



Unit 2 (ch4, ch5, ch14)

Functions & Recursion

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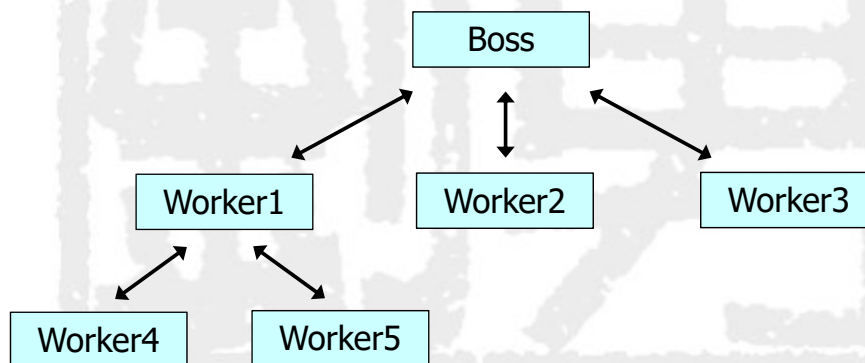
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Top-Down Design

- Top Down Design (also called stepwise refinement)
 - Break the algorithm into subtasks
 - Break each subtask into smaller subtasks
 - Eventually the smaller subtasks are trivial to implement in the programming language



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Benefits of Top-Down Design

- Motivations for “functionalizing” a program
 - Divide-and-conquer makes program development more manageable
 - Software reusability—using existing functions as building blocks to create new programs
 - Avoid repeating code in a program
 - Packaging code as a function allows the code to be executed from different locations in a program
- A programmer only needs to know what will be produced after arguments are put into the box
- Designing with the black box in mind allows us
 - Easily change or improve a function without forcing programmers changing what they have done



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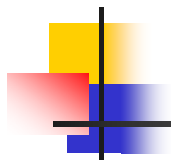
Function Call Syntax

- Function_name (*Argument_List*)
 - *Argument_List* is a comma separated list:
(Argument_1, Argument_2, ... , Argument_Last)
- Example:
 - side = sqrt(area);
 - cout << "2.5 to the power 3.0 is " << pow(2.5, 3.0);
- The corresponding library must be "included" in a program to make the predefined functions available
- Ex: to include the math library containing sqrt():
#include <cmath>



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Example of Function Call

```
//DISPLAY 4.1 A Function Call
//Computes the size of a dog house that can
//be purchased given the user's budget.
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
using namespace std;

int main( )
{
    const double COST_PER_SQ_FT = 10.50;
    double budget, area, length_side;

    cout << "Enter the amount budgeted for
    your dog house $";
    cin >> budget;

    area = budget/COST_PER_SQ_FT;

    length_side = sqrt(area);
```

```
        cout.setf(ios::fixed);
        cout.setf(ios::showpoint);
        cout.precision(2);
        cout << "For a price of $" << budget << endl
            << "I can build you a luxurious square dog
            house\n"
            << "that is " << length_side
            << " feet on each side.\n";

        return 0;
    }
```



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Programmer-Defined Functions

- Two components for a function definition
 - **Function declaration** (or function prototype)
 - Shows how the function is called
 - Must appear in the code **BEFORE** the function can be called
 - Syntax:
`Type_returned Function_Name (Parameter_List);`
//Comment describing what function does

Must match
to each other

- **Function definition** (or function body)
 - Description for real actions in this function
 - Can appear **before** or **after** the function is called
 - Syntax:
`Type_returned Function_Name (Parameter_List)`
`{`
`//code to make the function work`
`}`

Only header is
required with an
extra semicolon.



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Function Declaration

- Function declaration require more information:
 - Tells the return type
 - Tells the name of the function
 - Tells how many arguments are needed
 - Tells the types of the arguments
 - Tells the formal parameter names
 - Formal parameters are like placeholders for the actual arguments used when the function is called

- Example:

```
double totalCost(int numberPar, double pricePar);  
// Compute total cost including 5% sales tax on  
// numberPar items at cost of pricePar each
```



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Function Definition

- Provides the same information as the declaration
- Describes how the function does its task
- Example:

return type ← double totalCost (int numberPar, double pricePar)

function header

{

const double TAX_RATE = 0.05; //5% tax

double subtotal;

subtotal = pricePar * numberPar;

return (subtotal + subtotal * TAX_RATE);

}

function body



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Example for User-Defined Function

//DISPLAY 4.3 A Function Definition

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

Function declaration

```
double totalCost(int numberPar, double pricePar);
//Computes the total cost, including 5% sales tax,
//on numberPar items at a cost of pricePar each.
```

```
int main( )
{
    double price, bill;
    int number;

    cout << "Enter the number of items purchased: ";
    cin >> number;
    cout << "Enter the price per item $";
    cin >> price;
```

```
bill = totalCost(number, price);
```

Function call

```
cout.setf(ios::fixed);
cout.setf(ios::showpoint);
cout.precision(2);
cout << number << " items at "
    << "$" << price << " each.\n"
    << "Final bill, including tax, is $" << bill
    << endl;
```

```
return 0;
```

Function definition

```
double totalCost(int numberPar, double pricePar)
{
    const double TAX_RATE = 0.05; //5% sales tax
    double subtotal;

    subtotal = pricePar * numberPar;
    return (subtotal + subtotal*TAX_RATE);
}
```



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The Function Call

- After the function is well designed (declaration and definition), we can use **function call** to use it
 - Tells the **name** of the function and lists the **arguments**
- Can be used in a statement where the returned value makes sense
 - Ex: `double bill = totalCost(number, price);`
- The values of the arguments are plugged into the formal parameters by **call-by-value** mechanism
 - The first argument is used for the first parameter, the second argument for the second parameter, and so forth
 - The value plugged into the formal parameter is used in the function body only
 - The "copy" of input values will not affect the original variables



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Function Call Procedure

```
double totalCost(int numberPar, double pricePar)
{
    const double TAX_RATE = 0.05; //5% sales tax
    double subtotal;

    subtotal = pricePar * numberPar;
    return (subtotal + subtotal * TAX_RATE);
}
```

In totalCost function:
numberPar = 2
pricePar = 10.10

$20.20 + 20.20 \times 0.05 = 21.21$

bill = return value
= 21.21

```
int main()
{
    double price, bill;
    int number;
    cout << "Enter the number of item purchased: ";
    cin >> number;    2
    cout << "Enter the price per item $";
    cin >> price;    10.10

    bill = totalCost(number, price);

    cout.setf(ios::fixed);
    cout.setf(ios::showpoint);
    cout.precision(2);
    cout << number << "item at"
        << "$" << price << "each .\n"
        << "Final bill, including tax, is $" << bill << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



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Default Arguments

- If a function is frequently used with the **same argument value** for a particular parameter
→ specify that such a parameter has a **default value**
- When an argument is omitted in a function call, the compiler **inserts the default value** of that argument
- Default arguments must be the **rightmost** (trailing) arguments in a function's parameter list
- Default arguments must be specified with the **first occurrence** of the function name
 - Typically in the function prototype
- Default values can be any expression, including constants, global variables or function calls



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Example for Default Arguments (1/2)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

//function prototype that specifies default arguments
int boxVolume(int length = 1, int width = 1, int height = 1);

int main()
{
    //no arguments--use default values for all dimensions
    cout << "The default box volume is: " << boxVolume();

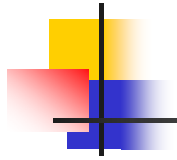
    //specify length; default width and height
    cout << "\n\nThe volume of a box with length 10,\n"
        << "width 1 and height 1 is: " << boxVolume(10);

    //specify length and width; default height
    cout << "\n\nThe volume of a box with length 10,\n"
        << "width 5 and height 1 is: " << boxVolume(10, 5);
}
```



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Example for Default Arguments (2/2)

```
//specify all arguments
cout << "\n\nThe volume of a box with length 10,\n"
    << "width 5 and height 2 is: " << boxVolume(10, 5, 2) << endl;
} //end main

int boxVolume(int length, int width, int height)
{
    return length * width * height;
}
```

The default box volume is : 1

The volume of a box with length 10,
width 1 and height 1 is : 10

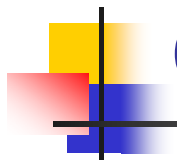
The volume of a box with length 10,
width 5 and height 1 is : 50

The volume of a box with length 10,
width 5 and height 2 is : 100



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Local Variables

- Variables declared in a function:
 - Called “**local variables**” to that function
 - **Cannot be used** from **outside the function**
 - Have the function as their scope
- Variables declared in the main part of a program:
 - Are local to the main part of the program
 - Cannot be used from outside the main part
 - Have the main part as their scope
- Local variables cannot be used in another functions.
Only their values can be passed
 - **Passed-by-value** mechanism



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Global Variables

- Global variables
 - **Available to more than one function** as well as the main part of the program
 - **Declared outside any function body** (including main)
- Can be used when more than one function must **use a common variable**
 - Generally make programs **more difficult to understand and maintain**
- Ex:

```
const double PI = 3.14159;
double volume(double);
int main()
{...}
```

 - PI is available to main function and function volume



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Code Example for Global Constant

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
using namespace std;

const double PI = 3.14159;
double area(double radius);
double volume(double radius);

int main( )
{
    double radiusOfBoth, areaOfCircle, volumeOfSphere;
    cout << "Enter a radius to use for both a circle\n"
         << "and a sphere (in inches): ";
    cin >> radiusOfBoth;

    areaOfCircle = area(radiusOfBoth);
    volumeOfSphere = volume(radiusOfBoth);
    cout << "Radius = " << radiusOfBoth << " inches\n"
         << "Area of circle = " << areaOfCircle
         << " square inches\n"
         << "Volume of sphere = " << volumeOfSphere
         << " cubic inches\n";

    return 0;
}
```



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```
double area(double radius)
{
    return (PI * pow(radius, 2));
}

double volume(double radius)
{
    return ((4.0/3.0) * PI * pow(radius, 3));
}
```

Sample Dialogue

Enter a radius to use for both a circle
and a sphere (in inches): 2
Radius = 2 inches
Area of circle = 12.5664 square inches
Volume of sphere = 33.5103 cubic inches

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Formal Parameters are Local

- Formal parameters are actually **local variables** to the function definition
 - Just as if they were declared in the function header
 - **Do NOT re-declare** the formal parameters in the function body → double declaration
- **Call-by-value** mechanism gives the **initial values**
 - When a function is called, the formal parameters are initialized to the given values from the function call
 - The formal parameters can be altered later in the function, but has **no impact to the original variables**



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Formal Parameters Used as Local

Sample Dialogue

Welcome to the offices of
Dewey, Cheatham, and Howe.
The law office with a heart.
Enter the hours and minutes of your consultation:
2 45
For 2 hours and 45 minutes, your bill is **\$1650.00**

//DISPLAY 4.13: Law office billing program.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

const double RATE = 150.00;
double fee(int hoursWorked, int minutesWorked);

int main( )
{
    .....
    bill = fee(hours, minutes);
    .....
}
```

```
double fee(int hoursWorked, int minutesWorked)
{
    int quarterHours;
    minutesWorked = hoursWorked*60 +
                    minutesWorked;
    quarterHours = minutesWorked/15;
    return (quarterHours*RATE);
}
```

2 **45**
2*60+45=165
165/15=11
11*150=1650



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Call-by-Reference Parameters

- **Call-by-value** (default mechanism) means that the formal parameters **receive values only**
 - Changing the values of internal variables **will not change the original data**
- **Call-by-reference** parameters allow us to change the variable used in the function call
 - **Pass the "address"** for exchanging data between functions
 - Arguments for call-by-reference parameters must be variables, not constant numbers



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Call-by-Reference Example

```
void getInput(double& fVariable)
{
    using namespace std;
    cout << " Convert a Fahrenheit temperature to Celsius.\n"
          << " Enter a temperature in Fahrenheit: ";
    cin >> fVariable;
}
```

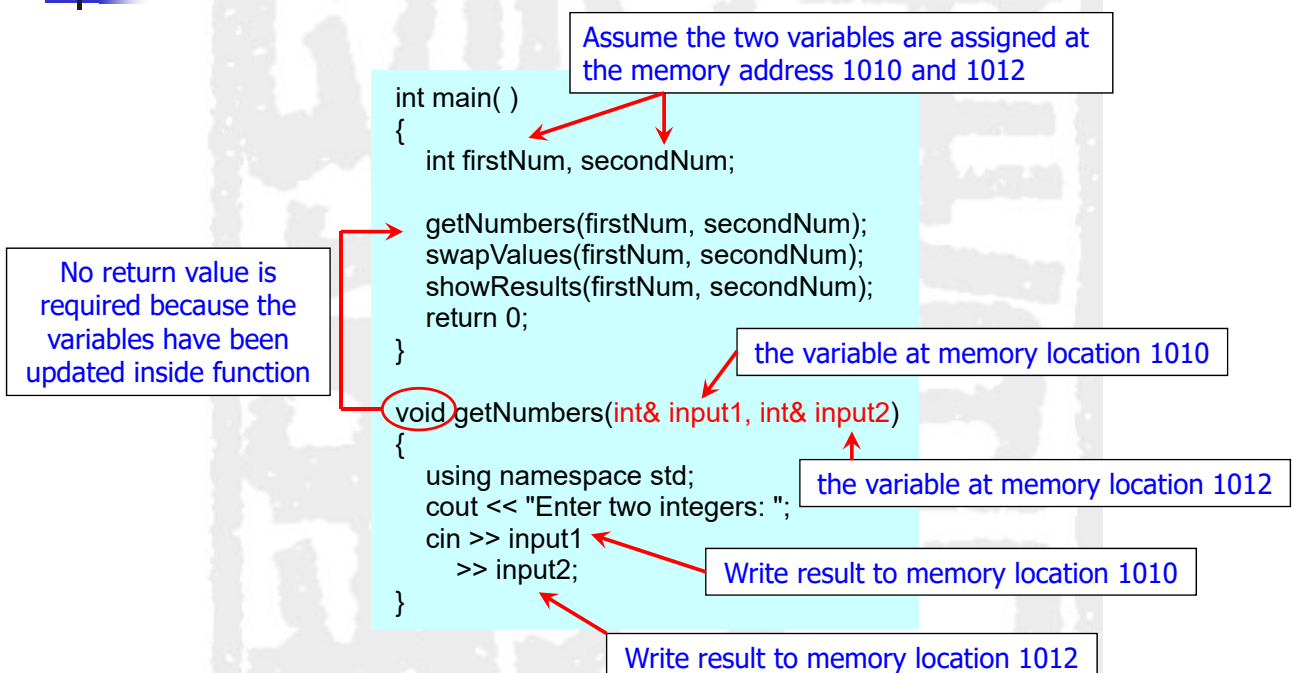
- **'&'** symbol (ampersand) identifies *fVariable* as a **call-by-reference parameter**
 - Used in both declaration and definition !!
- Whatever is done to a formal parameter in the function, is **actually done** to the value **at the given memory addr.**
 - Work almost as if the argument variable substitutes the formal parameter, not the argument's value



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Behavior of Call-by-Reference



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Call by Reference v.s. Value

■ Call-by-reference

- The function definition:
void f(int& ref_par);
- The function call:
f(age);

■ Call-by-value

- The function definition:
void f(int var_par);
- The function call:
f(age);

The same address with two different names

Memory

Name	Location	Contents
age	1001	34
initial	1002	A
hours	1003	23.5
	1004	

Two different variables with the same value



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Choosing Parameter Types

- Call-by-value and call-by-reference parameters can be mixed in the same function
- Ex: void goodStuff(int& par1, int par2, double& par3);
 - par1 and par3 are call-by-reference parameters
 - Changes in par1 and par3 change the argument variable
 - par2 is a call-by-value parameter 沒有&
 - Changes in par2 do not change the argument variable
- How do you decide whether a call-by-reference or call-by-value formal parameter is needed?
 - Does the function need to change the value of the variable used as an argument?
 - Yes? Use a call-by-reference formal parameter
 - No? Use a call-by-value formal parameter



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Comparing Argument Mechanism

call-by-value parameter:
not changed after function

call-by-reference parameter:
value updated after function

```
//DISPLAY 5.6 Comparing Argument Mechanisms
#include <iostream>
```

```
void doStuff(int par1Value, int& par2Ref);
//par1Value is a call-by-value formal parameter and
//par2Ref is a call-by-reference formal parameter.
```

```
int main( )
{
    using namespace std;
    int n1, n2;

    n1 = 1;
    n2 = 2;
    doStuff(n1, n2);
    cout << "n1 after function call = " << n1 << endl;
    cout << "n2 after function call = " << n2 << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

```
void doStuff(int par1Value, int& par2Ref)
{
    using namespace std;
    par1Value = 111;
    cout << "par1Value in function call = "
        << par1Value << endl;
    par2Ref = 222;
    cout << "par2Ref in function call = "
        << par2Ref << endl;
}
```

Sample Dialogue

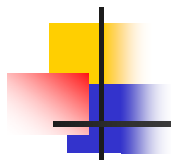
```
par1Value in function call = 111
par2Ref in function call = 222
n1 after function call = 1
n2 after function call = 222
```

not affect
original value



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Overloading Function Names

- C++ allows more than one definition for the **same function name**
 - Very convenient when the "same" function is needed for different numbers or types of arguments
- If there are more than one definition using the same function name, how to choose correct one?
 - **Clear rules** are required to make decisions automatically
- Requirements for overloaded functions
 - Must have **different numbers of formal parameters** AND / OR
 - Must have at least one **different type** of parameter
 - Must **return a value of the same type**



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Overloading Examples

- `double ave(double n1, double n2)`
{
 return ((n1 + n2) / 2);
}
- `double ave(double n1, double n2, double n3)`
{
 return ((n1 + n2 + n3) / 3);
}
- Compiler checks the number and types of arguments in the function call to decide which function to use

`cout << ave(10, 20, 30);`

uses the second definition because of the argument numbers

3 parameters



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Example of Overloading (1/2)

```
//DISPLAY 4.18 Overloading a Function Name
//Determines whether a round pizza or a rectangular
pizza is the best buy.
#include <iostream>
```

```
double unitPrice(int diameter, double price);
//Returns the price per square inch of a round pizza.
//The formal parameter named diameter is the diameter
of the pizza
//in inches. The formal parameter named price is the
price of the pizza.
```

```
double unitPrice(int length, int width, double
price);
//Returns the price per square inch of a rectangular
pizza
//with dimensions length by width inches.
//The formal parameter price is the price of the pizza.
```



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```
int main( )
{
    using namespace std;
    int diameter, length, width;
    double priceRound, unitPriceRound,
        priceRectangular, unitPriceRectangular;

    cout << "Welcome to the Pizza Consumers
        Union.\n";
    cout << "Enter the diameter in inches"
        << " of a round pizza: ";

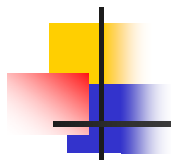
    cin >> diameter;
    cout << "Enter the price of a round pizza: $";

    cin >> priceRound;
    cout << "Enter length and width in inches\n"
        << "of a rectangular pizza: ";

    cin >> length >> width;
    cout << "Enter the price of a rectangular pizza: $";

    cin >> priceRectangular;
```

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Example of Overloading (2/2)

```
unitPriceRectangular =
    unitPrice(length, width, priceRectangular);
unitPriceRound = unitPrice(diameter, priceRound);
```

```
cout.setf(ios::fixed);
cout.setf(ios::showpoint);
cout.precision(2);
cout << endl
    << "Round pizza: Diameter = "
    << diameter << " inches\n"
    << "Price = $" << priceRound
    << " Per square inch = $" << unitPriceRound
    << endl
    << "Rectangular pizza: Length = "
    << length << " inches\n"
    << "Rectangular pizza: Width = "
    << width << " inches\n"
    << "Price = $" << priceRectangular
    << " Per square inch = $"
    << unitPriceRectangular
    << endl;
```

```
if (unitPriceRound < unitPriceRectangular)
    cout << "The round one is the better buy.\n";
else
    cout << "The rectangular one is the better buy.\n";
    cout << "Buon Appetito!\n";
return 0;
}
```

```
double unitPrice(int diameter, double price)
{
    const double PI = 3.14159;
    double radius, area;

    radius = diameter/static_cast<double>(2);
    area = PI * radius * radius;
    return (price/area);
}
```

```
double unitPrice(int length, int width, double price)
{
    double area = length * width;
    return (price/area);
}
```



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Type Conversion Problem

- Given the definition

```
double mpg(double miles, double gallons)
{
    return (miles / gallons);
}
```

The arguments are converted to type double (45.0 and 2.0)

What will happen if mpg is called in this way?

```
cout << mpg(45, 2) << " miles per gallon";
```

- Given another mpg definition in the same program

```
int mpg(int goals, int misses) // the Measure of Perfect Goals
{
    return (goals - misses);
}
```

Compiler chooses this function because the parameter types match

What happens if mpg is called this way now?

```
cout << mpg(45, 2) << " miles per gallon";
```

- Do not use the same function name for unrelated functions!!



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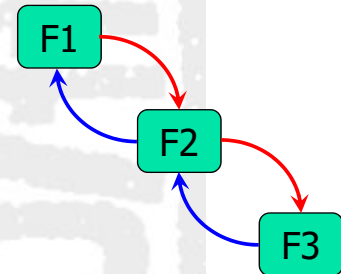
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Functions Calling Functions

- A function body may contain a call to another function

- Ex:

```
void order(int& n1, int& n2)
{
    if (n1 > n2)
        swapValues(n1, n2);
}
```



- *swapValues* is another function to make n1 and n2 in ascending order
- Return to the upper level only, not the top level

- The called function must be declared before it is used
 - Functions cannot be defined in the body of another function
→ often put **all function declarations** at top



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Recursive Function Call

- A **recursive function** is a function that calls itself, either directly, or indirectly (through another function).
- The function **only knows how to solve the simplest case(s), or so-called base case(s)**
 - If the function is called with a base case, the function simply returns a result
- The recursive function divides a complex problem into
 - What it can do (base case) → return the result
 - What it cannot do → **resemble the original problem**, but be a slightly simpler or smaller version
 - The function calls **a new copy of itself** (**recursion step**) to solve the smaller problem
- Eventually base case gets solved
 - **Return the result** to solve the problem at upper level



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Example: Factorial Function

- $n! = n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \times \dots \times 2 \times 1$
 $= n \times (n-1)!$
- $1! = 1, 0! = 1 \rightarrow$ base case
- This function can be solved iteratively or recursively

// Iterative version

```
int factorial(int n)
{
    int product = 1;
    while (n > 0)
    {
        product = n * product;
        n--;
    }
    return product;
}
```

// Recursive version

```
int factorial(int n)
{
    if (n <= 1) // base case
        return 1;
    else // recursive step
        return n * factorial(n-1);
}
```

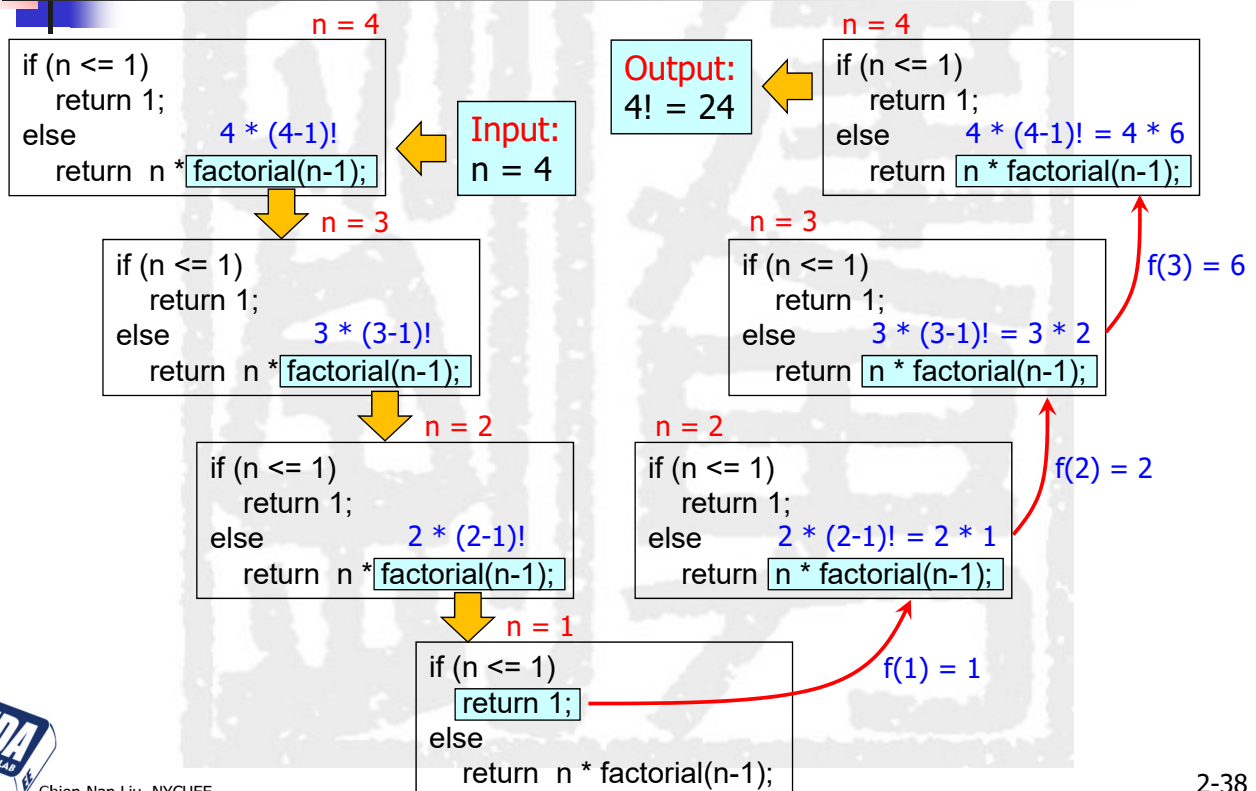
$n \times (n-1)!$



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Recursive Execution of factorial(4)



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Case Study: Vertical Numbers

- Problem Definition:

- `void writeVertical(int n);`
//Precondition: `n >= 0`
//Postcondition: `n` is written to the screen vertically
// with each digit on a separate line

Ex: 103 → 1
0
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- Algorithm design:

- Simplest case:
If `n` is one digit long, write the number
- Typical case:
 - 1) Output all but the last digit vertically
 - 2) Write the last digit
 - Step 1 is a smaller version of the original task
 - Step 2 is the simplest case



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Case Study: Vertical Numbers (cont.)

- The writeVertical algorithm:

```
if (n < 10)
{
    cout << n << endl;
}
else // n is two or more digits long
{
    writeVertical(n with the last digit removed);
    cout << the last digit of n << endl;
}
```

- Translating the pseudocode into C++

- `n / 10` returns `n` with the last digit removed
 - `124 / 10 = 12`
- `n % 10` returns the last digit of `n`
 - `124 % 10 = 4`



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Code for Vertical Number

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

void writeVertical(int n);

int main( )
{
    cout << "writeVertical(3):" << endl;
    writeVertical(3);

    cout << "writeVertical(12):" << endl;
    writeVertical(12);

    cout << "writeVertical(123):" << endl;
    writeVertical(123);

    return 0;
}
```



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```
void writeVertical(int n)
{
    if (n < 10)
    {
        cout << n << endl;
    }
    else //n is two or more digits long:
    {
        writeVertical(n/10);
        cout << (n%10) << endl;
    }
}
```

Sample Dialogue

```
writeVertical(3):
3
writeVertical(12):
1
2
writeVertical(123):
1
2
3
```

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Tracing a Recursive Call

```
■ writeVertical(123)
  if (123 < 10)
  {
      cout << 123 << endl;
  }
  else
  // n is more than two digits
  {
      writeVertical(123/10);
      cout << (123 % 10) << endl;
  }
```

Diagram illustrating the recursive call process:

- calls writeVertical(12)** (indicated by an arrow from the recursive call line to the box)
- resume** (indicated by an arrow from the box back to the recursive call line)
- Output 3** (indicated by an arrow from the output line to the box)
- Function call ends** (indicated by an arrow from the box to the end of the function call)



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Tracing writeVertical(12)

```
■ writeVertical(12)
  if (12 < 10)
  {
    cout << 12 << endl;
  }
  else
  // n is more than two digits
  {
    writeVertical(12/10);
    cout << (12 % 10) << endl;
  }
```

Calls writeVertical(1) ►

resume

Output 2

◀ Function call ends



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Tracing writeVertical(1)

```
■ writeVertical(1)
  if (1 < 10)
  {
    cout << 1 << endl;
  }
  else
  // n is more than two digits
  {
    writeVertical(1/10);
    cout << (1 % 10) << endl;
  }
```

Simplest case is now true

Output 1

◀ Function call ends



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A Closer Look at Recursion

- writeVertical uses **recursion**
 - Used no new keywords or anything "new"
 - It **simply called itself** with a **different argument**
- Recursive calls are tracked by
 - **Temporarily stopping** execution at the recursive call
 - The result of the call is needed before proceeding
 - **Saving information** to continue execution later
 - Evaluating the **recursive call** – a smaller version
 - **Resuming** the stopped execution
- Eventually one of the recursive calls must not depend on another recursive call
 - These are called **base cases** or stopping cases



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"Infinite" Recursion

- A function that never reaches a base case, in theory, will run forever
 - In practice, the computer will often run out of resources and the program will terminate abnormally
- Ex: Function writeVertical, **without the base case**

```
void newWriteVertical(int n)
{
    newWriteVertical (n /10);
    cout << n % 10 << endl;
}
```

will eventually call newWriteVertical(0), which will call newWriteVertical(0), which will call newWriteVertical(0), which will call newWriteVertical(0), which will call newWriteVertical(0), ...



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Stacks for Recursion



- Computers use a structure called a **stack** to keep track of recursion
 - A stack is a **last-in/first-out (LIFO)** memory structure
 - The last item placed is the first that can be removed
- Stack memory structure analogous to a stack of paper
 - To place information on the stack, write it on a piece of paper and **place it on top** of the stack
 - To **add** more information on the stack, **use a clean sheet of paper**, write the information, and **place it on the top** of the stack
 - To **retrieve** information, only the **top sheet of paper can be read, and thrown away** when it is no longer needed



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Stacks and The Recursive Call

- When execution of a function definition reaches a recursive call
 - **Execution stops**
 - **Information is saved** on a "clean sheet of paper" to enable resumption of execution later
 - This sheet of paper is **placed on top of the stack**
 - **A new sheet is used** for the recursive call
 - A **new function** definition is written, and **new arguments** are plugged into parameters
 - Execution of the recursive call begins with **new parameters**

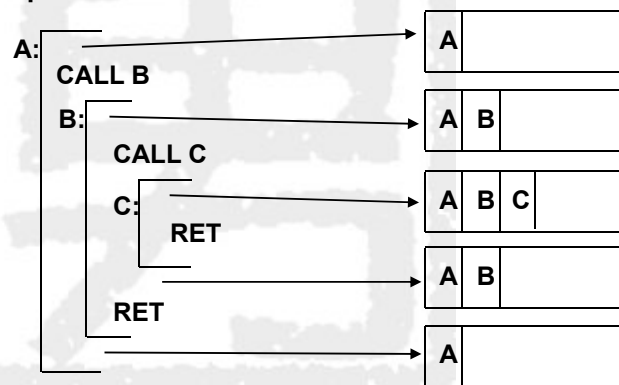


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Stacks and Ending Recursive Calls

- When a recursive function call is able to complete its computation with no recursive calls (**base case**)
 - Start to “return” back to its predecessor
 - Computer **retrieves the “top sheet of paper”** from the stack
 - **Resumes computation** based on the saved information on the sheet and discard that paper
 - When that computation ends, the **next sheet of paper** on the stack is retrieved (return again)
 - The process continues **until no sheets remain** in the stack



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Stack Overflow

- The computer does not use paper
 - Portions of **memory are used**
 - The contents of these portions of memory is called an **activation frame**
- Each recursive call causes an activation frame to be placed on the stack
 - Infinite recursion can force the stack to grow beyond its limits to accommodate all the activation frames
 - The result is a **stack overflow**
 - A stack overflow causes **abnormal termination** of the program



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Recursion v.s. Iteration

- Repetition
 - Iteration: explicit loop
 - Recursion: repeated function calls
- Termination
 - Iteration: loop condition fails
 - Recursion: base case recognized
- Both can have infinite loops
 - Make sure the termination condition eventually occurs
- Balance
 - Choice between **performance** (iteration) and good **software engineering** (recursion)
 - Avoid using recursion in performance situations
 - Recursive calls **take time** and consume **additional memory**



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Code Comparison (writeVertical)

```
void writeVertical(int n)
{
    if (n < 10)
    {
        cout << n << endl;
    }
    else //n is two or more digits long:
    {
        writeVertical(n/10);
        cout << (n%10) << endl;
    }
}
```

Recursion

Iterative

```
void writeVertical(int n)
{
    int tensInN = 1;
    int leftEndPiece = n;
    while (leftEndPiece > 9)
    {
        leftEndPiece = leftEndPiece/10;
        tensInN = tensInN*10;
    }
    //tensInN is a power of ten that has the same
    //number of digits as n. For example, if n is 2345,
    //thentensInN is 1000.

    for (int powerOf10 = tensInN;
         powerOf10 > 0; powerOf10 = powerOf10/10)
    {
        cout << (n/powerOf10) << endl;
        n = n%powerOf10;
    }
}
```



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Recursive Functions for Values

- Recursive functions can also return values
- The technique to design a recursive function that returns a value is basically the same
 - The computation result is based on the returned value from the calls to the same function with (usually) smaller arguments
 - One or more cases in which the value returned is computed without any recursive calls (**base case**)

AP base case



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Another Example: Power (X^y)

- $X^n = X * X * X * \dots * X$
 $= X * X^{(n-1)}$
- $X^0 = 1 \rightarrow$ base case
- This function can be solved iteratively or recursively

Sample Dialogue

3 to the power 0 is 1
3 to the power 1 is 3
3 to the power 2 is 9
3 to the power 3 is 27

// Iterative version

```
int power(int x, int y)
{
    int product = 1;
    for (int i=1; i<=y; i++)
        product = x * product;
    return product;
}
```

// Recursive version

```
int power(int x, int y)
{
    if (y < 1) // base case
        return 1;
    else // recursive step
        return x * power(x, y-1);
}
```

$X * X^{(n-1)}$



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Tracing power(2,1)

```
int power(2, 1)
{
```

...

```
if (n > 0)
```

```
    return ( power(2, 1-1) * 2);
```

```
else
```

```
    return (1);
```

```
}
```

Call to power(2,0) ▶

resume

answer = 1

return 1*2 = 2

Function Ends ▶



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Tracing power(2,0)

```
int power(2, 0)
{
```

...

```
if (n > 0)
```

```
    return ( power(2, 0-1) * 2);
```

```
else
```

```
    return (1);
```

```
}
```

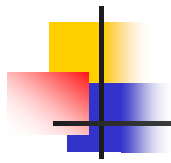
Function call ends ◀

1 is returned



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Overview

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- 2.2 Passing Parameters into a Function
- 2.3 Overloading Function Names
- 2.4 Recursive Function Calls
- 2.5 Thinking Recursively*



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Thinking Recursively

- When designing a recursive function, you do not need to trace out the entire sequence of calls
- Ex: If the function returns a value
 - Check that there is no infinite recursion: Eventually **a stopping case is reached**
 - Check the returned value is **correct at each stopping case**
 - **Check the recursive equation**. If all recursive calls return the correct value, then the entire case performs correctly



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Reviewing the power Function

- There is no infinite recursion \Rightarrow 有 终止条件
 - Notice that the second argument is decreased at each call
 - Eventually, the second argument must reach 0 (stop case)
- Each stopping case returns the correct value
 - $\text{power}(x, 0)$ should return $x_0 = 1$ which it does
- All recursive calls return the correct value so the final value returned is correct
 - If $n > 1$, recursion is used. So $\text{power}(x, n-1)$ must return x_{n-1} so $\text{power}(x, n)$ can return $x_{n-1} * n = x_n$ which it does

```
int power(int x, int n)
{
    ...
    if (n > 0)
        return ( power(x, n-1) * x);
    else
        return (1);
}
```



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Recursive void-functions

- The same basic criteria apply to checking the correctness of a recursive void-function
 - Check that there is **no infinite recursion**
 - **Check that each stopping case** performs the correct action for that case
 - **Check each recursive case**: if all recursive calls perform their actions correctly, then the entire case performs correctly

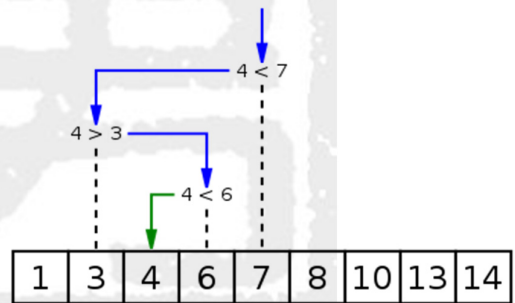


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Case Study: Binary Search

- A binary search can be used to search a **sorted array** to determine if it contains a specified value
 - Because the array is sorted, we know $a[0] \leq a[1] \leq a[2] \leq \dots \leq a[\text{final_index}]$
 - If the item is in the list, return where it is in the list
- Instead of searching the array sequentially, we divide the array into "larger" portion and "smaller" portion
 - **Extremely fast** by skipping the search for unmatched portion
→ skip about half of elements
 - **Improve searching efficiency** significantly for large array
→ from $O(N)$ to $O(\log N)$



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Binary Search Algorithm Design

- **Look at the item in the middle !!** (middle == key)
 - If it is the number we are looking for, we are done
 - If it is greater than the number we are looking for, look in the first half of the list (middle > key → smaller portion)
 - If it is less than the number we are looking for, look in the second half of the list (middle < key → larger portion)
- Searching each of the shorter lists is a smaller version of the task we are working on
→ A **recursive approach** is natural
 - Need additional parameters to specify the subrange to search instead of searching the whole array
 - Add parameters *first* and *last* to indicate the first and last indices of the subrange



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Binary Search Algorithm Design (cont.)

- Be sure to consider the stopping case:

```
if (first > last) // violate the order, so it's stopping case
    found = false;
else
{
    mid = approx. midpoint between first and last;
    if (key == a[mid])
    {
        found = true;
        location = mid;
    }
    else if (key < a[mid])
        search a[first] through a[mid - 1]
    else if (key > a[mid])
        search a[mid + 1] through a[last]
}
```



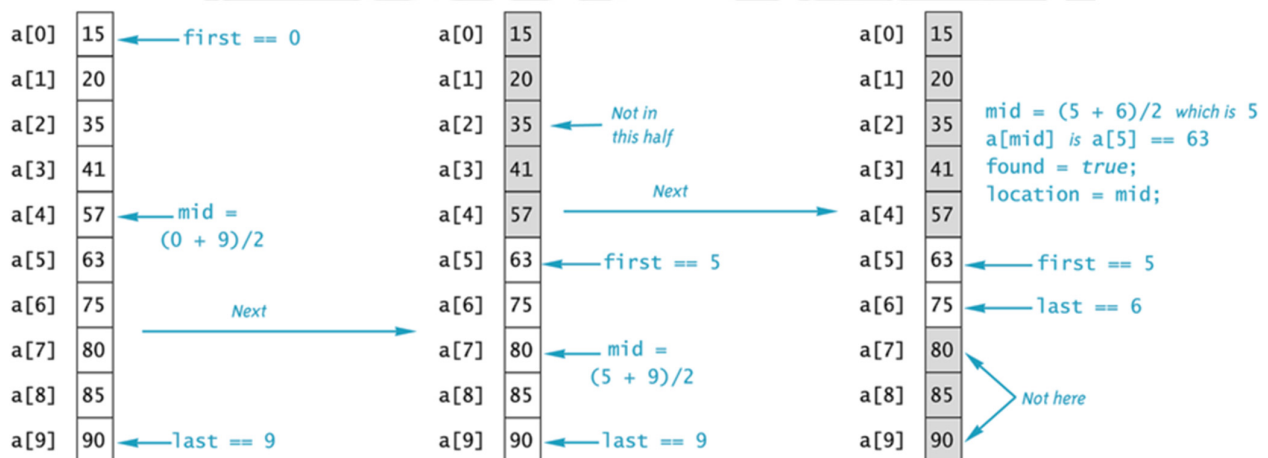
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Execution of the Function search

- Given key = 63



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Code for Recursive Binary Search

```
void search(const int a[], int first, int last,  
           int key, bool& found, int& location)
```

```
{  
    int mid;  
    if (first > last)  
    {  
        found = false;  
    }  
    else  
    {  
        mid = (first + last)/2;
```

```
    if (key == a[mid])
```

```
    {  
        found = true;  
        location = mid;  
    }
```

```
    else if (key < a[mid])
```

```
    {  
        search(a, first, mid - 1, key, found, location);
```

```
    }  
    else if (key > a[mid])
```

```
    {  
        search(a, mid + 1, last, key, found, location);  
    }
```

```
}
```

```
}
```



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Code for Iterative Binary Search

- Binary search can be implemented with iteration, too
 - May run faster on some systems without extra overhead

```
void search(const int a[], int lowEnd, int highEnd,  
           int key, bool& found, int& location)
```

```
{  
    int first = lowEnd;  
    int last = highEnd;  
    int mid;  
  
    found = false; //so far  
    while ( (first <= last) && !(found) )  
    {  
        mid = (first + last)/2;
```

```
    if (key == a[mid])
```

```
    {  
        found = true;  
        location = mid;  
    }
```

```
    else if (key < a[mid])
```

```
    {  
        last = mid - 1;
```

```
    }  
    else if (key > a[mid])
```

```
    {  
        first = mid + 1;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
}
```



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