CS 61C C and Mer Summer 2022

C and Memory Management

Discussion 1

1 Pre-Check

This section is designed as a conceptual check for you to determine if you conceptually understand and have any misconceptions about this topic. Please answer true/false to the following questions, and if false, correct the statement to make it true:

- 1.1 True or False: C is a pass-by-value language.
- 1.2 The following is correct C syntax: int num = 43
- 1.3 In compiled languages, the compile time is generally pretty fast, however the runtime is significantly slower than interpreted languages.
- 1.4 The correct way of declaring a character array is char[] array.
- 1.5 Bitwise and logical operations result in the same behaviour for given bitstrings.
- 1.6 Memory sectors are defined by the hardware, and cannot be altered.
- 1.7 When should you use the heap over the stack? Do they grow?

2 Memory Management

2.1 For each part, choose one or more of the following memory segments where the data could be located: **code**, **static**, **heap**, **stack**.

- (a) Static variables
- (b) Local variables
- (c) Global variables
- (d) Constants
- (e) Machine Instructions
- (f) Result of Dynamic Memory Allocation(malloc or calloc)
- (g) String Literals

3 Bit-wise Operations

[3.1] In C, we have a few bit-wise operators at our disposal:

- AND (&)
- NOT (\sim)
- OR (|)
- XOR (\wedge)
- SHIFT LEFT (<<)
 - Example: 0b0001 << 2 = 0b0100
- SHIFT RIGHT (>>)
 - Example: 0b0100 >> 2 = 0b0001

a	b	a&b	a b	$\mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b}$	$\sim \mathbf{a}$
0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	0	0

For your convenience, truth tables for the logical operators are provided above. With the binary numbers a, b, and c below, perform the following bit-wise operations:

a = 0b1000 1011 b = 0b0011 0101 c = 0b1111 0000

- (a) a & b
- (b) $a \wedge c$
- (c) a | 0
- (d) a | (b >> 5)
- (e) $\sim ((\texttt{b} \mid \texttt{c}) \And \texttt{a})$