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SAMPLE FINAL EXAM ONE, SOLUTION – SEMESTER 2, 2016  
COMP20005 ENGINEERING COMPUTATION

**Student ID:**

**Reading Time:** fifteen minutes

**Writing Time:** two hours

**Total marks for this Exam: 60**

This exam has 4 pages.

**Identical Examination Papers:** None

**Common Content Papers:** None

**Authorised Materials:**

Writing materials, e.g., pens, pencils, are allowed.

Books, calculators, and dictionaries are *not* allowed.

**Instructions to Invigilators:**

Supply students with standard script book(s).

**The exam paper must remain in the exam room and be returned to the subject coordinator.**

**Instructions to Students:**

- Attempt all questions.
- You may attempt the questions in any order. *However, you should write your answers that belong to the same question together.*
- Clearly write your answers. Any unreadable answer will be considered wrong.
- You are not required to write comments in any of your code fragments or functions. If a question says “write a function”, you may write appropriate further functions if you believe that a decomposition of the problem is appropriate.
- You may make use of library functions except when their use is explicitly prohibited. If you do make use of library functions, you must add suitable `#include` lines at the start of each corresponding answer.
- Constants should be `#define`’d prior to functions, when appropriate.

**1. Short answer questions [3 marks for each question]**

- (1) In a 16-bit two's complement number representation for integers, what bit pattern represents the decimal number 123, and what bit pattern represents the decimal number -123?

000000001111011

111111110000101

- (2) Assume a 16-bit floating point number system where the most significant bit represents the sign; the following 3 bits represent an integer exponent of 2 with two's complement representation; and the rest of the bits represent the mantissa. For example, decimal number 0.375 is represented by 0 111 1100 0000 0000 in this system. Then for decimal number 0.625, what will it be represented by in this system?

0 000 1010 0000 0000

- (3) State two desired properties of numeric processing algorithms (among those listed in the lecture slides) that are different from the desired properties of symbolic processing algorithms.

1. Effective, in that yield correct answers and have broad applicability and/or limited restrictions on use

2. (For approximations) Stable and reliable in terms of the underlying arithmetic being performed.

- (4) In general, to fit  $n$  arbitrary points, a polynomial function of degree  $x$  is needed. Here, what would be a possible value of  $x$ ?

Any integer  $\geq n-1$ .

- (5) State the conditions required for applying the "generate and test" technique.

1. The set of candidates can be enumerated and that each candidate can be checked to confirm whether it is the correct problem solution.

2. The set of candidates needs to be ordered in some way, so that a program can sequentially test until it finds a solution.

**Programming questions**

2. [10 marks] Write a function `void reverseArray(int intArray[], int n)` that reverses the order of `n` integers in `intArray`.

For example, if `intArray = {1, 3, 8, 6, 2}` and `n = 5` is given to the function, then after calling the function, `intArray` should become `{2, 6, 8, 3, 1}`.

You may assume that `intArray` contains at least one integer. You may **NOT** define any new arrays in the `reverseArray` function (that is, your code must operate on `intArray` itself only).

```
void reverseArray(int intArray[], int n){
    int i, tmp;

    for (i = 0; i < n/2; i++) {
        tmp = intArray[i];
        intArray[i] = intArray[n-1-i];
        intArray[n-1-i] = tmp;
    }
}
```

3. [10 marks] Write a function `void myStrCat(char *dst, char *src)` that appends string `src` to the end of string `dst`.

For example, if `dst = "abc"` and `src = "def"`, then the call `myStrCat(dst, src)` will change `dst` to `"abcdef"`.

You may assume that both `dst` and `src` contain at least one character, and that `dst` has sufficient space to store the new characters from `src`. You may **NOT** change `src` or make use of any functions in the `<string.h>` library.

```
void myStrCat(char *dst, char *src) {
    int i = 0, j = 0;

    while(dst[i]) {
        i++;
    }
    while(src[j]) {
        dst[i] = src[j];
        i++;
        j++;
    }
    dst[i] = '\0';
}
```

4. [15 marks] A rectangle is represented by its lower and upper bounds in the  $x$ -dimension and lower and upper bounds in the  $y$ -dimension, denoted by  $lx$ ,  $ux$ ,  $ly$ ,  $uy$ , respectively. These bounds should be stored by `double` variables.

(1) Write the definition of a `struct` type named `rectangle_t` that represents a rectangle following the description above.

```
typedef struct {  
    double lx, ux, ly, uy;  
} rectangle_t;
```

(2) Write a function `int intersect(rectangle_t rect1, rectangle_t rect2)` that returns 1 if the two rectangles `rect1` and `rect2` given intersect each other. The function should return 0 otherwise.

To check whether `rect1` and `rect2` intersect, your function `intersect()` needs to check whether the bounds of the two rectangles overlap with each other in both dimensions. Note that if the two rectangles only overlap at a vertex or an edge, they are still considered intersected.

```
int intersect(rectangle_t rect1, rectangle_t rect2) {  
    return !(rect1.ux < rect2.lx || rect1.lx > rect2.ux ||  
            rect1.uy < rect2.ly || rect1.ly > rect2.uy);  
}
```

(3) Write a function `int countIntersect(rectangle_t rects1[], int n1, rectangle_t rects2[], int n2)` that counts and returns how many pairs of rectangles from the two arrays `rects1` and `rects2` intersect each other. Here, `n1` and `n2` are the size of the two arrays, respectively.

You may assume that `n1 >= 0` and `n2 >= 0`.

```
int countIntersect(rectangle_t rects1[], int n1,  
    rectangle_t rects2[], int n2) {  
    int i, j, count = 0;  
    for(i = 0; i < n1; i++) {  
        for(j = 0; j < n2; j++) {  
            count += intersect(rects1[i], rects2[j]);  
        }  
    }  
    return count;  
}
```

5. [5 marks] Write a **recursive** function `int isPalindrome(char *str, int n)` that returns 1 if `str` is a palindrome, that is, reads exactly the same forwards as well as backwards. If `str` is not a palindrome, then the function should return 0. Here, `n` is the length of the string `str`.

For example, if `str = "rats live on no evil star"`, then the call `isPalindrome(str, 25)` should return 1. If `str = "abab"`, then the call `isPalindrome(str, 4)` should return 0.

If you use iteration rather than recursion to answer this question, the full mark of this question will reduce to **2 marks**.

You may assume that `str` contains lowercase English characters only.

```
int isPalindrome(char *str, int n) {
    if (str == NULL) {
        return 0;
    }
    if (n <= 1) {
        return 1;
    }
    if (str[0] == str[n-1]) {
        return isPalindrome(str+1, n-2);
    }
    return 0;
}

// Iterative solution
int isPalindrome(char* str, int n) {
    if (str == NULL){
        return 0;
    }
    for (i = 0; i < n/2; i++) {
        if (str[i] != str[n-1-i]){
            return 0;
        }
    }
    return 1;
}
```

6. **[5 marks]** Write a function `int randomisedSubsetSum(int items[], int n, int k)` that uses a randomised strategy to solve the subset sum problem with the set of  $n$  ( $0 < n < 100$ ) items represented by the `items` array, and the sum to achieve represented by `k`.

This randomised strategy repeats the following steps for 10,000 iterations. At each iteration, it randomly chooses an integer `num` ( $0 < \text{num} \leq n$ ). Then it randomly chooses `num` items from the `items` array. If these `num` items add to `k`, then the function `randomisedSubsetSum()` returns 1. Otherwise, it starts the next iteration. When 10,000 iterations are completed, the function `randomisedSubsetSum` returns 0.

When choosing the `num` items randomly, you need to find a way to guarantee that no item is chosen twice from the `items` array.

You need to add suitable `#include` lines if you use any library functions.

```
#include <stdlib.h>

#define MAX_N 100
#define MAX_ITERATION 10000
#define SEED 123456789

int randomisedSubsetSum(int items[], int n, int k) {
    int i = 0, num, sum;
    srand(SEED);
    while (i < MAX_ITERATION) {
        num = rand() % n + 1;
        sum = sumItems(items, n, num);
        if (sum == k) {
            return 1;
        }
        i++;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
int sumItems(int items[], int n, int num) {
    /* An array to record if an item has been chosen */
    int flag[MAX_N];
    int i, j, counter, sum = 0, choice;

    /* No item has been chosen yet */
    for (i = 0; i < MAX_N; i++) {
        flag[i] = 0;
    }

    /* Choose num items */
    for (i= 0; i < num; i++) {
        /* Choose one from the n-i remaining items */
        choice = rand() % (n-i) + 1;

        /* Locate the chosen item, which is the choice'(th)
        remaining item */
        j = 0;
        counter = 0;
        while (counter < choice) {
            if (!flag[j]) {
                counter++;
            }
            if (counter < choice) {
                j++;
            }
        }

        /* Mark the chosen item as chosen */
        flag[j] = 1;
        sum += items[j];
    }
}
```

**End of exam**