CS1010E Programming Methodology

Tutorial 9: Characters and Strings

Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

To students:

Please be reminded that our **Practical Exam 2** is on this **Saturday**. Please check IVLE for seating plan, etc.

I. Manual tracing

- 1. For each of the program fragments below, write down its output.
 - (a) [CS1010 AY2013/14 Semester 1 Exam, Q1.1]

```
int a = 9;
if (isdigit(a)) {
  printf("true\n");
} else {
  printf("false\n");
}
```

(b) [CS1010 AY2012/13 Semester 1 Exam, Q1.1]

```
char s1[7] = "ace", s2[] = "bdf";
strcat(s1, s2);
printf("%s\n", s1);
```

(c) [CS1010 AY2011/12 Semester 1 Exam, Q1.2]

```
char c = 'b', d = 'H';
int a = d - toupper(c);
printf("%c %d\n", c, a);
```

(d) [CS1010e AY2010/11 Semester 2 Exam, Q9]

2. [CS1010 AY2010/2011 Semester 1 Exam, Q2b]

Write down the output of the following program.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int functionXYZ(char *str, char ch);
int main(void) {
   char s[] = "abbacadaba";
   printf("%d\n", functionXYZ(s, 'b'));
   return 0;
}
int functionXYZ(char *str, char ch) {
   int i = 0, j = 0;
   while (str[i]) {
      if (str[i] == ch) {
         j++;
      }
      i++;
   }
   return j;
}
```

- 3. Study the following program.
 - (a) Assuming that a user name can contain up to 8 characters, student Brusco wrote this:

```
char username[8];
. . .
scanf("%s", username);
```

What is wrong with Brusco's code?

(b) What is wrong if Brusco writes the following code?

```
char fruitname[8];
    . . .
strcpy(fruitname, "pineapple");
printf("%s\n", fruitname);
```

II. Programming

- 4. [Problem Set 4 Exercise #03] Greetings
- 5. [Problem Set 4 Exercise #06] Word Game
- 6. [Problem Set 4 Exercise #07] My String Functions