Midterm Review

• Practice material from the Winter 2014 midterm.

• Will cover some (but not all) of the questions.

• Midterm content: Everything up to / including modules.

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Short Answer

List three advantages of modularization, and briefly explain:

- Re-usability: Build programs faster, and build large programs more easily.
- Maintainability: Makes debugging and changing a program easier.
- Abstraction: No need to know / understand all parts to use them. Allows changing internals without breaking things.
Clicker Question

For positive integers, the C modulo operator (%) behaves the same as the Racket quotient function.

A True.
B False.
C Which one is quotient again?

The modulo operator behaves the same as the remainder function.

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Briefly explain the special form *provide* in Racket, and why there is no equivalent in C:

- Gives identifiers “program scope” or specifies bindings available in a module.
- All functions and variables in C have program scope by default (and are therefore available to other modules).

Clicker Question

Every C module must have a main function.

- **A** True.
- **B** False.
- **C** True, but only on Tuesdays.

A module does not require a main function. (Example: The stack module from the last assignment).
**Short Answer**

Racket uses *dynamic typing*. What kind of typing does C use? Give one advantage of the typing C uses. Provide a brief Racket example that demonstrates dynamic typing that isn't possible in C:

- C uses static typing.
- Advantage: Built-in contract, can detect type errors at compile-time, fast (no run-time type checking).
- Example (there are many):
  
  (define dyntype (if (>= x 0) x "invalid")

**Clicker Question**

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- A True.
- B False.
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C  Impossible to know without trying it.

Because \&\& is used, the first condition will short circuit the evaluation, preventing \(b/a\) from being executed.

Short Answer

Briefly explain the purpose of requires and effects function documentation in C:

- Requires: Identifies conditions that must be true when calling the function (e.g. restrictions on parameters).
- Effect: Identifies what a function prints, reads, or mutates.
Clicker Question

printf("hello!\n") is a C expression with a value of 7.

A True.
B False.
C The only “expressions” in C are my cries of pain when I’m forced to code in it.

The return value of `printf` is the number of characters printed.

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- No actual addition required!
- int add(int x, int y);

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The code above uses = for initialization, NOT assignment. They are very slightly different (e.g. some struct-related notation can only be used during initialization, and not assignment).
Coding Question

Write the C function `pyramid(int n)`; that prints a pyramid of numbers with n lines. You may assume n is an odd integer in the range [3-99]. Use the printf formatter “%3d” to print out each integer.

`pyramid(7)` prints the following:

```
1
2 3
3 4 5
4 5 6 7
3 4 5
2 3
1
```
Stack Trace

Draw the call stack immediately after “In exchange: ” is printed. For pointers, draw an arrow to the variable they point at.

Stack Trace

```c
void exchange(int * pa, int * pb) {
    int temp;
    temp = *pa;
    *pa = *pb;
    *pb = temp;
    printf("In exchange: ");
    printf("a = %d, b = %d\n", *pa, *pb);
}

int main(void) {
    int a, b;
    a = 5;
    b = 7;
    printf("In main: ");
    printf("a = %d, b = %d\n", a, b);
    exchange(&a, &b);
    printf("a = %d, b = %d\n", a, b);
}
```

Stack Trace

exchange:

- pa: [arrow pointing to a]
- pb: [arrow pointing to b]
- temp: 5

return addr: main : 16

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main:

- a: 7
- b: 5

return addr: OS