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**Detailed Explanations of
Try Yourself *Questions***

Computer Science & IT
Programming
and Data Structures



1

Programming



Detailed Explanation of Try Yourself Questions

T1 : Solution

[O(n²)]

A(n)

```
{ for (i = 1 to n
  { if (n mod i == 0)
    { for (j = 1 to n)
      printf(j)
    }
  }
}
```

} = O(n/2) = O(n) } = O(n)

Time complexity = $O(n) \times O(n) = O(n^2)$

T2 : Solution

[O(1)]

main()

```
{ int i = 3;
  switch (i)
  { default : printf("zero")
    Case 1 : printf("one")
      break
    Case 2 : printf("two")
      break
    Case 3 : printf("three")
      break
  }
}
```

Since $i = 3$ so switch (3) will go to case 3 and run the program only one time.

So time complexity = $O(1)$.

T3 : Solution

1. Const int *P;
declare P as pointer to const integer.
2. int * const P;
declare P as constant pointer to integer

T4 : Solution

- (i) Char ((*x ()) [])();
declare x as a function returning pointer to array of pointer to function returning char.
- (ii) Char ((*x[3]) () [5]);
declare x as array 3 of pointer to function returning pointer to array 5 of char.
- (iii) Void (*b*int, void (*f)(int)) (int);
Syntac error
- (iv) Void (*ptr)(int (*)[2], int*)(void);
Syntax error

T5 : Solution

- (b)
- Char \0
- if (0) ∴ ∴ Printf(% S", a) = Null = 0
- So condition false
- So answer is else part string is not empty.

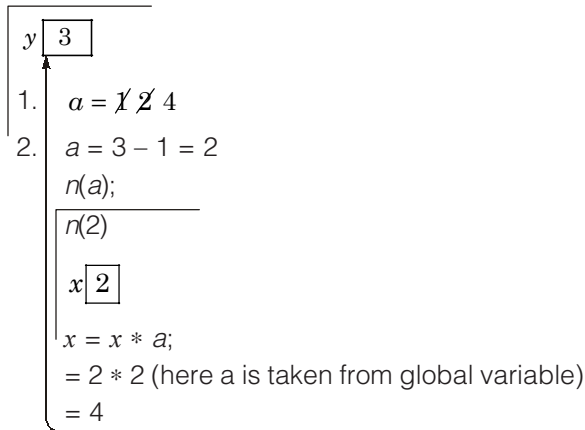
T6 : Solution

- (a)
- Since variable d of integer type is static so memory is allocated to it compile time only and same memory is used every time. Therefore, every time old value of d (which is update in previous iteration) is used.
- So, output is 312213444.

T7 : Solution

(d)

a globally initialize.

1. $m(3)$ 

Printf(4); = 4

3. Printf(a) = 4 since dynamic scoping is used. So, take value of inner variable 'a'.
So answer will be 4, 4.

T8 : Solution

(c)

Take random value of X and Y i.e., $X = 5$ and $Y = 3$.

Initially $X = 5, Y = 3, res = 1, a = X$ and $b = Y$

Option (a): $X^Y = a^b$
 $X^Y = a^b \equiv 5^3 = 5^3 \equiv 125 = 125$

After iteration 1

$$res = 5; a = 5; b = 2; X = 5; Y = 3$$

$$X^Y = a^b \equiv 5^3 \neq 5^2 \equiv 125 \neq 25$$

So, case fail. Option (a) cannot be answer.

Option (b): $(res * a)^Y = (res * X)^b$
 $(1 \times 5)^3 = (1 \times 5)^3 \equiv 125 = 125$

After iteration 1

$$res = 5; a = 5; b = 2; X = 5; Y = 3$$

$$(res * a)^Y = (res * X)^b \equiv (5 \times 5)^3 = (5 \times 5)^2$$

$15625 \neq 625$ So, case fail. Option (b) cannot be answer.

Option (d): $X^Y = (res * a)^b$
 $5^3 = (1 \times 5)^3 \equiv 125 = 125$

After iteration 1

$$res = 5; a = 5; b = 2; X = 5; Y = 3$$

$$X^Y = (res * a)^b \equiv 5^3 = (5 \times 5)^2$$

$125 \neq 625$ So, case fail.

Option (d) cannot be answer.

Option (c):

$$X^Y = \text{res} * a^b$$

$$5^3 = 1 \times 5^3 \equiv 125 = 125$$

After iteration 1

$$\text{res} = 5; a = 5; b = 2; X = 5; Y = 3$$

$$X^Y = \text{res} * a^b \equiv 5^3 = 5 \times 5^2 \equiv 125 = 125$$

After iteration 2

$$\text{res} = 25; a = 5; b = 1; X = 5; Y = 3$$

$$X^Y = \text{res} * a^b \equiv 5^3 = 25 \times 5^1 \equiv 125 = 125$$

So, all cases are passes.

So option (c) will be the answer.

T9 : Solution

a	3	5	2	6	4
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1. $f(a, 5)$ is a function contain 2 parameter one contain starting address of array and second parameter tell number of element in the array.
2. Every time 'n' value compare with 1 when it is less than equal to 1 return 0 and stop the program otherwise continue with recursive function call.

1. $f(a, 5)$

*P = a; P pointed to same address pointed by 'a'.

n = 5; n value greater than 1.

So, $\max(f(P + 1, 5 - 1), 3 - 5)$; or

$\max(f(P + 1, 4) - 2)$;

2. $f(P + 1, 4)$

*P = P + 1; P is pointed to next element of array i.e., 5.

n = 4; n value greater than 1.

So, $\max(\max(f(P + 1, 4 - 1), 5 - 2), -2)$ or

$\max(\max(f(P + 1) 3), 3), -2)$

3. $f(P + 1, 3)$

*P = P + 1; P is pointed to next element of array i.e., 2.

n = 3; n value greater than 1.

So, $\max(\max(\max(f(P + 1, 3 - 1), 2 - 6), 3) - 2)$ or $\max(\max(\max(f(P + 1, 2), -4), 3) - 2)$;

4. $f(P + 1, 2)$;

*P = P + 1; P is pointed to next element of array i.e., 6.

n = 2; n value greater than 1.

So, $\max(\max(\max(\max(f(P + 1, 2 - 1), 2), -4), 3), -2)$ or

$\max(\max(\max(\max(f(P + 1, 1), 2), -4), 3), -2)$

5. $f(P + 1, 1)$;

*P = P + 1; P is pointed to next element of array i.e., 4.

n = 1; n value equal to 1 so, return 0.

So $\max(\max(\max(\max(0, 2), -4), 3), -2)$

$\max(\max(\max(2, -4), 3), -2)$

$\max(\max(2, 3), -2)$

$\max(3, -2) = 3$

So the value printed by given code is 3.



2

Linked List, Stack, Queue and Hashing

T1 : Solution

Implementation of stack using single link list:

Inserting sequence: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Insertion take $O(1)$ time

Link list representation:

1. →

1	/
---	---

2. →

2	
---	--

 →

1	/
---	---

3. →

3	
---	--

 →

2	
---	--

 →

1	/
---	---

4.

5.

6. Insertion takes $O(1)$ time.

Deletion in stack (Pop)

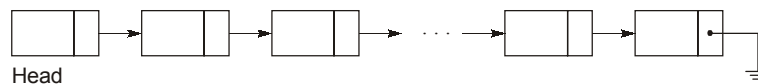
Remove top element every time so $O(1)$

Deletion in link list

Remove 1st node every time with making second node to head.

6
5
4
3
2
1

T2 : Solution



enqueue operation takes $O(1)$ time

dequeue operation takes $O(n)$ time [visits last node]

T3 : Solution

(d)

PUSH (S, P, Q, T_i, x)

```
{
    if ( Ti == ( (P/Q) × (i + 1) - 1 ) )
    {
        printf ("stack overflow");
        exit (1);
    }
    else
        Ti++;
    S[Ti] = x;
}
```

$T_i == \left(\frac{P}{Q} \times (i + 1) - 1 \right)$ indicate the last location of the array is already filled. So overflow occur.

T4 : Solution

(a)

Number of push operations = $n(\text{insert}) + m(\text{delete}) = n + m$

So, $n + m \leq x$ but there are maximum $2n$ insert operations so $n + m \leq x \leq 2n$... (1)

Number of pop operations = $n + m$

But there are $2m$ delete operations which are less than no. of pop operations, hence

$$2m \leq n + m \quad \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2): $n + m \leq x \leq 2n$ and $2m \leq n + m$

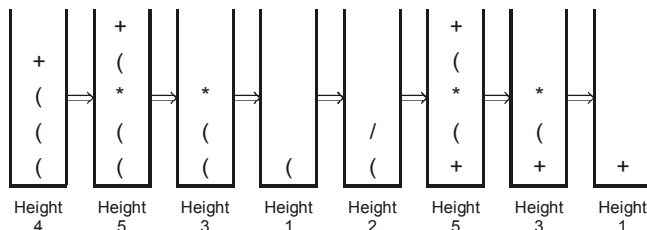
T5 : Solution

(22079)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Formula to find location of } a[20] [20] [30] &= 10 + \{[(20 - 1) (30 - 1) (40 - 1)] + (20 - 1) (30 - 1) + (30 - 1)\} \\ &= [10 + (19 \times 29 \times 39) + (19 \times 29) + (29)] \\ &= 10 + 21489 + 551 + 29 \\ &= 10 + 22069 \\ &= 22079 \end{aligned}$$

T6 : Solution

(5)



(Uniqeue heights are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) where 1, 3, 5 are repeated two times each. Maximum size of stack is 5.

T7 : Solution

(0.7324)

Expected number of probes in a unsuccessful = $\frac{1}{(1-\alpha)}$

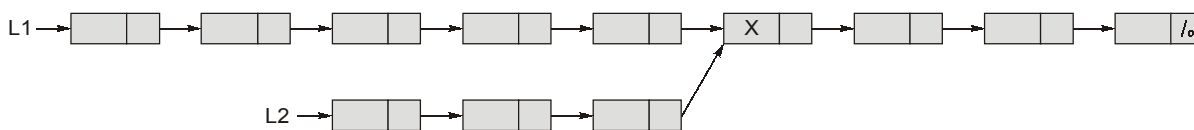
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1-\alpha} &= 3 \\ 1 &= 3(1-\alpha) \\ 1 &= 3-3\alpha \\ -2 &= -3\alpha \\ \alpha &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Expected number of probes in a unsuccessful = $1/\alpha \log_e 1/(1-\alpha)$

$$\frac{3}{2} \log_e 3 = 0.7324$$

T8 : Solution

(b)



We need to traverse both the linked list of size *m* and *n*.
So it will take $O(m + n)$.

T9 : Solution

(b)

By using BSF (Breadth First Search) traversal we can set the twin pointer in each entry in each adjacency list. So it will take $\Theta(m + n)$ times (since adjacency list are using).

