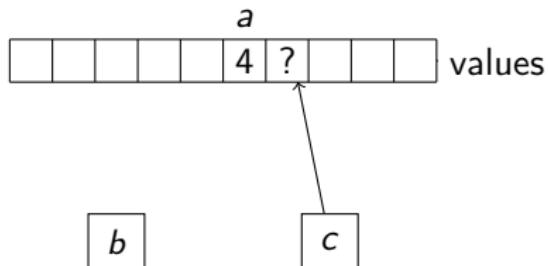
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3 int* c = b;           /* create a copy of the pointer */
4
5 printf("%u\n", (&a == c));      /* prints 1 */
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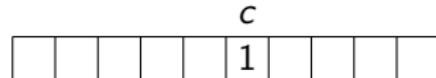


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10 b = NULL;              /* b points nowhere */
11 printf("%d\n", *b);      /* segmentation fault */
12
13 c = c + 1;              /* manipulate address of pointer */
14 printf("%d\n", *c);      /* undefined behavior */
```

```
1 void increment(int b)
2 {
3     b += 1;
4 }
5
6 int main()
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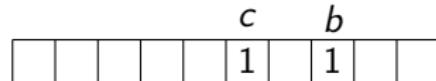
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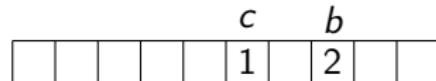
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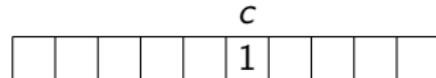
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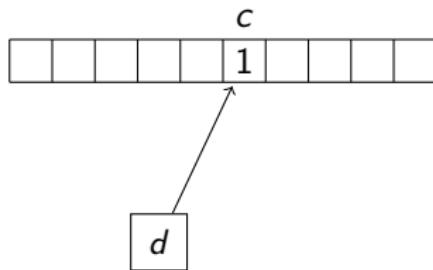
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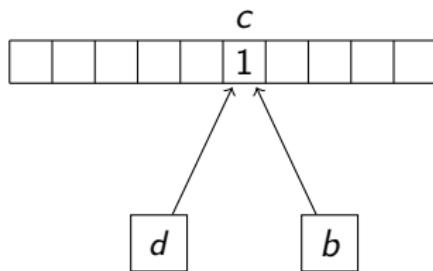


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5
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8     int c = 1;
9     int* d = &c;
10
11    increment(d);             /* also possible to use &c here */
12    printf("%d\n", c);        /* prints 2 */
13
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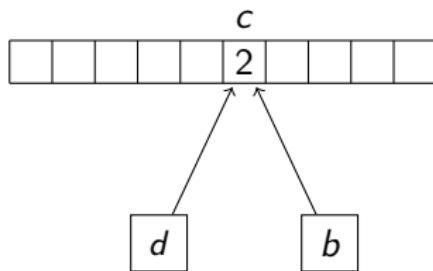
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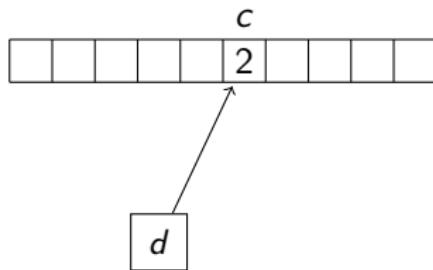
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```
1  /* use pointers for returning more than just one single value */
2  double calc(double x, int* success)
3  {
4      if( x != 0.0 )
5      {
6          *success = 1;           /* segmentation fault if success is NULL */
7          return 1.0 / x;
8      }
9
10     *success = 0;            /* store 0 if something went wrong */
11
12     return 0.0;
13 }
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7          return 1.0 / ;
8      }
9
10     *success = 0;           /* store 0 if something went wrong */
11
12     return 0.0;
13 }
14
15 int main()
16 {
17     double result;
18     int success;
19
20     result = calc(2.0, &success);    /* note: success is not initialized */
21
22     if( success == 1 )
23         printf("calc(2.0) = %f\n", result);    /* prints 'calc(2) = 0.5' */
24     else
25         printf("division by zero is not allowed\n");
26
27     return 0;
28 }
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3  {
4      double a;
5      int b;
6  };
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8
9  int main()
10 {
11     DATA d;                      /* memory allocated in its scope */
12     DATA* p;                     /* pointer to a struct */
13
14     /* access to the variables of a struct */
15     d.a = 0.0;
16     d.b = -1;
17
18     /* pointer with structs */
19     p = &d;                      /* p points to d */
20     (*p).a = 2.0;                /* change value through the pointer */
21     p->a = 3.0;                 /* the same as (*p).a = 3.0 */
22     printf("%d %e\n", d.a, d.b); /* prints 2.0 -1 */
23
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```
1  /* call-by-value: the whole struct gets copied here */
2  void foo1(DATA d)
3  {
4      d.a = 1;
5  }
6
7  /* call-by-value: pointer gets copied here */
8  void foo2(DATA* d)
9  {
10     (*d).a = 1;           /* the same as d->a = 1; */
11 }
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12
13 int main()
14 {
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16
17     d.a = 0;
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19     foo1(d);
20     printf("%d\n", d.a); /* prints 0 */
21
22     foo2(&d);
23     printf("%d\n", d.a); /* prints 1 */
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```
1  /** SCIP main data structure */
2  struct Scip
3  {
4      /* INIT */
5      SCIP_MEM*          mem;           /* block memory buffers */
6      SCIP_SET*          set;           /* global SCIP settings */
7      SCIP_INTERRUPT*    interrupt;     /* CTRL-C interrupt data */
8      SCIP_DIALOGHDLR*   dialoghdlr;    /* dialog handler for user interface */
9      SCIP_MESSAGEHDLR*  messagehdlr;  /* message handler for output handling */
10     SCIP_CLOCK*        totaltime;    /* total SCIP running time */
11
12     /* PROBLEM */
13     SCIP_STAT*          stat;          /* dynamic problem statistics */
14     SCIP_PROB*          origprob;     /* original problem data */
15     SCIP_PRIMAL*        origprimal;   /* primal data and solution storage */
16
17     ...;
18 };
19
20 typedef struct Scip SCIP;
```

- ▶ structs can contain other structs (also pointer to other structs)
- ▶ most functions in SCIP need a SCIP* pointer

An **enum** is a data type consisting of a set of named values.

```
1  /** return codes for SCIP functions: non-positive return codes are errors */
2  enum SCIP_Retcode
3  {
4      SCIP_OKAY                = +1, /* normal termination */
5      SCIP_ERROR               = 0,  /* unspecified error */
6      SCIP_NOMEMORY           = -1, /* insufficient memory error */
7      SCIP_READERROR          = -2, /* read error */
8      SCIP_WRITEERROR         = -3, /* write error */
9      ...;
10 };
11 typedef enum SCIP_Retcode SCIP_RETCODE;
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SCIP_RETCODEs ...

- ▶ are returned by most of the SCIP functions
- ▶ should be handled with `SCIP_CALL(...)` macro

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2 #define SQR(x)      ((x)*(x))
3
4 /* returns the retnode if it is not SCIP_OKAY */
5 #define SCIP_CALL(x) do
6 {
7     SCIP_RETCODE _restat_;
8     if( (_restat_ = (x)) != SCIP_OKAY )
9     {
10         SCIPerrorMessage("Error <%d>\n", _restat_);
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- ▶ macros will be replaced by the preprocessor
- ▶ be cautious when using/defining macros

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- ▶ in `SCIP_CALL(...)` we might return a `SCIP_RETCODE` but function is `void`
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How to call SCIP functions.

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1 /* transforms, presolves, and solves the problem */  
2 SCIP_RETCODE SCIPsolve(SCIP* scip);
```

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1 void foo(SCIP* scip)  
2 {  
3     SCIPsolve(scip);  
4 }
```

WRONG!

- ▶ does not use return value of `SCIPsolve`, we would not recognize any error
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1 void foo(SCIP* scip)  
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3     SCIP_CALL( SCIPsolve(scip) );  
4 }
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WRONG!

- ▶ in `SCIP_CALL(...)` we might return a `SCIP_RETCODE` but function is `void`
-

```
1 SCIP_RETCODE foo(SCIP* scip)  
2 {  
3     SCIP_CALL( SCIPsolve(scip) );  
4     return SCIP_OKAY;  
5 }
```

CORRECT!

- ▶ function needs to return a `SCIP_RETCODE` in any case

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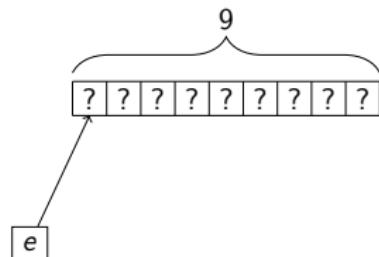
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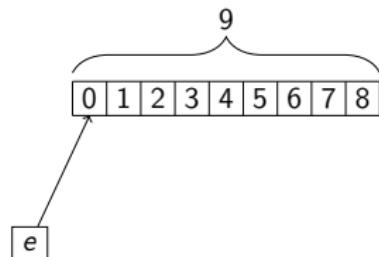
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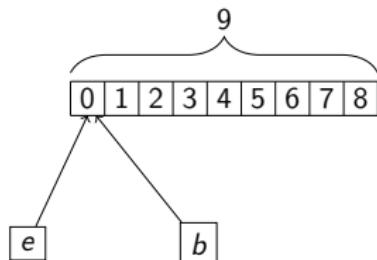
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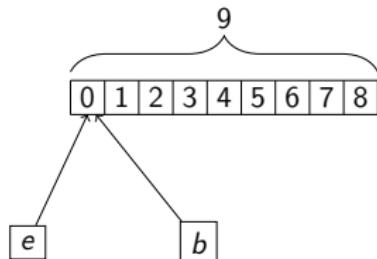
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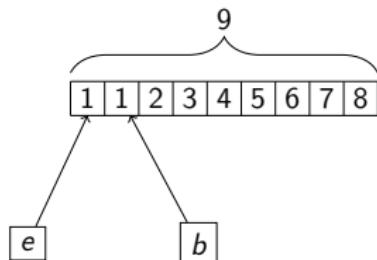
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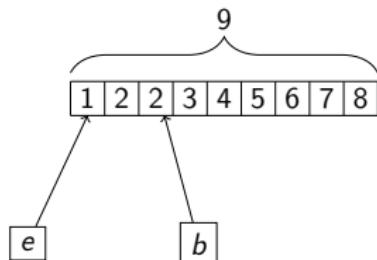
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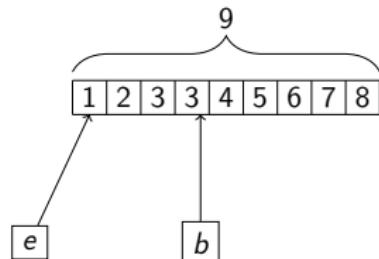
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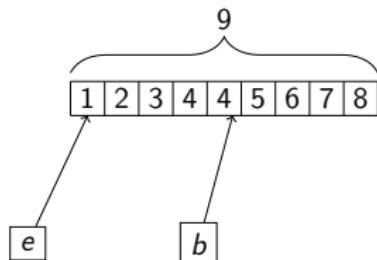
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```
1 int* createArray(int n)
2 {
3     int b[n];
4     return b;
5 }
```

- ▶ `int b[...];` does only work for constants
- ▶ memory for `b` is only allocated in its scope

SCIP has its own memory management.

Use...

- ▶ `SCIPallocBufferArray(...)` to allocate memory for an array
- ▶ `SCIPfreeBufferArray(...)` to free allocated memory for an array
- ▶ `SCIPallocMemory(...)` to allocate memory for a struct
- ▶ `SCIPfreeMemory(...)` to free allocated memory for a struct

Note...

- ▶ wrappers for `malloc(...)` and `free(...)`
- ▶ memory is not cleared after allocation
- ▶ more functions to allocate memory in SCIP, see `src/scip/scip.h`

SCIP's memory management

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3  /* void* can store any kind of pointer */
4  /* frees a buffer array */
5  void SCIPfreeBufferArray(SCIP* scip, void** ptr);
6
7  /* allocates memory for a struct */
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```
1  SCIP_RETCODE foo(SCIP* scip, int n)
2  {
3      SCIP_Real* b;
4
5      SCIP_CALL( SCIPallocBufferArray(scip, &b, n) ); /* array is not cleared */
6
7      ...; /* do something with the array */
8
9      SCIPfreeBufferArray(scip, &b); /* important to free memory afterwards */
10
11     return SCIP_OKAY;
12 }
```

SCIP's memory management



How to allocate a two dimensional array

```
1  SCIP_RETCODE foo(SCIP* scip, int n, int m)
2  {
3      SCIP_Bool** b;           /* think of b as: array of arrays */
4      int i;
5
6      SCIP_CALL( SCIPallocBufferArray(scip, &b, n) ); /* as before */
7
8      for( i = 0; i < n; ++i )
9      {
10         /* this is an allocation of an array as we have seen it before,
11         * the type of b[i] is SCIP_Bool*/
12         */
13         SCIP_CALL( SCIPallocBufferArray(scip, &b[i], m) );
14     }
15
16     b[0][0] = TRUE;          /* set a value of two dimensional array */
17
18     /* free memory in reversed order */
19     for( i = n - 1; i >= 0; --i )
20     {
21         SCIPfreeBufferArray(scip, &b[i])
22     }
23
24     /* free b at the end */
25     SCIPfreeBufferArray(scip, &b);
26 }
```

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First IP with SCIP

Solve the following IP for given $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n -|\sin(i)| \cdot x_i$$

$$s.t. \sum_{i=1}^n i \cdot x_i \leq k$$

$$x \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

```
1 #include "scip/scip.h"
2 #include "scip/scipdefplugins.h"           /* to include default plugins */
3
4 /* adds variables and constraints to SCIP */
5 SCIP_RETCODE createIP(SCIP* scip, int n, int k){ ...; }
6
7 /* creates and solves the IP for given n and k */
8 SCIP_RETCODE solveIP(int n, int k)
{
9     SCIP* scip;
10
11     /* create and initialize SCIP data structures */
12     SCIP_CALL( SCIPcreate(&scip) );
13
14     /* include default plugins */
15     SCIP_CALL( SCIPincludeDefaultPlugins(scip) );
16
17     /* create the IP */
18     SCIP_CALL( createIP(scip, n, k) );
19
20     /* solve the IP */
21     SCIP_CALL( SCIPsolve(scip) );
22
23     /* print best solution */
24     SCIP_CALL( SCIPprintBestSol(scip, NULL, FALSE) );
25
26     /* frees SCIP data structure */
27     SCIP_CALL( SCIPfree(&scip) );
28
29     return SCIP_OKAY;
30 }
```

Create an IP with SCIP



```
1  /* adds variables and constraints to SCIP */
2  SCIP_RETCODE createIP(SCIP* scip, int n, int k)
3  {
4      /* check preconditions */
5      assert(scip != NULL);
6      assert(n > 0 && k > 0);
7
8      /* create empty problem */
9      SCIP_CALL( SCIPcreateProbBasic(scip, "coatwork-IP") );
10
11     /* 1.) create variables */
12     ...;
13
14     /* 2.) create constraint */
15     ...;
16
17     /* 3.) free memory */
18     ...;
19
20     return SCIP_OKAY;
21 }
```

1.) Create Variables



```
1  /* add this to the top of createIP(...) */
2  SCIP_VAR** vars;                      /* array of SCIP_VAR* pointer */
3  char varname[SCIP_MAXSTRLEN];          /* char array (string) */
4  int i;
5
6  /* allocate array which is only needed in this function */
7  SCIP_CALL( SCIPallocBufferArray(scip, &vars) );
8
9  for( i = 0; i < n; ++i )
10 {
11    /* store variable name in varname */
12    (void) SCIPsnprintf(varname, SCIP_MAXSTRLEN, "x_%d", i);
13
14    /* create variable */
15    SCIP_CALL( SCIPcreateVarBasic(scip, &vars[i], varname,
16        0.0, 1.0, -REALABS(sin(i+1)), SCIP_VARTYPE_BINARY) );
17
18    /* add variable to SCIP */
19    SCIP_CALL( SCIPaddVar(scip, vars[i]) );
20 }
```

2.) Create Constraints



```
1  /* add this to the top of createIP(...) */
2  SCIP_CONS* cons;
3  SCIP_Real* coefs;    /* array of SCIP_Real values */
4
5  /* allocate array for all coefficients */
6  SCIP_CALL( SCIPAllocBufferArray(scip, &coefs, n) );
7
8  /* set correct coefficients */
9  for( i = 0; i < n; ++i )
10    coefs[i] = i + 1.0; /* (i+1) x_i */
11
12 /* create linear constraint */
13 SCIP_CALL( SCIPcreateConsBasicLinear(scip, &cons, "cons1",
14                                     n, vars, coefs, -SCIPinfinity(scip), k) );
15
16 /* add constraint to SCIP */
17 SCIP_CALL( SCIPaddCons(scip, cons) );
18
19 /* release constraint (if not needed anymore) */
20 SCIP_CALL( SCIPreleaseCons(scip, &cons) );
21
22 /* release array for coefficients */
23 SCIP_CALL( SCIPfreeBufferArray(scip, &coefs) );
```

3.) Free Memory



```
1  /* release variables (if not needed anymore) */
2  for( i = n - 1; i >= 0; --i )
3  {
4      /* release i-th variable */
5      SCIP_CALL( SCIPreleaseVar(scip, &vars[i]) );
6  }
7
8  /* free array for variables */
9  SCIP_CALL( SCIPfreeBufferArray(scip, &vars) );
```

- ▶ find the complete source code here:
projects SCIPoptsuite-3.2.0/scip/examples/FirstIP/cmain.c
- ▶ compile with: "make" or "make OPT=dbg"
- ▶ usage: ./bin/firstmip <n> <k>

Try to add the following things:

- ▶ display statistics after solving the problem
- ▶ print the solution value of the best solution in a debug message
- ▶ set a time and a node limit before calling SCIPsolve(scip)

Debug Output



Put `#define SCIP_DEBUG` on top of a file to activate debug output.

```
1 /* write your own debug messages */
2 SCIPdebugMessage("a debug message printing a retcode %d\n", x);
```

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[src/scip/heur_rounding.c:671] debug: rounding heuristic: search rounding variable and try to stay feasible
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[src/scip/heur_rounding.c:682] debug: rounding heuristic: -> round var <t ANMI1>, oldval=0.47536, newval=10, obj=140
[src/scip/heur_rounding.c:700] debug: rounding heuristic: -> nfrac=3, nviolrows=3, obj=1.1748e+06 (best possible obj: 1.173e+06)
[src/scip/heur_rounding.c:634] debug: rounding heuristic: nfrac=3, nviolrows=3, obj=1.1748e+06 (best possible obj: 1.173e+06)
[src/scip/heur_rounding.c:655] debug: rounding heuristic: try to fix violated row <ANZ3>: 486 <= 480 <= 486
[src/scip/heur_rounding.c:678] debug: rounding heuristic: -> didn't find a rounding variable
  0.0s| 1 | 0 | 11 | - | 272k| 0 | 8 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.167905e+06 | 1.202700e+06 | 2.98%
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How to find the functions to use for your project:

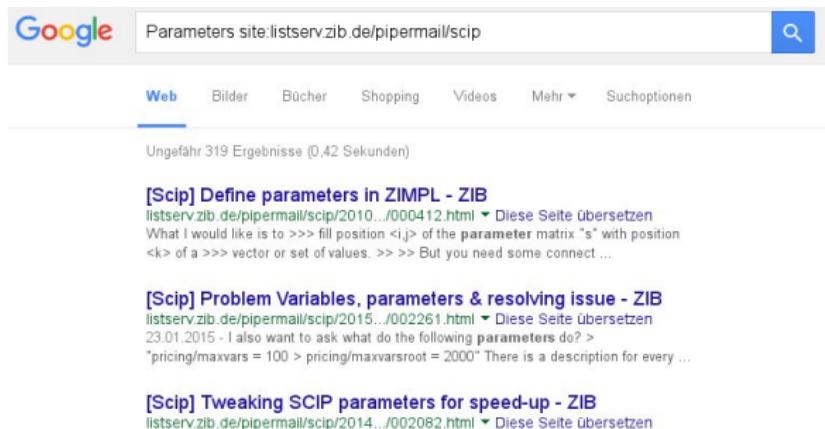
- ▶ either in `src/scip/scip.h`
- ▶ or in one of `src/scip/pub_<name>.h`

How to create and add constraints of various types:

- ▶ `#include scip/cons_<name>.h`
- ▶ then use `SCIPcreateConsBasic<name>(...)`
- ▶ or `SCIPcreateCons<name>(...)` (more customizable)

More SCIP infos

- ▶ documentation, coding examples, and FAQ:
<http://scip.zib.de/doc/html>
- ▶ SCIP mailing list archives:
<http://listserv.zib.de/pipermail/scip/>
- ▶ or use Google search with option
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A screenshot of a Google search results page. The search query is "Parameters site:listserv.zib.de/pipermail/scip". The results are filtered by the "Web" tab. The first result is a link to a SCIP mailing list post titled "[Scip] Define parameters in ZIMPL - ZIB". The second result is a link to a post titled "[Scip] Problem Variables, parameters & resolving issue - ZIB". The third result is a link to a post titled "[Scip] Tweaking SCIP parameters for speed-up - ZIB". Each result includes a snippet of the post content and a "Diese Seite übersetzen" button.

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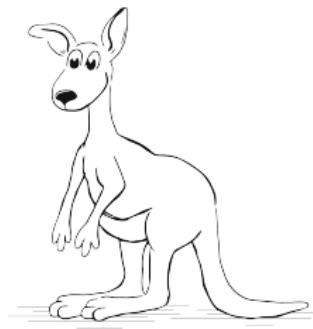
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