CS 61C — C Basics

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1 Pre-Check

This section is designed as a conceptual check for you to determine if you conceptually understand and have any misconceptions about this topic. Please answer true/false to the following questions, and include an explanation:

1.1 True or False: C is a pass-by-value language.

True

1.2 What is a pointer? What does it have in common to an array variable?

pointer is a variable whose value is the address of another variable

arr[i] = *(arr+i)

arr is a pointer

1.3 If you try to dereference a variable that is not a pointer, what will happen? What about when you free one?

not sure

it will treat the variable as a pointer and attemp to access the data then segfault

1.4 When should you use the heap over the stack? Do they grow?

to dynamic allocate memory. no

Yes, heap grow up

2 C

C is syntactically similar to Java, but there are a few key differences:

1. C is function-oriented, not object-oriented; there are no objects.
2. C does not automatically handle memory for you.
   - Stack memory, or *things that are not manually allocated*: data is garbage immediately after the *function in which it was defined* returns.
   - Heap memory, or *things allocated with* `malloc`, `calloc`, *or* `realloc`: data is freed only when the programmer explicitly frees it!
   - There are two other sections of memory that we learn about in this course, *static* and *code*, but we'll get to those later.
   - In any case, allocated memory always holds garbage until it is initialized!
3. C uses pointers explicitly. If `p` is a pointer, then `*p` tells us to use the value that `p` points to, rather than the value of `p`, and `&x` gives the address of `x` rather than the value of `x`.

   On the left is the memory represented as a box-and-pointer diagram.

   On the right, we see how the memory is really represented in the computer.

0xFFFFFFFF	
	...
0xF93209B0	x=0x61C
0xF93209AC	0x2A
	...
0xF9320904	p
0xF9320900	pp
	...
0x00000000	

0xFFFFFFFF	
	...
0xF93209B0	0x61C
0xF93209AC	0x2A
	...
0xF9320904	0xF93209AC
0xF9320900	0xF9320904
	...
0x00000000	

Let's assume that **int*** p is located at 0xF9320904 and **int** x is located at 0xF93209B0. As we can observe:

- *p evaluates to 0x2A (42_{10}).
- p evaluates to 0xF93209AC.
- x evaluates to 0x61C.
- &x evaluates to 0xF93209B0.

Let's say we have an **int** **pp that is located at 0xF9320900.

2.1 What does pp evaluate to? How about *pp? What about **pp?

0xF9320904 0xF93209AC 0x2A

2.2 The following functions are syntactically-correct C, but written in an incomprehensible style. Describe the behavior of each function in plain English.

(a) Recall that the ternary operator evaluates the condition before the ? and returns the value before the colon (:) if true, or the value after it if false. return the sum of first n elements

If n!=0, return arr[0]+foo(arr+1, n-1)

```c
int foo(int *arr, size_t n) {
    return n ? arr[0] + foo(arr + 1, n - 1) : 0;
}
```

else return 0

(b) Recall that the negation operator, !, returns 0 if the value is non-zero, and 1 if the value is 0. The ~ operator performs a *bitwise not* (NOT) operation. the first n

assume arr ~~has n elements~~ elements

```c
int bar(int *arr, size_t n) {
    int sum = 0, i;
    for (i = n; i > 0; i--)
        sum += !arr[i - 1];
    return ~sum + 1;
}
```

count how many elements in arr are 0

return sum * -1

(c) Recall that ^ is the *bitwise exclusive-or* (XOR) operator. 101

```c
void baz(int x, int y) {
    x = x ^ y;
```

x 101
y 011

x=110
y=101

X= 011


```
    y = x ^ y;
    x = x ^ y;
}
```

exchange x and y

(d) (Bonus: How do you write the *bitwise exclusive-nor* (XNOR) operator in C?)

3 Programming with Pointers

3.1 Implement the following functions so that they work as described.

(a) Swap the value of two **int**s. *Remain swapped after returning from this function.*

```
void swap(int* a, int* b) {
    int tmp = *a;
    *a = *b;
    *b = tmp;
}
```

(b) Return the number of bytes in a string. *Do not use* `strlen`.

```
int mystrlen( char[] str) {
    return sizeof(str)-1;
}
```

```
mystrlen (char * str) {
    int count =0;
    while (*str++) {
        count ++;
    } return count }
```

3.2 The following functions may contain logic or syntax errors. Find and correct them.

(a) Returns the sum of all the elements in `summands`.

```
int sum(int* summands) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(summands); i++)
        sum += *(summands + i);
    return sum;
}
```

sizeof(summands) / sizeof(*summands)

(b) Increments all of the letters in the `string` which is stored at the front of an array of arbitrary length, `n >= strlen(string)`. Does not modify any other parts of the array's memory.

```
void increment(char* string, int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
```

string[i] != 0

```
        *(string + i)++;
}
```

(c) Copies the string `src` to `dst`.

```
void copy(char* src, char* dst) {
    while (*dst++ = *src++);
}
```

(d) Overwrites an input string `src` with "61C is awesome!" if there's room. Does nothing if there is not. Assume that `length` correctly represents the length of `src`.

```
void cs61c(char* src, size_t length) {
    char *srcptr, replaceptr;
    char replacement[16] = "61C is awesome!";
    srcptr = src;
    replaceptr = replacement;
    if (length >= 16) {
        for (int i = 0; i < 16; i++)
            *srcptr++ = *replaceptr++;
    }
}
```

*replaceptr

4 Memory Management

4.1 For each part, choose one or more of the following memory segments where the data could be located: **code, static, heap, stack**.

(a) Static variables static

(b) Local variables stack

(c) Global variables static

(d) Constants stack , code or static

(e) Machine Instructions code

(f) Result of `malloc` heap

(g) String Literals code

4.2 Write the code necessary to allocate memory on the heap in the following scenarios

(a) An array `arr` of k integers   int* arr = malloc (k* sizeof (int)); 0 terminator!

(b) A string `str` containing p characters   char* str = malloc (p* sizeof (char)); p+1

(c) An $n \times m$ matrix `mat` of integers initialized to zero.   int** mat = malloc (n*m* sizeof(int));

4.3 What's the main issue with the code snippet seen here? (Hint: `gets()` is a function that reads in user input and stores it in the array given in the argument.)

```
char* foo() {
    char buffer[64];
    gets(buffer);

    char* important_stuff = (char*) malloc(11 * sizeof(char));

    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) important_stuff[i] = buffer[i];
    important_stuff[i] = '\0';
    return important_stuff;
}
```

user input may be less than 10 char

Suppose we've defined a linked list **struct** as follows. Assume `*lst` points to the first element of the list, or is `NULL` if the list is empty.

```
struct ll_node {
    int first;
    struct ll_node* rest;
}
```

4.4 Implement `prepend`, which adds one new `value` to the front of the linked list. Hint: why use ll_node $**lst$ instead of ll_node$*lst$?

```
void prepend(struct ll_node** lst, int value) {
    ll-node node = malloc ( sizeof( ll-node ) );
    node. first = value
    node . rest = (*lst)
    (*lst).  = node }
```

4.5 Implement `free_ll`, which frees all the memory consumed by the linked list.

```
void free_ll(struct ll_node** lst) {
    free ( (*lst)->rest);
    free ( *lst ) ;
    free ( lst );
```

```
{
  if (*lst) {
      free_ll (& ((*lst)->rest));
      free (*lst);
  }
```

*lst = NULL;

}