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# CENG 331

Section 3  
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Midterm I

- **Duration:** 100 minutes.
- **Exam:**
  - This is a **closed book, closed notes** exam.
  - No attempts of cheating will be tolerated. In case such attempts are observed, the students who took part in the act will be prosecuted. The legal code states that students who are found guilty of cheating shall be expelled from the university for **a minimum of one semester!**
  - **Data sheet for some aspects of x86-64 assembly is available on the last page.**
  - **This booklet consists of 8 pages including this page. Check that you have them all!**

Question 1

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1 (15 pts)

Warm-up.

- (2 pts) Write down the **gdb** (Gnu debugger) commands:
  - to display the 8-byte value at the top of the stack in hexadecimal format.

x/g \$rsp

- to display the assembly code for a function foo.

disas foo

- (4 pts) Write down a C function that would return 1 if the machine is Big Endian, and 0 if it is Little Endian. You are not allowed to use any library functions. Hint: Think of using `char *`.

```
int isBigEndian(void){  
    union { int i; char c; } e;  
    e.i = 1;  
    return (!e.c & 0x1);  
}
```

/x many possible answers x/

- (3 pts) Write the 16-bit **short int** representation of -42 in **hexadecimal**.

0xFFD6

$$42 \equiv \overbrace{0000\ 0000\ 0010\ 1010}^x$$

$$\begin{aligned} -42 &\equiv \sim x + 1 \\ &\equiv 1111\ 1111\ 1101\ 0110 \\ &\equiv 0xFFD6 \end{aligned}$$

- (6 pts) Write the float representation of 0.875 in **hexadecimal**. Hint: Encoding: 1 bit sign, 8 bit exponent, 23 bits for fraction.

0x3F600000

$$0.875 = 0.111_2$$

$$= 1.11 \cdot 2^{-1}$$

$$e = 8 \quad \text{Bias} = 2^{e-1} - 1 = 127$$

$$\Rightarrow E = 126 = 01111110$$

$$M = 11000000000000000000000$$

$$S = 0$$

0 01111110 11000... 0  
0x 3 F 6 00000

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2 (20 pts)

Consider the following  $m$ -bit floating-point representation based on the IEEE floating-point format:

- There is a sign bit-field in the most significant bit s.
- The next  $k$  bit-fields are the exponent  $exp$ .  $Bias = 2^{k-1} - 1$
- The last  $n$  bit-fields are the significand  $frac$ .  $max E = 2^k - 2 - (2^{k-1} + 1) = 2^{k-1} - 1$

In this format, a given numeric value  $V$  is encoded in the form  $V = (-1)^s \times M \times 2^E$ , where  $s$  is the sign bit,  $E$  is exponent after biasing, and  $M$  is the significand.

$$\begin{array}{c} k \quad n \\ \text{exp} \quad \text{frac} \\ \overline{111 \dots 10} \quad \overline{111 \dots 1} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ E = 2^{k-1} \quad M = 2^{-2^n} \\ V = (-1)^s \cdot (2 - 2^{-n}) \cdot 2^{2^{k-1}-1} \end{array}$$

- (5 pts) Give a formula for the largest even integer that can be represented exactly.

$$(2 - 2^{-n}) \cdot 2^{2^{k-1}-1} \quad \text{if } 2^{k-1} > n$$

$$\text{if } 2^{k-1} < n \quad \text{frac} = 111 \dots 1000 \quad \underbrace{2^{k-1} - 1 \text{ bits}}_{2^{k-1} - 1}$$

$$k(2 - 2^{-2^{k-1}+1}) \cdot 2^{2^{k-1}-1} = 2^{2^{k-1}-1}$$

- (5 pts) Give a formula for the smallest negative normalized value

$$-2^{2^{k-1}-1}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{exp} \quad \text{frac} \\ \overline{100 \dots 01} \quad \overline{00 \dots 00} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ -1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 \quad \cdot 2^{2^{k-1}-1} \\ = -2^{2^{k-1}-1} \end{array}$$

- (10 pts) For  $k = 4$  and  $n = 7$ , how many floating point numbers are in the following intervals  $[a, b)$ ? For each interval  $[a, b)$ , count the number of  $x$  such that  $a \leq x < b$ .

Interval  $[1, 2)$ :

$$2^7$$

$1 = 1.0 \cdot 2^0 \Rightarrow \text{exp} = Bias + 1, \text{ frac} = 0 \dots 0$   
 $0 \ 0111 \ 0000000$   
 $2 = 1.0 \cdot 2^1 \Rightarrow \text{exp} = Bias + 1, \text{ frac} = 0 \dots 0$   
 $0 \ 1000 \ 0000000$

Interval  $[2, 3)$ :

$$2^6$$

$$\text{Last number in } [1, 2) \ 0 \ 0111 \ 1111111$$
  


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 $2 = 0 \ 1000 \ 0000000$   
 $3 = 1.1 \cdot 2^1 \Rightarrow \text{exp} = Bias + 1, \text{ frac} = 10 \dots 0$   
 $0 \ 1000 \ 1000000$   

$$\text{Last number } [2, 3) \equiv 0 \ 1000 \ 0111111$$

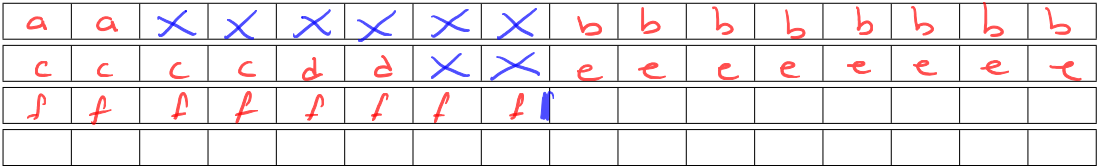
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3 (10 pts)

Draw the memory layout of the structure `r2d2` defined as below in a x86-84 Linux system:

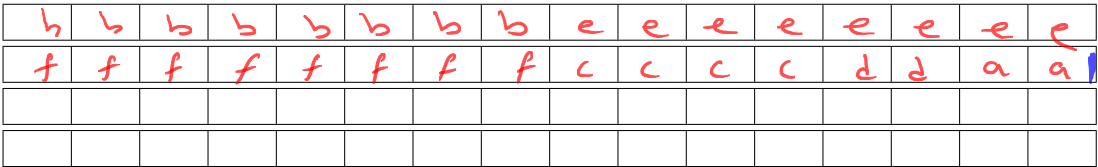
```
typedef struct {
    char a[2];
    long b;
    float c;
    short d;
    long *e;
    short *f;
} r2d2;
```

(5 pts) Label the bytes with the names of the various fields and clearly mark the end of the struct. Use an X to denote space that is allocated in the struct as padding.



(5 pts) Redefine the struct to minimize its memory layout, and show the new layout.

```
typedef struct {
    long b;
    long *e;
    short *f;
    float c;
    short d;
    char a[2];
} r2d2_new;
```



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4 (25 pts)

You have the following assembly code

```
get_element:
    pushq    %rbp
    movq     %rsp, %rbp
    movq     %rdi, -8(%rbp)
    movq     -8(%rbp), %rax
    salq     $5, %rax
    addq     $array+16, %rax
    movq     8(%rax), %rax
    movq     -8(%rbp), %rdx
    salq     $2, %rdx
    addq     %rdx, %rax
    movq     array(,%rax,8), %rax
    popq     %rbp
    ret
```

*Handwritten annotations:*

- $i$
- $rax \leftarrow i$
- $rax \leftarrow 32i$
- $rax \leftarrow array + 16 + 32i$
- $rax \leftarrow M[array + 32i + 24]$  (with green bracket: "offset of the field")
- $rdx \leftarrow i$
- $rdx \leftarrow 4i$
- $rax \leftarrow t + 4i$
- structure size 32 byte
- array[i].index
- return  $M[array + 32i + 8t]$
- $array[i].c[array[i].index]$

Fill in corresponding structure and code in the template shown below:

```
struct{
    ____ long c[3] ____;
    ____ long index ____;
} array[____]; doesn't matter

long get_element(long i){
    return(array[i].c[array[i].index]);
}
```

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5 (30 pts)

**Switch.** Consider the following assembly code:

```

0x4004ed <starwars>      push    %rbp
0x4004ee <starwars+1>     mov     %rsp,%rbp
0x4004f1 <starwars+4>     mov     %rdi,-0x18(%rbp)
0x4004f5 <starwars+8>     mov     %rsi,-0x20(%rbp)
0x4004f9 <starwars+12>    mov     %rdx,-0x28(%rbp)
0x4004fd <starwars+16>    movq    $0x0,-0x8(%rbp)
0x400505 <starwars+24>    cmpq    $0x7,-0x28(%rbp)
0x40050a <starwars+29>    ja      0x400557 <starwars+106>
0x40050c <starwars+31>    mov     -0x28(%rbp),%rax
0x400510 <starwars+35>    shl     $0x3,%rax
0x400514 <starwars+39>    add     $0x400608,%rax
0x40051a <starwars+45>    mov     (%rax),%rax
0x40051d <starwars+48>    jmpq    *%rax
0x40051f <starwars+50>    L4: mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x400523 <starwars+54>    mov     -0x20(%rbp),%rdx
0x400527 <starwars+58>    add     %rdx,%rax
0x40052a <starwars+61>    mov     %rax,-0x8(%rbp)
0x40052e <starwars+65>    jmp     0x40055f <starwars+114>
0x400530 <starwars+67>    L3: mov     -0x20(%rbp),%rax
0x400534 <starwars+71>    add     $0x2a,%rax
0x400538 <starwars+75>    mov     %rax,-0x8(%rbp)
0x40053c <starwars+79>    jmp     0x40055f <starwars+114>
0x40053e <starwars+81>    L1: mov     -0x20(%rbp),%rax
0x400542 <starwars+85>    sub     %rax,-0x18(%rbp)
0x400546 <starwars+89>    L5: mov     -0x20(%rbp),%rax
0x40054a <starwars+93>    mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rdx
0x40054e <starwars+97>    xor     %rdx,%rax
0x400551 <starwars+100>   mov     %rax,-0x8(%rbp)
0x400555 <starwars+104>   jmp     0x40055f <starwars+114>
0x400557 <starwars+106>  L2: movq    $0x14b,-0x8(%rbp)
0x40055f <starwars+114>   mov     -0x8(%rbp),%rax
0x400563 <starwars+118>   pop     %rbp
0x400564 <starwars+119>   retq

```

jump table:

0 0x400608: 0x40053e L1  
 1 0x400610: 0x400557 L2 default  
 2 0x400618: 0x400557 L2 → default  
 3 0x400620: 0x400530 L3  
 4 0x400628: 0x40051f L4  
 5 0x400630: 0x400557 L2 → default  
 6 0x400638: 0x400546 L5  
 7 0x400640: 0x400530 L3

switch (c)  
 {  
 case 0:  
 result = a + b;  
 case 1:  
 result = b + 42;  
 case 2:  
 a = a - b;  
 case 3:  
 result = a ^ b;  
 case 4:  
 result = 10;  
 case 5:  
 result = 8;  
 case 6:  
 result = 8;  
 case 7:  
 result = 8;

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

8x=0  
 8x=8

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Fill in the C template below based on the compiled code above:

```
long starwars(long a, long b, long c)
{
    long answer = ____0____;
    switch(c)
    {
        case ____4____:
            answer = ____b+a____;
            break;
        case ____3____:
        case ____7____:
            answer = ____b+42____;
            break;
        case ____0____:
            a = ____a-b____;
            /* Fall through */
        case ____6____:
            answer = ____a^b____;
            break;
        default:
            answer = ____331____;
    }
    return answer;
}
```

1 (30 pts)



Many operand forms of IA32 are not available in Y86 instruction set. Assume that we want to extend the Y86 ISA with a new move instruction as follows:

```
mrmovnew rA, Displacement(rB)
```

Meaning that

```
rA <- M(rB+Displacement)
```

with the instruction format (6 bytes)

D 0	rA rB	Displacement
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(a) Write down the stages of execution.

Stage	Computation
Fetch	$icode:ifun \leftarrow M_1[PC]$ $rA:rB \leftarrow M_1[PC+2]$ $valC \leftarrow M_2(PC+2)$ $valP \leftarrow PC+10$
Decode	$valA \leftarrow R[rA]$ $valB \leftarrow R[rB]$
Execute	$valE \leftarrow valB + valC$
Memory	$valM \leftarrow M[valE]$
Write-back	$rA \leftarrow valM$
PC-update	$PC \leftarrow valP$



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### Data sheet for x86-64 Assembly

- Arithmetic operations

```
addq Src, Dest Dest = Dest + Src
subq Src, Dest Dest = Dest - Src
imulq Src, Dest Dest = Dest * Src
salq Src, Dest Dest = Dest << Src Also called shll
sarq Src, Dest Dest = Dest >> Src Arithmetic
shrq Src, Dest Dest = Dest >> Src Logical
xorq Src, Dest Dest = Dest ^ Src
andq Src, Dest Dest = Dest & Src
orq Src, Dest Dest = Dest | Src
```

```
incq Dest Dest = Dest + 1
decq Dest Dest = Dest - 1
negq Dest Dest = - Dest
notq Dest Dest = ~ Dest
```

- cmpq Src2, Src1

- cmpq b, a like computing a-b without setting destination

- testq Src2, Src1

- testq b, a like computing a&b without setting destination

- Condition codes:

- CF set if carry out from most significant bit
- ZF set if t == 0
- SF set if t < 0
- OF set if two's complement overflow

- Jump operations

jmp	1	Unconditional
je	ZF	Equal / Zero
jne	~ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
js	SF	Negative
jns	~SF	Nonnegative
jg	~(SF ^ OF) & ~ZF	Greater (Signed)
jge	~(SF ^ OF)	Greater or Equal (Signed)
jl	(SF ^ OF)	Less (Signed)
jle	(SF ^ OF)   ZF	Less or Equal (Signed)
ja	~CF & ~ZF	Above (unsigned)
jb	CF	Below (unsigned)