

**Effective Programming in C and Unix - Spring 2011**  
**Written Midterm – 50 points**  
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SOLUTION

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	PART 1 – Number Representations	PART 2 – Debugging	PART 3 – Pointers	PART 3 – Linked Lists
MAX POINTS	10	15	10	15
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## PART I – DATA REPRESENTATIONS (10 pts)

Assume that we have a machine where ints and pointers are represented using 16-bits. Answer the following questions.

1. What is the maximum signed positive integer that can be represented in this machine? Express the answer in hexadecimal only

0X 7FFF

2. What is the minimum signed negative integer that can be represented in this machine? Express the answer in hexadecimal only

0X 8000

3. Show the representation of -2 in this machine (note that the machine does two's complement arithmetic). Express the answer in hexadecimal only

$2 = 0002$   
 $\neg 2 = \text{FFFF}$   
 $+1$   
 $1 + \neg 2 = \text{FFFE}$

$2 = 0010$   
 $\neg 2 = 1101$   
 $= D$

4. Is it true that in this machine we will always get  
a.  $(x+y)+z = x+(y+z)$  for all integers x, y and z  
b.  $x+1 > x$  for all integers x. **False**

If the answer is false (in each case) provide a counter example. If the answer is true (in each case) make a reasonable argument to support your claim.

(a) true — modula arithmetic preserve mathematical properties

false

(b)  $X = 7FFF$   $X+1 = 8000 =$

$X+1 < X$

5. Express 0x45 in decimal

$16^1 \quad 16^0$

$4 \times 16 + 5 = 69$

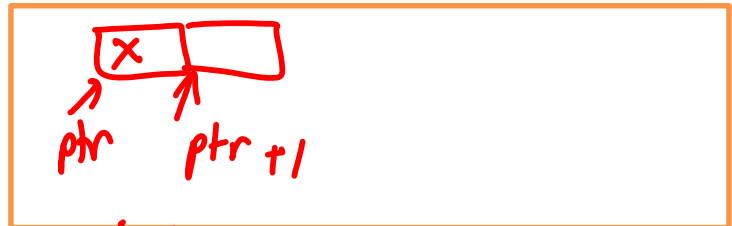
## PART II – Debugging Questions (15 points – 3 each)

All questions in this part either seg faults or produce a valid output. If the code is seg faulting, then there is a standard list of error types that you can use to describe the error type. You don't have to use this list though. The list is given below for reference purposes.

- A) dereference of uninitialized or otherwise invalid pointer
- B) insufficient (or none) allocated storage for operation
- C) storage used after free
- D) allocation freed repeatedly
- E) free of unallocated or potentially storage
- F) free of stack space
- G) return, directly or via argument, of pointer to local variable
- H) dereference of wrong type
- I) assignment of incompatible types
- J) program logic confuses pointer and referenced type
- K) incorrect use of pointer arithmetic
- L) array index out of bounds

1. Does this code seg fault or produce an output? Justify in either case.

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[] ){  
    int x = 10;  
    int* ptr = &x;  
    ptr++;  
    printf("%x %d \n", ptr, (*ptr));  
}
```



undefined

2. Does this code seg fault or terminate normally with return 0? Explain briefly and point to places in the code that needs to be fixed (if any).

```
#define n 100
```

```
int main( ) {  
    int** A;  
    allocate(A);  
    free(A);  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
int allocate(int** array){  
    int** arrayint = (int**)malloc(n*sizeof(int*));  
    array = arrayint;  
    return 0;  
}
```

no memory gets allocated for A

seg fault

local

3. What is the purpose of the following code? Will this code seg fault? If so, how would you fix the code to prevent the segmentation fault? Rewrite the code with the fix.

```
FILE* infile = fopen(argv[1], "r");
char** A = malloc(100*sizeof(char*));
char name[50];
while (fscanf(infile,"%s", name) > 0)
    strcpy(A[name[0]-'a'],name);
```

*malloc space for names*

4. Will this code seg fault or produce an output? If output then what is output from this code? If the code seg faults then briefly explain why.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
```

```
int * getInt()
```

```
{
```

```
    int val;
```

```
    printf("Enter a number: ");
```

```
    scanf("%d", &val);
```

```
    return( &val );
```

```
}
```

```
int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
```

```
{
```

```
    int * pi;
```

```
    pi = getInt(); ✓
```

```
    printf("You entered: %d\n", *pi );
```

```
}
```

*local variable*

*returning an address of a local var*

*seg fault*

5. Study the following code segment. What is the purpose of the foo function? Does it work as intended? If not how would you fix it?

```
int n = 10;
```

```
int main( ) {
```

```
    int** A = malloc(sizeof(int*)*n);
```

```
    .....
```

```
    foo(&A);
```

```
    n *= 2;
```

```
    .....
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
int foo(int*** array){
```

```
    int** arrayint = (int**)malloc(2*n*sizeof(int*));
```

```
    for (i=0; i<n; i++)
```

```
        arrayint[i] = (*array)[i];
```

```
    free(*array);
```

```
    array = &arrayint;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

*double the size  
of array*

*← copy old*

*fix*

*\*array = arrayint;*

**PART III – Pointers (10 points)**

1. (5 pts) Consider the following code

*Handwritten annotations: Arrows point from 'A' to the first element of the array, from 'A+5' to the element 5, and from 'ptr' to the variable ptr.*

```
int A[ ] = {1,2,3,4,5};  
int* ptr = A+5;  
int* ptr2 = A;
```

Find the following. For parts where value cannot be determined, you must clearly state why.

- (a)  $*ptr$  — undefined  
(b)  $*(ptr-3)$  — 3  
(c)  $ptr - ptr2$  — 5  
(d)  $*(ptr-1) + 2$  — 7  
(e)  $\&ptr$  — address of variable ptr

2. Consider the following code [ 3 pts]

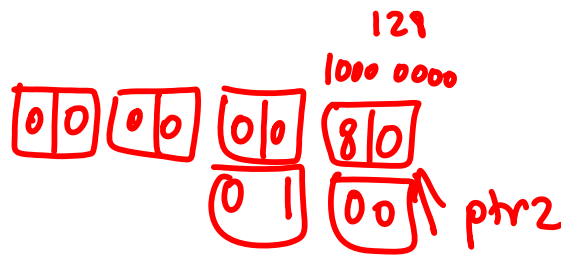
*Handwritten annotations: Arrows point from 'A[0]' and 'A[1]' to the first and second elements of the array.*

```
int A[2][3] = {{1,2,3},{4,5,6}} and assume that A[0] = 0xFFAA0000
```

Find the following

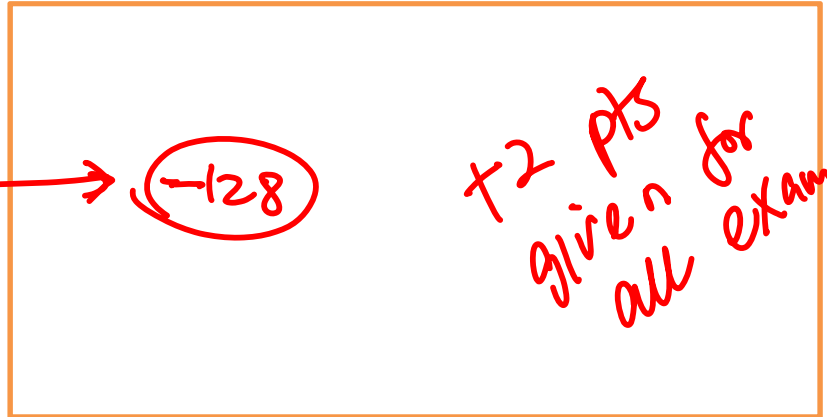
- (a)  $A[1] =$   $A[0] + 12C = FFAA000C$  *(32-bit int)*  
(b)  $*A[1] =$   $A[1][0] = 4$   
(c)  $*(A[0] + 1) =$   
 $= A[0][1] = 2$

← Void the question



3. Consider the following code. What are the outputs from the printf statements (2 pts)

```
int x = 128;
int* ptr = &x;
char* ptr2 = (char*) ptr;
printf("%d \n", ptr2);
printf("%d \n", ptr2+1);
```



#### PART IV – LINKED LISTS (15 points)

A linked that ends with a self-loop is called a sloop. For example a sloop with 4 nodes is shown below. Note that the last node is a dummy node.



A node type of a sloop is defined as

```
typedef struct node {
    int data;
    struct node* next;
} node;
```

↑  
head

1. Write a function that returns TRUE (defined as 1) if a linked list is a sloop. Otherwise return FALSE (defined as 0) We assume that there are no other cycles in the list and empty list (or one with just the dummy node) is a sloop. You must also write assertions to show assumptions you make.

```
int is_sloop(node* head) {
```

assert(head != null);  
while(head != head->next) {

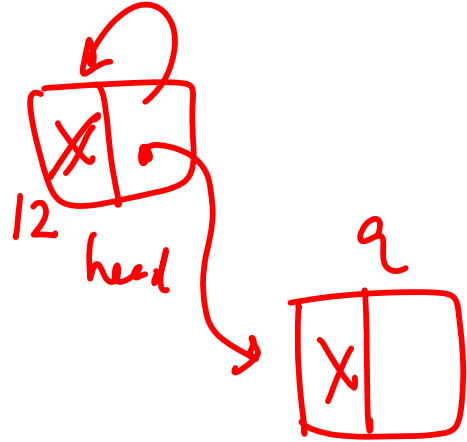
head = head->next;  
if (head == null) return false;  
return true;

2. The following function `addend` is supposed to add a node to the end of a sloop. It must retain the sloop property (or invariant). But it contains some bugs. Find the bugs and fix them by rewriting them or adding new statements. Also be sure to write assertions to indicate all your assumptions.

```
node* addend(node* head, int data) {
    node* q = malloc(sizeof(node));
    while ( head != head->next)
        head = head-> next;
    head->data = data;
    head->next = q;
}
```

*node\* ptr = head;*

*q->next = q;*  
*return ptr;*



3. Write a function `is_equal` that takes 2 sloops and returns TRUE (defined as 1) if they have identical nodes and FALSE (defined as 0) otherwise. Be sure to write any assert statements in your code if necessary. Note that two empty sloops are equal by definition.

```
int is_equal(node* firstsloop, node* secondsloop) {
    assert(is_sloop(firstsloop) && is_sloop(secondsloop));
    while (firstsloop != firstsloop->next && secondsloop != secondsloop->next){
        firstsloop = firstsloop->next;
        secondsloop = secondsloop->next;
    }
    return (firstsloop == firstsloop->next && secondsloop == secondsloop->next);
}
```



