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## 1 Exercises

- 1. a) 14
  - b) 34
  - c) 4
  - d) true
  - e) false

## Notes

#### • Pointer Arithematic

- Adding an integer to a pointer

## Example



- Subtracting an integer from a pointer

#### Example



- Subtracting one pointer from another

### Example



#### • Comparing pointers

- Can compare pointers using relational operators (i.e. <,<=,>,>=) and the equality operators (i.e. ==,!=)
- Returns 1 if true and 0 if false

### Example

$$p = &a[5];$$
  
 $q = &a[1];$   
 $p <= q \text{ is } 0 \text{ and } p >= q \text{ is } 1$ 

2. low and high are memory addresses.

So, low + high is out of bound, and it could potentially point to an undesirable or wrong value.

To fix this, we subtract the from high value to the low value:

$$\mathtt{middle} = \frac{\mathtt{low} \; + \; \mathtt{high}}{2} \tag{1}$$

3. I need to write the contents of an array a after the execution of statements outlined in problem sheet.

After execution, the array would have contents of [10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1].

#### Notes

- Combining the \* and ++ Operators
  - \*p++ or \*p++  $\rightarrow$  Value of expression is \*p before increment; increment p later
  - (\*p)++  $\rightarrow$  Value of expression is \*p before increment; increment \*p later
  - -\*++p or  $*(++p) \rightarrow$  Increment p first; value of expression is \*p after increment
  - $++*p \text{ or } ++(*p) \rightarrow \text{Increment } *p \text{ first; value of expression is } *p \text{ after increment}$

#### Example

$$a[i++] = j$$

Means assign the value j to a[i] before increment

#### Example 2

```
for (p = &a[0]; p < &a[N]; p++)
sum += *p;
```

Is the same as

```
p = &a[0];
while (p < &a[N])
   sum += *p++;</pre>
```

4. I need to re-write prototype make\_empty, is\_empty and is\_full of the following code to use the pointer variable top\_ptr instead of the integer variable top.

```
#include <stdbool.h>
1
2
      #define STACK_SIZE 100
3
      /*external variables*/
5
      int contents[STACK_SIZE]
      int top = 0;
8
      void make_empty(void) {
9
           top = 0;
10
      }
11
12
      bool is_empty(void) {
13
          return top == 0;
14
15
16
      bool is_full(void) {
17
          return top == STACK_SIZE;
18
19
```

And after re-write using top\_ptr instead of top have:

```
#include <stdbool.h>
2
      #define STACK_SIZE 100
3
4
      /*external variables*/
5
      int contents[STACK_SIZE]
6
      int *top_ptr = &contents[0];
8
      void make_empty(void) {
9
          top_ptr = &contents[0];
11
12
      bool is_empty(void) {
13
          return top_ptr == &contents[0];
14
15
16
      bool is_full(void) {
17
          return top_ptr == &contents[STACK_SIZE-1];
19
```

5. First, I need to identify which of the following expressions are illegal because of mismatched types.

```
a) p == a[0]
```

b) 
$$p == &a[0]$$

```
c) *p == a[0]
```

$$d) p[0] == a[0]$$

Here, only a) is illegal.

Second, I need to write which of the remaining expressions are true.

Here, the expressions that return true are b), c) and d).

#### **Notes**

- \*(a+i) is equal to a[i]
- \*p and a[] are the same given p == a
- Using an Array Name as a Pointer
  - The name of an array can be used as a pointer to the first element in the array.

#### Example

```
int a[10];
*a = 7; /* stores 7 in a[0] */
*(a+1) = 12; /* stores 7 in a[1] */
```

#### Example 2

```
To simplify the loop, we can replace &a [0] by a and &a [N] by a + N: for (p = a; p < a + N; p++) sum += *p;
```

6. I need to re-write the following to use pointer arithematic instead of array subscripting, and I need to make as few change as possible.

```
int sum_array(cost int a[], int n) {
    int i, sum;

sum = 0;

for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
    sum += a[i];

return sum;
}</pre>
```

After making changes to above code to use pointer arithematic, we have

```
int sum_array(cost int a[], int n) {
    int i, sum;

sum = 0;

for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
    sum += *(a+i);

return sum;
}</pre>
```

7. I need to write the following using pointer arithematic so it finds an element in a that matches to value key. I need to return true if there is a match.

bool search(const int a[], int n, int key);

And the solution is:

```
bool search(cost int a[], int n, int key) {

for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    if (*(a+i) == key) {
        return true
    }
}

return false;
}</pre>
```

8. Here, I need to re-write the following function to use pointer arithmetic instead of array subscripting.

```
void store_zeros(cost int a[], int n) {
   int i;

for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
      a[i] = 0;
   }
}</pre>
```

After re-writing above code, we have

```
void store_zeros(cost int a[], int n) {
    int *p;

for (p = a; p < a + n; p++) {
        *p = 0;
    }
}</pre>
```

9. Here, I need to write the function

```
double inner_product(const double *a, const double *b, int n) using pointer arithmetic such that it returns a[0] * b[0] + a[1] * b[1] + a[2] * b[2] + ... + a[n-1] * b[n-1].
```

The solution is provided below

```
double inner_product(const double *a, const double *b, int n) {
           double sum = 0, p*;
2
3
          p = a;
5
           while (p < a + n) {
6
               sum += *a * *b;
               a++;
9
               b++;
10
11
               p++;
           }
12
13
           return sum;
```

```
Correct Solution

double inner_product(const double *a, const double *b, int n) {
    double sum = 0, *p;

    p = a;

    while (p++ < a + n) {
        sum += *a++ * *b++;
    }

    return sum;
}</pre>
```

10. Here, I need to rewrite the function find\_middle so that it uses pointer arithmetic - not subscripting - to visit any element.

The solution to this exercise is provided below.

```
int *find_middle(int a[], int n) {
    return a + (n/2)
}
```

11. Here I need to modify the function find\_largest function so that it uses pointer arithmetic - not subscripting - to visit array elements

```
int *find_largest(int a[], int n) {
           int *p, *max;
2
3
           max = a;
4
5
6
           for (p = a; p < a + n; p++){
               if (*p > *max) {
                    max = p;
               }
9
           }
10
11
           return *max;
12
```

12. I need to write the function

void find\_two\_largest(const int \*a, int n, int \*largest, int \*second\_largest)
using pointer arithmetic.

The solution to this exercise is:

```
#include <stdbool.h> // bool
      #include <limits.h> // INT_MIN
2
3
      bool is_largest(int current_max, int val);
4
5
      void find_two_largest (int a[], int n, int *largest, int*
6
     second_largest) {
          int current_max = INT_MIN;
          int current_second_max = INT_MIN;
8
9
          for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {</pre>
               if (is_largest(current_max, a[i])) {
                   current_second_max = current_max;
                   current_max = *(a + i);
13
               }
14
          }
15
17
          *largest = current_max;
          *second_largest = current_second_max;
18
      }
19
20
      bool is_largest(int current_max, int val) {
21
          if (val > current_max) {
22
               return true;
23
          }
24
25
```

```
return false;
}
```

```
Correct Solution:
      void find_two_largest(const int *a, int n, int *largest, int *
     second_largest) {
          const int *p = a;
3
          *largest = *second_largest = *a;
          while (p++ < a + n) {
              if (*p > *largest) {
                  *second_largest = *largest;
                  *largest = *p;
              } else if (*p > *second_largest)
                  *second_largest = *p;
11
          }
12
      }
13
```

13. I need to rewrite the following program such that it uses a single pointer through the array one element at a time.

```
#define N 10
1
2
      double ident[N][N];
3
      int row, col;
4
      for (row = 0; row < N; row++) {
6
           for (col = 0; col < N; col++) {</pre>
               if (row == col) {
8
                    ident[row][col] = 1.0;
9
               } else {
10
                    ident[row][col] = 0.0;
11
               }
12
           }
13
```

The solution to this exercise is:

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

#define N 10

bool is_row_eq_col(int i, int n);

int main() {
```

```
9
            int i = 0;
10
11
            double ident[N][N], *p;
12
13
14
            for (p = &ident[0][0]; p < &ident[N-1][N-1]; p++) {</pre>
15
                 if (is_row_eq_col(i, N)) {
16
                     *p = 1.0;
                } else {
18
                     *p = 0.0;
19
                }
20
                 i++;
21
           }
22
23
24
            return 0;
25
       }
26
27
       bool is_row_eq_col(int i, int n) {
28
            if (i % (n+1) != 0) {
29
                return false;
30
31
32
33
            return true;
```

#### Notes

- Learned that the memory address of each row in two dimensional array are placed right next to each other
- 14. I need to write a statement that uses the search function from Exercise 7 to search the entire temperatures array for the value 32.

The solution to this problem is:

```
int row = 0;

for (int row = 0; row < 7; row++) {
    if (search(temperatures[row], 24, 32)) {
        return true
    }
}

return false;</pre>
```

15. Create a loop that prints all temperature readings in row i of the following array using a pointer to visit each element of the row.

#### inte temperatures[7][24]

The solution to this problem is:

```
int *p;

for (p = &a[i]; p < &a[i] + 24; p++) {
    printf("%d", *p);
}</pre>
```

```
Correct Solution:

int *p;

for (p = &temperatures[i]; p < &temperatures[i] + 24; p++) {
         printf("%d", *p);
}</pre>
```

16. I need to write a loop that prints the highest temperature in the temperatures array for each day of the week using find\_largest function.

The solution to this problem is:

```
int *p, *val;

for (p = &temperatures[i]; p < &temperatures[i] + 24; p++) {
    val = find_largest(p, 24);
    printf("%d\n", *val);
}</pre>
```

17. I need to rewrite the following function to use pointer arithmetic and single loop, instead of array subscripting.

```
int sum_two_dimensional_array(const int a[][LEN], int n) {
   int i, j, sum = 0;

for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
      for (j = 0; j < LEN; j++) {
         sum += a[i][j];
      }
}

return sum;
}</pre>
```

```
int sum_two_dimensional_array(const int a[][LEN], int n) {
    int *p, sum = 0;

for (p = &a[0][0]; p < &a[n-1][LEN-1]; p++) {
        sum += *p;
    }

return sum;
}</pre>
```

18. I need to rewrite the evaluation\_position function described in exercise 13 of chapter 9 using pointer arithmetic and single loop.

```
int evaluate_position(char board[8][8]) {
2
           int white = 0, black = 0;
3
           char *p;
5
           for (p = &board[0][0]; p < &board[7][7]; p++) {</pre>
6
                switch(*p) {
                     case 'Q':
                         white += 9;
9
                         break;
10
11
                     case 'q':
                         black += 9;
12
                         break;
13
                     case 'R':
14
                         white += 5;
15
16
                         break;
                     case 'r':
17
18
                         black += 5;
                         break;
19
                     case 'B':
20
                         white += 3;
21
                         break;
22
                     case 'b':
23
                         black += 3;
24
                         break;
25
                     case 'N':
26
                         white += 3;
27
                         break;
28
                     case 'n':
29
                         black += 3;
30
                         break;
31
                     case 'P':
32
                         white++;
33
                         break;
34
                     case 'p':
35
                         black++;
36
                         break;
```

#### References

1) Githib (William Gherman), c-solutions (Chapter 9 Exercise 13), link

## 2 Programming Projects

1. a) I need to write a program that reads a message, then prints the reversal of the message.

The additional requirement for this program are:

- Read the message one character at a time using getchar
- Read characters should be stored in an array
- Read should be stopped when the array is full or the character read is '\n'

```
#include <stdio.h>
      #define SIZE 10
3
       int main(void) {
           char array[SIZE], c, temp;
           int i = 0, n;
           printf("Enter a message: ");
11
           // fill array
           do {
13
                c = getchar();
14
15
                if (c == '\n')  {
16
                     break;
18
19
                array[i] = c;
20
                i++;
21
           } while (i < SIZE);</pre>
23
           n = i;
24
25
```

```
// reverse characters in array
26
27
           for (int j = 0; j < (n - j); j++) {
28
29
                temp = array[j];
                array[j] = array[n - (1 + j)];
30
                array[n - (1 + j)] = temp;
31
           }
32
33
           printf("Reversal is: ");
34
35
           for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {</pre>
36
                printf("%c", array[j]);
37
39
40
           return 0;
41
```

```
b)
       #include <stdio.h>
 2
       #define SIZE 10
 3
 4
       int main(void) {
 5
 6
            char array[SIZE], c, temp, *p;
            int i = 0, n;
 9
           p = &array[0];
10
11
            printf("Enter a message: ");
12
13
           // fill array
14
            do {
                c = getchar();
16
17
                if (c == '\n') {
18
                     break;
19
20
21
                *p++ = c;
22
                i++;
23
            } while (p < array + SIZE);</pre>
24
25
           n = i;
26
27
            // reverse characters in array
28
29
            char *q = &array[0], *r = &array[n-1];
30
            while (q < r) {
31
                temp = *q;
32
                *q++ = *r;
33
                *r-- = temp;
34
            }
36
            printf("Reversal is: ");
37
```

2. a) I need write a program that reads a message and checks if it's a palindrome.

```
#include <stdio.h>
      #include <stdbool.h>
2
      #include <ctype.h>
3
      #define SIZE 100
5
6
      bool is_palindrome(char array[], int n);
       int main(void) {
9
           char array[SIZE], c;
10
           int n = 0;
12
           // Read characters
           // Put characters into array
14
           printf("Enter a message: ");
16
           do {
17
                c = getchar();
18
19
                if (c == '\n') {
20
                    break;
21
22
23
               if (!isalpha(c)) {
24
                    continue;
25
26
                array[n] = tolower(c);
28
                n++;
29
           } while (n < SIZE);</pre>
30
31
           // Check if characters in array is palindrome
32
33
           if (is_palindrome(array, n)) {
                printf("Palindrome");
34
           } else {
35
                printf("Not a Palindrome");
36
37
38
           return 0;
39
      }
40
41
```

```
bool is_palindrome(char array[], int n) {
42
           char temp;
43
44
           for (int i = 0; i < (n - i); i++) {
45
               if (array[i] != array[n - (1 + i)]) {
46
                    return false;
47
               }
48
           }
49
50
           return true;
52
```

b) I need to rewrite above program to use pointers instead of integers to keep track of position in the array.

```
#include <stdio.h>
      #include <stdbool.h>
      #include <ctype.h>
3
      #define SIZE 100
5
6
      bool is_palindrome(char array[], int n);
      int main(void) {
9
           char c, array[SIZE], *p = &array[0];
           int n = 0;
11
           // Read characters
13
           // Put characters into array
14
           printf("Enter a message: ");
15
16
           do {
17
               c = getchar();
18
19
               if (c == ' \n') {
20
                    break;
21
               }
22
23
               if (!isalpha(c)) {
24
                    continue;
25
26
27
               *p++ = tolower(c);
28
               n++;
29
           } while (n < SIZE);</pre>
30
31
           // Check if characters in array is palindrome
32
           if (is_palindrome(array, n)) {
33
               printf("Palindrome");
34
           } else {
35
36
               printf("Not a Palindrome");
37
```

```
38
           return 0;
39
      }
40
41
      bool is_palindrome(char array[], int n) {
42
           char *p = &array[0],
43
                 *q = &array[n-1];
44
45
           while (p < q) {
                if (*p++ != *q--) {
47
                    return false;
48
                }
49
           }
50
52
           return true;
```

3. I need to simplify programming project 1(b) by using the fact that array name can be used as a pointer.

```
#include <stdio.h>
       #define SIZE 100
3
       int main(void) {
5
6
           char array[SIZE], c, *p = &array[0];
           printf("Enter a message: ");
9
10
           // fill array
11
           do {
12
                c = getchar();
13
14
                if (c == '\n')  {
15
                     break;
16
18
                *p++ = c;
19
           } while (p < array + SIZE);</pre>
20
21
22
           p--;
23
           printf("Reversal is: ");
24
           while (p >= array) {
25
                printf("%c", *p);
26
27
                p--;
           }
28
29
           return 0;
30
31
```

4. I need to simplify programming project 2(b) by taking advantage of the fact that array name can be used as a pointer.

```
#include <stdio.h>
      #include <stdbool.h>
2
      #include <ctype.h>
3
      #define SIZE 100
5
6
      bool is_palindrome(char *p, char *q);
      int main(void) {
9
           char c, array[SIZE],
10
                *p = array,
11
                 *q = array;
12
13
           // Read characters
14
           // Put characters into array
           printf("Enter a message: ");
16
17
           do {
18
               c = getchar();
19
20
               if (c == '\n') {
21
                    break;
22
               }
25
               if (!isalpha(c)) {
                    continue;
26
               }
28
                *q++ = tolower(c);
29
           } while (q < array + SIZE);</pre>
30
           // Set pointer to last element in the array
31
32
           q--;
           // Check if characters in array is palindrome
33
           if (is_palindrome(p,q)) {
34
35
                printf("Palindrome");
           } else {
36
                printf("Not a Palindrome");
37
           }
38
39
40
           return 0;
      }
41
42
      bool is_palindrome(char *p, char *q) {
43
           while (p < q) {
44
               if (*p++ != *q--) {
45
                    return false;
               }
47
48
```

5. I need to modify programming project 14 from chapter 8 so that it uses a pointer instead of an integer.

```
#include <stdio.h>
2
       #define MAX_VALUE 100
       int main(void) {
6
           int i = 0,
                j;
8
9
           char c,
                 terminating_char,
10
                 words[MAX_VALUE] = {0};
11
           printf("Enter a sentence: ");
13
           do {
14
                c = getchar();
15
16
                if (c == '\n') {
17
                     break;
19
20
                if (c == '.' || c == '!' || c == '?') {
21
                     terminating_char = c;
22
                     break;
23
                }
24
25
                words[i] = c;
26
                i++;
27
           } while (i < MAX_VALUE);</pre>
28
           i--;
29
30
           char *p;
31
32
           printf("Reversal of sentence: ");
33
           while (i >= 0) {
34
                j = i;
35
36
                if (i <= 0) {</pre>
                     break;
38
                }
39
40
                if (words[i] == ' ') {
41
                     i--;
42
43
                     continue;
```

```
}
44
45
               while(j >= 0 || words[j-1] != ' ') {
46
                    printf("%c", words[j]);
47
                    j--;
48
               }
49
50
               if (j != 0) {
51
                    printf(" ");
53
           }
54
55
           printf("%c\n", terminating_char);
57
           return 0;
```

## References

1) Githib (William Gherman), c-solutions (Chapter 8 Exercise 14), link