Fortran - Subprograms

Functions, Subroutines, Interfaces, Modules

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Subroutines and Functions

Our programs need to be organized and modular.

We achieve this through the use of Subroutines and Functions.



Subroutines and Functions

```
program without fct
integer, parameter :: m = 100
integer :: n, n2, i, j
real, dimension(m) :: a, a2
real
        :: sum, aver, ...
! Read data (n,a) from a file
! Calculate Average
sum = 0.
do i=1, n; sum = sum + a(i); enddo
aver = sum / real(n)
! Read more data (n2, a2)
open ...; read ...; close ...
! Calculate Average again
s2 = 0
do j=1, n2
 s2 = s2 + a2(i)
enddo
aver2 = s2 / real(n2)
end program
```

Without using functions/subroutines, a lot of tedious coding.



Function Example

```
program with fct
! Declaration of variables
! Read data (n,a)
! Calculate Average
                    ! Function
aver = average(n, a)
                          call
! Read more data (n2, a2)
open ...; read ...; close ...
! Calculate Average again
aver2 = average(n2, a2)
contains
   real function average(n, x)
   integer :: n, i
   real, dimension(n) :: x
   real
                    :: Sum
   sum = 0.
  do i=1, n
     sum = sum + x(i)
   enddo
   average = sum / real(n)
   end function average
end program
```

Instead, let's invoke a function average() we now have less code and more reuse.



Subroutines and Functions

Advantages are:

- Reusable code
 - Function can be called multiple times and with different arguments
- Insulation from unintended side effects
 - only variables in the argument list are communicated
 - Local variables (i, sum) do not interfere
- Independent testing of subtasks
 - function compiled and tested separately

NOTE:

- The names in the parameter lists in the function definition and the function call do need not to have the same name but have to be the same type
- All arguments are "passed by reference"
 - if their value of the parameter changes in the function, the corresponding variable within the main program also changes.



Subroutines

```
program with sub
! Declaration of variables
! Read data (n1,a1)
! Calculate Average
call average(aver1, n1, a1) ! Subroutine call
! Read more data (n2, a2)
open ...; read ...; close ...
! Calculate Average again
call average (aver2, n2, a2)
contains
subroutine average(aver, n, x)
   integer
           :: n, i
   real, dimension(n) :: x
   real
                    :: aver, sum
   sum = 0.
   do i=1, n
    sum = sum + x(i)
   enddo
   aver = sum / real(n)
   end subroutine average
end program
```

Since everything is pass by reference, we can rewrite our earlier example using a subroutine instead.



Structure: Main Program

program name

specifications
execution statements
[contains
 internal routines]
end program [Name]

Specifications

- include use of modules
- implicit or strong typing
- namelist declaration
- type definitions
- variable declarations

Internal routines are subroutines and/or functions defined inside encapsulating program unit



Structure: Subroutines and Functions

```
return-type function name[ (argument list) ]
    specification statements
    execution statements
    [ contains
        internal routines ]
contains
subroutine name[ (argument list) ]
    specification statements
    execution statements
    [ contains
        internal routines ]
end subroutine [ name ]
end function [ name ]
```

Argument list - a way of passing data in/out of a subroutine or function

Specifications

- include use of modules
- implicit or strong typing
- namelist declaration
- type definitions
- variable declarations

Subroutines/Functions may also have internal routines of other subroutines and/or functions defined inside encapsulating subroutine/function unit



Organization

```
program hello
implicit none
   call helloWorld
  print *, myAdd(1, 2)
contains
subroutine helloWorld
   print *, "Hello World"
end subroutine
integer function myAdd(a, b)
implicit none
integer :: a, b
   myAdd = a + b
end function
end program
```

Subroutines or Functions should be placed *inside* the program after the your execution section using the contains keyword.

Note: In this case, the compiler *will* catch an error between the function call and the function definition i.e. calling myAdd(1.5, 2.5) or myAdd(1, 2, 3)



Arguments: Subroutines and Functions

```
program with fct
! Declaration of variables
... other declarations as normal ...
! Read data (n1,a1)
! Calculate Average
aver = average(n1, a1) ! Function
                             call
! Read more data (n2, a2)
open ...; read ...; close ...
! Calculate Average again
aver2 = average(n2, a2)
contains
real function average(n, x)
integer
                   :: n, i
real, dimension(n) :: x
real
                   :: Sum
sum = 0.
do i=1, n
  sum = sum + x(i)
enddo
average = sum / real(n)
end function average
end program
```

- Arguments passed to routines are alled actual arguments, e.g. n1, a2, n2 and a2 in the main program
- Arguments in routines are called dummy arguments, e.g.n and x in the function
- Actual and dummy arguments must have number and type conformity.



Subroutines and Functions

- Subroutines
 - enables modular programming
 - structured like main program, but with argument list
 - may be internal, i.e. resides in the main program
 - or external, i.e. resides in "modules"
 - does *not* return a value
- Functions
 - enables modular programming
 - similar to subroutines (argument list, structure)
 - may be internal or external
 - returns a value



Summary: Subroutines vs Functions

What's different vs. C/C++?

- **no** return <value> **statement**
- function name is the return *argument* in a function
- all parameters are passed by reference



Subprograms - Exercise 1

Subroutines and Functions

Since all arguments are passed by reference, write a subroutine swap of two parameters that exchanges the input values:

```
integer :: i=2,j=3
call swap(i,j)
```



Subroutines and Functions - Safeguarding your arguments

INTENT allows us to declare the intended behaviour of an argument.

INTENT(IN)

- the argument is for input only

INTENT(OUT)

- the argument is for output only

INTENT(INOUT)

- the argument is for input and/or output



Subroutines

```
program with sub
! Declaration of variables
! Read data (n1,a1)
! Calculate Average
                    ! Subroutine
call (aver1, n1, a1)
! Read more data (n2, a2)
open ...; read ...; close ...
! Calculate Average again
call average(aver2, n2, a2)
contains
subroutine average(aver, n, x)
integer, intent(in):: n
integer :: i
real, dimension(n), intent(in) :: x
real, intent(out) :: aver
real
             :: sum
sum = 0.
do i=1, n
  sum = sum + x(i)
enddo
aver = sum / real(n)
end subroutine average
end program
```

Let's add some INTENT



Subprograms - Exercise 1a

Subroutines and Functions

Rewrite Exercise 1 so that the subroutine swaps the values around, but also returns the old values with the proper intent.

```
subroutine swap(i, j, i_old, j_old)
{
...
}
```



Subprograms - Project Exercise 2

Subroutines and Functions

Write a function that takes an integer input and returns a logical corresponding to whether the input was prime.

```
logical :: isprime
isprime = prime_test_function(13)
```

Read the number in, and print the value of the logical.



Subprograms - Project Exercise 3

Subroutines and Functions

Take the prime number testing program, and modify it to read in how many prime numbers you want to print.

Print that many successive primes.

Keep a variable number_of_primes_found that is increased whenever a new prime is found.



- Modules provide a flexible mechanism to organize content
- Modules may contain all kinds of things
 - Declaration of:
 - Parameters (named constants)
 - Variables
 - Arrays
 - Derived Types
 - Structures
 - Subprograms
 - Subroutines
 - Functions
 - Other modules



Be forewarned...

Silly Example Ahead.



Silly example

Our module has a few parameters defined:

- pi
- 0
- 6

and a real variable defined

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Silly example

```
module mad science
implicit none
real, parameter :: pi = 3.14159 ,c = 3.e8 ,e = 2.7
real
                :: r
contains
   real function Area Circle(r)
      real :: r
     Area Circle = r*r*pi
   end function
end module mad science
program go mad
! make the content of module available
use mad science
implicit none
real :: area
r = 2.
area = Area Circle(r)
print *, 'Area = ', area
end program
```

Our module has a few parameters defined:

- pi
- 0
- e

and a real variable defined

• r

and a function

Area_Circle

What does this remind you of now?



Silly example

Introducing type

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Silly example

```
module mad science
real, parameter :: pi = 3., &
                  c = 3.e8, &
                  e = 2.7
real
          :: r
type scientist
  character(len=10) :: name
 logical :: mad
real :: madness_level
end type scientist
end module mad science
program main
use mad science
type(scientist) :: you
you%name = 'some name'
you%madness level = 4.5
```

Introducing type

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Silly example

```
module mad science
real, parameter :: pi = 3., &
                  c = 3.e8, &
                  e = 2.7
real
          :: r
type scientist
  character(len=10) :: name
 logical :: mad
real :: madness_level
 real
end type scientist
end module mad science
program main
use mad science
type(scientist) :: you, me
you%name = 'Carrie'
you%mad = .true.
you%madness level = 8.7
me%name = 'Charlie'
me%mad = .true.
me%madness level = 9 ! I have kids.
end program
```

Modules as Objects.



Silly example

```
module mad science
real, parameter :: pi = 3., &
                  c = 3.e8. &
                  e = 2.7
real
type scientist
 character(len=10) :: name
 logical
                   :: mad
 real
                   :: madness level
end type scientist
contains
subroutine is mad(s)
  type(scientist) :: s
  if (s%mad .and. s%madness level > 8) then
     print *, "is crazy mad!"
   end if
end subroutine
end module mad science
program main
use mad science
type(scientist) :: you, me
you%name = 'Carrie'
vou%mad = .true.
vou%madness level = 8.7
call is mad(you)
end program
```

Modules as Objects.



Modules - Exercise 5 - Homework

Within a Module, PointMod:

Make type Point(x, y) where x and y are both real numbers. and a function distance(p,q) so that if p,q are Point "objects", calling distance(p,q) computes the distance between the two points.



Modules - Exercise 5a

Within your Module, PointMod:

Add another type LinearFunction

LinearFunction is defined with 2 points, Point input p1, Point input p2

Add a real function

evaluate_at(line, x), with x being of type real and line being type LinearFunction and returns the Point on the line at x=4.0;

