

Functions with Arrays

- * Like variables, it is also possible to pass the values of an array to a function.
- * To pass an array to a function, it is sufficient to list the name of the array without any subscripts and the size of array as arguments.

Eg: `largest(a, n);`

will pass all the elements contained in array `a` of size `n`.

/ Finding the largest value in an array of elements */*

`main()`

`{ float largest(); /* Prototype declaration */`

`float value[4] = { 2.5, -4.75, 1.2, 3.67 };`

`float large; large = largest(value, 4);`

`printf("%f\n", largest(value, 4));`

When the function `largest(value, 4)` is called, the value of all the elements of the array "value" are passed to the function.

`float largest(a, n)`

`float a[];`

`int n;`

`if (max < a[i])`

`max = a[i];`

`return (max);`

`{ int i;`

`float max;`

`max = a[0];`

`for (i = 1; i < n; i++)`

WAP to
arr array
from
mean

Sol: -

WAP to calculate the standard deviation of an array of values. The array elements are read from the terminal. Use functions to calculate mean and standard deviation.

Solⁿ: - Standard deviation of a set of n values is given by:

$$SD = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x} - x_i)^2$$

where \bar{x} is the mean of the values

- A multifunction program consisting of `main()`, `std-dev()` and ~~not~~ `mean()` functions are defined.
- `main()` reads the elements of the array "value" from the terminal and calls the function `std-dev()` to print the SD of the array elements.
- `std-dev()` calls another function `mean()` to get the average of the array elements.
- The return value of both `std-dev()` and `mean()` are float and therefore they are declared in their calling functions.


```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#define SIZE 5
```

```
main()
```

```
{
```

```
    float value[SIZE], std-dev(), sd;
    int i;
```

```
    printf("Enter the array elements \n");
```

```
    for(i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
```

```
        scanf("%f", &value[i]);
```

```
    sd = std-dev(value, SIZE);
```

// array passed as argument

```
    printf("std. deviation is %f \n", sd);
```

```
}
```

```
float std-dev(a, n)
```

```
float a[];
```

```
int n;
```

```
{    int i;
```

```
    float mean(), x, sum = 0.0, sd;
```

```
    x = mean(a, n);
```

// array passing

```
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
```

```
        sum += (x - a[i]) * (x - a[i]);
```

```
    sd = sqrt(sum / (float)n);
```

```
    return(sd);
```

```
}
```

```
float mean(a, n)
float a[];
int n;
```

```
{
    int i;
    float sum = 0.0, avg;
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
        sum = sum + a[i];
    avg = sum / (float) n;
    return (avg);
}
```

$$SD = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x} - x_i)^2}{n}$$

$$\bar{x} = \text{mean}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

Difference between ordinary arguments (variables) and entire array passed as an argument

* When an entire array is passed as an argument, the contents of the ^{actual parameter} array are not copied into the formal parameter array. Instead, information about the address of array elements are passed on to the called function. Therefore, any changes introduced to the array elements are reflected in the original array in the calling function.