CMPSC 461: Programming Language Concepts, Spring 2024 Assignment 3 Practice Notes Packet

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Problem 1: Scopes and Bindings: Knowledge Check

Answer each question below;

- 1. For a non-static local variable in a C function, what is its scope and what is its lifetime?
- 2. For a static local variable in a C function, what is its scope and what is its lifetime?
- 3. For a non-static global variable in a C function, what is its scope and what is its lifetime?
- 4. For a static global variable in a C function, what is its scope and what is its lifetime?

Problem 2: Static and Dynamic Scoping

- 1. What determines an object's lifetime?
- 2. How do we keep track of what's visible and where in a program? Name the type of structure used and how it stores the information.
- 3. What are the key differences between lexical and dynamic scoping?
- 4. What causes the dynamic scoping symbol table to change after compilation?

Problem 3: Nested Scopes and Links

Consider the following pseudo-code, assuming nested subroutines and static scoping.

```
main() {
1
2
        int a = 5;
        int b = 3;
3
        function A(int x) {
4
            int b = x + 1;
5
            B(b);
6
        }
7
        function B(int y) {
8
            int c = a + b + y;
9
            print c;
10
        }
11
        function C(int z) {
12
            int a = z + b - 1;
13
            B(b);
14
15
   A(1);
16
   C(2);
17
   }
18
```

- 1. What does the program print?
- 2. Draw a diagram of the runtime stack when function $\underline{\mathtt{B}}$ is last called. For each frame, show the static and dynamic links.
- 3. Refer to the runtime stack, briefly explain how function B finds variable a and b.
- 4. What does the program print when dynamic scoping is used?

Problem 4: Nested Scopes and Links

Consider the following pseudo-code, assuming nested subroutines and static scoping:

```
main() {
1
2
        int g = 46;
        int x = 61;
3
        function Z(int a) {
4
             int x = a * 3;
5
             S(x);
6
        }
7
        function M(int n) {
8
9
             int g = n
             if(n \% 2 == 0){
10
                 C(n / 2);
11
12
        }
13
        function P(int r) {
14
             print x;
15
             M(r);
16
17
        }
        function S(int k){
18
             int q = k - 8;
19
             M(q);
20
             print k;
21
        }
22
        function C(int 1){
23
             int x = 1;
24
             print g;
25
26
             P(1);
        }
27
        // body of main
        Z(10);
29
30
        print g;
   }
31
```

- 1. What does the program print?
- 2. Draw a diagram of the runtime stack when function \underline{M} is last called. For each frame, show the static and dynamic links.
- 3. Refer to the runtime stack, briefly explain how function P finds variable x.

Problem 5: Nested Scopes and Links

Consider the following pseudo-code, assuming nested subroutines and dynamic scoping:

```
main() {
1
2
        int a = 1738;
        int b = 135;
3
        function good(int c) {
4
            function luck(int d) {
5
                 int h = d + 4;
6
                 print h;
8
            function have(int e) {
9
                 function fun(int f){
10
                      int h = f / 2;
11
12
                 a = e * h;
13
                 print a;
14
                 fun(e);
15
            }
16
17
            int h = c + 3;
            print a; //// Should give 0
18
            luck(c - 1);
19
            print h;
20
            have(h);
21
22
            print h;
23
        function fifty_fifty(int g){
24
            int a = 0;
25
            good(g / 5);
26
            print a;
27
        }
28
        // body of main
29
        fifty_fifty(b);
30
       print a;
31
32
   }
```

- 1. What does the program print?
- 2. Draw a diagram of the runtime stack when function $\underline{\mathtt{fun}}$ is last called. For each frame, show the static and dynamic links.
- 3. Refer to the runtime stack, briefly explain how function fun finds variable a.

Problem 6: Binding rules

Consider following pseudo-code, assuming dynamic scoping rules:

```
procedure main()
2
     x:int := 4
     y:int := 6
3
4
     procedure four()
5
       x := x * y
6
       print(x)
7
8
9
     procedure six(f: procedure)
       x:int := 5
10
       four()
11
12
     procedure one()
13
       y:int := 1
14
15
       six(four)
16
     // main body
17
     one()
18
     print(x)
19
```

- 1. If the language uses deep binding, what will the output be? Explain your answer.
- 2. If the language uses shallow binding, what will the output be? Explain your answer.

Problem 7: Binding rules

Consider following pseudo-code, assuming dynamic scoping rules:

```
int x = 2;
1
2
   function Fire(f) {
3
        int x = 40;
4
        f();
5
   }
6
   function Earth() {
8
9
        print x;
10
11
   function Water() {
12
        int x = 20;
13
        Fire(Earth);
14
15
   }
16
17
   Water();
```

- 1. If the language uses **shallow binding**, what will the output be? Justify your answer by showing the hierarchy of symbol tables at the print statement (assume each symbol table contains two columns: name and kind).
- 2. If the language uses **deep binding**, what will the output be? Justify your answer by explaining at **line 14**, which symbol table will be passed to function **Fire**.

Problem 8: Scoping and Binding

Consider the following pseudo-code with higher-order function support. Assume that the language has one scope for each function, and it allows nested functions (hence, nested scopes):

```
function A () {
        int x = 5;
2
        function C (P) {
3
4
            int x = 3;
            P();
5
        }
6
        function D () {
7
8
            print x;
9
        function B () {
10
            int x = 4;
11
            C (D);
12
        }
13
        B ();
14
   }
15
```

- 1) What would the program print if this language uses dynamic scoping and shallow binding? Justify your answer by showing the tree of symbol tables when execution reaches the display expression.
- 2) What would the program print if this language uses dynamic scoping and deep binding? Justify your answer using the tree of symbol tables when execution reaches the display expression.

Problem 9: Object Lifetime Tracing

Consider the following C++ code:

```
static myClass A;
2
   int main() {
3
       myClass B;
4
       myClass* C = new myClass();
5
        foo();
6
        delete C;
7
        return 0;
8
   }
9
10
   void foo() {
11
       myClass* D = new myClass();
12
       myClass E;
13
   }
14
```

Consider one execution of the above program. The execution trace (a sequence of program statements executed at run time) of the program is

3 4 5 6 12 13 7 8

For each object associated with \underline{A} , \underline{B} , \underline{C} , \underline{D} and \underline{E} , write down its lifetime using a subset of the above execution trace (e.g., "4 5 $\overline{6}$ 12 13"). Note, the answer subset might be non-strict, i.e. the whole trace.

Problem 10: Static and Dynamic Scoping

Consider the following pseudo code. Assume that the language has one global scope, one scope per function, and one scope for each braced code block.

```
int x = 10;
   int tom(int x) {
2
3
        {
4
            int x=50;
            jerry();
5
        }
6
   }
7
   int jerry() {
8
9
        print x+8;
   }
10
   tom(6);
11
```

- 1. If the language uses static scoping rules, what's the expected output from the print statement? Justify your answer.
- 2. If the language uses dynamic scoping rules, what's the expected output from the print statement? Justify your answer.

Problem 11: Static and Dynamic Scoping

Consider the following pseudo code:

```
int a;
 1
   int funcA(){
2
        int b, c;
         4
 5
 6
             int d, e;
        }
8
9
        int f;
10
        {
11
12
13
             int g, h;
14
15
        }
16
   int funcB(){
17
        int i, j;
18
19
20
             int k, 1;
21
22
        }
23
        int m;
24
   }
25
```

- 1. Draw a symbol table for each scope with entry consisting of name, type and data type. Include the global scope.
- 2. Order the tables in an tree based structure showcasing the hierarchy of scoping.

Problem 12: Static and Dynamic Scoping

Consider the following pseudo code:

```
int a = 50;
1
        int b = 60;
2
        int swap () {
3
4
            int temp = a;
            a = b;
5
            b = temp;
6
            print(a, b);
7
        }
8
9
        int main () {
            int a = 10;
10
            int b = 20;
11
            swap();
12
            print(a,b);
13
        }
14
```

- 1. After executing main, what is the output of this code with static scoping?
- 2. After executing main, what is the output of this code with dynamic scoping?
- 3. What function scoping will swap use for variables a and b after main is called with dynamic scoping?