## SU 2019

LAB 3 Arrays and Strings, Relational and logic operators, Type conversion, Bitwise operations, Program structures, local vs. global variables, Functions (pass-by-value), Debuggers

Due: May 25 (Saturday), 11:59 pm

## 0. Problem A Arrays and Strings (cont.)

This and the next question involve further exercise on manipulating arrays and strings -- topics in week 2. Arrays are so important in C that we will deal with them throughout the course. Download lab3A.c. This short program uses an array of size 20 to store input strings read in using scanf, and simply outputs the array elements (char and its index) after each read. First observe the initial values of the array. Arrays without explicit initializer get random values. Now enter helloworld, observe that the array is store as helloworld, observe that the array is store as helloworld, with size 20 and length 10.

Next, enter a shorter word such as good, then observe that the array is stored as  $g \circ d \circ d \circ w \circ r \circ 1 \circ d \circ 0$  printf ("%s") prints good with size 20, length 4

Next, enter hi, then observe that the array is store as  $h \circ d \circ d \circ w \circ r \circ 1 \circ d \circ 0$  printf ("%s") prints hi with size 20, and length 2. Now enter a word that is longer than helloworld (but less than 20 chars), see what happens.

The point here is that when an array is used to store a string, not all array elements got reset. So when you enter <code>hello</code>, don't assume that the array contains character <code>h e l o and \0 only-there</code> may exist random values, there may also exist characters from previous storage. So it is always critical to identify the **first** \0 encountered when scanning from left to right, ignoring characters thereafter. Actually, String manipulation library functions, such as <code>printf("%s")</code>, <code>strlen</code>, <code>strcpy</code>, <code>strcmp</code> follow this rule: scan from left to right, terminate after encountering the first \0 character. Your string related functions should follow the same rule.

No submission for problem 0.

## 1. Problem B Character arrays and strings (cont.)

## 1.1 Specification

Standard library defines a library function atoi. This function converts an array of digit characters, which represents a decimal integer literal, into the corresponding decimal integer. For example, given a char array (string) s of "134", internally stored as 1'1' '3' '4' '\0' ....., atoi(s) returns an integer 134.

Implement your version of atoi called my atoi, which does exactly the same conversion.

## 1.2 Implementation

Download the file lab3B.c. For each input, which is assume to be a valid integer literal, the program first prints it as a string, and then call atoi and myatoi to convert it, and output its numerical value in decimal, hex and oct, followed by double the value and square of the value. The program keeps on reading from the user until quit is entered.

Complete the while loop in main (), and implement function my atoi.

Page 43 of the textbook describes an approach to convert a character array into decimal value, this approach traverses the array from left to right.
 A more intuitive approach, which you should implement here, is to calculate by traversing the array from right to left and convert following the traditional concept .... 10<sup>3</sup> 10<sup>2</sup> 10<sup>1</sup> 10<sup>0</sup>

.... 10 10 10 10 10

Hint: the loop body you are going to write is different from that in the textbook. You should not call library functions.

If you need, you can implement a helper function power (int base, int n) to calculate the power. In Next class we will learn to use math library functions.

• For detecting quit, you can use the isQuit() function you implemented in lab2, but you are also encouraged to explore the string library function strcmp(). You can issue man strcmp to view the manual. Note that this function returns 0 (false) if the two argument strings are equal. This is the only string library function you should use. Don't use other string library functions such as strlen, strcpy.

## 1.3 Sample Inputs/Outputs:

```
red 127 % a.out
Enter a word of positive number or 'quit': 2
atoi: 2 (02, 0X2)
                                 4
my atoi: 2 (02, 0X2)
                        4
                                 4
Enter a word of positive number or 'quit': 4
4
       4 (04, 0X4)
                        8
atoi:
                                 16
my atoi: 4 (04, 0X4)
                        8
                                 16
Enter a word of positive number or 'quit': 9
       9 (011, 0X9)
                        18
                                 81
atoi:
my atoi: 9 (011, 0X9)
                        18
                                 81
Enter a word of positive number or 'quit': 12
12
       12 (014, 0XC)
                        24
atoi:
                                 144
my atoi: 12 (014, 0XC)
                        24
                                 144
Enter a word of postive number or 'quit': 75
75
atoi:
         75 (0113, 0X4B)
                                150
                                         5625
my atoi: 75 (0113, 0X4B)
                                 150
                                         5625
Enter a word of positive number or 'quit': 100
100
       100 (0144, 0X64)
                                 200
                                         10000
atoi:
my atoi: 100 (0144, 0X64)
                                 200
                                        10000
Enter a word of positive number or 'quit': quit
red 128 %
```

Submit your program using submit 2031 lab3 lab3B.c

Once you finish, think about how to convert arrays that represent Oct or Hex integer literals. For example "0124" (internally stored as  $0 1 2 4 \ 0 \dots$ ) and "0X12F" (stored as  $0 X 1 2 F \ 0 \dots$ ).

# 2. Problem C0 'Boolean' in ANSI-C. Relational and logical operators

As discussed in class, Ansi-C has no type 'boolean'. It uses integers instead. It treats non-zero value as true, and returns 1 for ture result. It treats 0 as false, and return 0 for false result. Download program lab3c0.c, compile and run it.

- Observe that
  - o relational expression 3>2 has value 1, and 3<2 has value 0
  - o ! non-zero has value 0, ! 0 has value 1
  - && return 1 if both operands are non-zero, return 0 otherwise. | | return 1 if either operand is non-zero, and return 0 otherwise.
- Assume the author mistakenly use = , rather than ==, in the three if conditions. Observe that although x has initial value 100, both if (x=3) and if (x=4) clauses were executed. This illustrates a few interesting things in Ansi-C:
  - o Unlike a Java complier, gcc does not treat this as a systax error.
  - O Assignment expression such as x=3 has a return value, which is the value being assigned to. So if (x=3) becomes if (3), and if (x=0) becomes if (0)
  - O Any non-zero number is treated as 'true' in selection statement. Thus if(x=3) and if(x=-4) are both evaluated to be true and their corresponding statements were executed. On the other hand, 0 is treated as 'false', so if(x=0) was evaluated to be false and its statement was not executed.

Also observe that although if(x=0) condition was evaluated to be false, the assignment x=0 was executed (before the evaluation) and thus x has value 0 after the three if clauses.

• Observe that although the loop in the program intends to break when i becomes 8 and thus should execute and prints 8 times, only hello 0 is printed. Look at the code for the loop, do you see why? Fix the loop so that the loop prints 9 times, as shown in the sample outputs below.

hello 1 hello 2 hello 3 hello 4 hello 5

hello 0

hello 6 hello 7

hello 8

No submissions for this exercise.

## 3. Problem C scanf, arithmetic and logic operators

## 3.1 Specification

Write an ANSI-C program that reads input from Standard in, which represents a year, and then determines if the year is a leap year.

## 3.2 Implementation

- name your program lab3Leap.c
- keep on reading a (4 digit) integer of year, until a negative number is entered.
- define a 'Boolean' function isLeap(int year) which determines if year represents a leap year. A year is a leap year if the year is divisible by 4 but not by 100, or otherwise, is divisible by 400.
- put the definition (implementation) of function isLeap after your main function.
- display the prompt Enter a year:
- for each non-negative input, display the outputs

Year x is a leap year

Year x is not a leap year

## 3.3 Sample Inputs/Outputs:

red 364 % gcc -Wall lab3Leap.c -o leap

red 365 % **leap** 

Enter a year: 2010

Year 2010 is not a leap year

Enter a year: 2012

Year 2012 is a leap year

Enter a year: 2017

Year 2017 is not a leap year

Enter a year: 2018

Year 2018 is not a leap year

Enter a year: 2019

Year 2019 is not a leap year

Enter a year: 2020

Year 2020 is a leap year

Enter a year: 2200

Year 2200 is not a leap year

Enter a year: 2300

Year 2300 is not a leap year

Enter a year: 2400

Year 2400 is a leap year

Enter a year: 2500

Year 2500 is not a leap year

Enter a year: -6

red 366 %

Submit your program by issuing submit 2031 lab3 lab3Leap.c

## 4. Problem C Type conversion in function calls

## 4.1 Specification

Write an ANSI-C program that reads inputs from the user one integer, one floating point number, and a character operator. The program does a simple calculation based on the two input numbers and the operator. The program continues until both input integer and floating point number are -1.

## 4.2 Implementation

- name the program lab3conversion.c
- use scanf to read inputs (from Standard input), each of which contains an integer, a
  character ('+', '-' '\*' or '/') and a floating point number (defined as float)
  separated by blanks.
- Use printf to generate outputs representing the operation results
- define a function float fun\_IF (int, char, float) which conducts arithmetic calculation based on the inputs
- define another function float fun\_II (int, char, int) which conducts arithmetic calculation based on the inputs
- define another function float fun\_FF (float, char, float) which conducts arithmetic calculation based on the inputs
- note that these three functions should have the same code in the body. They only differ in the arguments type and return type.
   pass the integer and the float number to both the three functions directly, without explicit type conversion (casting).
- display before each input the following prompt:
   Enter operand 1 operator operand 2 separated by blanks>
- display the outputs as follows (on the same line. One blank between each words)
  Your input 'x xx xxx' results in xxxx (fun\_IF) and xxxxx
  (fun\_II) and xxxxxx (fun\_FF)

#### 4.3 Sample Inputs/Outputs: (on the single line)

```
red 329 % gcc -o lab3Cov lab3conversion.c
red 330 % lab3Cov
Enter operand_1 operator operand_2 separated by blanks>12 + 22.3024
Your input '12 + 22.302401' result in 34.302399 (fun_IF) and 34.000000
(fun II) and 34.302399 (fun FF)
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Enter operand\_1 operator operand\_2 separated by blanks>12 \* 2.331 Your input '12 \* 2.331000' result in 27.972000 (fun\_IF) and 24.000000 (fun\_II) and 27.972000 (fun\_FF)

Enter operand\_1 operator operand\_2 separated by blanks>2 / 9.18 Your input '2 / 9.180000' result in 0.217865 (fun\_IF) and 0.000000 (fun II) and 0.217865 (fun FF)

Enter operand\_1 operator operand\_2 separated by blanks>-1 + -1
red 331 %

Do you understand why the results of the fun-IF and fun-FF are same but both are different from fun-II? Write your justification briefly on the program file (as comments). Assume all the inputs are valid.

## 5 Problem D0 Bitwise operations

In class we covered bitwise operators  $\alpha + \infty$  and <<>>. It is important to understand that,

• when using bitwise operator & |, there are 4 combinations. Following the truth table of Boolean Algebra (True AND True is True, False AND True is False etc.), for a bit b (which is either 0 or 1),

```
b & bit 0 generates a bit that is 0
b | bit 1 generates a bit that is 1
b & bit 1 generates a bit that same as b.
b | bit 0 generates a bit that same as b.
```

each bitwise operation generates a new value but does not change the operand itself. For example, flag <<4, flag & 3, flag | 5 does not change flag. In order to change flag, you have to use flag = flag <<4, flag = flag & 3, flag = flag | 5, or their compound assignment versions flag <<= 4, flag &=3, flag |= 5.</li>
 Then bases on the above observations,

```
b = b & bit 0 sets b to 0 ("turns the bit b off"),
b = b | bit 1 sets b to 1 ("turns the bit b on"),
b = b & bit 1 sets b to its original value ("keep the value of b").
b = b | bit 0 sets b to its original value ("keep the value of b").
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Download provided file lab3D0, c. This program reads integers from stdin, and then performs several bitwise operations. It terminates when -1000 is entered.

Compile and run the program with several inputs, and observe

- what the resulting binary representations look like when the input b is left bit shifted by 4, and is bit flipped. Note that expression b << 4 or ~b does not modify b itself, so the program uses the original value for other operations.
- how 1 << 4 is used with | to turn on bit 4 (denote the right-most bit as bit 0). Again, expression flag | 1<<4 does not change flag itself.</li>
  - As a C programming idiom (code pattern), flag = flag|(1<<j) turns on bit j of flag.</pre>
- what the bit representation of ~ (1<<4) looks like, and how it is used with bitwise operator & to turn off bit 4. As a C programming idiom here, flag = flag & ~ (1 << j) turns off bit j of flag.</p>
  - Also observe here that parenthesis is needed around 1 << 4 because operator << has lower precedence than operator  $\sim$ . (What is the result of  $\sim 1 << 4$ ?)
- how 1 << 4 is used with & to keep bit 4 and turn off all other bits. As a programming idiom, if (flag & 1<<j) is used to test whether bit j of flag is on (why?).
- what the bit representation of 077 looks like, and how it is used with & to keep the lower 6 bits and turn off all other bits.
- what the bit representation of  $\sim 077$  looks like, and how it is used with & to turn off lower 6 bits and keep all other bits.

Enter different numbers, trying to understand these bitwise idioms.

No submission for this question. Doing this exercise gets you better prepared for the next problem.

## 6 problem D1 bits as Boolean flags

## 6.1 Specification

In class we mentioned that one usefulness of bitwise operator is to use bits as Boolean flags. Here is an example. Recall in lab 2 the problem of counting the occurrence of digits in user inputs. We used an array of 10 integers where each integer element is a counter. Now considered a simplified version of the problem: you don't need to count the number of each digits, instead we just need to record whether each digits has appeared in the input or not (no matter how many times they appear). For example, for input EECS2031, 2019, CB121, we need to record that 0 1 2 3 and 9 do appear in the inputs, but 4,5,6,7 and 8 don't. One way to do this is to use an array of 10 integers, where each element int is used as a Boolean flag – 0 for False (not appear) and 1 for True (appear). Now imagine in old days when memory is very limited, and thus instead of 10 integers, you can only afford to use one integer to do the job. Is it possible?

Here the bitwise operation come to the rescue. The idea is that since we only need a True/False info for each digits, 1 bit is enough for each digit, so we need only totally 10 bits to record. Thus an integer or even a short integer is enough. Specifically, we declare a short int variable named flags, which has 16 bits. Then we designate 10 bits in flags as Boolean flags digits 0~9. For example, we designate the right most bit as the Boolean flag for digits 0, designate the next bit as the Boolean flag for digits 1, and so on. flags is initially set to 0. Denote the right most bit as bit 0, the next bit as bit 1, and so on. Then after reading the first digit, say, 2, we use bitwise operation to turn on bit 2 of flags. So flags' internal representation becomes 00000000 00000100. After reading all inputs EECS2031, 2019, CB121, which contains digit 0,1,2,3 and 9, the internal representation of flags becomes 00000001 00001111. That is, bit 0,1,2,3 and 9 are on. Finally, we can use bitwise operations to examine the lower 10 bits of flags, determining which are 1 and which are 0.

## 6.2 Implementation

Download partially implemented file lab3flags.c. Similar to lab2D.c, this program keeps on reading inputs using getchar until end of file is entered. Then it outputs if each digits is present in the inputs or not.

- Observe that by putting getchar in the loop header, we just need to call getchar once. (But a parenthesis is needed due to operator precedence).
- Complete the loop body, so that flags is updated properly after reading a digit char.
- The output part is implemented for you, using two methods/idioms mentioned above. Study the code and try to understand them.
- For your convenience, a function printBinary() is defined and used to output the binary representation of flags, both before and after user inputs.
  It is interesting to observe that function printBinary() itself uses bitwise operations to generate artificial '0' or '1'. It is recommended that, after finishing this lab, you take a look at the code of printBinary yourself.

#### 6.3 Sample inputs/outputs (download input2D.txt for lab2)

red 369 % a.out
flags: 00000000 00000000

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^D (press Ctrl and D)

```
flags: 00000000 00000000
0: no
1: no
2: no
3: no
4: no
5: no
6: no
7: no
8: no
9: no
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0: no
1: no
2: no
3: no
4: no
5: no
6: no
7: no
8: no
9: no
red 370 % a.out
flags: 00000000 00000000
EECS2031A 2019 CB121
^D (press Ctrl and D)
flags: 00000010 00001111
0: yes
1: yes
2: yes
3: yes
4: no
5: no
6: no
7: no
8: no
9: yes
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0: yes
1: yes
2: yes
3: yes
4: no
5: no
6: no
7: no
8: no
9: yes
red 371 % a.out
flags: 00000000 00000000
EECS3421 this is good 3
```

address 500 yu266074 429Dk

## flags: 00000010 11111111 0: yes 1: yes 2: yes 3: yes 4: yes 5: yes 6: yes 7: yes 8: no 9: yes \_\_\_\_\_ 0: yes 1: yes 2: yes 3: yes 4: yes 5: yes 6: yes 7: yes 8: no 9: yes red 372 % a.out < input2D.txt</pre> flags: 00000000 00000000 flags: 00000000 11111111 0: yes 1: yes 2: yes 3: yes 4: yes 5: yes 6: yes 7: yes 8: no 9: no \_\_\_\_\_ 0: yes 1: yes 2: yes 3: yes 4: yes 5: yes 6: yes 7: yes 8: no 9: no red 373 %

^D (press Ctrl and D)

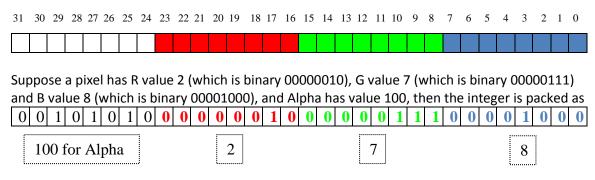
Submit your program using submit 2031 lab3 lab3flags.c

## 7. Problem D2 Bitwise operation

## 7.1 Specification

A digital image is typically stored in computer by means of its pixel values, as well as some formatting information. Each pixel value consists of 3 values of  $0 \sim 255$ , representing red (R), green (G) and blue (B).

As mentioned in class, Java's BufferedImage class has a method int getRGB (int x, int y), which allows you to retrieve the RGB value of an image at pixel position (x,y). How could the method return 3 values at a time? As mentioned in class, the 'trick' is to return an integer (32 bits) that packs the 3 values into it. Since each value is  $0^{\sim}255$  thus 8 bit is enough to represent it, an 32 bits integer has sufficient bits. They are packed in such a way that, counting from the right most bit, B values occupies the first 8 bits (bit  $0^{\sim}7$ ), G occupies the next 8 bits, and R occupies the next 8 bits. This is shown below. (The left-most 8 bits is packed with some other information about the image, called Alpha, which we are not interested here.)



## 7.2 Implementation

In this exercise, you are going to use bitwise operations to pack input R,G and B values into an integer, and then use bitwise operations again to unpack the packed integer to retrieve the R, G and B values.

Download and complete lab3RGB.c. This C program keeps on reading input from the stdin. Each input contains 3 integers representing the R, G and B value respectively, and then outputs the 3 values with their binary representations. The binary representations are generated by calling function void printBinary(int val), which is defined for you in another program binaryFunction.c.(How do you use a function that is defined in another file? Don't include<br/>
binaryFunction.c>).

Next is the pack part that you should implement. This packs the 3 input values, as well as Alpha value which is assumed to be 100, into integer variable rgb\_pack.

Then the value of rgb pack and its binary representation is displayed (implemented for you).

Next you should unpack the R, G and B value from the packed integer rgb\_pack. After that, the unpacked R,G and B value and their Binary, Octal and Hex representations are displayed (implemented for you).

The program terminates when you enter a negative number for either R, G or B value.

Hint: Packing might be a little easier than unpacking. Considering shifting R,G,B values to the proper positions and then somehow merge them into one integer (using bitwise operators). For unpacking, you can either do shifting + masking, or, masking + shifting, or, shifting only. Shifting + masking means you first shift the useful bits to the proper positions, and then turn off (set to

Masking + shifting means you first use & to turn off some unrelated bits and keep the values of the good bits, and then do a shifting to move the useful bits to the proper position. When doing shifting, the rule of thumb is to avoid right shifting on <u>signed</u> integers. Explore different approaches for unpacking.

Finally, it is interesting to observe that function printBinary() itself uses bitwise operations to generate artificial '0' or '1'. It is recommended that, after finishing this lab, you take a look at the code of printBinary yourself.

## 7.3 Sample Inputs/Outputs:

```
red 339 % a.out
enter R value: 1
enter G value: 3
enter B value: 5
A: 100 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100100
       binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000001
G: 3
       binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000011
       binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000101
Packed: binary: 01100100 00000001 00000011 00000101 (1677787909)
Unpacking .....
R: binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000001 (1,01,0X1)
G: binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000011
                                             (3,03,0X3)
B: binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000101 (5,05,0X5)
enter R value (0~255): 22
enter G value (0~255): 33
enter B value (0~255): 44
A: 100 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100100
R: 22 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00010110
G: 33 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00100001
B: 44 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00101100
Packed: binary: 01100100 00010110 00100001 00101100 (1679171884)
Unpacking
R: binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00010110 (22, 026, 0X16)
G: binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00100001 (33, 041, 0X21)
B: binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00101100 (44, 054, 0X2C)
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enter R value: 123
enter G value: 224
enter B value: 131
A: 100 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100100
R: 123 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 01111011
G: 224 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 11100000
B: 131 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 10000011
Packed: binary: 01100100 01111011 11100000 10000011 (1685840003)
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Unpacking .....
R: binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 01111011 (123, 0173, 0X7B) G: binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 11100000 (224, 0340, 0XEO)
B: binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 10000011 (131, 0203, 0X83)
enter R value: 254
enter G value: 123
enter B value: 19
A: 100 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100100
R: 254 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 111111110
G: 123 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 01111011
B: 19 binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00010011
Packed: binary: 01100100 111111110 01111011 00010011 (1694399251)
Unpacking .....
R: binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 11111110 (254, 0376, 0XFE)
G: binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 01111011 (123, 0173, 0X7B)
B: binary: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00010011 (19, 023, 0X13)
enter R value: -3
enter G value: 3
enter B value: 56
red 340 %
```

Assume all the inputs are valid.

Submit your program using submit 2031 lab3 lab3RGB.c

#### 8. Problem E1

## 8.1 Specification

Complete the ANSI-C program runningAveLocal.c, which should read integers from the standard input, and computes the running (current) average of the input integers. The program terminates when a -1 is entered. Observe

- how the code display the running average with 3 decimal points.
- how a pre-processing macro MY\_PRINT(x,y,z) printf( ...... ) is defined, which displays the result as shown in the sample outputs. (Thus, the program use MY\_PRINTF, rather than printf() to display averages.) we will cover pre-processing later.

#### 8.2 Implementation

• define a function double runningAverage (int currentSum, int inputCount) which, given the current sum currentSum and the number of input inputCount, computes and returns the running average in double. The current sum and input count are maintained in main.

#### 8.3 Sample Inputs/Outputs:

```
red 307 % gcc -Wall runningAveLocal.c
red 308 % a.out
enter number (-1 to quit): 10
running average is 10 / 1 = 10.000
```

```
enter number (-1 to quit): 20
running average is 30 / 2 = 15.000

enter number (-1 to quit): 33
running average is 63 / 3 = 21.000

enter number (-1 to quit): 47
running average is 110 / 4 = 27.500

enter number (-1 to quit): 51
running average is 161 / 5 = 32.200

enter number (-1 to quit): 63
running average is 224 / 6 = 37.333

enter number (-1 to quit): -1
red 309 %
```

Assume all the inputs are valid.

Submit your program using submit 2031 lab3 runningAveLocal.c

## 9. Problem E2

## 9.1 Specification

Modify the program above, simplifying communications between functions by using global variables.

## 9.2 Implementation

- named your program runningAveGlobal.c, which contains the main() function.
- define a function void runningAverage(), which computes the running average in double. Notice that this function takes no arguments and does not return anything.
- Put the definition of runningAverage() in another file, name the file function.c.
- define all global variables in function.c too
- Note, you should not use #include<function.c> in main.c. (We will explain why later.) Instead, the correct way is to declare the external functions and global variables in main.c (how?), and then compile main.c and function.c together.

## 9.3 Sample Inputs/Outputs:

Same as in problem E1.

Submit your program using

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submit 2031 lab3 runningAveGlobal.c function.c
```

As a practice, make one of the global variables in function.c to be static, and compile the programs. Observe that the static global variable becomes inaccessible in main(). We will discuss this next week.

## 10. Problem F Pass-by-value, trace a program with debugger 10.1 Specification

In this exercise you will practice tracing/debugging a program using a software tool called debugger, rather than using print statements. The key technique of debugging a program is to examine the values of variables during program execution. With a debugger, you can do this by setting several "breakpoints" in the program. The program will pause execution at the breakpoints and you can then view the current values of the variables.

You will use a GNU debugger call **gdb**. It is a command line based debugger but also comes with a simple text-based gui (tui).

To debug a C program using **gdb**, you need to compile the program with -g flag.

## 10.2 Implementation

Download the program swap.c, and compile using gcc -g swap.c. Then invoke gdb by issuing gdb -tui a.out. And then press enter key.

A window with two panels will appear. The upper panel displays the source code and the lower panel allows you to enter commands. Maximize the terminal and use arrow keys to scroll the upper panel so you can see the whole source code.

First we want to examine the values of variables mainA and mainB after initialization. So we set a breakpoint at the <u>beginning</u> of line 11 (before line 11 is executed) by issuing break 11. Observe that a "b+" or "B+" symbol appears on the left of line 11. We want to trace the values of variables x and y defined in function swap, both before and after swapping. So we set breakpoints at (the beginning of) line 18 and line 21. Finally we set a breakpoint at line 12 so that we can trace the value of mainA and mainB after the function call.

When the program pauses at a breakpoint, you can view the current values of variables with the print or display or even printf command.

#### 10.3 Sample input/output

```
red 64 % gcc -Wall -g swap.c
red 65 % gdb -tui a.out
Reading symbols from a.out...done.
(qdb) break 11
Breakpoint 1 at 0x400488: file swap.c, line 11.
(gdb) break 18
Breakpoint 2 at 0x4004a3: file swap.c, line 18.
(gdb) break 21
Breakpoint 3 at 0x4004b5: file swap.c, line 21.
(gdb) break 12
Breakpoint 4 at 0x400497: file swap.c, line 12.
                                                    /* run the program until the
(gdb) run
                                                    first breakpoint. Notice the >
Starting program: /eecs/home/huiwang/a.out
                                                   sign on the left of the upper
                                                   panel */
Breakpoint 1, main () at swap.c:11
(gdb) display mainA
                                     What do you get for
mainA =
                                     mainA and mainB?
(gdb) display mainB
mainB = ?
(gdb) continue
                                                /* continue execution to the next
Continuing.
                                                breakpoint. Notice the position
                                                of > sign */
```

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Breakpoint 2, swap (x=1, y=20000) at swap.c:18
(qdb) display x
x = ?
                                      What do you get
                                      for x and y?
(gdb) display y
y = ?
(gdb) display mainA
                                      What do you get
.....?
                                      for mainA and
(qdb) display mainB
                                      mainB, and why?
.....?
(qdb) continue
Continuing.
Breakpoint 3, swap (x=20000, y=1) at swap.c:21
(gdb) display x
                                     What do you get for x
x = ?
                                     and y? Are they
(qdb) display y
                                     swapped?
v = ?
(qdb) continue
Continuing.
Breakpoint 4, main () at swap.c:12
(gdb) display mainA
mainA = ?
                                      What do you get for mainA
(gdb) display mainB
                                      and mainB? Are they
                                      swapped?
mainB = ?
(qdb) display x
.....?
                                 What do you get here, and
(gdb) display y
                                 why?
.....?
(gdb) quit
```

#### 10.4 Submission

Write your answers into a text file, and submit it. Or submit a snapshot of your gdb session.

submit 2031 lab3 text file or pictures

In summary you should submit:

lab3B.c, lab3Leap.c, lab3conversion.c, lab3flags, lab3RGB.c, runningAveLocal.c, runningAveGlobal.c, function.c, file-for-problemE

You may want to issue **submit -1 2031 lab3** to see the list of files that you have submitted.

## **Common Notes**

All submitted files should contain the following header:

```
/**************
* EECS2031 - Lab3 *

* Author: Last name, first name *

* Email: Your email address *

* eecs_username: Your eecs login username *

* york_num: Your student number *
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In addition, all programs should follow the following guidelines:

- Include the stdio.h library in the header of your .c files.
- Use /\* \*/ to comment your program. You are not encouraged to use //.
- Assume that all inputs are valid (no error checking is required, unless asked to do so).