15-122 : Principles of Imperative Computation, Fall 2013 Written Homework 10, Update 1

Due: Friday, November 8, 2013, at 4pm

The written portion of this week's homework will give you some practice working with C programming issues and AVL trees. You can either type up your solutions or write them *neatly* by hand, and you should submit your work in class on the due date just before lecture begins. Please remember to *staple* your written homework before submission.

Question	Points	Score
1	4	
2	4	
3	7	
Total:	15	

Write your answers *neatly* on this PDF (or fill out the TeX handout), and then submit the stapled printout to the handin box Thursday before lecture or on Thursday afternoon or Friday outside of Tom Cortina's office (GHC 4117).

1. C Program Behavior

For each of the following problems, state what is wrong with the code in one sentence. Do not just try to compile it and write down the error message. (Some of these will compile without error, and some will even run and produce output, but they all contain conceptual errors that may affect correctness.) Read the code and explain what is being done wrong, conceptually.

```
(1) (a) #include <stdio.h>
    #include <string.h>
    int main() {
        ...
        char *w;
        strcpy(w,"C programming"); // copy string to w
        printf("%s\n", w);
        ...
        return 0;
    }
```

Solution:

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       (c) #include <stdlib.h>
           #include "xalloc.h"
           int main() {
              int *a = xmalloc(100);
              for (int i=0; i<100; i++)
                 a[i]=i;
              . . .
              free(a);
              return 0;
           }
```

Solution:

(d) This code fragment shows a C function that is called from another function. It is supposed to return the result only if no overflow occurs.

```
#include <assert.h>
int oadd(int x, int y) {
   int result = x + y;
   if (x > 0 \&\& y > 0) assert(result > 0);
   if (x < 0 \&\& y < 0) assert(result < 0);
   return result;
}
```

Solution:

(1)

2. Pass by reference using C

At various points in our C0 programming experience we had to use somewhat awkward workarounds to deal with *functions that need to return more than one value*. The address-of operator (&) in C gives us a new way of dealing with this issue. In C, the expression &x evaluates to the address of the variable x.

(2) (a) Sometimes, a function needs to be able to both 1) signal whether it can return a result, and 2) return that result if it is able to. Consider the following function parse_string that parses a string into an integer if it is possible:

```
bool parse(char *s, int *i);
// Returns true iff parse succeeds
void parse_string(char *s) {
    REQUIRES(s != NULL);
    int *i = xmalloc(sizeof(int));
    if (parse(s, i))
        printf("Success: %d.\n", *i);
    else
        printf("Failure.\n");
    free(i);
    return;
}
```

The parse_string function relies on parse which both sets *i to an integer equivalent to the integer pattern in *s (if possible) and also returns a boolean value of true if the parse succeeds, or false otherwise.

Using the address-of operator, rewrite the body of the parse_string function so that it does not heap-allocate, free, or leak any memory on the heap. You may assume parse has been implemented (its prototype is given above).

```
Solution:
void parse_string(char *s) {
    REQUIRES(s != NULL);
    return;
}
```

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(2)
       (b) In both C and C0, multiple values can be 'returned' by bundling them in a struct:
           struct bundle { int x; int y; };
           struct bundle *foo(int p) {
              . . .
             struct bundle *A = xmalloc(sizeof(struct bundle));
             A \rightarrow x = e1; // first value to be returned
             A -> y = e2;
                             // second value to be returned
                        // return both values together as a struct
             return A;
           }
           int main() {
             . . .
             struct bundle *B = foo(p);
             int x = B -> x;
             int y = B -> y;
             free(B);
              . . .
           }
```

Rewrite the declaration and the last few lines of the function foo, as well as the snippet of main, to avoid heap-allocating, freeing, or leaking any memory on the heap. The rest of the code (\ldots) should continue to behave exactly as it did before.

```
Solution:
[Update 1: add 'int' to this decl]
void foo(_____, int p) {
 . . .
 A \rightarrow x = e1;
 A \rightarrow y = e2;
 return;
}
int main() {
  . . .
 struct bundle B;
 foo(_____, p);
 int x = ____;
 int y = ____;
  . . .
}
```

3. AVL Trees.

(3) (a) Draw the AVL trees that result after successively inserting the following keys into an initially empty tree, in the order shown:

89, 79, 45, 58, 10, 63, 31

Show the tree after each insertion and subsequent re-balancing (if any) is completed: the tree after the first element, 89, is inserted into an empty tree, then the tree after 79 is inserted into the first tree, and so on for a total of seven trees. Make it clear what order the trees are in.

Be sure to maintain and restore the BST invariants and the additional balance invariant required for an AVL tree after each insert.

Solution:

(b) Recall our definition for the height h of a tree:

The height of a tree is the maximum length of a path from the root to a leaf. So the empty tree has height 0, the tree with one node has height 1, and a balanced tree with three nodes has height 2.

The minimum number of nodes m in a valid AVL tree is related to its height. The goal of this question is to quantify this relationship.

i. Fill in the table below relating the variables h and m:

m
0
1
2
0 1 2

ii. Guided by the table in part (i), give an expression for m as a function of h. Here's a hint: recall that the *n*th Fibonacci number F(n) is defined by:

$$F(0) = 0$$

$$F(1) = 1$$

$$F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2), \qquad n > 1$$

You may find it useful to use the Fibonacci function F(n) in your answer. Your answer <u>does not</u> need to be a closed form expression; it could be a recursive definition like the one for F(n).

Solution:

(1)

(2)

(1)

iii. Give a closed form expression for M(h), the maximum number of nodes in a valid AVL tree of height h.

Solution: M(h) =