

# Week 1



## Question 9.

int x; // variable at address 1000 with initial value 0.  
int \*p; // variable at address 2000 with initial value 0.

statement	x value	p value	x address	p address
initial. -	0	0	1000	2000
a. p = &x;	0	1000	1000	2000
b. x = 5;	5	1000	1000	2000
c. *p = 3;	3	1000	1000	2000
d. x = (int) p;	1000	1000	1000	2000
e. x = (int) &p;	2000	1000	1000	2000
f. p = NULL;	2000	NULL	1000	2000
g. *p = 1;		fails	because	p is NULL.

## Question 6.

when to use \* and/or malloc for structs?

struct node a; use •

- declared on the stack
- don't need malloc.

- only use within a function.

struct node \*b; use →

- declared on the heap
- need malloc

good for passing between functions

a pointer is a variable that points to the address of a variable.

int \*var;

int var;

int \* var

struct

what does sizeof do?

sizeof gets the # of bytes (of variable eg 'a' or type eg 'int')

what does malloc do?

allocates memory of given size @ the address or CHS.

c = malloc (8) allocates 8 bytes @ c's address  
↑ variable to allocate for    ↑ # of bytes

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← :

$$f(5) = f(4) + f(3)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & / & \backslash & / & \backslash \\ f(3) & & f(2) & f(1) & f(0) \end{array}$$

$r(0)$

↓

$r(1)$

↓

$r(2)$

↓

3

4

...

↓

10

# Week 2

1. When should the types in `stdint.h` be used?

⇒ what is the type `uint8_t`? <sup>unsigned</sup>  
`00000000` <sup>8 bits</sup>  
 how is it different to `int8_t`? <sup>(positive & negative)</sup>  
 → not unsigned

2. How are the bases [decimal (base 10), hexadecimal (base 16), octal (base 8) and binary (base 2)] denoted in C?

hexadecimal: starts with `0x`

octal: starts with `0`

decimal: everything else

binary: ⇒ `0b` → not standard → pls don't use it -

	decimal	binary	octal <sup>= 8 digits</sup>	hexadecimal
a.	1	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	0 0 1	0 1
b.	8	→ 0 0 1 0 0 0 oct: $2^3 + 2^2 + 2^0$ hex: 0 0 1 0 0 0 $2^3 + 2^2 + 2^0 = 8$	0 1 0	0 8
c.	10	0 0 1 0 1 0 $2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0 = 10$	0 1 2	0 A
d.	15	0 0 0 1 1 1 1	0 1 7	0 F
e.	16			
f.	100			
g.	127			
h.	200			

Decimal	Binary	Hexadecimal	Decimal	Binary	Hexadecimal
0	0 0 0 0	0	8	1 0 0 0	8
1	0 0 0 1	1	9	1 0 0 1	9
2	0 0 1 0	2	10	1 0 1 0	A
3	0 0 1 1	3	11	1 0 1 1	B
4	0 1 0 0	4	12	1 1 0 0	C
5	0 1 0 1	5	13	1 1 0 1	D
6	0 1 1 0	6	14	1 1 1 0	E
7	0 1 1 1	7	15	1 1 1 1	F

convert 8 to binary

8			
(÷2)	4	r	0
	2	r	0
	1	r	0
	0	r	1

↑  
binary digit

$$\Rightarrow 8_{10} = 1000_2$$

↑  
base  
10  
(decimal)
↑  
base  
2  
(binary)

(÷2)	10		
	5	r	0
	2	r	1
	1	r	0
	0	r	1

↑  
1010<sub>2</sub>

(÷2)	15		
	7	r	1
	3	r	1
	1	r	1
	0	r	1

$$\begin{array}{r} 01010 \\ \& 11100 \\ \hline 01000 \end{array}$$

wherever we want to set a bit to 1 in original value

(now)

turned to 0

original & mask

A	B	^	& ~
0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0

bad for setting to 0

same as original when B=0

set to 0 when B=1

### 3. Bitwise Operations

True = 1  
False = 0

!101010 → True = 00000  
~101010 = 010101  
not same as!

A	B	A   B OR	A & B AND &	A ^ B XOR ^	A	NOT ~
0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	1	0
1	0	1	0	1		
1	1	1	1	0		

a)  $0x5555 | 0xAAAA = 0xFFFF$  g)  $0x5555 \& (0xAAAA \ll 1)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ | 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1010 \\ \hline 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1010 \ll 1 \\ = 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0100 \end{array}$$

b)  $0x5555 \& 0xAAAA = 0x0000$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ \& 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1010 \\ \hline 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \Rightarrow 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ \& 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0100 \\ \hline 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0100 = 0x5554 \end{array}$$

c)  $0x5555 \wedge 0xAAAA = 0xFFFF$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ \wedge 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1010 \\ \hline 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111 \end{array}$$

h)  $0xAAAA | 0x0001$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1010 \\ | 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0001 \\ \hline 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1011 \end{array}$$

d)  $0x5555 \& \sim 0xAAAA$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ \& 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ \hline 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 = 0x5555 \end{array}$$

i)  $0xAAAA \& \sim 0x0001$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1010 \\ \& 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1110 \\ \hline 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1110 \end{array}$$

e)  $0x0001 \ll 6$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0001 \\ \ll 6 \\ 0000\ 0000\ 0100\ 0000 \end{array}$$

f)  $0x5555 \gg 4$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ \gg 4 \\ 0000\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \end{array}$$

Given a variable X...

Copy / extract the value of a specific bit:  $X \& \text{mask}$

Set a specific bit to 1:  $X | \text{mask}$

Set a specific bit to 0:  $X \& \sim \text{mask}$

to set a specific bit(s) to 1.

original value  $\Rightarrow$  0001 0101  
0011 0000  $\Rightarrow$  mask  
try and & try or 1  
use to set digits to 1.  
0  $\Rightarrow$  not what we want  
still same  
set to 1 like we wanted

try copying specific bits from a value:

don't copy  $\Rightarrow$  0101 0101  $\Rightarrow$  original  
0110 0000  $\Rightarrow$  mask  
& 0100 0000  
some as the original

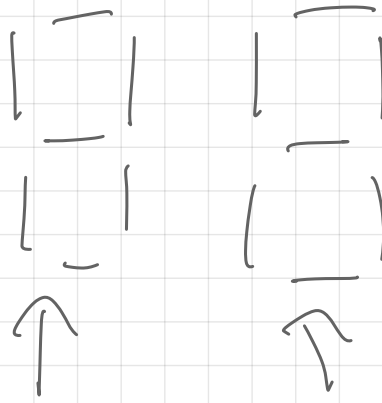
set specific bits to 0.

0101 1010  $\Rightarrow$  original  
1001 1111  $\Rightarrow$  mask  
& 0001 1010  
0101 1010  $\Rightarrow$  original  
0110 0000  $\Rightarrow$  mask  
 $\sim \& (\sim \text{mask} =$   
1001 1111  
& 0001 1010

# BCD



digits  
are  
separately  
converted to binary

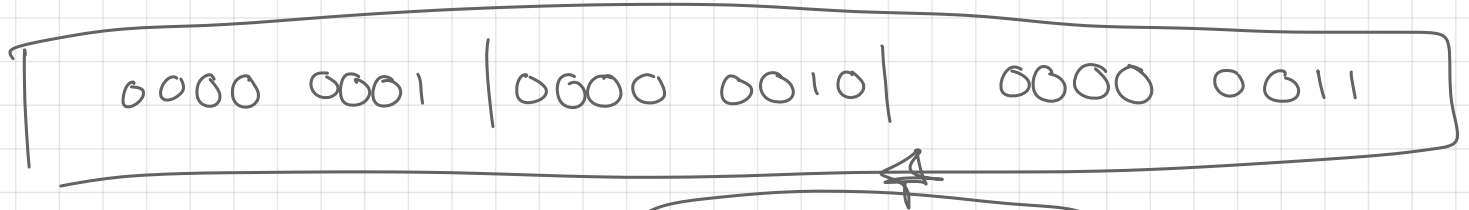


$$1_{10} : 1_2 \Rightarrow 0000 \ 0001_2$$

$$2_{10} : 10_2 \Rightarrow 0000 \ 0010_2$$

$$3_{10} : 11_2 \Rightarrow 0000 \ 0011_2$$

(8bits  
 $\Rightarrow$  uncompressed  
BCD



vs normal binary -- (00 0111 1011)

compressed BCD

$\Rightarrow$  4 bits instead of 8.

$$258 = \underbrace{0000 \ 0001}_1 \mid \underbrace{0000 \ 0010}_2$$

uint8\_t a = 0x05 (0000 0101<sub>2</sub>)  
 uint8\_t b = 0xA (0000 1010<sub>2</sub>)

0000 0101  
 0000 1010

(or) | 0000 1111

(and) & 0000 0000

(xor) ^ 0000 1111

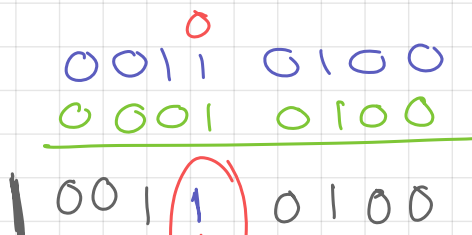
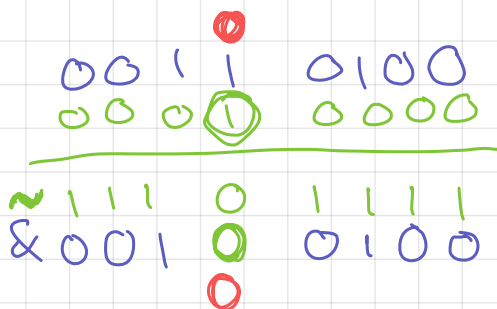
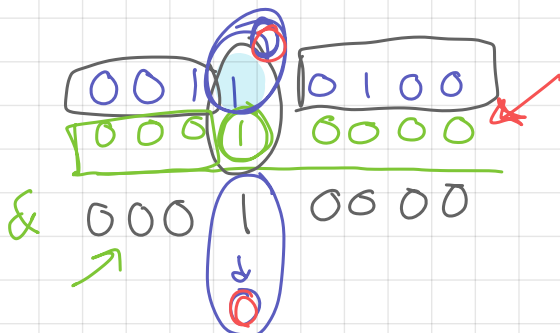


⇒ 1111 1100

>> 2

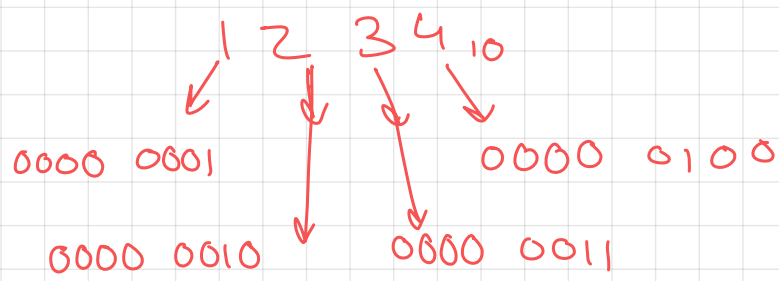
0011 1111

uint ...  
 (unsigned int) ...



mask = 1 << i;  
 0000 0001





1234

0000 0001 | 0000 0010 | 0000 0011 | 0000 0100

258's

0000 0001 | 0000 0010

↓ ↓

$1 \times 10^1 + 2 \times 10^0$

# Week 3

!! weekly tests start this week !!

## Negative Values

How are signed values represented?

X X X X X X X X X X X X X X

1 = negative 0 = positive if -ve represent using 2's complement

- \* for positive values:  
use normal bin representation  
signed bit is 0
- \* for negative values:  
set signed bit to 1  
use 2's complement.

to determine a number's representation in 2's complement:

- get normal bin. representation
- invert all bits

Eg.  $5_{10}$ :  
0000 0000 0000 0101

• add 1  
 $10_{10} = 1010$   
 $2'sc = 0110$

vs  $-5_{10}$ :

invert: 1111 1111 1111 1010  
add 1: 1111 1111 1111 1011  
 $100_{10}$ : invert  
0000 0000 0110 0100  
keep

$11_{10} = 1011_2$   
 $2'sc_{comp} = 0100 + 1$   
 $-11_{10} = 0101$

$10_{10} = 1010$   
 $= 0101$   
 $+ 1$   
 $0110 = -10_{10}$

vs  $-100_{10}$ :

cheat 1111 1111 1001 1100  
invert 1111 1111 1001 0111  
+1 1111 1111 1001 1100

cheaty method

$11_{10} = 1011_2$   
first 1  
invert everything to left of the 1  
 $= 0101$

convert 16-bit representation to the corresponding decimal value:

•  $0x0013 = 0000 0000 0001 0011 = +19$   
= positive

•  $0xffff = 1111 1111 1111 1111 = -1$   
= negative

$\therefore$  need to use 2's complement  
 $= 0000 0000 0000 0001 = 1$

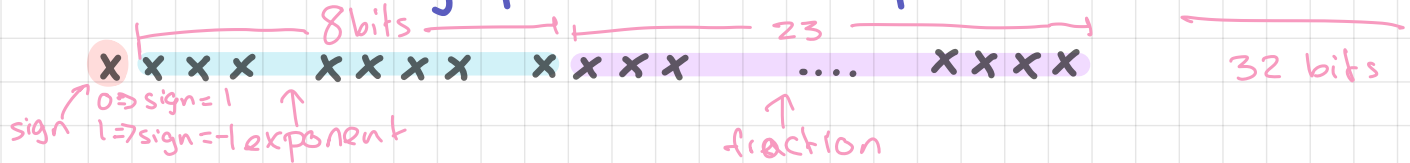
2's complement  
undoes itself

ie:  $2'sc(2'sc(a)) = a$

ie  $-100 = 1111 1111 1001 1100$   
normal 0000 0000 0110 0100  
method 0000 0000 0110 0100

# Floating Point Values

How are floating point values represented? (IEEE 754)



from this we can calculate the value with the formula:

$$\text{sign} \times (1 + \text{frac}) \times 2^{\text{exp} - 127}$$

note: we don't use two's complement here.

Eg: Convert the following to decimal numbers

f) 0 10000000 | 0110...0

$$\begin{array}{c} 10^{-1} \ 10^{-2} \ 10^{-3} \ 10^{-4} \\ 0.1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \\ 0.1 = 1 \times 10^{-1} \\ 0.02 = 2 \times 10^{-2} \\ \dots \end{array}$$

sign: positive  $\therefore = 1$

exp:  $2^7 = 128$

frac:  $2^{-2} + 2^{-3} = 0.375$

$$\text{value} = 1 \times (1 + 0.375) \times 2^{128 - 127} = 2.75$$

c) 0 0111111 | 100...0

sign:  $= 1$  (+ve)

exp:  $= 127$

frac:  $= 2^{-1} = 0.5$

$$\text{value} = 1 \times (1 + 0.5) \times 2^{127 - 127} = 1.5$$

don't follow formula  
the 'denormal'  $X \neq Y$  where  $X=0$

a) 0 00000000 | 000...0

sign: 1

exp: 0

frac: 0

$$\text{value} = 1 \times (1 + 0) \times 2^{0 - 127} = 2^{-127} \approx 0$$

b) 1 00000000 | 000...0

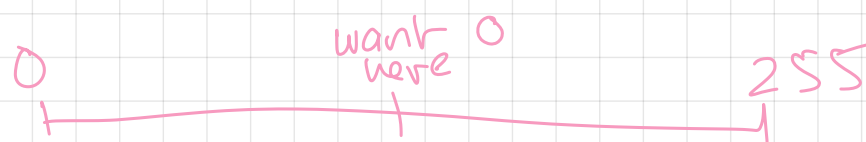
sign: -1

exp: 0

frac: 0

$$\text{value} = -1 \times (1 + 0) \times 2^{0 - 127} = -2^{-127} = -0$$

$$255 = 1111 \ 1111$$



Eg 2: Convert the following to IEEE 754 encoded bit strings:

a)  $2.5 \div 2^1 = 1.25 \Rightarrow 2.5 = 1.25 \times 2^1$   
 sign: +ve  $\therefore 0$   
 exp:  $\text{exp} - 127 = 1 \Rightarrow \text{exp} = 1 + 127 = 128$   
 frac:  $010 \dots 0$   
 bits =  $0 \ 1000 \ 0000 \ 010 \dots 0$

first express the number in the form:  
 $(1 + \text{frac}) \times 2^n$

b)  $0.375 \times 2^2 = 1.5 \Rightarrow 0.375 = \frac{1.5}{2^2} = (1 + 0.5) \times 2^{-2}$   
 sign:  $0$   
 exp:  $\text{exp} - 127 = -2 \Rightarrow \text{exp} = -2 + 127 = 125_{10} = 01111101_2$   
 frac:  $100 \dots 0$   
 bits =  $0 \ 0111 \ 1101 \ 100 \dots 0$

how to convert fract. to bin?

$(\times 2) 0.25$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $0.5$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $1.0$

c)  $27.0 \div 2^4 = 1.6875 \Rightarrow 27.0 = (1 + 0.6875) \times 2^4$   
 sign:  $0$   
 exp:  $4 = \text{exp} - 127 = 13_{10} = 1000 \ 0011_2$   
 frac:  $0.6875_{10} = 101100 \dots 0$   
 bits =  $0 \ 1000 \ 0011 \ 1011 \ 0 \dots 0$

$0.5$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $1.0$

$0.6875$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $1.375$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $0.75$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $1.5$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $1.0$

d)  $100$   
 sign:  
 exp:  
 frac:  
 bits =

steps:

- start w/ fraction component.
- multiply by 2 until either we get 0 or run out of space for digits
- take the digit on the LHS as the next bin. digit.
- take the value on RHS and repeat process

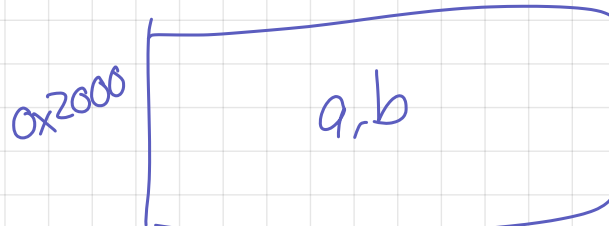
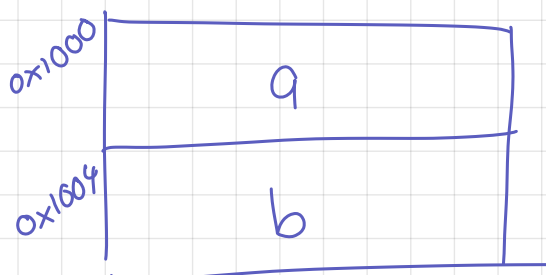
## Structs vs Unions

struct {  
 assume 4 bytes  
 int a;  
 float b;  
} x1;

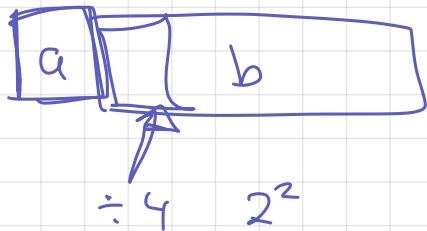
$\&x1 = 0x1000$   
 $\&(x1.a) = 0x1000$   
 $\&(x1.b) = 0x1004$

union {  
 int a;  
 float b;  
} x2;

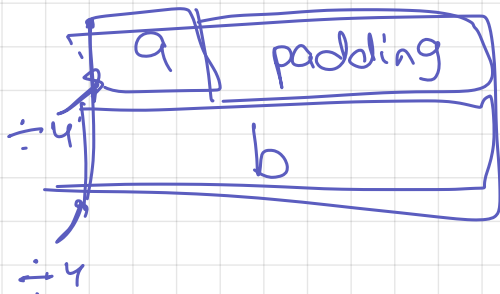
$\&x2 = 0x2000$   
 $\&(x2.a) = 0x2000$   
 $\&(x2.b) = 0x2000$



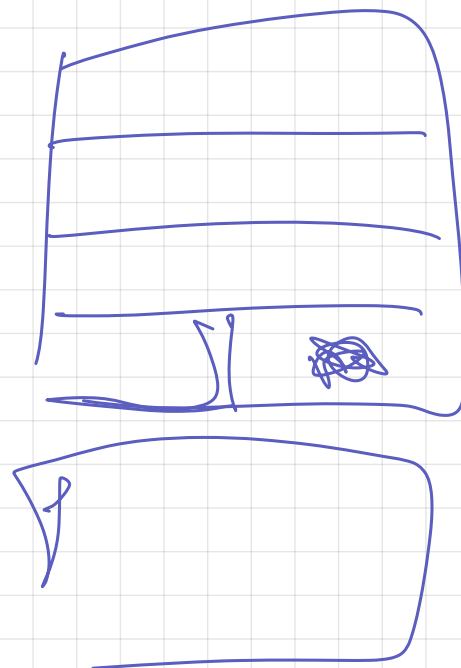
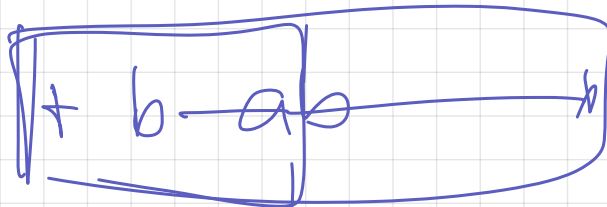
$x2.a = 10$   
 $x2.b = 1(1 + 2^{-10} + 2^{-22}) \times 2^{0-127}$   
 $= 1(1. \dots) 2^{-127}$



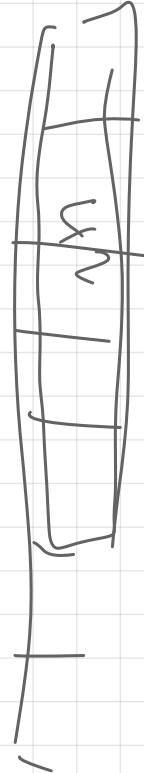
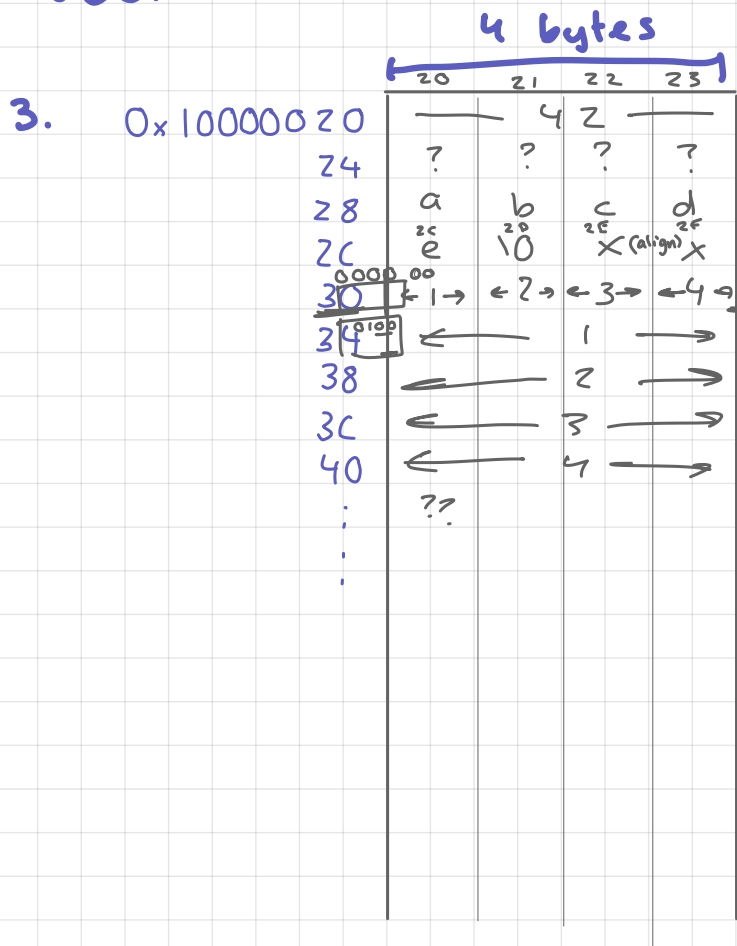
what actually happens



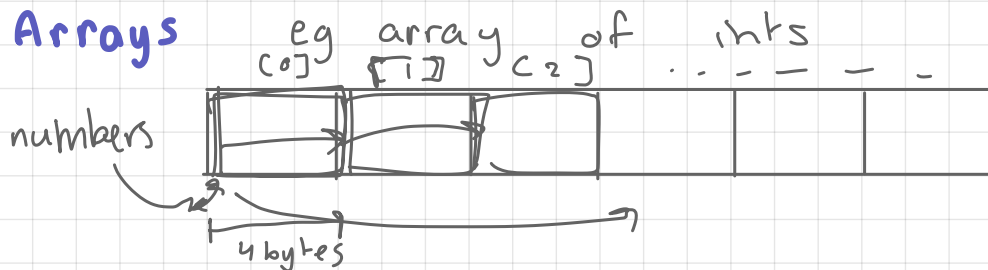
$$4 + 4 = 8$$



# Week 5



## Arrays



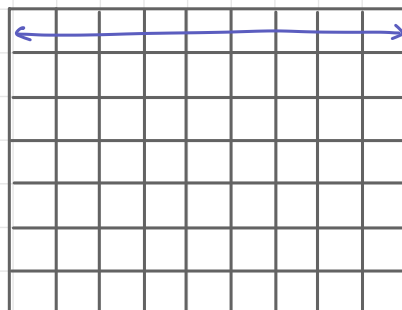
## calculate index address:

(1d) address = starting address of array + offset

offset = index × size of elements

1d array-address = label + index × sizeof(element)

2d array-address = label + row × NUMCOLS × sizeof(element) + index × sizeof(element)



(week 7 content) from wk 5 !!

# Functions

main  
**caller**  
calls another function

main  
**callee**  
is being called

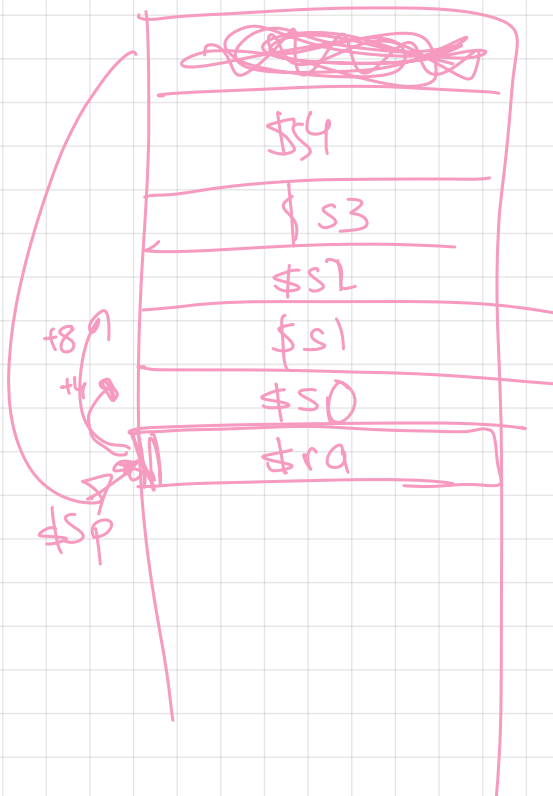
to "call another fn"  
→ use jal address  
→ changes \$ra to address of next instr...

to give arguments  
use \$a registers  
in order!

can assume is  
\$s aren't changed  
by callee.

can assume \$t  
registers are free  
to use (don't need  
to save them)

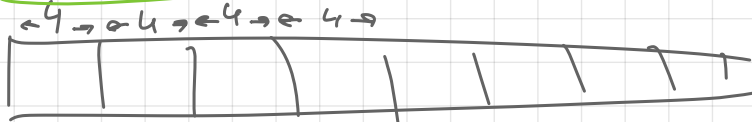
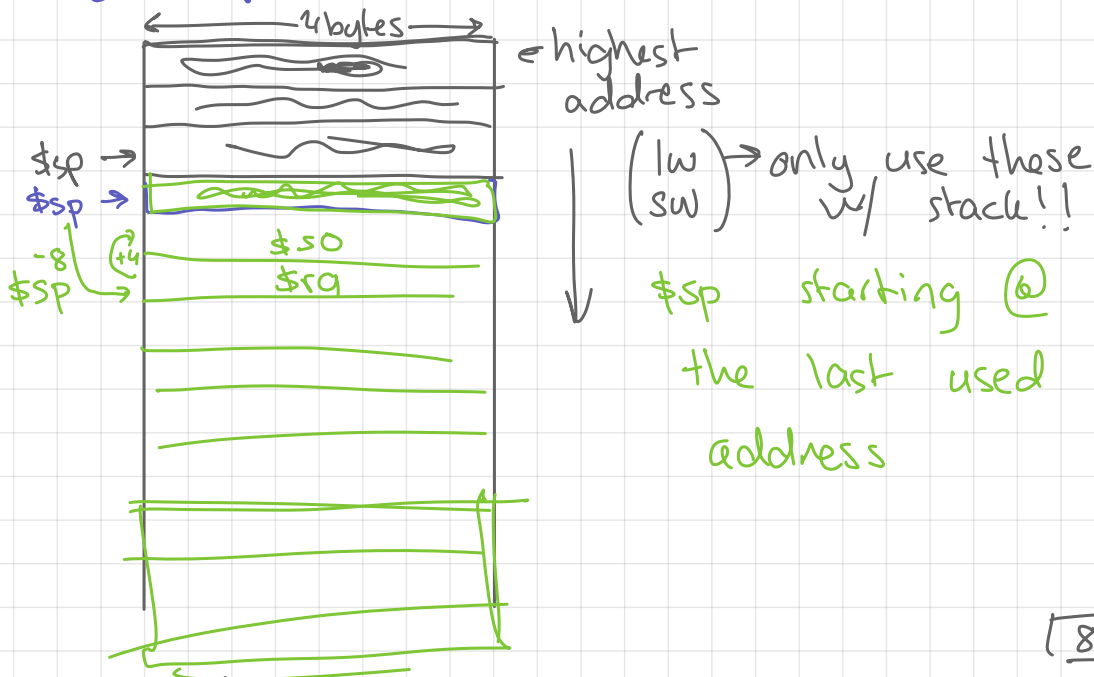
have to save the  
\$s registers if  
using them.  
→ same for \$ra



# Actual Week 7

	Rights	Responsibilities
<b>callee</b> function being called	free to use: (change them as much as want) • \$t • \$a arguments: in \$a regs (extras go on stack)	needs to save: • \$s regs /restore • \$ra • \$sp return value in: \$v0 (and v1 if $4 < \text{value} \leq 8$ bytes)
<b>caller</b> function doing the calling	\$ra, \$s aren't changed by callee	put arguments in \$a regs if it <sup>really</sup> wants to use \$t before $\swarrow$ after (w/ same value) has to save it itself.

## The stack

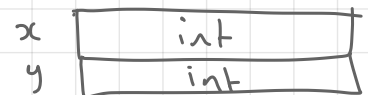
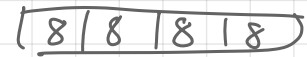
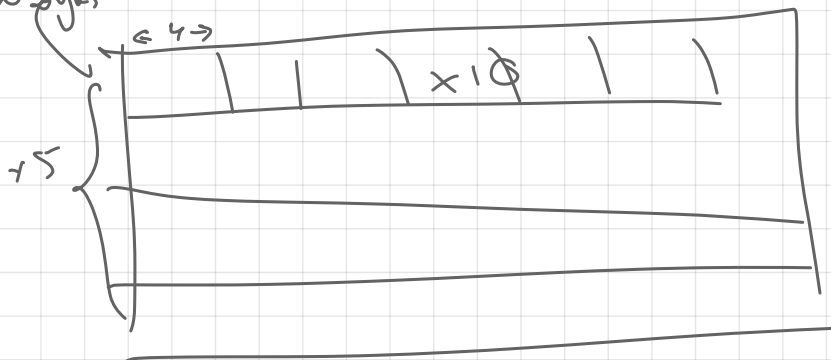


$$4 \times 10 \times 5$$

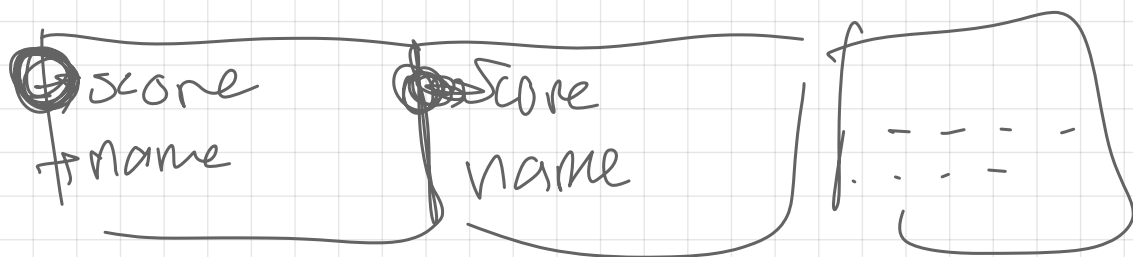
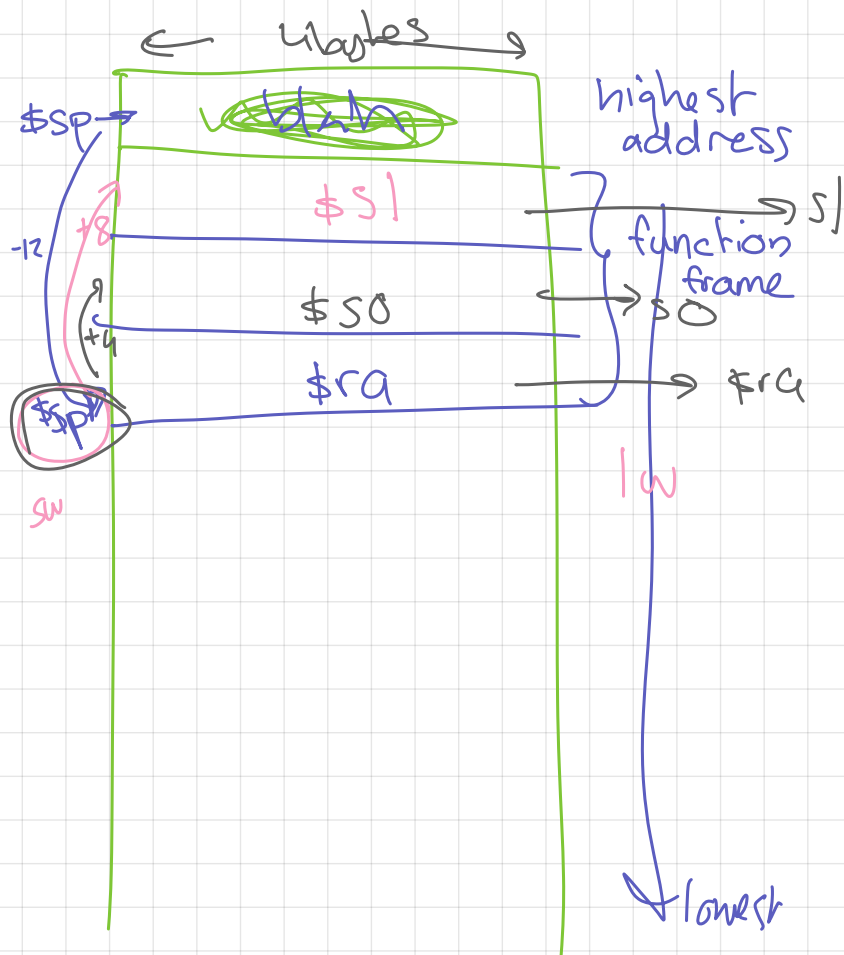
$$= 40 \times 5$$

$$= 200 \text{ bytes}$$

$$4 * 20 \text{ bytes elements} = 80 \text{ bytes}$$

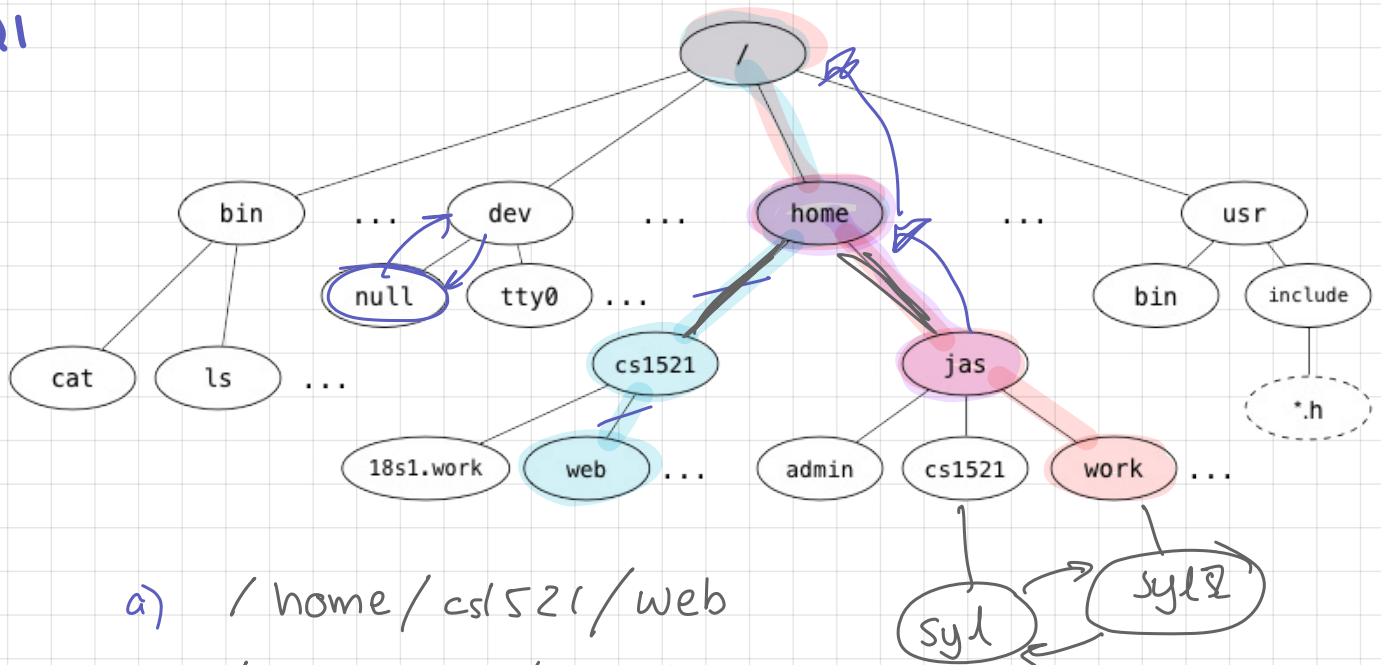






# Week 8

Q1



a) /home/cs1521/web  
/home/jas/work

b) ~ = home  
.. = parent directory  
home/jas(..)/.. = /

causes (h)  
a cycle

d) cat? → executable file.

e) home → directory

f) tty0 → files that act as output to peripherals

g) symbolic link is a pointer to another file in the tree.

h) graph structure has cycles

→ lookup hard links!

Q3

try 'man 3 fopen' in your terminal!

Q13

```
fopen (pth, "r");
```

```
open (pth, O_RDONLY);
```

```
fopen (pth, "a");
```

```
open (pth, O_WRONLY | O_CREAT | O_APPEND);
```

```
fopen (pth, "w");
```

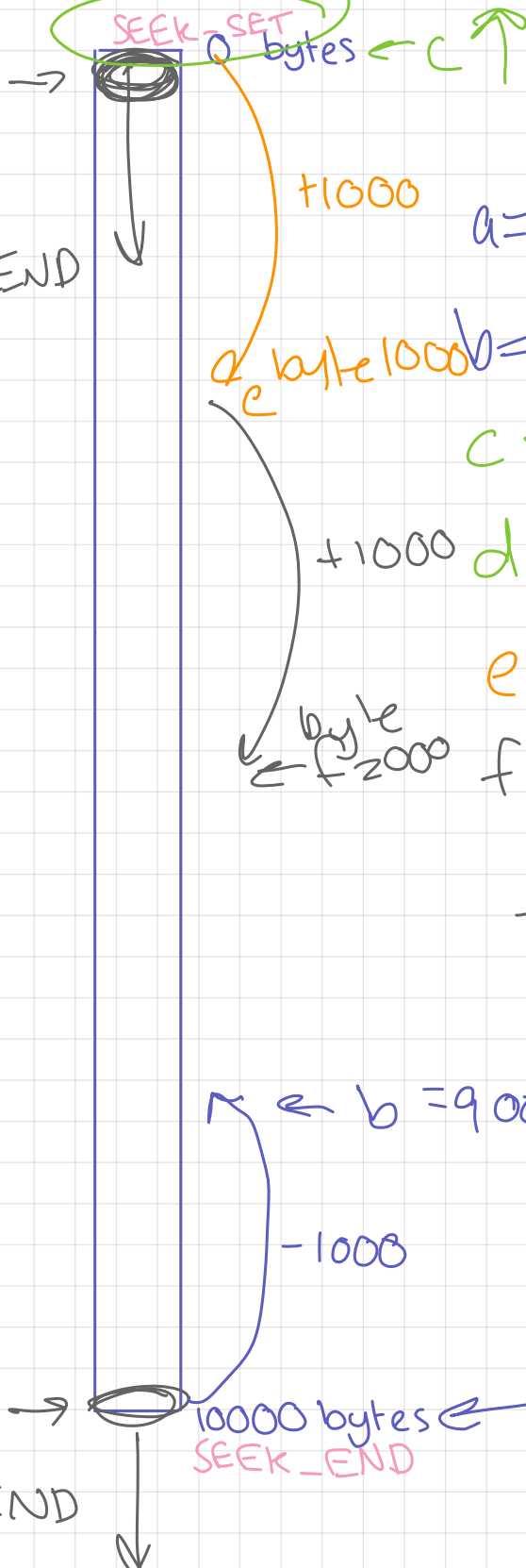
```
open (pth, O_WRONLY | O_CREAT | O_TRUNC);
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```
fopen (pth, "r+");
```

```
open (pth, O_RDWR)
```

Q15

if  
open  
w/o  
O-APPEND



$\text{lseek}(\text{fd}, \text{offset}, \text{whence});$

$$a = \text{SEEK\_END} + 0 \text{ bytes}$$

$$b = a + -10000$$

$$c = \text{SEEK\_SET} + 0$$

d breaks

$$e = \text{SEEK\_SET} + 10000$$

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \text{SEEK\_CUR} + 1000 \\ &= 1000 + 1000 \\ &= 2000 \end{aligned}$$

$$b = 9000$$

$$-1000$$

open  
w/  
O-APPEND

10000 bytes ← a  
SEEK\_END