

# EECE.2160: ECE Application Programming

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### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Explain what a pointer is, and how we can use them in C.
2. Explain the use of passing function arguments by address.

### **EXAMPLES:**

1. Write a function to do each of the following. We discussed prototypes for these functions on Monday, 3/18.
  - a. `printLine()`: Takes an integer, `length`, as an argument and prints “length” dashes on a single line

```
void printLine(int length) {
```

```
}
```

- b. `checkEvenOdd()`: Reads an integer value from the console input (i.e., an integer typed by the user as input) and returns 1 if the value is even, 0 if it's odd

```
int checkEvenOdd() {
```

```
}
```

- c. `avgFour()`: Takes four double-precision numbers as arguments and returns their average

```
double avgFour(double a, double b, double c, double d) {
```

```
}
```

2. What does the following program print?

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
void get_r_theta(double a, double b,
    double *adr_r, double *adr_th);

void main()
{
    double x,y,h,r,th;
    printf("Enter x, y components of vector: ");
    scanf("%lf %lf",&x,&y);
    get_r_theta(x,y,&r,&th);
    printf("Vector with x=%lf and y=%lf
        has r=%lf, theta=%lf\n",x,y,r,th);
}

void get_r_theta(double a, double b,
    double *adr_r, double *adr_th) {
    double sum;
    sum = pow(a,2)+pow(b,2); //or a*a+b*b;
    *adr_r = sqrt(sum);
    *adr_th = atan2(y,x);
}
```

3. What does the following program print?

```
int f(int *a, int *b);

int main() {
    int x = 1;
    int y = 2;
    int result1, result2, result3;
    result1 = f(&x, &y);
    result2 = f(&y, &result1);
    result3 = f(&result1, &result2);
    printf("x = %d, y = %d\n", x, y);
    printf("Result 1: %d\n", result1);
    printf("Result 2: %d\n", result2);
    printf("Result 3: %d\n", result3);
    return 0;
}

int f(int *a, int *b)
{
    int copyB = *b;
    while (*a > 1) {
        *b += copyB;
        (*a)--;
    }
    return *b;
}
```

4. Write a function that:
  - Given two integer arguments,  $x$  and  $y$ , store the quotient and remainder of  $x / y$  into locations specified by arguments  $q$  and  $r$ , respectively.

- Uses pointers to swap the values of two double-precision variables