Laboratory: Pointers to Functions

Summary:

Prerequisites: Sorting.

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Preparation

a. Log in to your MathLAN workstation. (Of course, you’ve probably already done that if you’re reading this laboratory.)

b. Create a directory for this lab. I’d suggest Labs/FunctionPointers.

c. Make copies of these files. (Cross your fingers that I did not make a mistake in transcription.)

d. Pull out your K&R.

e. Figure out how to put everything into an executable.

f. Review the code in the various files.

Exercises

Exercise 1: Reverse Sorting

Do K&R 5.14 on p. 121. That problem reads

Modify the sort program to handle a \(-r\) flag, which indicates sorting in reverse (decreasing) order. Be sure that \(-r\) works with \(-n\).

Exercise 2: Case-Insensitive Sorting

Do K&R 5.15 on p. 121. That problem reads

Add the option \(-f\) to fold upper and lower case together, so that case distinctions are not made during sorting; for example, a and A compare equal.
For Those with Extra Time

Do K&R 5.16 on p. 121. That problem reads

Add the \texttt{-d} ("directory order") option, which makes comparisons only on letters, numbers, and blanks. Make sure that it works in conjunction with \texttt{-f}.