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C Memory Management

Discussion 2

	1	Memory Management
1.1		r each part, choose one or more of the following memory segments where the data could be rated: code , static , heap , stack
	a)	Local variables
	b)	Global variables
	c)	Constants (constant variables or values)
	d)	Functions (i.e. Machine Instructions)
	e)	Results of Dynamic Memory Allocation (malloc or calloc)
	f)	String Literals

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- 1.2 Write the code necessary to allocate memory **on the heap** in the following scenarios:
 - (a) An array of arr of k integers
 - (b) A string str of length p. Note that a string's length is defined by strlen
 - (c) An $n \times m$ matrix mat of integers initialized to zero.
 - (d) Deallocate all but the first 5 values in an integer array arr. (Assume arr has more than 5 values).

```
int *arr = ...;
```

1.3 Compare the following two implementations of a function which duplicates a string. Is either implementation correct?

```
char* strdup1(char* s) {
  int n = strlen(s);
  char* new_str = malloc((n + 1) * sizeof(char));
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) new_str[i] = s[i];
  return new_str;
}

char* strdup2(char* s) {
  int n = strlen(s);
  char* new_str = calloc(n + 1, sizeof(char));
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) new_str[i] = s[i];
  return new_str;
}</pre>
```

2 Pass-by-Who?

- 2.1 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;
}</pre>
```

(b) Increments all of the letters in the **string** where **string** points to the beginning of an array of arbitrary byte length **n**. Does not modify any other parts of the array's memory. Hint: **n** is not necessarily equivalent to **strlen(string)**.

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

(c) 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**.

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3 Endianness

3.1 Suppose we run the following code on a 32b architecture:

```
uint32_t nums[2] = {10, 20};
uint32_t *q = (uint32_t *) nums;
uint32_t **p = &q;
```

Find the values located in memory at the byte cells for both a Big Endian and a Little Endian system given that:

- the array nums starts at address 0x36432100
- p's address is 0x10000000

Little Endian

Big Endian

OxFFFFFFF	•••	OxFFFFFFF	
0x36432107		0x36432107	
0x36432100		0x36432100	
0x20000003		0x20000003	
0x20000000		0x20000000	
0x10000003	0x20	0x10000003	0x00
	0x00		0x00
	0x00		0x00
0x10000000	00x0	0x10000000	0x20

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3.2 Suppose we add an an additional instruction (line #4) to the end of the previous code block:

```
uint32_t nums[2] = {10, 20};
uint32_t *q = (uint32_t *) nums;
uint32_t **p = &q;
uint64_t *y = (uint64_t *) nums;
```

Provide answers for the following questions for both a Big Endian system and Little Endian system:

- 1) What does *y evaluate to?
- 2) What does &q evaluate to?
- 3) What does &nums evaluate to?
- 4) What does *(q + 1) evaluate to?

4 C Generics

- 4.1 **True** or **False**: In C, it is possible to directly dereference a **void** * pointer, e.g.
 - ... = *ptr;
- 4.2 Generic functions (i.e., generics) in C use **void** * pointers to operate on memory without the restriction of types. Generic pointers do not support dereferencing, as the number of bytes to access from memory is not known at compile-time. They instead use byte handling functions such as memcpy and memmove.

Implement rotate, which will prompt the following program to generate the provided output.

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
  int array[10] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\};
  print_int_array(array, 10);
  rotate(array, array + 5, array + 10);
  print_int_array(array, 10);
  rotate(array, array + 1, array + 10);
  print_int_array(array, 10);
  rotate(array + 4, array + 5, array + 6);
  print_int_array(array, 10);
  return 0;
}
Output:
$ ./rotate
Array: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
Array: [6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
Array: [7, 8, 9, 10, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
Array: [7, 8, 9, 10, 2, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6]
Your Solution:
```

void rotate(void *front, void *separator, void *end) {

}