CSC 120 ICA-36

- 1. Hashing (for review). Answer the following questions:
 - a) How do we guarantee that every slot will be visited when using double hashing?
 - b) Define load factor. What is the equation for the load factor of a hash table?
 - c) What is the von Mises Birthday Paradox?

2. The hash function hash (key, M) below takes a string key and a table size M and computes the hash value by summing the ord of the characters mod M. (Recall that ord (c) returns the ASCII value of c in decimal.) Modify hash () to incorporate the position of the character before including it in the sum:

```
def hash(key, M):
    sum = 0
    for c in key: # key is a string
        sum += ord(c)
    return sum % M
```

Don't move on to the next problems until we discuss debugging.

3. (Debugging) The following code has many errors, packed into a very little space: syntax errors, runtime errors that crash the program, and even some logical errors which cause silent bugs. How many can your group find?

```
import Random
a = random.randint(1,12)
b = random.randint(1,12)
for i in range(10):
    question = "What is "+a+" x "+b+"? "
    answer = input(question)
    if answer = a*b
        print (Well done!)
    else:
        print("No.")
```

Make a list of the bugs you found.

Note: We may or may not get to problems 4 & 5 on the following page today.

4. The following code is supposed to iterate through a list of values, and remove duplicates; the values are not sorted, and so the duplicate values (if any) can be widely separated. If any duplicates are found, it keeps the first version and discards the rest; the surviving values must be in the same order as they began. (Also, this function is required to modify the list in place; it cannot simply return a new list.)

There are many ways to do this (and we have written a more efficient version of this function) but this code uses nested loops; it looks for duplicate values by comparing every value to every other and removes the second one if it finds a duplicate.

But it has several noteworthy bugs; see if you can find them. The first couple bugs are easy to find; give it almost any list, with more than a couple values (including some duplicates), and you will find them. But the next bug is more subtle - you will only be able to find it with specific inputs. To find that one, use the input [-50, 66, 80, 58, -50, 86, -19, -35, 45, 80, 80, -6, 34]

Write a description of the bugs. Also, describe the techniques that you used to debug this code. Did you add print () statements? Where? What did you print out? Did you write additional testcases?

5. Why does the following function sometimes print the values out of order?

```
def sort_input():
    data = []
    while True:
        val = input("Enter a number (blank line to end) ")
        if val == "":
            break
        data.append(val)
    for v in sorted(data):
        print(v)
```