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Lab 1 - Numerical Formats

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Getting started

It is assumed that you are comfortable programming in C or C++. If this is not the case, it is recommended you make yourself comfortable as quickly as possible. This lab will be done on flip.engr.oregonstate.edu, in C. Please ensure you can access this server and are comfortable navigating around.

In this lab, you will be exploring the numerical formats, including both integers and floating point values. You will be implementing addition, multiplication, subtraction, and division for both floating point and integer values.

Part 1: Implement frexp Function

The standard C library provides a collection of functions for working with the parts of a floating point value. Specifically, you will be implementing the double form of frexp. Please see the man pages for details of implementation. Your version of the function should work identically to the supplied version. Feel free to use the example program from the man page as a test case.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <float.h>


/*

note from Ryan:
I need to cite portions of this code if I end up using it...
I don't remember where I found the first foo off the top of my head,
but a search should be able to find it.

*/

//pexp is a pointer to the exponent
double my_frexp(double value, int *pexp){

    double r;
    *pexp = 0;

        /*
     * return value must be strictly less than 1.0 and >=0.5 .
     */
    if ((r = fabs(value)) >= 1.0)
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        for(; (r >= 1.0); (*pexp)++, r /= 2.0);
    else
        for(; (r < 0.5); (*pexp)--, r *= 2.0);

    return (value < 0 ? -r : r);
    }


int main (){
  double result;
  int n;

  float float_in = 1.0;
  double double_in = 1.0;

  result = my_frexp (float_in , &n);
  printf ("%f = %f * 2^%d\n", float_in , result , n);

  //compare to frexp from math.h
  result = frexp (double_in , &n);
  printf ("%f = %f * 2^%d\n", double_in , result , n);

  printf("\n");
  return 0;
}
```

Source: http://read.pudn.com/downloads65/sourcecode/os/234548/libc/math/frexp.c__.htm

Part 2: Feature Extraction

As we discussed in class, bit patterns have no meaning until such is assigned by the programmer. As such, a given bit pattern can be an integer, a floating point value, a 4 or 8 character string (depending on the size), etc. For this part of the lab, write code to treat a given value as each of these things.

For decimal value -1.234	
double mantissa	1110111110011101101100100000000111011000
double sign	1
double exponent	0111111100
long value	00111011111001110110110
long sign	1
char	SagFault

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>

/*

(from wolfram alpha for 1.234)

sign digit | 0
exponent | 01111111
significand | 00111011111001110110110

from print_bits

byte 1 = 00111111
byte 2 = 10011101
byte 3 = 11110011
byte 4 = 10110110

they match!

00111111100111011111001110110110
00111111100111011111001110110110

*/


/*
note:
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okay, this is weird. The lab instructions ask for the sign bit if a value is
treated as a long, but long appears to use 2's complement instead of a sign b

*/

void print_bits(signed char *ch, int max){
    int i;
    ch = ch + 3;
    for (i = 0; i < max; i++){

        int output[8];

        // converts hexidemical byte to binary bit pattern
        printf("byte %d = ", i+1, *ch);
        int j;
        for (j = 7; j >= 0; j--) {
          output[j] = (*ch >> j) & 1;
          printf("%d", output[j]);
        }
        printf("\n");
        ch--; //next byte
    }
}

// prints mantissa, sign, exponent
void print_mse_as_float(signed char *ch, int max){

    printf("if this were a float...\n");

    int output[8*4];
    int k = 0;
    int i;
    ch = ch + 3;
    for (i = 0; i < max; i++){
        int j;
        for (j = 7; j >= 0; j--) {
          output[k] = (*ch >> j) & 1;
          k++;
        }
        ch--; //next byte
    }

    // now we split the string
    int sign[1];
    printf("sign bit: ");
```

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    for (k = 0; k < 1; k++){
        sign[0] = output[k];
        printf("%d",output[k]);
    }
    int exponent[8];
    printf("\nexponent bits: ");
    for (k = 1; k < 9; k++){
        exponent[k-1] = output[k];
        printf("%d",output[k]);
    }
    int mantissa[23];
    printf("\nmantissa bits: ");
    for (k = 9; k < 32; k++){
        mantissa[k-9] = output[k];
        printf("%d",output[k]);
    }
    printf("\n");
}

// prints value and sign
void print_vs_as_long(signed char *ch){

    printf("if this were a long...\n");

    int output[8*4];
    int k = 0;
    int i;
    ch = ch + 3;
    for (i = 0; i < 4; i++){
        int j;
        for (j = 7; j >= 0; j--) {
          output[k] = (*ch >> j) & 1;
          k++;
        }
        ch--; //next byte
    }

    // now we split the string
    int sign[1];
    printf("sign bit: ");
    for (k = 0; k < 1; k++){
        sign[0] = output[k];
        printf("%d",output[k]);
    }
    int exponent[32];
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    printf("\nvalue bits: ");
    for (k = 1; k < 32; k++){
        exponent[k-1] = output[k];
        printf("%d",output[k]);
    }
    printf("\n");
}

//1, 11, 52
void print_mse_as_double(signed char *ch){

    printf("if this were a double...\n");

    int output[8*8];
    int k = 0;
    int i;
    ch = ch + 3;
    for (i = 0; i < 8; i++){
        int j;
        for (j = 7; j >= 0; j--) {
          output[k] = (*ch >> j) & 1;
          k++;
        }
        ch--; //next byte
    }

    // now we split the string
    int sign[1];
    printf("sign bit: ");
    for (k = 0; k < 1; k++){
        sign[0] = output[k];
        printf("%d",output[k]);
    }
    int exponent[11];
    printf("\nexponent bits: ");
    for (k = 1; k < 11; k++){
        exponent[k-1] = output[k];
        printf("%d",output[k]);
    }
    int mantissa[52];
    printf("\nmantissa bits: ");
    for (k = 11; k < 52; k++){
        mantissa[k-11] = output[k];
        printf("%d",output[k]);
    }
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    printf("\n");
}

void print_chars(signed char *ch){

    printf("if this were 8 chars...\n");

    int output[8*8];
    int i, j, k;
    ch = ch + 3;
    for (i = 0; i < 8; i++){
        int j;
        for (j = 7; j >= 0; j--) {
          output[k] = (*ch >> j) & 1;
          k++;
        }
        ch--; //next byte
    }

    // now we split the string...
    k = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < 8; i++){
        printf("char %d: ",i);
         for (j = 0; j < 8; j++){
            printf("%d",output[k]);
            k++;
        }
        printf("\n");
    }

    printf("\n");
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]){

    float f = 1.234;
    int max = sizeof(typeof(f));
    printf("\nfloat: %f \n", f);
    unsigned char *ch; //signed or unsigned chars... i still don't know?
    ch = (unsigned char *)(&f);

    print_mse_as_float(ch,max);
    print_mse_as_double(ch);
    print_vs_as_long(ch);
    print_chars(ch);
```

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    int i = 1;
    printf("\nint: %d \n", i);
    unsigned char *ch2;
    ch2 = (unsigned char *)(&i);

    print_mse_as_float(ch2,max);
    print_mse_as_double(ch2);
    print_vs_as_long(ch2);
    print_chars(ch2);

    long int l = -1000;
    printf("\nlong: %d \n", l);
    unsigned char *ch3;
    ch3 = (unsigned char *)(&l);

    print_mse_as_float(ch3,max);
    print_mse_as_double(ch3);
    print_vs_as_long(ch3);
    print_chars(ch3);

}
```