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Midterm I

- **Duration:** 100 minutes.
- **Exam:**
 - This is a **closed book, closed notes** exam.
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 - **Data sheet for some aspects of x86-64 assembly is available on the last page.**
 - **This booklet consists of 8 pages including this page. Check that you have them all!**

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1 (15 pts)

Warm-up.

- (2 pts) Write down the **gdb** (Gnu debugger) commands:
 - to display the 8-byte value at the top of the stack in hexadecimal format.

`x/g $rsp`

- to display the assembly code for a function `foo`.

`disas foo`

- (4 pts) Write down a C function that would return 1 if the machine is Big Endian, and 0 if it is Little Endian. You are not allowed to use any library functions. Hint: Think of using `char *`.

```
int isBigEndian(void){  
    union { int i; char c; } e;  
    e.i = 1;  
    return (!e.c & 0x1);  
}
```

/x many possible answers x/

- (3 pts) Write the 16-bit `short int` representation of -42 in **hexadecimal**.

`0xFFD6`

$$42 = \overbrace{0000\ 0000\ 0010\ 1010}^x$$

$$-42 = \sim x + 1$$

$$= 1111\ 1111\ 1101\ 0110$$

$$= 0xFFD6$$

- (6 pts) Write the `float` representation of 0.875 in **hexadecimal**. Hint: Encoding: 1 bit sign, 8 bit exponent, 23 bits for fraction.

`0x3F600000`

$$0.875 = 0.111_2$$

$$= 1.11 \cdot 2^{-1}$$

$$e = 8 \quad \text{Bias} = 2^{e-1} - 1 = 127$$

$$\Rightarrow E = 126 = 01111110$$

$$M = 11000000000000000000000$$

$$s = 0$$

0 01111110 11000000 ... 0
0x 3 F 6 00000

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2 (20 pts)

Consider the following m -bit floating-point representation based on the IEEE floating-point format:

- There is a sign bit-field in the most significant bit s.
- The next k bit-fields are the exponent exp . $Bias = 2^{k-1} - 1$
- The last n bit-fields are the significand $frac$. $max E = 2^k - 2 - 2^{k-1} + 1 = 2^{k-1} - 1$

In this format, a given numeric value V is encoded in the form $V = (-1)^s \times M \times 2^E$, where s is the sign bit, E is exponent after biasing, and M is the significand.

$$\begin{array}{c} k \quad n \\ \text{exp} \quad \text{frac} \\ \hline 111 \dots 10 \quad 111 \dots 1 \\ \hline \leftarrow E = 2^{k-1} - 1 \quad M = 2^{-2^n} \\ V = (-1)^s \cdot (2 - 2^{-n}) \cdot 2^{E-1} \end{array}$$

- (5 pts) Give a formula for the largest even integer that can be represented exactly.

$$(2 - 2^{-n}) \cdot 2^{2^{k-1}-1} \quad \text{if } 2^{k-1} > n$$

$$\text{If } 2^{k-1} < n \quad \text{frac} = 111 \dots 1000 \quad 2^{k-1} \text{ bits}$$

- (5 pts) Give a formula for the smallest negative normalized value

$$-2^{-2^{k-1}+1}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{frac} \\ \text{exp} \\ \hline 100 \dots 01 \quad 00 \dots 00 \\ \hline \leftarrow 1 - Bias \\ \leftarrow 2^{-2^{k-1}+1} \end{array}$$

- (10 pts) For $k = 4$ and $n = 7$, how many floating point numbers are in the following intervals $[a, b)$? For each interval $[a, b)$, count the number of x such that $a \leq x < b$.

- Interval $[1, 2)$:

$$2^7$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 = 1.0 \cdot 2^0 \Rightarrow \text{exp} = Bias, \text{ frac} = 0 \dots 0 \\ 0 \ 0111 \ 0000000 \\ 2 = 1.0 \cdot 2^1 \Rightarrow \text{exp} = Bias+1, \text{ frac} = 0 \dots 0 \\ 0 \ 1000 \ 0000000 \end{array}$$

- Interval $[2, 3)$:

$$2^6$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Last number in } [1, 2) \ 0 \ 0111 \ 1111111 \\ \hline 2 = 0 \ 1000 \ 0000000 \\ 3 = 1.1 \cdot 2^1 \Rightarrow \text{exp} = Bias+1, \text{ frac} = 10 \dots 0 \\ 0 \ 1000 \ 1000000 \\ \text{Last number } [2, 3) \equiv 0 \ 1000 \ 0111111 \end{array}$$

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3 (10 pts)

Draw the memory layout of the structure `r2d2` defined as below in a x86-64 Linux system:

```
typedef struct {
    char a[2];
    long b;
    float c;
    short d;
    long *e;
    short *f;
} r2d2;
```

- (5 pts) Label the bytes with the names of the various fields and clearly mark the end of the struct. Use an X to denote space that is allocated in the struct as padding.

a	a	X	X	X	X	X	X	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
c	c	c	c	d	d	X	X	e	e	c	e	e	e	e	e
f	f	f	f	f	f	f	f								

- (5 pts) Redefine the struct to minimize its memory layout, and show the new layout.

```
typedef struct {
    long b;
    long *e;
    short *f;
    float c;
    short d;
    char a[2];
} r2d2_new;
```

b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e
f	f	f	f	f	f	f	f	c	c	c	c	d	d	a	a

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4 (25 pts)

You have the following assembly code

get_element:

```
pushq    %rbp
movq     %rsp, %rbp
movq     %rdi, -8(%rbp)
movq     -8(%rbp), %rax
salq     $5, %rax
addq     $array+16, %rax
movq     8(%rax), %rax
movq     -8(%rbp), %rdx
salq     $2, %rdx
addq     %rdx, %rax
movq     array(,%rax,8), %rax
popq     %rbp
ret
```

i
rax ← *i*
rax ← 32 *i*
rax ← array + 16 + 32 *i*
rax ← M[array + 32 *i* + 24]
rdx ← *i*
rdx ← 4 *i*
rax ← *r* + 4 *i*

offset of the field
struct size 32 byte
array[i].index
*return M[array + 32 *i* + 8 *t*]*
array[i].c[array[i].index]

Fill in corresponding structure and code in the template shown below:

```
struct{
    ____ long c[3] ____;
    ____ long index ____;
} array[____]; doesn't matter

long get_element(long i){
    return(array_ [i].c[array[i].index] ____);
}
```

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5 (30 pts)

Switch. Consider the following assembly code:

```
0x4004ed <starwars>      push    %rbp
0x4004ee <starwars+1>     mov     %rsp,%rbp
0x4004f1 <starwars+4>     mov     %rdi,-0x18(%rbp)
0x4004f5 <starwars+8>     mov     %rsi,-0x20(%rbp)
0x4004f9 <starwars+12>    mov     %rdx,-0x28(%rbp)
0x4004fd <starwars+16>    movq    $0x0,-0x8(%rbp)
0x400505 <starwars+24>    cmpq    $0x7,-0x28(%rbp)
0x40050a <starwars+29>    ja      0x400557 <starwars+106>
0x40050c <starwars+31>    mov     -0x28(%rbp),%rax
0x400510 <starwars+35>    shl     $0x3,%rax
0x400514 <starwars+39>    add     $0x400608,%rax
0x40051a <starwars+45>    mov     (%rax),%rax
0x40051d <starwars+48>    jmpq    *%rax
0x40051f <starwars+50>    mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rax
0x400523 <starwars+54>    mov     -0x20(%rbp),%rdx
0x400527 <starwars+58>    add     %rdx,%rax
0x40052a <starwars+61>    mov     %rax,-0x8(%rbp)
0x40052e <starwars+65>    jmp     0x40055f <starwars+114>
0x400530 <starwars+67>    mov     -0x20(%rbp),%rax
0x400534 <starwars+71>    add     $0x2a,%rax
0x400538 <starwars+75>    mov     %rax,-0x8(%rbp)
0x40053c <starwars+79>    jmp     0x40055f <starwars+114>
0x40053e <starwars+81>    mov     -0x20(%rbp),%rax
0x400542 <starwars+85>    sub     %rax,-0x18(%rbp)
0x400546 <starwars+89>    mov     -0x20(%rbp),%rax
0x40054a <starwars+93>    mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rdx
0x40054e <starwars+97>    xor     %rdx,%rax
0x400551 <starwars+100>   mov     %rax,-0x8(%rbp)
0x400555 <starwars+104>   jmp     0x40055f <starwars+114>
0x400557 <starwars+106>   movq    $0x14b,-0x8(%rbp)
0x40055f <starwars+114>   mov     -0x8(%rbp),%rax
0x400563 <starwars+118>   pop     %rbp
0x400564 <starwars+119>   retq
```

jump table:

```
0x400608: 0x40053e
0x400610: 0x400557
0x400618: 0x400557
0x400620: 0x400530
0x400628: 0x40051f
0x400630: 0x400557
0x400638: 0x400546
0x400640: 0x400530
```

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Fill in the C template below based on the compiled code above:

```
long starwars(long a, long b, long c)
{
    long answer = ____0____;
    switch(c)
    {
        case ____4____:
            answer = ____b+a____;
            break;
        case ____3____:
        case ____7____:
            answer = ____b+42____;
            break;
        case ____0____:
            a = ____a-b____;
            /* Fall through */
        case ____6____:
            answer = ____a^b____;
            break;
        default:
            answer = ____331____;
    }
    return answer;
}
```

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Data sheet for x86-64 Assembly

- Arithmetic operations

```
addq Src, Dest Dest = Dest + Src
subq Src, Dest Dest = Dest - Src
imulq Src, Dest Dest = Dest * Src
salq Src, Dest Dest = Dest << Src Also called shll
sarq Src, Dest Dest = Dest >> Src Arithmetic
shrq Src, Dest Dest = Dest >> Src Logical
xorq Src, Dest Dest = Dest ^ Src
andq Src, Dest Dest = Dest & Src
orq Src, Dest Dest = Dest | Src
```

```
incq Dest Dest = Dest + 1
decq Dest Dest = Dest - 1
negq Dest Dest = - Dest
notq Dest Dest = ~ Dest
```

- `cmpq Src2, Src1`
 - `cmpq b, a` like computing `a-b` without setting destination
- `testq Src2, Src1`
 - `testq b, a` like computing `a&b` without setting destination
- Condition codes:
 - CF set if carry out from most significant bit
 - ZF set if `t == 0`
 - SF set if `t < 0`
 - OF set if two's complement overflow

- Jump operations

<code>jmp</code>	1	Unconditional
<code>je</code>	ZF	Equal / Zero
<code>jne</code>	\sim ZF	Not Equal / Not Zero
<code>js</code>	SF	Negative
<code>jns</code>	\sim SF	Nonnegative
<code>jg</code>	\sim (SF ^ OF) & \sim ZF	Greater (Signed)
<code>jge</code>	\sim (SF ^ OF)	Greater or Equal (Signed)
<code>jl</code>	(SF ^ OF)	Less (Signed)
<code>jle</code>	(SF ^ OF) ZF	Less or Equal (Signed)
<code>ja</code>	\sim CF & \sim ZF	Above (unsigned)
<code>jb</code>	CF	Below (unsigned)