

# COS 217, Fall 2023

## Final Exam

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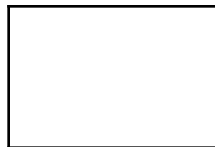
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## 1. ADT vs. AO

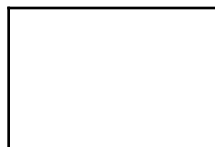
An undirected graph is defined as a collection of nodes with edges. These edges do *not* have a direction: if node A and node B share an edge, A is a neighbor of B, and B is a neighbor of A. We want to design a module for such a graph. Assume that we can have **only one** graph in the entire program, and assume that the graph can contain **more than one** node.

(a) Would this undirected graph API be better represented as an abstract object (AO) or an abstract data type (ADT)? **Write only ADT or AO:** (3 pts total for a and b)



(b) Write a brief (a few words or a sentence) **justification** for your answer in part (a):

(c) Would a node in this undirected graph be better represented as an abstract object (AO) or an abstract data type (ADT)? **Write only ADT or AO:** (3 pts total for c and d)



(d) Write a brief (a few words or a sentence) **justification** for your answer in part (c):

(e) Assume that each node stores a unique string and can have *up to 5 neighbors*. Write the definition of a struct `GraphNode` to represent each node in the graph, assuming that *no storage outside of the struct* will be allocated to represent the neighbor pointers: (3 pts)

```
struct GraphNode {
```

```
};
```

(f) Now instead assume that each node can have an *arbitrary number of neighbors* (still together with a string label) and that storage for the neighbor pointers will be allocated on the heap. Also assume that it is a requirement of the API that the *number of neighbors* of a node be available as a *constant-time* operation. Write the definition of a struct `GraphNode` to represent each node in the graph, assuming these new requirements: (3 pts)

```
struct GraphNode {
```

```
};
```

## 2. DMM errors

Consider the following C program, with one piece of code missing:

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

void square(int i, int **piResult)
{
    *piResult = (int *) malloc(sizeof(int));
    if (*piResult == NULL) {
        fprintf(stderr, "Insufficient memory available\n");
        return;
    }

    **piResult = i * i;
}

int main()
{
    int i = 5;
    int *piResult = NULL;
    int *piExtra = NULL;

    square(i, &piResult);

    /* INSERT CODE HERE */

    printf("%d is one plus the square of %d", *piResult, i);
    return 0;
}
```

**Identify the memory management bugs** (if any) that occur if the `/* INSERT CODE HERE */` comment is replaced with each of the code snippets in parts a-e. **Write the letters for ALL relevant bugs in the boxes at right**, or write "None" if none of the issues are present. Consider bugs in the entire resulting program, not just the provided code snippets.

- A: accesses unallocated memory
- B: accesses freed memory (dangling pointer)
- C: leaks memory (does not free allocated memory)
- D: frees unallocated memory
- E: double-frees allocated memory
- None: none of the memory management errors above are present

**Code** (2 pts ea)

**Bug(s)**

(a)	<code>piResult++;</code>	
(b)	<code>piResult++; free(piResult);</code>	
(c)	<code>*piResult = *piResult + 1;</code>	
(d)	<code>*piResult = *piResult + 1; free(piResult);</code>	
(e)	<code>piExtra = piResult; *piResult = *piResult + 1; free(piExtra);</code>	
(f)	<code>free(piResult); piExtra = piResult; *piExtra = *piExtra + 1; free(piExtra);</code>	

### 3. VM, Bitwhacking, and Hash Tables

The heart of a virtual memory implementation is the differentiation between virtual and physical addresses. In this question, you will write C code that translates from a virtual address to a physical address.

On AArch64, 64-bit addresses can be divided into a **48-bit page number** in the most-significant bits, and a **16-bit offset** that is identical between virtual and physical addresses. Assume that you are provided with a function `virt_to_phys_page()` that returns the physical page number corresponding to a given virtual page number:

```
size_t virt_to_phys_page(size_t virt_page);
```

(a) **Implement the following function**, which returns the physical address corresponding to a given virtual address, calling `virt_to_phys_page()` as appropriate. Assume that the virtual address passed in as `virt_addr` is valid and mapped-in to physical memory. (8 pts)

```
size_t virt_to_phys_addr(size_t virt_addr)
{

}
}
```

Now assume that the virtual-to-physical page mappings (the "page tables") are implemented as a hash table, using the following data structure:

```
struct Binding {
    size_t virt_page, phys_page;
    struct Binding *next;
};
struct PageTable {
    struct Binding *buckets[BUCKET_COUNT];
};
struct PageTable page_table; /* Global variable */
extern size_t hash_page(size_t page); /* Hash function */
```

(b) **Implement** a version of `virt_to_phys_page()` that uses the `page_table` global variable, calling `hash_page()` as appropriate. **If the virtual page number is not found, return 0.** (10 pts)

```
size_t virt_to_phys_page(size_t virt_page)
{
}
}
```

## 4. Memory Sections

The following questions ask you to identify the most relevant memory section, from the following list: TEXT, RODATA, DATA, BSS, STACK, HEAP. *Write the (single) section corresponding to the answer in the boxes at right.*

For some of the questions, you will need to refer to the following program:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int result;

int multiply(int left, int right)
{
    return left * right;
}

int main()
{
    const char *greetString = "Choose two numbers!\n";
    int firstNumber;
    static int secondNumber = 0;
    int (*mul)(int, int) = &multiply;

    printf("%s", greetString);
    scanf("%d %d", &firstNumber, &secondNumber);

    result = (*mul)(firstNumber, secondNumber);

    printf("The result is: %d\n", result);
    return 0;
}
```



**Question** (2 pts ea)

**Memory section:  
TEXT, RODATA, DATA,  
BSS, STACK, HEAP**

(a)	In AArch64 assembly language, which section of memory does the stack pointer (sp) register <i>point to</i> ?	
(b)	In AArch64 assembly language, which section of memory does the program counter (pc) register <i>point to</i> ?	
(c)	In the program shown above, in which memory section is the result variable <i>stored</i> ?	
(d)	In the program shown above, in which memory section is the greetString variable <i>stored</i> ?	
(e)	In the program shown above, in which memory section is the secondNumber variable <i>stored</i> ?	
(f)	In the program shown above, which memory section does the mul variable <i>point to</i> ?	
(g)	In the program shown above, in which memory section is the string literal "The result is: %d\n" <i>stored</i> ?	
(h)	Given a const char array (also known as a string) that has been initialized to "Hello, world!\n", in which memory section could that array variable <i>NOT be stored</i> ?	

## AArch64 Assembly Language Reference for Questions 5 and 6

Registers / Instructions	Description
x0..x30, xzr / w0..w30, wzr	8-byte / 4-byte registers; xzr and wzr hold 0
x0..x7 / w0..w7	<i>Caller-saved</i> scratch registers, hold parameters
x0 / w0	Holds return value
x19..x28 / w19..w28	<i>Callee-saved</i> scratch registers
x30	Link register, holds return address
sp	Stack pointer register
mov dst, src	Copy src (register or immediate value) to dst
add/sub/mul dst, src1, src2	Add / subtract / multiply src1 and src2, storing result in dst
adds/subs/muls dst, src1, src2	Same as above, but also set condition flags
cmp src1, src2	Set condition flags based on comparison of src1 and src2
beq / bne label	Branch to label if equal / not equal
blt / ble / bgt / bge label	Branch to label if < / <= / > / >= (signed)
blo / bls / bhi / bhs label	Branch to label if < / <= / > / >= (unsigned)
b label	Branch to label unconditionally
bl label	Call function at label and save return address in x30
ret	Return to code at address in x30
ldr dst, [Xn]	Load from memory address in register Xn into register dst
str src, [Xn]	Store into memory address in register Xn from register src
[Xn, offset]	<i>Immediate offset</i> addressing mode: $addr = reg[Xn] + offset$
[Xn, Xm]	<i>Register offset</i> addressing mode: $addr = reg[Xn] + reg[Xm]$
[Xn, Xm, LSL n]	<i>Scaled register offset</i> addressing mode: $addr = reg[Xn] + (reg[Xm] \ll n)$ , n = 3 for 8-byte, 2 for 4-byte

## 5. Assembly Errors

For each of the following snippets of C code, analyze the corresponding AArch64 assembly and *choose the single most appropriate option* depending on whether the code: (3 pts ea)

- A: Has no errors
- B: Doesn't assemble
- C: Causes a segmentation fault or other run-time crash
- D: Doesn't segfault, but doesn't achieve the C code's intended purpose

(a) C code:

```
long volume = length * width * height;
```

Assembly:

```
// Assume that volume, length, width, and height are on the stack at
// offsets 8, 16, 24, and 32, respectively.
ldr x0, [sp, 16]
ldr x1, [sp, 24]
ldr x2, [sp, 32]
mul x0, x1
mul x0, x2
str x0, [sp, 8]
```

Answer (A-D):

(b) C code:

```
extern int addTwoNumbers(int, int);
int sum = addTwoNumbers(200, 17);
```

Assembly:

```
// Assume that sum is at offset 8 on the stack.
mov w1, 200
mov w2, 17
bl addTwoNumbers
str w0, [sp, 8]
```

Answer (A-D):

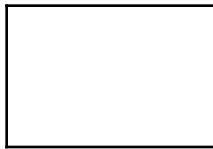
(c) C code:

```
struct List {
    long value;
    struct List *next;
};
// linkedList is a pointer to the first node of a linked list
// containing **at least two** nodes
long secondNodeValue = linkedList->next->value
```

Assembly:

```
// Assume that secondNodeValue is at offset 8 on the stack.
// Assume that linkedList is at offset 16 on the stack.
ldr x0, [sp, 16]
add x0, x0, 8
ldr x0, [x0]
ldr x0, [x0]
str x0, [sp, 8]
```

Answer (A-D):



(d) C code:

```
long arr[20];
long i = 0;
while (i < 20) {
    arr[i] = 0;
    i++;
}
```

Assembly:

```
// Assume that i is stored in callee-saved register x19.
// Assume that a pointer to arr[0] is stored in register x20.
mov x19, xzr
loop1:
str xzr, [x20, x19, lsl 3]
add x19, x19, 1
b loop1
endloop1:
```

Answer (A-D):



## 6. Bubble Sort Asm

Consider this correct C implementation of the naïve sorting algorithm BubbleSort:

```
void swap(int array[], size_t i, size_t j)
{
    int temp = array[i];
    array[i] = array[j];
    array[j] = temp;
}

void bubbleInner(int array[], size_t n, size_t pass)
{
    size_t k = 0;
    while (k < n - pass - 1) {
        if (array[k] > array[k + 1])
            swap(array, k, k + 1);
        k++;
    }
}

void bubbleSort(int array[], size_t n)
{
    size_t pass;
    for (pass = 0; pass < n - 1; pass++)
        bubbleInner(array, n, pass);
}
```

And here is a *buggy* implementation of bubbleInner() in AArch64 assembly language:

```
1  .equ ARRAY, 8
2  .equ N, 16
3  .equ PASS, 24
4  .equ K, 32
5
6  .global bubbleInner
7  bubbleInner:
8  sub sp, sp, 48
9  str x30, [sp]
10 str x0, [sp, ARRAY]
```

```

11  str x1, [sp, N]
12  str x2, [sp, PASS]
13  str xzr, [sp, K]
14
15  inner_loop:
16  ldr x0, [sp, K]
17  ldr x1, [sp, N]
18  ldr x2, [sp, PASS]
19  sub x3, x1, x2
20  sub x3, x3, 1
21  cmp x0, x3
22  bge afterInner
23
24  add x3, x0, 1
25  ldr x4, [sp, ARRAY]
26  ldr w5, [x4, x0, lsl 3]
27  ldr w6, [x4, x3, lsl 3]
28  cmp w5, w6
29  ble afterInner
30
31  mov x1, x0
32  mov x0, x4
33  mov x2, x3
34  bl swap
35
36  afterIf:
37  ldr x2, [sp, K]
38  add x2, x2, 1
39  str x2, [sp, K]
40  bl inner_loop
41
42  afterInner:
43  ldr x30, [sp]
44  add sp, sp, 48
45  ret

```

This program has a whopping *four (4)* mistakes, each with a different characteristic.

For each of the following bugs, *write the line number(s) of the offending instruction(s)*. You need not identify the bug, just the line number.

*(2 pts ea)*

(a) 2 buggy instructions (with the same bug) that will cause the assembler to emit an error.

b) 1 buggy instruction that will cause `bubbleSort` to fail to sort many simple array examples.

(c) 1 buggy instruction that could cause `bubbleSort` to fail a large stress test.

(d) 1 buggy instruction that does not compromise `bubbleSort`'s behavior as-is, but would cause the program to do the wrong thing if we chose to optimize by inlining `swap` and not constructing a stackframe at all.

(e) Now write an “optimized” AArch64 assembly language version of `bubbleSort()` using the same strategy that you used in Part 2e of A5 (`bigintadopt.s`) – i.e., storing all local variables and parameters in *callee-saved registers* instead of on the stack. You should assume that the `.equ` and `.req` definitions at right have been included in your assembly source file. (14 pts)

```
array .req x19
n     .req x20
pass  .req x21
.equ  oldX19, 8
.equ  oldX20, 16
.equ  oldX21, 24
```

```
.global bubbleSort
bubbleSort:
```



(f) Finally, write the assembly code for the `swap()` function, using *exactly 5 instructions*: 4 memory accesses using *scaled register offset* memory operands, plus a return instruction (which is provided for you). **Do not** write a prolog/epilog to manage a stackframe; thus, *use only caller-saved scratch registers*. (8 pts)

```
.global swap  
swap:
```

```
ret
```