# **Programming Design In-class Practices Pointers**

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# **Problem 1: See memory allocation**

- Consider the following program:
- Modify this program to see (at least on your computer):
  - How many bytes of memory space are consumed?
  - Where are the allocated memory spaces?

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
  int anInteger = 0;
  for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    int anotherInteger = 0;
  return 0;
}</pre>
```

# Problem 2: Modify a variable

- Consider the following program:
- Modify this program to:
  - Have a pointer pointing to a.
  - Let the user modify the value of a through the pointer.

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
  int a = 0;
  cin >> a;
  cout << a << "\n";

return 0;
}</pre>
```

#### Problem 3: Pass pointers into a function

• Correct the following two programs to find the maximum of **a** and **b**:

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
int* maxPtr(int* a, int* b)
  return *a > *b ? a : b;
int main()
  int a = 0, b = 0;
  cin \gg a \gg b;
  cout \ll \mathcal{L}(*a, *b) \ll "\n";
  return 0;
}
```

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
int* maxPtr(int* a, int* b)
  return *a > *b ? &a : &b;
int main()
  int a = 0, b = 0;
 cin \gg a \gg b;
  << maxPtr(&a, &b) << "\n";
  return 0;
```

#### Problem 4: Find an error, if any

- Find an error in the following program or conclude that there is none.
  - The program should print out the maximum of two input values.
  - maxAddr should return the address of the maximum value.
  - Including potential run-time error and bad implementation.

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int* maxAddr(int a, int b)
{
  int c = a;
  if(b > a)
    c = b;
  return &c;
}
```

```
int main()
{
  int a = 0, b = 0;
  cin >> a >> b;
  int* maxLoc = maxAddr(a, b);
  cout << *maxLoc << "\n";

  // many other things

return 0;
}</pre>
```

# Problem 5: Find an error, if any (2)

- Find an error in the following program or conclude that there is none.
  - The program should print out the maximum of two input values.
  - maxAddr should return the address of the maximum value.
  - Including potential run-time error and bad implementation.

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int* maxAddr(int a, int b)
{
  int* cPtr = new int(a);
  if(b > a)
    *cPtr = b;
  return cPtr;
}
```

```
int main()
{
  int a = 0, b = 0;
  cin >> a >> b;
  int* maxLoc = maxAddr(a, b);
  cout << *maxLoc << "\n";

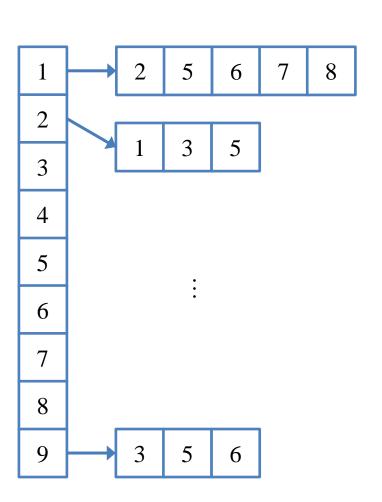
  // many other things

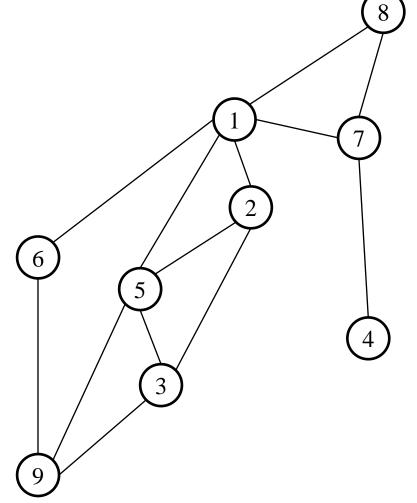
return 0;
}</pre>
```

# **Adjacency list**

- An adjacency list of a graph may be constructed as follows.
  - Given the number of nodes n, create a static array or dynamic array of length n.
  - Each array element is an integer pointer pointing to a dynamic array whose length is the node degree.
  - In a node's dynamic array, each element is the index of one of its neighbor.

Adjacency list: an example





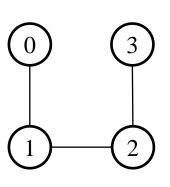
#### Adjacency list: implementation

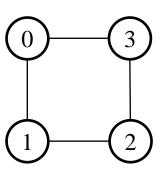
```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
  // reading data from the input
  int nodeCnt = 0;
  int** neighbors = nullptr;
  int* degrees = nullptr;
  cin >> nodeCnt:
  neighbors = new int*[nodeCnt];
  degrees = new int[nodeCnt];
  for (int i = 0; i < nodeCnt; i++)
    cin >> degrees[i];
    neighbors[i] = new int[degrees[i]];
    for (int j = 0; j < degrees[i]; j++)
      cin >> neighbors[i][j];
```

```
// printing out the desired results
for (int i = 0; i < nodeCnt; i++)
  for (int j = 0; j < degrees[i]; j++)
    cout << neighbors[i][j] << " ";</pre>
  cout << "\n";
// release memory
for (int i = 0; i < nodeCnt; i++)
  delete [] neighbors[i];
delete [] neighbors;
delete [] degrees;
return 0;
```

#### Adjacency list: implementation

• Try it:





# Problem 6: adjacency list to matrix

- Rewrite the function **printGraph** to print out the graph information in an adjacency matrix.
- All nodes are labeled as 0, 1, 2, ..., n 1, where n is the number of nodes.
- Input:
  - Line 1 contains an integer n as the number of nodes.
  - Line i + 2 contains an integer  $d_i$ , the degree of node i, and then  $d_i$  integers as the indices of node i's neighbors. Two consecutive values are separated by a white space.

#### • Output:

- n lines in total. Line i contains  $b_{i,1}, b_{i,2}, ...,$  and  $b_{in}$ , where  $b_{ij} = 1$  if nodes i and j are neighbors and 0 otherwise.
- Separate two consecutive values by one white space.
- There is no white space after the last value.

#### Problem 6: adjacency list to matrix

• Examples:

