

- A. In what way does our code fail to comply with the C standard?
- B. Modify the code to run properly on any machine for which data type `int` is at least 32 bits.
- C. Modify the code to run properly on any machine for which data type `int` is at least 16 bits.

**2.68 ♦♦**

Write code for a function with the following prototype:

```
/*
 * Mask with least significant n bits set to 1
 * Examples: n = 6 --> 0x3F, n = 17 --> 0x1FFFF
 * Assume 1 <= n <= w
 */
int lower_one_mask(int n);
```

Your function should follow the bit-level integer coding rules (page 164). Be careful of the case  $n = w$ .

**2.69 ♦♦♦**

Write code for a function with the following prototype:

```
/*
 * Do rotating left shift. Assume 0 <= n < w
 * Examples when x = 0x12345678 and w = 32:
 *   n=4 -> 0x23456781, n=20 -> 0x67812345
 */
unsigned rotate_left(unsigned x, int n);
```

Your function should follow the bit-level integer coding rules (page 164). Be careful of the case  $n = 0$ .

**2.70 ♦♦**

Write code for the function with the following prototype:

```
/*
 * Return 1 when x can be represented as an n-bit, 2's-complement
 * number; 0 otherwise
 * Assume 1 <= n <= w
 */
int fits_bits(int x, int n);
```

Your function should follow the bit-level integer coding rules (page 164).

**2.71 ♦**

You just started working for a company that is implementing a set of procedures to operate on a data structure where 4 signed bytes are packed into a 32-bit unsigned. Bytes within the word are numbered from 0 (least significant) to 3

(most significant). You have been assigned the task of implementing a function for a machine using two's-complement arithmetic and arithmetic right shifts with the following prototype:

```
/* Declaration of data type where 4 bytes are packed
   into an unsigned */
typedef unsigned packed_t;

/* Extract byte from word. Return as signed integer */
int xbyte(packed_t word, int bytenum);
```

That is, the function will extract the designated byte and sign extend it to be a 32-bit int.

Your predecessor (who was fired for incompetence) wrote the following code:

```
/* Failed attempt at xbyte */
int xbyte(packed_t word, int bytenum)
{
    return (word >> (bytenum << 3)) & 0xFF;
}
```

- A. What is wrong with this code?
- B. Give a correct implementation of the function that uses only left and right shifts, along with one subtraction.

## 2.72 ♦♦

You are given the task of writing a function that will copy an integer `val` into a buffer `buf`, but it should do so only if enough space is available in the buffer.

Here is the code you write:

```
/* Copy integer into buffer if space is available */
/* WARNING: The following code is buggy */
void copy_int(int val, void *buf, int maxbytes) {
    if (maxbytes - sizeof(val) >= 0)
        memcpy(buf, (void *) &val, sizeof(val));
}
```

This code makes use of the library function `memcpy`. Although its use is a bit artificial here, where we simply want to copy an `int`, it illustrates an approach commonly used to copy larger data structures.

You carefully test the code and discover that it *always* copies the value to the buffer, even when `maxbytes` is too small.

- A. Explain why the conditional test in the code always succeeds. *Hint:* The `sizeof` operator returns a value of type `size_t`.
- B. Show how you can rewrite the conditional test to make it work properly.

```
void *malloc(size_t size);
void *memset(void *s, int c, size_t n);
```

**2.77 ♦♦**

Suppose we are given the task of generating code to multiply integer variable  $x$  by various different constant factors  $K$ . To be efficient, we want to use only the operations  $+$ ,  $-$ , and  $\ll$ . For the following values of  $K$ , write C expressions to perform the multiplication using at most three operations per expression.

- A.  $K = 17$
- B.  $K = -7$
- C.  $K = 60$
- D.  $K = -112$

**2.78 ♦♦**

Write code for a function with the following prototype:

```
/* Divide by power of 2. Assume 0 <= k < w-1 */
int divide_power2(int x, int k);
```

The function should compute  $x/2^k$  with correct rounding, and it should follow the bit-level integer coding rules (page 164).

**2.79 ♦♦**

Write code for a function `mul3div4` that, for integer argument  $x$ , computes  $3 * x/4$  but follows the bit-level integer coding rules (page 164). Your code should replicate the fact that the computation  $3*x$  can cause overflow.

**2.80 ♦♦♦**

Write code for a function `threefourths` that, for integer argument  $x$ , computes the value of  $\frac{3}{4}x$ , rounded toward zero. It should not overflow. Your function should follow the bit-level integer coding rules (page 164).

**2.81 ♦♦**

Write C expressions to generate the bit patterns that follow, where  $a^k$  represents  $k$  repetitions of symbol  $a$ . Assume a  $w$ -bit data type. Your code may contain references to parameters  $j$  and  $k$ , representing the values of  $j$  and  $k$ , but not a parameter representing  $w$ .

- A.  $1^{w-k}0^k$
- B.  $0^{w-k-j}1^k0^j$

**2.82 ♦**

We are running programs where values of type `int` are 32 bits. They are represented in two's complement, and they are right shifted arithmetically. Values of type `unsigned` are also 32 bits.

We generate arbitrary values  $x$  and  $y$ , and convert them to unsigned values as follows:

```
/* Create some arbitrary values */
int x = random();
int y = random();
/* Convert to unsigned */
unsigned ux = (unsigned) x;
unsigned uy = (unsigned) y;
```

For each of the following C expressions, you are to indicate whether or not the expression *always* yields 1. If it always yields 1, describe the underlying mathematical principles. Otherwise, give an example of arguments that make it yield 0.

- A.  $(x < y) == (-x > -y)$
- B.  $((x + y) < 4) + y - x == 17 * y + 15 * x$
- C.  $\sim x + \sim y + 1 == \sim(x + y)$
- D.  $(ux - uy) == -(\text{unsigned})(y - x)$
- E.  $((x >> 2) << 2) <= x$

### 2.83 ♦♦

Consider numbers having a binary representation consisting of an infinite string of the form  $0.yyy\ldots$ , where  $y$  is a  $k$ -bit sequence. For example, the binary representation of  $\frac{1}{3}$  is  $0.01010101\ldots$  ( $y = 01$ ), while the representation of  $\frac{1}{5}$  is  $0.001100110011\ldots$  ( $y = 0011$ ).

- A. Let  $Y = B2U_k(y)$ , that is, the number having binary representation  $y$ . Give a formula in terms of  $Y$  and  $k$  for the value represented by the infinite string. *Hint:* Consider the effect of shifting the binary point  $k$  positions to the right.
- B. What is the numeric value of the string for the following values of  $y$ ?
  - (a) 101
  - (b) 0110
  - (c) 010011

### 2.84 ♦

Fill in the return value for the following procedure, which tests whether its first argument is less than or equal to its second. Assume the function `f2u` returns an unsigned 32-bit number having the same bit representation as its floating-point argument. You can assume that neither argument is *NaN*. The two flavors of zero,  $+0$  and  $-0$ , are considered equal.

```
int float_le(float x, float y) {
    unsigned ux = f2u(x);
    unsigned uy = f2u(y);
```