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PROBLEM SOLVING & C PROGRAMMING

Puzzles

1. The Fibonacci Sequence

C

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

```
int main() {  
    int n, first = 0, second = 1, next, c;  
  
    printf("Enter the number of terms: ");  
    scanf("%d", &n);  
  
    printf("First %d terms of Fibonacci series:\n", n);  
  
    for (c = 0; c < n; c++) {  
        if (c <= 1)  
            next = c;  
        else {  
            next = first + second;  
            first = second;  
            second = next;  
        }  
        printf("%d ", next);  
    }  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Explanation:

- This code generates the Fibonacci sequence, where each number is the sum of the two preceding ones (e.g., 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, ...).
- The user inputs the desired number of terms.
- The code iterates through the loop, calculating and printing each term of the sequence.

2. Factorial of a Number

C

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

```
int main() {int n, i, factorial = 1;
```

```

printf("Enter an integer: ");
scanf("%d", &n);

// Show error if the user enters a negative integer
if (n < 0)
    printf("Error! Factorial of a negative number doesn't exist.");

else {
    for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i) {
        factorial *= i;
    }
    printf("Factorial of %d = %llu", n, factorial);
}

return 0;
}

```

Explanation:

- This code calculates the factorial of a given number.
- The factorial of a non-negative integer n , denoted by $n!$, is the product of all positive integers less than or¹ equal to n .
- The code includes a check for negative input and calculates the factorial using a loop.

3. Prime Number Check

C

```

int n, i, isPrime = 1;

printf("Enter an integer: ");
scanf("%d", &n);

// 0 and 1 are not prime numbers
if (n <= 1) {
    isPrime = 0;
} else {
    for (i = 2; i <= n / 2; ++i) {
        if (n % i == 0) {
            isPrime = 0;
            break;
        }
    }
}

if (isPrime)
    printf("%d is a prime number.", n);
else
    printf("%d is not a prime number.", n);

```

```

    return 0;
}

```

Explanation:

- This code checks if a given number is a prime number (a natural number greater than 1 that has no positive divisors other than 1 and itself).
- It iterates from 2 to half of the given number, checking if any number divides evenly.
- If any divisor is found, the number is not prime.

4. String Reversal

C

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

```

```

int main() {
    char str[100];

    printf("Enter a string: ");
    scanf("%s", str);

    int len = strlen(str);
    for (int i = 0; i < len / 2; i++) {
        char temp = str[i];
        str[i] = str[len - i - 1];
        str[len - i - 1] = temp;
    }

    printf("Reversed string: %s\n", str);

    return 0;
}

```

Explanation:

- This code reverses a given string.
- It iterates through half of the string's length, swapping characters from the beginning and

```

int data[100], n, i, j, swap;
printf("Enter number of elements: "); scanf("%d", &n);

```

```

printf("Enter elements: "); for (i = 0; i < n; i++) { scanf("%d", &data[i]); }

```

```

for (i = 0; i < n - 1; i++) { for (j = 0; j < n - i - 1; j++) { if (data[j] > data[j + 1]) { swap =
data[j]; data[j] = data[j + 1]; data[j + 1] = swap; } } }

```

```

printf("Sorted2 Array: "); for (i = 0; i < n; i++) { printf("%d ", data[i]); }

```

```

return 0; }

```

****Explanation:****

* This code implements the bubble sort algorithm, which repeatedly steps through the list, compares adjacent elements, and swaps them if they are in the wrong order.
* This process continues until no swaps are needed in an entire pass.

Certainly, let's explore some C pointer puzzles!

****1. The Double Pointer Puzzle****

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

int main() {
 int x = 10;
 int *ptr1 = &x;
 int **ptr2 = &ptr1;

 printf("Value of x: %d\n", x);
 printf("Value of *ptr1: %d\n", *ptr1);
 printf("Value of **ptr2: %d\n", **ptr2);

 ptr2 = 20; // What happens here?

 printf("Value of x after modification: %d\n", x);

 return 0;
}
```
```

****Explanation:****

* This code demonstrates the concept of double pointers.

* `ptr1` is a pointer to the integer `x`.

* `ptr2` is a pointer to the pointer `ptr1`.

* The line `**ptr2 = 20;` does not change the value of `x`. It actually assigns the integer value 20 to the memory location pointed to by `ptr1`.

****2. The Array of Pointers Puzzle****

```
```c
```

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

```
int main() {
```

```
 int arr[] = { 10, 20, 30, 40};
```

```
 int *ptr[4];
```

```
 for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
```

```
 ptr[i] = &arr[i];
```

```
 }
```

```
 for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
```

```
 printf("Value at ptr[%d]: %d\n", i, *ptr[i]);
```

```
 }
```

```
 return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
```
```

****Explanation:****

* This code creates an array of pointers (`ptr`).

* Each element of the `ptr` array is assigned the address of the corresponding element in the `arr` array.

* The code then iterates through the `ptr` array and prints the values pointed to by each pointer.

****3. The Function Pointer Puzzle****

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

int add(int a, int b) {
 return a + b;
}

int subtract(int a, int b) {
 return a - b;
}

int main() {
 int (*operation)(int, int); // Function pointer declaration

 operation = add;
 printf("Result of addition: %d\n", operation(5, 3));

 operation = subtract;
 printf("Result of subtraction: %d\n", operation(5, 3));

 return 0;
}
```
```

****Explanation:****

* This code demonstrates the use of function pointers.

* ``operation`` is a pointer that can hold the address of a function that takes two integers as arguments and returns an integer.

* The code assigns the addresses of the ``add`` and ``subtract`` functions to the ``operation`` pointer and then calls the functions through the pointer.

****Key Pointer Concepts:****

* ****Pointers store memory addresses.****

* ****Pointers can be used to access and modify values indirectly.****

* ****Pointers can point to any data type, including other pointers.****

* ****Function pointers allow you to pass functions as arguments to other functions.****