

Q: I wanted to compile a program that I hadn't finished writing, so I "conditioned out" the unfinished part:

```
#if 0
...
#endif
```

When I compiled the program, I got an error message referring to one of the lines between `#if` and `#endif`. Doesn't the preprocessor just ignore these lines? [p. 338]

A: No, the lines aren't completely ignored. Comments are processed before preprocessing directives are executed, and the source code is divided into preprocessing tokens. Thus, an unterminated comment between `#if` and `#endif` may cause an error message. Also, an unpaired single quote or double quote character may cause undefined behavior.

Exercises

Section 14.3

1. Write parameterized macros that compute the following values.

- (a) The cube of x .
- (b) The remainder when n is divided by 4.
- (c) 1 if the product of x and y is less than 100, 0 otherwise.

Do your macros always work? If not, describe what arguments would make them fail.

W 2. Write a macro `NELEMS(a)` that computes the number of elements in a one-dimensional array `a`. *Hint:* See the discussion of the `sizeof` operator in Section 8.1.

3. Let `DOUBLE` be the following macro:

```
#define DOUBLE(x) 2*x
```

- (a) What is the value of `DOUBLE(1+2)`?
- (b) What is the value of `4/DOUBLE(2)`?
- (c) Fix the definition of `DOUBLE`.

W 4. For each of the following macros, give an example that illustrates a problem with the macro and show how to fix it.

- (a) `#define AVG(x,y) (x+y)/2`
- (b) `#define AREA(x,y) (x)*(y)`

W *5. Let `TOUPPER` be the following macro:

```
#define TOUPPER(c) ('a' <= (c) && (c) <= 'z' ? (c) - 'a' + 'A' : (c))
```

Let `s` be a string and let `i` be an `int` variable. Show the output produced by each of the following program fragments.

- (a) `strcpy(s, "abcd");`
`i = 0;`
`putchar(TOUPPER(s[++i]));`