

SOFTWARE – Ph.D. Qualifying Exam Spring 2019

(i) (5 pts.)

Consider the following C program, which consists of two function definitions including the `main` function.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <ctype.h>

#define LENGTH (15)

void f(char *s, char *t, int i) {
    if (strlen(s) == 0) {
        t[i++] = '!';
        t[i] = '\0';
        return;
    } else if (isalpha(s[0])) {
        t[i++] = 'X';
    } else if (isdigit(s[0])) {
        t[i++] = 'Y';
    } else {
        t[i++] = 'Z';
    }
    f(&(s[1]), t, i);
}

int main(void) {
    char s1[LENGTH] = "h7v7???c";
    char s2[LENGTH] = "a99b88&&";

    f(s1, s2, 0);
    printf("s2 = [%s]\n", s2);
    f(s2, s1, 1);
    printf("s1 = [%s]\n", s1);

    return 0;
}
```

Show the complete output as it appears on standard output. Show all work, and clearly indicate your solution. Show your work and your solution for this problem *only* on *this* page and (if more space is needed) *the next* page.

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(ii) (4 pts.)

Consider the following C program.

```
#include <stdio.h>

#define R 6
#define C 2
#define BASE (-1)

int M[R][C] = {-8, 2, -7, 4, -6, 6,
              7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12};

int main(void) {
    int x = 0, y = 0, z = 0;

    for (x = 0; x < R; ++x) {
        z = BASE;
        for (y = 0; y < C; ++y) {
            if (M[x][y] < z) {
                z = M[x][y];
            }
        }
        printf("value #%d = %d\n", x + 1, z);
    }
    printf("\n");

    return 0;
}
```

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(iii) (6 pts.)

Consider the following C program, which consists of a struct declaration, and three function definitions, including the `main` function.

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

struct elem {
    int val;
    struct elem *next;
};

struct elem **setup(int count) {
    struct elem **data = NULL;
    int i = 0, j = 0, val = 0;
    struct elem *item = NULL, *last = NULL;
    struct elem *link = NULL, *p = NULL;

    data = calloc(count, sizeof(struct elem *));
    for (i = 1; i < count; i++) {
        for (j = 1; j <= i; j++) {
            item = malloc(sizeof(struct elem));
            item->val = val;
            val++;
            item->next = NULL;
            if (p == NULL) {
                data[i] = item;
            } else {
                p->next = item;
            }
            p = item;
            if (((i % 2) == 1) && (j == 1)) {
                link = item;
            } else if (((i % 2) == 0) && (j == i)) {
                link = item;
            }
        }
        if (last == NULL) {
            data[i - 1] = link;
        } else {
            last->next = link;
        }
        last = item;
    }
    return data;
}
```

```

void traverse(struct elem *s, int n) {
    int i = 0;
    const int wrap = 6;

    for (i = 0; (i < n) && (s != NULL); i++) {
        if (i > 0) {
            if ((i % wrap) == 0) {
                printf("\n... ");
            } else {
                printf(", ");
            }
        }
        printf("%d", s->val);
        s = s->next;
    }
    printf("\n");
}

int main(void) {
    struct elem **e1 = NULL, **e2 = NULL;
    int s_count = 0, t_count = 0;

    s_count = 3;
    t_count = 3;
    e1 = setup(s_count);
    traverse(e1[0], t_count);
    printf("-----\n");
    s_count = 9;
    t_count = 100;
    e2 = setup(s_count);
    traverse(e2[0], t_count);

    return 0;
}

```

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(iv) (5 pts.)

Consider the following structure definition.

```
struct vect {  
    int *elements;  
    int length;  
};
```

Consider also the following function prototype and its associated header comment.

```
/* Return the inner product of two vectors with circular traversal of the  
vector with fewer elements (the shorter vector) in case the vectors do not  
have equal lengths. If either vector length is less than or equal to zero,  
then display an appropriate error message to standard error and exit the  
program. If the vector lengths are equal, then return the inner product of  
the two vectors. If the vector lengths are not equal, then traverse the  
elements of the shorter vector in a circular fashion while computing the sum  
of products of corresponding vector elements. For example,  
if v1 = (3, 2, 4, 2, 5) and v2 = (8, 1), then the function should return  
3 x 8 + 2 x 1 + 4 x 8 + 2 x 1 + 5 x 8 = 100. */  
  
int ip(struct vect *v1, struct vect *v2);
```

Develop a complete C code implementation of the function `ip`. You may define one or more additional functions that are called by `ip`.

Overflow checking in the sum of products computation is *not* required in your solution. You can also assume that `v1` and `v2` are non-NULL, so that NULL pointer checking is not required.

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Software Qualifying Exam Solutions

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Problem 1:

```
s2 = [XYXYZZZX!]  
s1 = [hXXXXXXXXZ!]
```

Problem 2:

```
value #1 = -8  
value #2 = -7  
value #3 = -6  
value #4 = -1  
value #5 = -1  
value #6 = -1
```

Problem 3:

```
0, 2  
-----  
0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9  
... 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 20  
... 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26  
... 27, 35
```

Problem 4:

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

int ip_core(struct vect *small, struct vect *large) {
    int i = 0;
    int sum = 0;

    for (i = 0; i < large->length; i++) {
        sum += large->elements[i] *
            small->elements[i % (small->length)];
    }
    return sum;
}

int ip(struct vect *v1, struct vect *v2) {
    struct vect *small = NULL;
    struct vect *large = NULL;
    int result = 0;

    if ((v1->length <= 0) || (v2->length <= 0)) {
        fprintf(stderr, "Invalid vector length\n");
        exit(1);
    }

    if (v1->length < v2->length) {
        small = v1;
        large = v2;
    } else {
        small = v2;
        large = v1;
    }

    result = ip_core(small, large);
    return result;
}
```