

IC 150 P Computation for engineers lab Lab assignment sheet no: 5, Odd semester, 2016

Advanced Functions

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Objective for this lab session

- More practice with breaking up a computational task into smaller units, and to write a series of appropriate functions.
- Learn to use the switch statement.

Note:

- Your program should perform *exception handling* explicitly. (SEE: page 3 of this assignment sheet) For example, if you have to calculate $\log_e(x)$, then you should first check that user has supplied a x that is a number, and secondly check that it is non-negative. If the input is valid, print out the desired output. Otherwise, exit the program after printing an *appropriate* error message.
- Whenever possible, try to divide your main() function in the following subparts: input(), compute() and output(). You may use inline comments (using '//') or block comments (using the pair '/*' and '*/') to make the divisions explicit.

Task one: Polynomial approximation of functions

Part A: Find an approximate value of a given function f(x) by computing its MacLaurin's series¹ expansion up to the nth term. Your program must give the user a choice of evaluating one of the functions:

$$\exp(x), \sin(x), \cos(x), \log_e(x)$$

Optional: tan(x), cot(x) (For Bernoulli numbers, you may use third party codes)

You may use the built-in C function float pow(float x, float y).

The Maclaurin Series expansion of $\log_e(x)$ is applicable to $0 < x \le 2$. For $x \ge \frac{1}{2}$, you need to use the following formula: $\log_e(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)^n$

float nthCoefficient (unsigned int n, unsigned int chosenFunction) to calculate the coefficient of x^n in the MacLaurin's series expansion for the function chosen by the user. The unsigned interger chosenFunction

int Fact(int n) to calculate factorial of n

Part B: Write a program where you will use the function you have written in part A (let us name it Myfunc(x, n)) to compare its value with the corresponding built-in function for different values of n. For example, if you are evaluating an approximate value for *exponential* function using Myfunc(x, n), then you are supposed to compare its value with built-in function exp(x). Your output should appear in the format mentioned in Table 1.

¹http://mathworld.wolfram.com/MaclaurinSeries.html

Table 1: Output format for the Task one.

n	Myfunc(x,	n)	error = exp(x) - Myfunc(x,	n)
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Task two: A simple calculator

Implement a simple calculator using Switch statements. The calculator should perform the operations mentioned in the Table 2.

Table 2: List of operations to be performed by the simple calculator.

Arithmetic	Trigonometric	Others
+	sin()	x^y
_	$\cos()$	x!
×	tan()	
/	cot()	

Optional operations: % (modulus operator), $\log_{10}(x)$, $\log_e(x)$, Boolean 'AND' and 'OR'.

Write separate functions for each of the operations. Each function should first check whether the input is valid or not and then carry out the operation.

Task three: Combinatorics (Optional)

Part A: Using the previously written function Fact(n), write the following functions:

int Perm(int M, int N): calculates $\frac{M!}{(M-N)!}$, i.e., all the permutations possible while choosing N items out of M items.

int Comb(int M, int N): calculates $\frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!}$, i.e., all the combinations possible while choosing N items out of M items.

Part B: Find the answers to the following questions using Perm(M, N) and Comb(M, N) functions you have written in the part A:

- 1. A box contains 10 black and 6 green marbles. How many ways can 5 black and 4 green marbles be chosen?
- 2. Out of 4 Women and 5 Men, a committee of 5 is to be formed. In how many ways can it be formed if at least 2 women is to be included?

Some information on exception handling

C functions like scanf() return an integer. So far, while calling scanf, we have usually not looked at the value it returns. We have been satisfied with its job of reading inputs and copying them into specified memory locations. Now look at the program below, compile it and play with it. In specific while entering l, m please try combinations such as:

56 107, 56, 107, 56.65 107, 56 107.76, -56 107, 56 -107, 5 107, -56 107 etc.

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/*FILE: checkingForValidUserInput.c
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   *Description: This program demonstrates how to prompt recursively
      until the user enters a valid input.
   *It also shows the value returned by scanf() whenever it reads
      input(s) provided by the user.
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   *Last modified on: 3 October 2016
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   *Note: This program works for only character and integer type
      inputs. We encourage you to modify this
   *code to incorporate a check for floating type inputs
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      #include < stdio . h>
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      void main(){
        // variable declaration
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        unsigned int n, count=1, validEntry=0;
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        int 1, m;
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        char c;
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        //first part of the program: it asks the user to input a
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           positive integer less than 15
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        while (validEntry == 0) {
                                            // loop until user enters a
           valid input
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           printf("\t Enter a positive integer less than 15\n");
           if ( (scanf("%u", &n) != 1) || !(n < 15) ) {
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                validEntry = 0;
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                scanf("%c", &c);
                                           // In case the user has
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                   entered a character.
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                count++;
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                printf("You have entered a wrong input. Now, again \n");
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           else
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             if(count > 2)
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                  printf("Finally!!! Thanks for entering the correct
                     input after \%u attempts.\n", count-1);
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             else
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                  printf("Well done!\n");
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             validEntry = 1;
           }
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         }
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        //second part of the program: it asks the user to input two
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           positive integers larger than 15
         printf("Please now enter two positive integers 1, m, greater
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           than 15\n");
        n = scanf("%d %d", &l,&m);
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                                                      //scanf() returns
           the number of variables it has correctly read
        printf("\t My call of the scanf function to read your two
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           numbers 1, m returned the value: %u\n",n);
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        if ((n == 2) \&\& (1 > 15) \&\& (m > 15))  // check whether
           valid input is entered or not.
           printf("\t You entered l = \%u,\t m = \%u.\n",l,m);
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           printf("\t You are a careful user. Goodbye ! \n\n");
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        else {
           printf("\t You did not follow instructions carefully. No
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             more chances for you !\n\n");
        }
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      }
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checkingForValidUserInput.c