

# 15-122: Principles of Imperative Computation, Fall 2017

## Written Homework 11

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This written homework provides practice with some introductory C concepts.

### Instructions

You can prepare your submission in one of two ways:

**Just edit (preferred)** Use any PDF editor (e.g., Preview on Mac, iAnnotate on mobile, Acrobat Pro installed on all non-CS cluster machines and most platforms) to typeset your answers in the given spaces — you can even draw pictures. *That's it.*

**Print and Scan** Alternatively, print this file, write your answers *neatly* by hand, and then scan it into a PDF file. *This is pretty labor-intensive.*

Once you have prepared your submission, submit it on Gradescope. You have unlimited submissions.

Question:	1	2	3	Total
Points:	3.5	4.5	4	12
Score:				

**Evaluation Summary** Once this homework is graded, you will be able to find a summary of your performance on Gradescope.

3.5pts

## 1. Contracts in C

The code below is taken from the lecture notes on hash sets in C0. This is also legal C code (assuming all the right definitions are available), but the contracts will not be checked in C.

```
elem hset_lookup(hset* H, elem x)
//@requires is_hset(H);
//@requires x != NULL;
//@ensures \result==NULL || elem_equiv(\result, x);
{
    int i = elemhash(H, x);
    for (chain* p = H->table[i]; p != NULL; p = p->next) {
        //@assert p->data != NULL;
        if (elem_equiv(p->data, x)) return p->data;
    }
    return NULL;
}
```

Rewrite the function in the box on the next page as follows:

- Insert assignment statements so that all return statements have the form **return result**. (In other words, use the variable **result**, defined on the next page, to hold the return value for all cases and use this variable in your postcondition.)
- Insert any necessary C contracts so that, when compiled with the flag **-DDEBUG**, contracts will be checked as they would be in C0 with the flag **-d**.

Do *not* simplify any contracts even if it is immediately obvious from the context that you could do so. You may omit the C0 contracts (lines beginning **//@**) even though in practice we might like to keep them.

```
elem hset_lookup(hset* H, elem x) {
    REQUIRES(is_hset(H));
    REQUIRES(x != NULL);
    int i = elemhash(H, x);

    elem result;
    for (chain* p = H->table[i]; p != NULL; p = p->next) {
        ASSERT (p->data != NULL);
        if (elem_equiv(p->data, x)) {
            result = p->data;
            ENSURES (result == NULL || elem_equiv(result, x));
            return result;
        }
    }
    result = NULL;
    ENSURES(result == NULL || elem_equiv(result, x));
    return result;
}
```

4.5pts

## 2. Allocating and freeing memory in C

Here is a leaky C program that works with NULL-terminated linked lists. We've omitted the code for `print_list` because it can't leak any memory. Contracts have been omitted for the sake of space.

```
1 typedef struct list_node list;
2 struct list_node {
3     int data;
4     list* next;
5 };
6 void free_list(list* L) {
7     list* current = L;
8     while (current != NULL) {
9         list* next = current->next;
10        free(current);
11        current = next;
12    }
13    return;
14 }
15 void sum(list* L) {
16     list* sum = xmalloc(sizeof(list));
17     sum->data = 0;
18     list* current = L;
19     while (current != NULL) {
20         sum->data += current->data;
21         current = current->next;
22     }
23     L->data = sum->data;
24     L->next = NULL;
25     return;
26 }
27 int main() {
28     list* current = NULL;
29     for (int i=0 ; i<10 ; i++) {
30         ASSERT(0 <= i);
31         list* new = xmalloc(sizeof(list));
32         new->data = i;
33         new->next = current;
34         current = new;
35     }
36     printf("Initial list: "); print_list(current);
37     sum(current);
38     printf("Summed list: "); print_list(current);
39     return 0;
40 }
```



### 3. Pass by Reference Using C

At various points in our C0 programming experience, we had to use somewhat awkward workarounds to deal with functions that need to return more than one value. Stack-allocated data structures and the address-of operator (&) in C give us a new way of dealing with this issue.

Sometimes, a function needs to be able to both 1) signal whether it can return a result, and 2) return that result if it is able to. Consider the following function `parse_string` that attempts to parse a string into an integer:

```
bool parse(char *s, int *i); // Returns true iff parse succeeds
```

```
void parse_string(char *s) {  
    REQUIRES(s != NULL);  
    int *i = xmalloc(sizeof(int));  
    if (parse(s, i))  
        printf("Success: %d.\n", *i);  
    else  
        printf("Failure.\n");  
    free(i);  
    return;  
}
```

The function `parse_string` relies on `parse`, a function which both sets `*i` to an integer equivalent to the integer pattern in `*s` (if possible) and also returns a boolean value of `true` if the parse succeeds, or `false` otherwise.

2pts

**3.1** Using the address-of operator, rewrite the body of the `parse_string` function so that it does not heap-allocate, free, or leak any memory on the heap. You may assume `parse` has been implemented (its prototype is given above).

```
void parse_string(char *s) {  
    REQUIRES(s != NULL);  
    int i = 0;  
    if (parse(s, &i))  
        printf("Success: %d.\n", i);  
    else  
        printf("Failure.\n");  
  
    return;  
}
```

2pts

3.2 In both C and C0, multiple values can be ‘returned’ by bundling them in a struct:

```

struct bundle {
    int fst;
    int snd;
};

struct bundle *split_int(int p) {
    struct bundle *A = xmalloc(sizeof(struct bundle));
    A->fst = p>=0 ? 1 : -1; // first value to be returned
    A->snd = abs(p);        // second value to be returned
    return A;              // return both values together as a struct
}

int main() {
    ...
    struct bundle *B = split_int(-42);
    int sign  = B->fst;
    int value = B->snd;
    free(B);
    ...
}

```

Complete the declaration of the function `split_int`, as well as the snippet of `main`, to avoid heap-allocating, freeing, or leaking any memory on the heap. The rest of the code (...) should continue to behave exactly as it did before.

```

void split_int(____ struct bundle *A _____, int p) {
    A->fst = p>=0 ? 1 : -1;
    A->snd = abs(p);
    return;
}

int main() {
    ...
    struct bundle B;

    split_int(_____ &B _____, -42);

    int sign  = _____ B.fst _____;

    int value = _____ B.snd _____;
    ...
}

```