EECE.3220: Data Structures

Key Questions Dynamic Allocation (Lecture 10)

QUESTIONS

- 1. Briefly review the use of pointers, including the duality between arrays and pointers.
- 2. Describe the new and delete operators.
- 3. How does allocation using new differ for allocating one variable or allocating an array?
- 4. Explain how new can be used to dynamically allocate objects and how the constructor for an object can be invoked as the object is allocated.
- 5. Explain the use of the -> operator to access the members of an object through a pointer.
- 6. How does deallocation using delete differ if you're deallocating one variable or deallocating an array?

EXAMPLES

1. What does the program below print?

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int main() {
   int *iPtr, *jPtr, i;
   iPtr = new int;
   jPtr = new int(3);
   double *dPtr;
   dPtr = new double[6];
   *iPtr = 7;
   cout << *iPtr << ',' << *jPtr << endl;
   for(i=0; i<6; i++)
       dPtr[i] = 5;
   for(i=0; i<6; i++)
       cout << (*dPtr)++ << ' ';
   cout << endl;</pre>
   for(i=0; i<6; i++)
       cout << dPtr[i] << ' ';
   return 0;
}
```