

**CSC 373 Winter 2020 Prof. Lytinen  
Midterm Information**

- In class: Thursday, Feb 6, 11:50-1:20
- On line: register on D2L for a 90 minute period; must be proctored

Open book, open notes, computer use and calculators allowed

Material:

- C, especially data types, pointers, arrays, strings, bitwise operators, and shift operators
- Representation of integers
- Bases: 2, 8, 10, 16
- Representation of floating point numbers
- Simple assembly language: instructions that only use registers

**Practice Problems**

1. List the steps of the C compilation process.
2. Give the order, from fastest to slowest, of the following kinds of memory:
  - a. Disk memory
  - b. Registers
  - c. Cache memory
  - d. Main memory (RAM)
3. Why do computers have different kinds of memory?
4. Consider this program. What is the last line of output that it prints? Explain.

```
int main() {  
    short x=1;  
    while (x > 0) {  
        printf("%x\n", x);  
        x *= 2; }  
}
```

5. What is the hex representation of the largest int? For the smallest (negative) int? Explain.
6. We would like to write a function called **min\_and\_max**, which finds the minimum and maximum integers in an array. For example, in the array {3, 1, 2, 3, 6, 2, 8, 0, 0, 0}, the min is 0 and the max is 8.
  - a) Write a prototype for this function. Keep in mind that **two** integers must be “returned”
  - b) Write the **min\_and\_max** function.

7. Write the functions below so that the elements in **src** are swapped with the elements in **dest**. Write version 1 using array syntax; and version 2 using pointer syntax. Here are prototypes for the two versions:

```
void swap_v1(int numbers1[], int numbers2[], int len);
void swap_v2(int *numbers1, int *numbers2, int len);
```

8. Write a function **index\_of** which returns the index of first occurrence of an integer n in an array of integers x, or -1 if n is not in x. Use array syntax. Consider what the prototype for this function must be. For example:
9. Write a function **cindex\_of** which returns the index of the first occurrence of a character c in a string s, or -1 if c is not in the string. Use pointer syntax.
10. Write a function which returns a string containing the first x letters of the alphabet, where x is a positive integer less than or equal to 26.
11. Write a function called **bit\_on**. It is passed one parameter x (a char) and returns a char whose nth bit is 1, and whose other bits are not modified. By convention, bit 0 is the rightmost bit in a number, bit 1 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> from the right, etc. Bit 7 is the leftmost bit in a char. Use only bitwise and shift operators.

For example:

```
char x = 'a';
char y = bit_on(x, 4);
printf("%#x %#x\n", x, y);
```

The output is 0x61 0x71

12. Write a function called **bit\_off**. It is passed one parameter x (a char) and returns a char whose nth bit is 0, and whose other bits are not modified. By convention, bit 0 is the rightmost bit in a number, bit 1 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> from the right, etc. Bit 7 is the leftmost bit in a char. Use only bitwise and shift operators.

For example:

```
char x = 'a';
char y = bit_off(x, 5);
printf("%#x %#x\n", x, y);
```

The output is 0x61 0x41

14. Fill in the table below. Any binary number that starts with 1 is a negative number in 2s complement. Likewise for any hex number that starts with 8-f. Assume that the numbers are represented in 1 byte.

Decimal	8-bit Binary (2s complement)	2-digit Hex (2s-complement)
22		
-22		
	11110110	
		0x22
		0x92

15. Fill in the table.

Base 10	Binary floating pt	Binary scientific	IEEE 32-bit
2 1/2			
	0.11		
		$1.11 * 2^1$	
			010000001000000...000

16. Write a C function which emulates the behavior of this assembly language function. By this, I mean that if your C function is passed the same parameter(s) as f, it returns the same value. **Your C code does not have to compile to the exact same assembly language code.** Also, write a brief description of what the function does.

f:

```

    cmpl    %esi, %edi
    setl    %cl
    xorl    %eax, %eax
    cmpl    %edx, %esi
    setl    %al
    andl    %ecx, %eax
    ret

```