

# ECE264 Spring 2014

## Exam 2, March 11, 2014

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Two learning objectives (recursion and structure) are tested in this exam. To pass an objective, you must receive 50% or more points in this exam.

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Learning Objective 1 (Recursion)      Pass   Fail

Learning Objective 2 (Structure)      Pass   Fail

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# 1 Recursion 1 Recursive Equation (5 points)

There are unlimited red (R), green (G), and blue (B) balls. You need to select  $n$  balls. Two adjacent balls cannot be both red or both green. The orders matter: RB and BR are different. When  $n$  is one, there are three options:

1. R
2. G
3. B

When  $n$  is two, there are seven options. Please notice that RR and GG are invalid options.

1. R G
2. R B
3. G R
4. G B
5. B R
6. B G
7. B B

**Q1** Suppose  $r(n)$ ,  $g(n)$ , and  $b(n)$  are the number of options when selecting  $n$  balls and the first ball is R, G, and B respectively. Fill this table (3 points, 0.5 point for each answer).

n	1	2	3	4	5
$r(n)$	1	2			
$g(n)$	1	2	same as $r(3)$	same as $r(4)$	same as $r(5)$
$b(n)$	1	3			

**Q2** How many options are there when selecting **5** balls? (2 points)

You can write an expression without writing the final answer. For example, you may write  $1 + 2 + 9 + 13$  without writing 25.

## 2 Recursion 2: Recursive Function (5 points)

Consider the following incorrect implementation of recursive binary search.

```
1 // search.c
2 int binarysearch(int * arr, int key, int low, int high)
3 {
4     if (low > high)
5     {
6         return -1;
7     }
8     int mid = (low + high) / 2;
9     if (arr[mid] == key)
10    {
11        return mid;
12    }
13    if (arr[mid] > key)
14    {
15        return binarysearch(arr, key, low, mid - 1);
16    }
17    return binarysearch(arr, key, mid, high); // ERROR
18    // ERROR, should be mid + 1 but it is mid
19 }
```

The main function is shown below.

```
1 // main.c
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4 int binarysearch(int * arr, int key, int low, int high);
5 #define ARRAYSIZE 10
6 int main(int argc, char * * argv)
7 {
8     int arr[ARRAYSIZE] = {1, 12, 23, 44, 65, 76, 77, 98, 109, 110};
9     int ind;
10    for (ind = 0; ind < ARRAYSIZE; ind ++)
11    {
12        printf("%d\n", binarysearch(arr, arr[ind], 0, ARRAYSIZE));
13    }
14    }
15    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
16 }
```

One line in `binarysearch` is incorrect, as marked by a comment. If `binarysearch` were correct, the expected output would be 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Because of this mistake, the

recursive calls will not end for **some** cases. For each of these cases, the program eventually runs out of the memory for the callstack.

**Q1** Please write down the **smallest** value of `ind` in `main` when the program runs out of the memory for the callstack. (2 points)

**Q2** Write down the values of `key`, `low`, and `high` at the top frame when the program runs out the memory for the callstack. (3 points, 1 point for each answer)

### 3 Structure 1: Read and Write Data (5 points)

Consider the following structure for a two-dimensional array.

```
1 #ifndef ARRAY_H
2 #define ARRAY_H
3 // tell compiler not to pad any space
4 #pragma pack(1)
5 typedef struct
6 {
7     int length;
8     int * data;
9 } Array;
10 #endif
```

The following is a program using the structure.

```
1 // for simplicity, this program does not handle errors
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4 #include <time.h>
5 #include "array.h"
6 int main(int argc, char **argv)
7 {
8     int length = 10;
9     char * filename = "data";
10    // create an object
11    Array * arrptr1 = NULL;
12    printf("sizeof(arrptr1) = %d\n", (int) sizeof(arrptr1));
13    arrptr1 = malloc(sizeof(Array));
14    printf("sizeof(arrptr1) = %d, sizeof(Array) = %d\n",
15          (int) sizeof(arrptr1), (int) sizeof(Array));
16    // allocate memory for the data
17    arrptr1 -> length = length;
18    arrptr1 -> data = malloc(sizeof(int) * (arrptr1 -> length));
19    printf("sizeof(arrptr1) = %d, sizeof(arrptr1 -> data) = %d\n",
20          (int) sizeof(arrptr1), (int) sizeof(arrptr1 -> data));
21    // initialize the values of the array
22    int ind;
23    for (ind = 0; ind < (arrptr1 -> length); ind++)
24        {
25            arrptr1 -> data[ind] = ind;
26        }
27    // save the data to a file
28    FILE * fptr = fopen(filename, "w");
```

```

29 // write the data to the file
30 if (fwrite(arrptr1, sizeof(Array), 1, fptr) != 1)
31 {
32     // fwrite fail
33     return EXIT_FAILURE;
34 }
35 printf("ftell(fp) = %d\n", (int) ftell(fp));
36 fclose (fp);
37
38 // fill the array with random numbers
39 // ensure the heap contains garbage before releasing it
40 srand(time(NULL)); // set the seed of the random number
41 for (ind = 0; ind < (arrptr1 -> length); ind ++)
42 {
43     arrptr1 -> data[ind] = rand();
44 }
45
46 // release memory
47 free(arrptr1 -> data);
48 free(arrptr1);
49 // read the data from the file
50 Array * arrptr2 = NULL;
51 arrptr2 = malloc(sizeof(Array));
52 fp = fopen(filename, "r");
53 if (fread(arrptr2, sizeof(Array), 1, fp) != 1)
54 {
55     // fread fail
56     return EXIT_FAILURE;
57 }
58 // add the data
59 int sum = 0;
60 for (ind = 0; ind < (arrptr2 -> length); ind ++)
61 {
62     sum += arrptr2 -> data[ind];
63 }
64 printf("sum = %d\n", sum);
65 // release memory
66 free(arrptr2);
67 return EXIT_SUCCESS;
68 }

```

**Assume** this program runs on a 64-bit (8 bytes) processor and one integer uses 4 bytes. Assume that the program never returns `EXIT_FAILURE`.

**Q1** What is the output of this program? (3.5 points, 0.5 each answer)

If the program crashes before printing a particular line, please write “Do not reach here”. If a variable is not initialized, please write “garbage”.

`sizeof(arrptr1) =`

`sizeof(arrptr1) =` , `sizeof(Array) =`

`sizeof(arrptr1) =` , `sizeof(arrptr1 -> data) =`

`ftell(fp_ptr) =`

`sum =`

**Q2** Valgrind reports one (or more) memory error. Which line causes this error? (0.5 point) Explain the reason (1 point).

The following information is for your reference.

```
long ftell(FILE *stream);
```

The `ftell()` function obtains the current value of the file position indicator for the stream pointed to by `stream`.

## 4 Structure 2: Objects and Pointers (5 points)

Fill in the missing numbers in the program's output.

```
swapT1-----  
t: x = 2, y = 6  
u: x = -4, y = -3  
t: x = , y =  
u: x = , y =  
swapT2-----  
t: x = 2, y = 6  
u: x = -4, y = -3  
t: x = , y =  
u: x = , y =  
swapT3-----  
t: x = 2, y = 6  
u: x = -4, y = -3  
t: x = , y =  
u: x = , y =  
swapT4-----  
t: x = 2, y = 6  
u: x = -4, y = -3  
t: x = , y =  
u: x = , y =
```

Please see the code below and fill in the missing numbers.

```
1 #include <stdio.h>  
2 #include <stdlib.h>
```

```

3
4 typedef struct
5 {
6     int * x;
7     int * y;
8 } VectorT;
9
10 void printT1(const char * label, VectorT a)
11 {
12     printf("%s: x = %2d, y = %2d\n",
13           label, * (a.x), *(a.y));
14 }
15
16 void printT2(const char * label, VectorT * a)
17 {
18     printf("%s: x = %2d, y = %2d\n",
19           label, * (a -> x), *(a -> y));
20 }
21
22 void swapT1(VectorT a, VectorT b)
23 {
24     VectorT tmp = a;
25     a = b;
26     b = tmp;
27 }
28
29 void swapT2(VectorT *a, VectorT *b)
30 {
31     VectorT tmp = *a;
32     *a = *b;
33     *b = tmp;
34 }
35
36 void swapT3(VectorT a, VectorT b)
37 {
38     int * tmp = a.x;
39     a.x = b.x;
40     b.x = tmp;
41     tmp = a.y;
42     a.y = b.y;
43     b.y = tmp;
44 }

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45
46 void swapT4(VectorT *a, VectorT *b)
47 {
48     int tmp = * (a -> x);
49     * (a -> x) = * (b -> x);
50     * (b -> x) = tmp;
51     tmp = * (a -> y);
52     * (a -> y) = * (b -> y);
53     * (b -> y) = tmp;
54 }
55
56 int main(int argc, char **argv)
57 {
58     printf("swapT1-----\n");
59     VectorT t;
60     VectorT u;
61     t.x = malloc(sizeof(int));
62     t.y = malloc(sizeof(int));
63     u.x = malloc(sizeof(int));
64     u.y = malloc(sizeof(int));
65     * (t.x) = 2;
66     * (t.y) = 6;
67     * (u.x) = -4;
68     * (u.y) = -3;
69     printT1("t", t);
70     printT1("u", u);
71     swapT1(t, u);
72     printT1("t", t);
73     printT1("u", u);
74
75     printf("swapT2-----\n");
76     * (t.x) = 2;
77     * (t.y) = 6;
78     * (u.x) = -4;
79     * (u.y) = -3;
80     printT1("t", t);
81     printT1("u", u);
82     swapT2(& t, & u);
83     printT1("t", t);
84     printT1("u", u);
85
86     printf("swapT3-----\n");

```

```

87     * (t.x) = 2;
88     * (t.y) = 6;
89     * (u.x) = -4;
90     * (u.y) = -3;
91     printT1("t", t);
92     printT1("u", u);
93     swapT3(t, u);
94     printT1("t", t);
95     printT1("u", u);
96
97     printf("swapT4-----\n");
98     * (t.x) = 2;
99     * (t.y) = 6;
100    * (u.x) = -4;
101    * (u.y) = -3;
102    printT1("t", t);
103    printT1("u", u);
104    swapT4(& t, & u);
105    printT1("t", t);
106    printT1("u", u);
107
108    // release memory
109    free (t.x);
110    free (t.y);
111    free (u.x);
112    free (u.y);
113
114    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
115 }

```