

## CoCoALib - Bug #1089

### invalid pointer in "free"

11 Jul 2017 10:24 - John Abbott

<b>Status:</b>	In Progress	<b>Start date:</b>	11 Jul 2017
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	John Abbott	<b>% Done:</b>	10%
<b>Category:</b>	Various	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	CoCoALib-1.0	<b>Spent time:</b>	1.00 hour

#### Description

I have a non-trivial program written using CoCoALib which causes the following error (on Fedora Linux):

```
*** Error in `./BigGCD-factor': free(): invalid pointer: 0x000000001ef2bc8 ***
```

The problem appears after about 54 hours' CPU, and seems not to occur with small parameters (and faster run times). A second run reproduced the same problem at the same point (as far as I recall).

#### History

##### #1 - 11 Jul 2017 10:27 - John Abbott

- Subject changed from *inavlid pointer in "free"* to *invalid pointer in "free"*

How to debug this? Finding a smaller/faster example would help... but how?  
Perhaps I'll try running it with valgrind or maybe gdb?

It'll take a long time, I fear.

**UPDATE** With valgrind I estimate more than 1500 hours' run-time; so I have stopped it. Trying gdb instead...

##### #2 - 20 Jul 2017 13:06 - John Abbott

- Status changed from *New* to *In Progress*

- Assignee set to *John Abbott*

- % Done changed from *0* to *10*

After about 150 hours the program running under gdb the program finally died from a SIGABRT.

The problem occurred inside `DistrMPolyImplPP::ourDeleteSummands`; apparently a coefficient pointer is invalid (corrupted?)

##### #3 - 15 Mar 2024 18:31 - John Abbott

- Related to Feature #743: *Better errors: give supplementary info about the error added*

##### #4 - 15 Mar 2024 18:31 - John Abbott

- Related to deleted (Feature #743: *Better errors: give supplementary info about the error*)