

## Question 1.

Write a function that takes in an address of the first element of a block of ints, and sets all the elements at even indices to 0. For example, if the input block is {5, 6, 7, 8}, it should be change to {0, 6, 0, 8}.

The function signature should be

```
void set_even_to_zero(int *block, int size)
```

## Question 2.

Implement two versions of the `string.h` function `strcat`: <https://www.programiz.com/c-programming/library-function/string.h/strcat>.

In one version, use the index `i` to access elements of strings.

In another version, only use pointer arithmetic.

## Question 3.

Implement a version of `strcmp` recursively. Name the function `my_strcmp_rec`. See the description of `strcmp` here: <https://www.programiz.com/c-programming/library-function/string.h/strcmp>.

Suppose your code looks as follows:

```
char *s1 = "...";  
char *s2 = "...";
```

Explain the difference between `s1 == s2`, `*s1 == *s2`, and `strcmp(s1, s2)`.

## Question 4.

For Project 1, you will need to implement “Binary Search Deluxe” in C.

In this lab, you will implement it in Python.

“Binary Search Deluxe” takes in a sorted list of integers and a target, and returns both the first and the last index where target appears.

For example,

```
binary_search_deluxe([1, 2, 3, 10, 10, 10, 12, 12], 10)
```

should return `[3, 5]`, since the 10’s start at index 3 and end at index 5.

Make sure that the algorithm runs in  $O(\log(n))$  time.

See next page for a hint.

As a hint, here is `binary_search_deluxe_left` which returns the index of the first occurrence of target in L. Assume that target is in L:

```
def binary_search_deluxe_left(L, target):
    """Return the index of the first occurrence of target in L.
    Assume that target is in L"""
    left = 0
    right = len(L) - 1
    while left <= right:
        mid = (left + right) // 2
        if L[mid] < target:
            left = mid + 1
        else:
            right = mid - 1
    return left
```

Your task is to implement `binary_search_deluxe_right`, which returns the index of the last occurrence of target in L, in  $O(\log(n))$  time. (Note: finding the first occurrence and then looking through the list from there is not  $O(\log(n))$  time. One idea: what is the condition that indicates that you found the right-most occurrence of target?)

## Question 5.

The C library function `atoi` converts a string to an integer. Write your own version of the function, with the signature

```
int my_atoi(char *str)
```

Hints:

- The function `isdigit` (defined in `<ctype.h>`) can be used to tell if a character is a digit
- You can convert a digit `c` to an integer value using `c-'0'`. For example, `'5'-'0'` is 5 since the digits `'0'`, `'1'`, `'2'`, `'3'`, `'4'`, `'5'` appear in sequence in the ASCII table.