

CSC209H Worksheet: Function Calls and Pointers

- Trace the memory usage for the program below up to the point when `lie` returns. We have set up both stack frames for you.

```
#include <stdio.h>

void lie(int age) {
    printf("You are %d years old\n", age);
    age += 1;
    printf("You are %d years old\n", age);
}

int main() {
    int age = 18;
    lie(age);
    printf("But your age is still %d\n", age);
    return 0;
}
```

age = lie(age);

| Section | Address | Value | Label |
|----------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| stack frame for lie | 0x23c | | |
| | 0x240 | | |
| | 0x244 | | |
| | 0x248 | 0x264 | age |
| | 0x24c | | age |
| stack frame for main | 0x250 | | |
| | 0x254 | | |
| | 0x258 | | |
| | 0x25c | | |
| | 0x260 | | |
| | 0x264 | 18 19 | age |
| | | | |

- In the space below, modify the above program so that `lie` takes in a pointer so that the change it makes persists after it returns. Trace through your new program (you'll need to write sections and labels yourself).

a1[0] = 11

pt = a1

A → pt[0] = 22

*B *pt = 33*

a1 → 0x250

&a1

*int *pt*

pt = a1

*pt[0] = *pt*

*pt[1] = *(pt+1)*

*pt[n] = *(pt+n)*

int i = 10

printf(&pt)

| Section | Address | Value | Label |
|---------|---------|----------|-------|
| | 0x23c | | |
| | 0x240 | 0x250 | pt |
| | 0x244 | | |
| | 0x248 | | |
| | 0x24c | 10 | i |
| | 0x250 | 11 22 33 | a1 |
| | 0x254 | | |
| | 0x258 | | |
| | 0x25c | | |
| | 0x260 | | |
| | 0x264 | | |

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3. In the space below, write a small program that allocates an array of integers in the main function and passes that array to a function call **change**. (You'll also need to pass in the length of the array – **why?**) The function should do two things:

- Add 10 to each element of the array.
- Return the average of the new contents of the array.

Check your understanding carefully by tracing the execution of the function on the given memory model diagram.

```
double change(int *b, int size) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
        b[i] = b[i] + 10;
        sum += b[i];
    }
    return (double)sum / size;
}
```

```
int main() {
    int a[4] = {10, 20, 30, 40};
    double result = change(a, 4);
    return 0;
}
```

| Section | Address | Value | Label |
|---------|---------|---|--------|
| change | 0x23c | 0x260 | b |
| | 0x240 | | |
| | 0x244 | 4 | size |
| | 0x248 | 0 10 50 90 140 | sum |
| | 0x24c | 0 1 2 3 4 | i |
| | 0x250 | | |
| | 0x254 | | |
| main | 0x258 | 35.0 | result |
| | 0x25c | | |
| | 0x260 | 10 20 | a |
| | 0x264 | 20 30 | |
| | 0x268 | 30 40 | |
| | 0x26c | 40 50 | |

$l = \{ \}$

$l.append(10)$

\rightarrow

$a[4]$



$a[Max] \downarrow$

$a[Max]$

$a[Max * 2]$

