CS61C C and Number Representation Spring 2025 Discussion 1

1 Precheck: Number Representation

- 1.1 Depending on the context, the same sequence of bits may represent different things.
- 1.2 It is possible to get an overflow error in Two's Complement when adding numbers of opposite signs.
- 1.3 If you interpret a N bit Two's complement number as an unsigned number, negative numbers would be smaller than positive numbers.
- 1.4 If you interpret an N bit Bias notation number as an unsigned number (assume there are negative numbers for the given bias), negative numbers would be smaller than positive numbers.
- 1.5 We can represent fractions and decimals in our given number representation formats (unsigned, biased, and Two's Complement).

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2 Unsigned and Signed Integers

- 2.1 Convert the following numbers from their initial radix into the other two common radices:
 - (a) **0b10010011**

(b) 0

(c) **437**

(d) 0x0123

2.2 Convert the following numbers from hex to binary:

(a) OxD3AD

- (b) **0x7EC4**
- 2.3 Assuming an 8-bit integer and a bias of –127 where applicable, what is the largest integer for each of the following representations? What is the result of adding one to that number?
 - (a) Unsigned
 - (b) Biased
 - (c) Two's Complement

- 2.4 How would you represent the numbers 0, 1, and -1? Express your answer in binary and a bias of -127 where applicable.
 (a) Unsigned
 - (b) Biased
 - (c) Two's Complement
- 2.5 How would you represent the numbers 17 and -17? Express your answer in binary and a bias of -127 where applicable.
 (a) Unsigned
 - (b) Biased
 - (c) Two's Complement
- 2.6 What is the largest integer that can be represented by *any* encoding scheme that only uses 8 bits?

2.7 Prove that that $x + \overline{x} + 1 = 0$, where \overline{x} is obtained by inverting the bits of x in binary.

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2.8 (Optional) Prove that the *n*-bit two's complement numeral $d_{n-1}d_{n-2}\cdots d_0$ represents the number $-2^{n-1}d_{n-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} 2^i d_i$, using your result from Question 2.7.

3 Arithmetic and Counting

- 3.1 Compute the decimal result of the following arithmetic expressions involving 6bit Two's Complement numbers as they would be calculated on a computer. Do any of these result in an overflow? Are all these operations possible?
 - (a) 0b011001 0b000111
 - (b) 0b100011 + 0b111010
 - (c) 0x3B + 0x06
 - (d) 0xFF 0xAA
 - (e) 0b000100 0b001000
- 3.2 How many distinct numbers can the following schemes represent? How many distinct positive numbers?
 - (a) 10-bit unsigned
 - (b) 8-bit Two's Complement
 - (c) 6-bit biased, with a bias of -30
 - (d) 10-bit sign-magnitude

4 Precheck: Introduction to C

4.1 The correct way of declaring a character array is **char**[] **array**.

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

4.3 In compiled languages, the compile time is generally pretty fast, however the run-time is significantly slower than interpreted languages.

4.4 What is a pointer? What does it have in common with an array variable?

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

4.6 Memory sectors are defined by the hardware, and cannot be altered.

5 Pass-by-Who?

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

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

```
1 int sum(int *summands) {
2     int sum = 0;
3     for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(summands); i++)
4         sum += *(summands + i);
5     return sum;
6 }</pre>
```

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(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.

```
1 void increment(char *string, int n) {
2     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
3         *(string + i)++;
4 }</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.

```
1 void cs61c(char *src, size_t length) {
2
       char *srcptr, replaceptr;
3
       char replacement[16] = "61C is awesome!";
4
       srcptr = src;
5
       replaceptr = replacement;
6
       if (length >= 16) {
7
            for (int i = 0; i < 16; i++)
                *srcptr++ = *replaceptr++;
8
9
       }
10 }
```

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

- (a) Swap the value of two ints. *Remain swapped after returning from this function*. Hint: Our answer is around three lines long.
 - 1 void swap(_____) {

}

(b) Rentrice the string. Do not use strien. Hint: Our answer is around 5 lines long.