	advantages	disadvantages
Pass by value	It copies the value to protect the original data	High cost
Pass by pointers	<ul> <li>Can use dynamic memory AKA heap</li> <li>Use new and delete to store values in dynamic memory</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Need to be dereferenced.</li> <li>Limited arithmetic operations</li> <li>Generally, less safe</li> <li>More likely to be misused, and they can be very dangerous.</li> </ul>
Pass by references	<ul> <li>Avoid copying</li> <li>Avoid modification</li> <li>Modify a variable in a function</li> <li>Original data could be changed (only if we want to change the original data as well on purpose)</li> <li>No copy overhead</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Original data could be changed (not on purpose)</li> <li>Cannot be reassigned.</li> <li>Cannot be NULL.</li> <li>References can become invalid</li> <li>Must be initialized once defined.</li> <li>Can be misused, but less likely than pointers</li> </ul>
Pass by const references	<ul> <li>Original data cannot be changed.</li> <li>Avoid copying</li> <li>Avoid modification</li> <li>Modify a variable in a function</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cannot be reassigned.</li> <li>Cannot be NULL.</li> <li>References can become invalid</li> <li>Must be initialized once defined.</li> </ul>