

# EE 441 Data Structures

## Lecture 3: Functions and Recursion

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# Functions: Explanation

## ❑ Definition

- A function is a block of code that performs a specific task
- Use of functions promotes modularity and code reuse

## ❑ Basic Structure

```
return_type function_name(parameters) {  
    // function body  
    return value; // optional (depends on return_type)  
}
```

- Return type: Type of value returned (int, double, void, ...)
- Name: Identifier for the function
- Parameters: Input values (optional)
- Body: Statements to execute



# Argument Passing

- ❑ Write a function that
  - Takes two integers as input
  - Swaps the integer values

```
swap(int a, int b);
```

- ❑ Desired operation

```
int main(){  
    int i=10;  
    int j=20;  
    cout << "Before swap(): i:" << i << "j: " << j << "\n";  
    swap(i,j);  
    cout << "After swap(): i: " << i << "j: " << j << "\n";  
}
```

```
Before swap(): i: 10 j: 20  
After swap(): i: 20 j: 10
```

# Argument Passing

□ C++ offers three ways for argument passing

- Pass by value

```
swap(int a, int b);
```

- Pass by address

```
swap(int *a, int *b);
```

- Pass by reference

```
swap(int &a, int &b);
```



# Argument Passing: Pass by Value

## ❑ Pass by Value

- Default argument passing mechanism
  - Function makes a local copy of the original argument when called
  - The copy remains in scope until the function returns
  - The copy is destroyed immediately afterwards
- A function that takes value-arguments cannot change them
- Changes will apply only to local copies, not the actual caller's variables!

## ❑ Remark

- We need to override the default passing mechanism if the (function) callee should modify its arguments

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void swap(int a, int b){
    int temp;
    temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
}

int main(){
    int i = 10;
    int j = 20;
    cout << "Before swap(): i: " << i << " j: " << j << endl;
    swap(i, j);
    cout << "After swap(): i: " << i << " j: " << j << endl;
}
```

scope

Local copies of the arguments

```
Before swap(): i: 10 j: 20
After swap(): i: 10 j: 20
```

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# Argument Passing: Pass by Address

- ❑ Passing the arguments' address to the function
- ❑ The function makes a local copy of the address
- Changes are made on the data stored in the address location
- ❑ Problem: this technique is tedious and error-prone

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;
void swap(int *a, int *b){
    int temp = *a;
    *a = *b;
    *b = temp;
}

int main(){
    int i = 10;
    int j = 20;
    cout << "Before swap(): i: "
         <<i<< " j: " <<j<<endl;
    swap(&i, &j);
    cout << "After swap(): i: "
         <<i<< " j: " <<j<<endl;
}
```

```
Before swap(): i: 10 j: 20
After swap(): i: 20 j: 10
```

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# Argument Passing: Pass by Reference

## ❑ References

`int &a`

## ❑ Syntactically behave like ordinary variables

## ❑ Used as pointers from a compiler's point of view

→ Enable a function to alter its arguments without forcing programmers to use the difficult \*, & and -> notation

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void swap(int &a, int &b){
    int temp;
    temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
}

int main(){
    int i = 10;
    int j = 20;
    cout << "Before swap(): i: " << i << " j: " << j << endl;
    swap(i, j);
    cout << "After swap(): i: " << i << " j: " << j << endl;
}
```

Referenced global arguments

```
Before swap(): i: 10 j: 20
After swap(): i: 20 j: 10
```

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# References: Details

- ❑ A reference is "an alias for an existing object"

```
int m = 0;  
int &ref = m;
```

- ❑ The reference `ref` serves as an alias for the variable `m`
  - `ref` and `m` behave as distinct names of the same object
  - Any change applied to `m` is reflected in `ref` and vice versa

- ❑ There can be an infinite number of references to the same object

```
int &ref2 = ref;  
int &ref3 = m;
```

- ❑ Here `ref2` and `ref3` are aliases of `m`, too
- ❑ Note: there is no concept as a "reference to a reference"
  - The variable `ref2` is an alias of `m`, not `ref`



# Advantages of Pass by Reference

- ❑ Combines benefits of passing by address and passing by value
  - Efficiency: Like passing by address because the callee doesn't get a copy of the original value but rather an alias thereof (under the hood, compilers substitute reference arguments with ordinary pointers)
  - Intuitiveness: It offers a more intuitive syntax and requires less keystrokes from the programmer
- ❑ References are usually safer than ordinary pointers because they are always bound to a valid object
- ❑ C++ doesn't have null references → no need to check whether a reference argument is null before examining its value or assigning to it
- ❑ Passing objects by reference is usually more efficient than passing them by value because no large chunks of memory are being copied

```

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main () {
    int i, *p;
    int numbers[6];
    p = numbers;
    for (i = 0; i < 6; i++)
        *(p+i)=i;

    printArray(numbers,6);
    p = &numbers[2];  *p = 29;
    printArray(numbers,6);
    p = numbers + 3;  *p = 17;
    printArray(numbers,6);
    p = numbers; *p = 21;
    printArray(numbers,6);
    p++;  *p = 32;
    printArray(numbers,6);
    p = numbers;  *(p+4) = 16;
    printArray(numbers,6);
}

```

# Example 1

```

// Helper function
void printArray(int* start, unsigned int
size) {
    for(unsigned int i = 0; i < size; i++)
        cout << *(start+i) << " ";
    cout << endl << endl;
}

```

```

0 1 2 3 4 5
0 1 29 3 4 5
0 1 29 17 4 5
21 1 29 17 4 5
21 32 29 17 4 5
21 32 29 17 16 5

```

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# Example 2

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main() {
    int *a, c, d = 5;
    int *b = &d;
    c=2;
    a = &c;
    *a = d + 12;
    printValues(a,b,c,d);
    a = b;
    *b = *a + 5;
    printValues(a,b,c,d);
}
```

```
// Helper function to print values
void printValues(int *a, int *b, int c,
int d){
    cout << "*a: " << *a << " *b: " << *b
    << " c: " << c << " d: " << d << endl;
    cout << "a: " << a << " b: " << b <<
    endl << endl;
}
```

```
*a: 17 *b: 5 c: 17 d: 5
a: 0x61fe0c b: 0x61fe08

*a: 10 *b: 10 c: 17 d: 10
a: 0x61fe08 b: 0x61fe08
```

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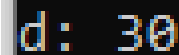
# Example 3

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

void triple(double &num) {
    num = 3*num;
}

int main() {
    double d = 10.0;
    triple(d);
    cout << "d: " << d << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



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# Example 4

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

void triple(double &num) {
    num = 3*num;
}

int main() {
    double d = 10.0;
    triple(&d);
    cout << "d: " << d << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

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```
src/main.cpp: In function 'int main()':
src/main.cpp:153:16: error: invalid initialization of non-const reference of type 'double&' from an rvalue of type 'double*'
153 |     triple(&d);
    |           ^~
src/main.cpp:147:21: note: in passing argument 1 of 'void triple(double&)'
147 | void triple(double &num){
    |                ~~~~~^~~~~
```

# Example 5

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

void triple(double *num) {
    *num = 3**num;
}

int main() {
    double d = 10.0;
    triple(&d);
    cout << "d: " << d << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

d: 30

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# Example 6

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

void triple(double num){
    num = 3*num;
}

int main(){
    double d = 10.0;
    triple(d);
    cout << "d: " << d << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

d: 10

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# Function Pointers: Explanation and Example

- ❑ Function pointer definition
  - Stores address of a function
  - Allows calling functions indirectly or passing them as arguments
- ❑ Function pointer declaration  
`return_type (*ptr)(param_types);`
- ❑ Usage of function pointers
  - Callbacks (event handlers, interrupts)
  - Configurable algorithms (sorting, applying operations)
  - Runtime flexibility (decide behavior during program execution)

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

// Two functions with same arguments
int add(int a, int b) { return a + b; }
int multiply(int a, int b) { return a * b; }

// Function that accepts a function pointer
void apply(int x, int y, int (*op)(int,int)) {
    cout << "Result: " << op(x, y) << endl;
}

int main() {
    apply(5, 3, add);      // Result: 8
    apply(5, 3, multiply); // Result: 15
    return 0;
}
```

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# Lambda Functions: Explanation and Example

## ❑ Lambda function definition

- Anonymous inline function
- Compact alternative to defining separate functions

## ❑ Syntax

[capture](parameters) ->  
return\_type {body};

## ❑ Capture List [ ]

- [=] capture by value
- [&] capture by reference
- [ ] no external variables

## ❑ Advantage of Lambdas

- Short, local, flexible
- Commonly used for one-off computations or callbacks

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

int main() {
    // Simple lambda without capture
    auto square = [](int x) -> int { return x * x; };
    cout << square(5) << endl; // 25
    // Lambda with capture
    int factor = 10;
    auto scale = [=](int x) { return x * factor; };
    cout << scale(3) << endl; // 30
    // Passing lambda as argument
    auto apply = [](int a, int b, auto f) {
        cout << f(a, b) << endl;
    };
    apply(5, 3, [](int x, int y) {return x + y;}); // 8
}
```

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# Function Pointers vs Lambda Functions

```
void apply(int a, int b, int (*f)(int,int)) {  
    cout << f(a, b) << endl;  
}  
  
int multiply(int x, int y) { return x * y; }  
  
int main() {  
    // pass normal function pointer  
    apply(3, 4, multiply);  
}
```

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```
template<typename F>  
void apply(int a, int b, F f) {  
    cout << f(a, b) << endl;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    apply(3, 4, [](int x, int y){ return x * y; });  
    // pass inline lambda  
}
```

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```
// Starting from C++20  
void apply(int a, int b, auto f) {  
    cout << f(a, b) << endl;  
}
```

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# Template Functions

## ❑ Function Template Definition

- Lets you write one function that works with many data types
- The compiler generates the correct version when you call it

## ❑ Syntax

```
template <typename T>  
T myMax(T a, T b) {  
    return (a > b) ? a : b;  
}
```

## Usage

```
int i = myMax(3, 7); // Compile for int  
double d = myMax(3.5, 2.1); // double  
char c = myMax('a', 'z'); // char
```

## ❑ Remarks

- T is a placeholder for a type
- Compiler replaces T automatically depending on the given arguments
- Advantage: avoids code duplication
- Operations used (such as ">") must be defined for the used types



# Iteration: Idea

## ❑ Definition

- Repetition of code using loops (for, while, do-while)
- Each repetition = one iteration of the loop

## ❑ General Procedure

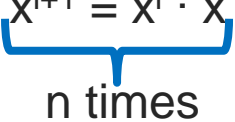
- A loop control variable is initialized
- A condition determines whether to continue
- The body of the loop executes
- The control variable is updated  
→ step repeats until condition fails

## ❑ Advantages

- Efficient when the number of steps is known or easily controlled
- Avoids the overhead of repeated function calls (as in recursion)
- Useful for accumulation, searching, array processing, mathematical series

# Iteration: $x^n$ Example

## □ Idea

- Start from  $x^0 = 1$
- Compute  $x^{i+1} = x^i \cdot x$   


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

```
// Iterative power function
int powerIter(int x, int n) {
    int result = 1;
    cout << result << " ";
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        result *= x; // multiply x n times
        cout << result << " ";
    }
    return result;
}
```

```
int main() {
    int x = 2, n = 8;
    cout << x << "^" << n << endl;
    // Compute result
    cout << "Result: " << powerIter(x, n) << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

## □ Properties

- Requires  $\approx n$  iterations
- Requires 2 variables

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# Iteration: Fibonacci Example

## □ Idea

- $F_0 = 1, F_1 = 1$
- $F_{i+1} = F_i + F_{i-1}$

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// Fibonacci number by iteration
int fibonaccilter(int n, bool print) {
    if (n == 0) return 0;
    if (n == 1) return 1;
    int a = 0, b = 1, next;
    if (print == 1) cout << b << " ";
    for (int i = 2; i <= n; i++) {
        next = a + b;
        a = b;
        b = next;
        if (print == 1) cout << b << " ";
    }
    return b;
}
```

```
int main() {
    int n = 10;
    cout << "Fibonacci(" << n << ") = "
         << fibonaccilter(n, true) << endl;

    cout << "First 10 Fibonacci numbers: ";
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        cout << fibonaccilter(i, false) << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

## □ Properties

- Requires  $\approx n$  iterations
- Requires 4 variables

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# Recursion: Idea

- ❑ Same Question: How to compute the power function:  $x^n$
- ❑ Reminder - Iteration: multiply  $x$  by itself  $n$  times
  - $2^3 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 8$
  - Now compute  $2^4$ , repeat all the previous multiplications
  - $2^4 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 16$
- ❑ Recursion: We observe that the result for  $n$  ( $x^n$ ) can be computed from the result for  $n-1$  ( $x^{n-1}$ )
  - $x^n = 1$  if  $n = 0$
  - $x^n = x \cdot x^{n-1}$  if  $n > 0$
  - Once we have a value for the initial computation for the powers of 2 ( $2^0 = 1$ ) the successive values are twice the previous value
  - We use a smaller power to compute another  
→ Recursive definition of the function

# Recursion: Example

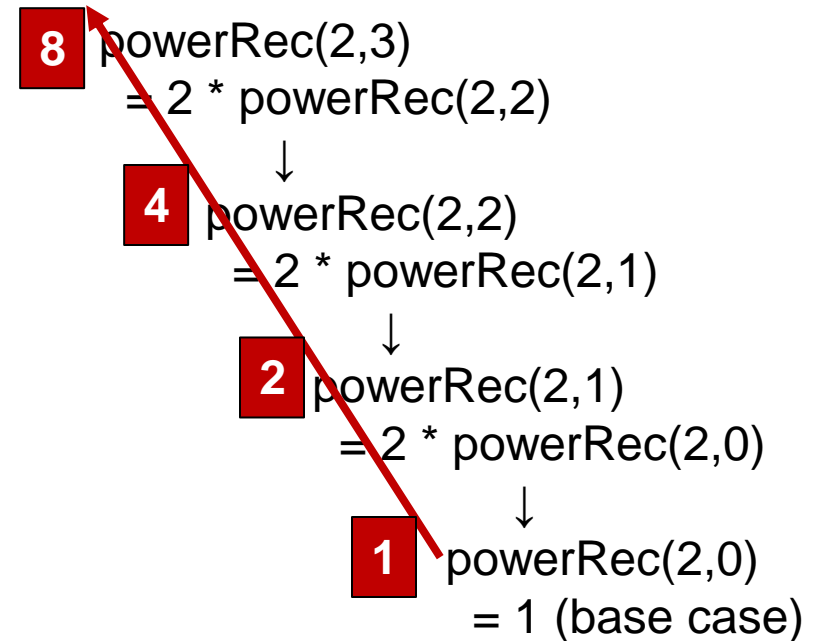
```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

// Recursive power function
int powerRec(int x, int n) {
    cout << n << " ";
    if (n == 0) return 1; // base case
    return x * powerRec(x, n-1); // recursive step
}

int main() {
    int x = 2, n = 8, result;
    result = powerRec(x, n);
    cout << endl;
    cout << x << "^" << n << " = " << result << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Call of another instance  
of the same function

❑ Recursion Tree:  $2^3$



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# Recursion: Discussion

## ❑ Divide and conquer design

- Recursive step: Partition the problem into smaller sub-problems that are solved by using the same algorithm
- Stopping condition: Partitioning terminates when we reach simpler sub-problems that cannot be solved with that algorithm

## ❑ An algorithm is defined recursively if it has

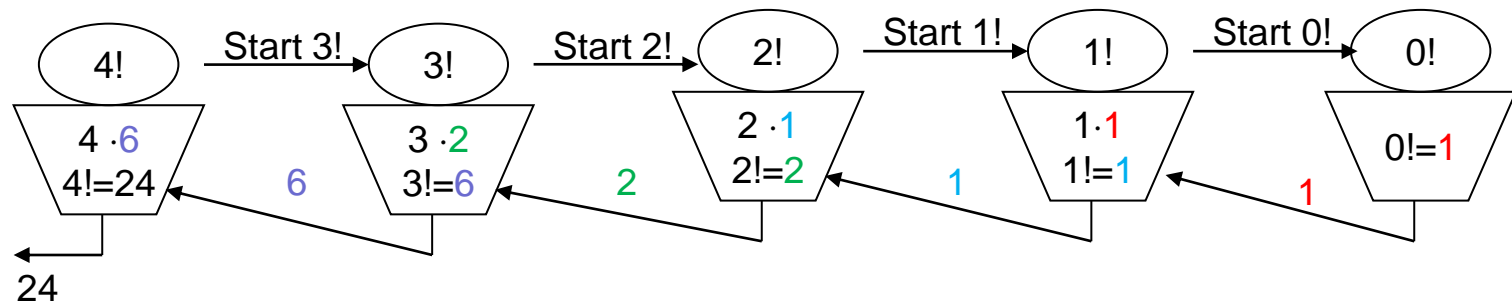
- One or more stopping conditions: evaluated for certain parameters
- A recursive step: current value of the algorithm can be defined in terms of a previous value

# Recursive Function: Factorial

- ❑ Factorial( $n$ ):  $n! = n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot (n - 2) \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \cdot 1$ 
  - $0! = 1$ : special definition
- ❑ Iterative version: use a loop
- ❑ Recursive
  - $n! = 1$  if  $n = 0$ : **stopping condition**
  - $n! = n \cdot (n - 1)!$  if  $n > 0$ : **recursive step**

# Recursive Function: Factorial Illustration

- ❑  $\text{factorial}(n)$ :  $n$ -machine that computes the result using  $n \cdot (n-1)!$ ,  
 → needs result from  $(n-1)$ -machine and it will output the final result
- ❑  $\text{factorial}(n-1)$ :  $(n-1)$ -machine that computes the result using  $(n-1) \cdot (n-2)!$ ,  
 → needs result from  $(n-2)$ -machine and it will output to  $n$ -machine
- ❑ Overall: A sequence of machines that pass information back and forth
- ❑ Each needs the result of the previous machine, gives the result to the following machine
- ❑ Machine  $n$  starts machine  $n-1$
- ❑ Machine 1 starts machine 0
- ❑ Machine 0 can work independently and produce result
- ❑ Result passed back to machine 1
- ❑ Machine  $n$  produces final result



# Recursive Function: Factorial Implementation

```
int Factorial (int n){  
    if (n==0) //stopping condition is 0!  
        return 1;  
    else //recursive step  
        return n*Factorial(n-1);  
}
```

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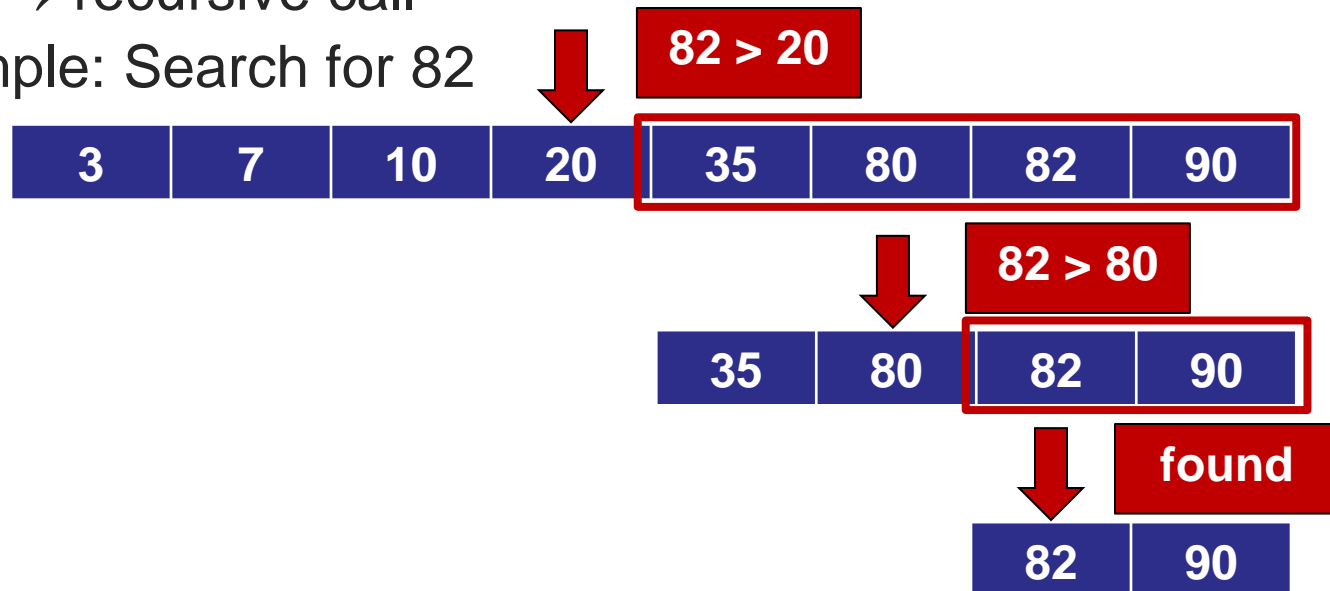


# Recursion Example: Binary Search

- ❑ Sorted list of items
- ❑ Keep dividing the list into two
- ❑ Conduct binary search the half-list that can contain the key
- ❑ Keep dividing the list and conduct binary search

→ recursive call

- ❑ Example: Search for 82



# Recursion Example: Binary Search

```
// recursive version of the binary
// search to locate a key in an
// ordered array A
int BinSearch(int A[], int low, int
high, int key){
    int mid;
    int midvalue;

    // key not found is a stopping
    // condition
    if (low > high)
        return(-1);

    // compare against list midpoint
    // and subdivide if a match does
    // not occur. Apply binary search
    // to the appropriate sublist
```

```
else{
    mid = (low+high)/2;
    midvalue = A[mid];
    // stopping condition if key matched
    if (key == midvalue)
        return(mid); // key found at index mid

    // look left if key < midvalue;
    // otherwise, look right
    else if (key < midvalue)
        // recursive step
        return BinSearch(A,low,mid-1,key);
    else
        // recursive step
        return BinSearch(A,mid+1,high,key);
}
```

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# Recursion Example: Fibonacci Numbers

## ❑ Fibonacci numbers

- $F_n = 0$ , if  $n = 0$
- $F_n = 1$ , if  $n = 1$
- $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ , if  $n \geq 2$

## ❑ Non-recursive (iterative) program

```
int Fibonacci(int n){
    int sum;
    int prev=-1;
    int result=1;
    for(int i=0;i<=n;i++){
        sum=result+prev;
        prev=result;
        result=sum;
    }
    return result;
}
```

## ❑ Recursive program

```
int Fibonacci (int n){
    if(n==0 || n==1)
        return n;
    else
        return Fibonacci(n-1) +
            Fibonacci(n-2);
}
```

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# Recursion: Memoization

## ❑ Definition

- Technique of storing results of expensive function calls
- Reuse the stored result when the same inputs occur again

## ❑ General Operation

- Check if the result for input  $n$  is already stored
- If yes  $\rightarrow$  return stored value
- If no  $\rightarrow$  compute it, store it, then return it

## ❑ Benefits

- Reduces exponential recursion to linear time
- Keeps the recursive style of code, but much more efficient

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using namespace std;
vector<int> memo(100, -1); // cache

int fibMemo(int n) {
    if (n <= 1) return n;
    if (memo[n] != -1) // already computed?
        return memo[n];
    // store result in memo before returning
    return memo[n] = fibMemo(n-1) +
        fibMemo(n-2);
}

int main() {
    cout << "fib(40) = "
        << fibMemo(40) << endl;
}
```



# Knapsack Problem: Definition

## □ Problem statement

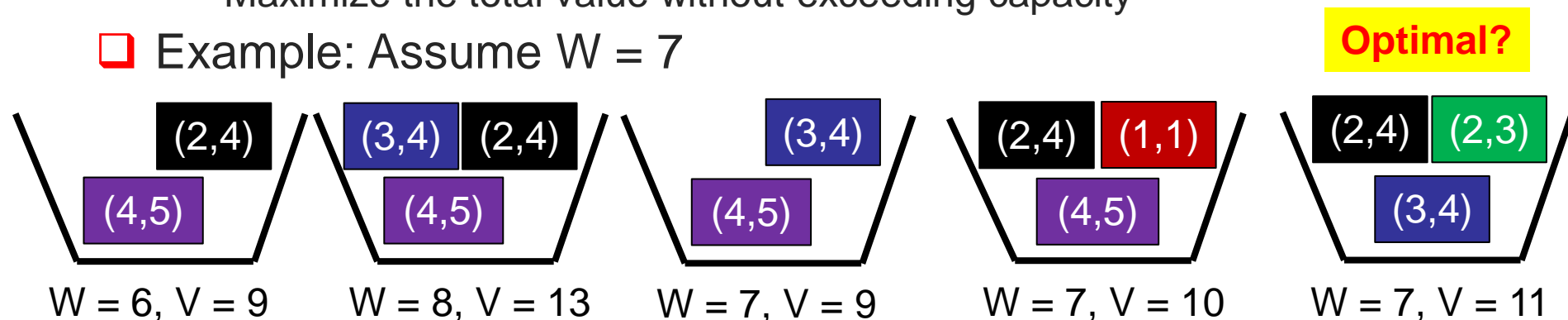
- Given  $n$  items, each item  $i$  with
  - weight  $w[i]$
  - value  $v[i]$
- Knapsack (bag) has capacity  $W$
- Each item can be chosen at most once (0 or 1 times)

Item	$w[i]$	$v[i]$
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
5	2	4

## □ Goal

- Maximize the total value without exceeding capacity

## □ Example: Assume $W = 7$



# Knapsack Problem: Brute Force Solution

## ❑ Naive Approach

- Try all possible subsets of items
- For each subset: Compute total weight
- If  $\leq W$ , compute total value
- Track the maximum

## ❑ Required Computation

- There are  $2^n$  subsets
- For 5 items: 32 subsets
- For 20 items: over 1 million subsets!  
→ infeasible for large  $n$

## ❑ Example with Capacity $W = 7$

- Items 1, 2, and 5:  $w[1] + w[2] + w[5] = 6$ ;  $v[1] + v[2] + v[5] = 9$

Item	$w[i-1]$	$v[i-1]$
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
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- Items 1, 2, and 5:  $w[1] + w[2] + w[5] = 6$ ;  $v[1] + v[2] + v[5] = 9$
- Items 2 and 3:  $w[2] + w[3] = 7$ ,  $v[2] + v[3] = 9$
- Items 1, 3, and 5:  $w[1] + w[3] + w[5] = 7$ ;  $v[1] + v[3] + v[5] = 10$

Item	$w[i-1]$	$v[i-1]$
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
5	2	4

# Knapsack Problem: Brute Force Solution

## ❑ Naive Approach

- Try all possible subsets of items
- For each subset: Compute total weight
- If  $\leq W$ , compute total value
- Track the maximum

## ❑ Required Computation

- There are  $2^n$  subsets
- For 5 items: 32 subsets
- For 20 items: over 1 million subsets!  
→ infeasible for large  $n$

Item	$w[i-1]$	$v[i-1]$
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
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- Items 2, 4, and 5:  $w[2] + w[4] + w[5] = 7$ ;  $v[2] + v[4] + v[5] = 11$

**optimal**

# Knapsack Problem: Dynamic Programming

## □ Optimal Substructure

- Consider optimal solution for capacity  $W$
- Condition if item  $i$  is part of optimal solution
  - We must use capacity  $W - w[i]$  for other items
  - We determine the optimal solution for  $W - w[i]$

## □ Dynamic Programming Solution

- Construct table: Capacity vs Selected Items

Item	$w[i-1]$	$v[i-1]$
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
5	2	4

		Capacity							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Items	0								
	1								
	2								
	3								
	4								
	5								

cell content:  
maximum value  
with items up to  
this row

Check item  $i = 4$   
Capacity of other items must be  $W - w[i] = 7 - 2 = 5$   
We need the optimal solution for capacity 5

# Knapsack Problem: Recurrence Relation

## □ Recurrence Relation

		Capacity							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Items	0								
	1								
	2								
	3								
	4								
	5								

Item	w[i-1]	v[i-1]
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
5	2	4

- Define:  $dp[i][w]$  = maximum value using first  $i$  items with capacity  $w$

$$dp[i][w] = \begin{cases} dp[i-1][w] & \text{if } w[i] > W \\ \max(dp[i-1][w], v[i] + dp[i-1][w-w[i]]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Base cases

- $dp[0][w] = 0$  (0 items)
- $dp[i][0] = 0$  (0 capacity)

# Knapsack Problem: Example – Initialization

## □ Recurrence Relation

		Capacity							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0							
	2	0							
	3	0							
	4	0							
	5	0							

Item	w[i-1]	v[i-1]
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
5	2	4

- Define:  $dp[i][w]$  = maximum value using first  $i$  items with capacity  $w$

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- Base cases

- $dp[0][w] = 0$  (0 items)
- $dp[i][0] = 0$  (0 capacity)



# Knapsack Problem: Example – $i = 1$

## □ Recurrence Relation

		Capacity							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	2	0							
	3	0							
	4	0							
	5	0							

Item	$w[i-1]$	$v[i-1]$
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
5	2	4

$$v[1] + dp[0][w - w[1]] = 1 + dp[0][w - 1]$$

- Define:  $dp[i][w]$  = maximum value using first  $i$  items with capacity  $w$

$$dp[i][w] = \begin{cases} dp[i-1][w] & \text{if } w[i] > W \\ \max(dp[i-1][w], v[i] + dp[i-1][w - w[i]]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Knapsack Problem: Example – $i = 2$

## □ Recurrence Relation

		Capacity							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	2	0	1	1	4	5	5	5	5
	3	0							
	4	0							
	5	0							

Item	$w[i-1]$	$v[i-1]$
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
5	2	4

$$v[2] + dp[1][w - w[2]] = 4 + dp[1][w - 3]$$

- Define:  $dp[i][w]$  = maximum value using first  $i$  items with capacity  $w$

$$dp[i][w] = \begin{cases} dp[i-1][w] & \text{if } w[i] > W \\ \max(dp[i-1][w], v[i] + dp[i-1][w - w[i]]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Knapsack Problem: Example – $i = 3$

## □ Recurrence Relation

		Capacity							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	2	0	1	1	4	5	5	5	5
	3	0	1	1	4	5	6	6	9
	4	0							
	5	0							

Item	$w[i-1]$	$v[i-1]$
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
5	2	4

$$v[3] + dp[2][w - w[3]] = 5 + dp[2][w - 4]$$

- Define:  $dp[i][w]$  = maximum value using first  $i$  items with capacity  $w$

$$dp[i][w] = \begin{cases} dp[i-1][w] & \text{if } w[i] > W \\ \max(dp[i-1][w], v[i] + dp[i-1][w - w[i]]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Knapsack Problem: Example – $i = 4$

## □ Recurrence Relation

		Capacity							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	2	0	1	1	4	5	5	5	5
	3	0	1	1	4	5	6	6	9
	4	0	1	3	4	5	7	8	9
	5	0							

Item	$w[i-1]$	$v[i-1]$
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
5	2	4

$$v[4] + dp[3][w - w[4]] = 3 + dp[3][w - 2]$$

- Define:  $dp[i][w]$  = maximum value using first  $i$  items with capacity  $w$

$$dp[i][w] = \begin{cases} dp[i-1][w] & \text{if } w[i] > W \\ \max(dp[i-1][w], v[i] + dp[i-1][w - w[i]]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Knapsack Problem: Example – i = 5

## □ Recurrence Relation

		Capacity							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	2	0	1	1	4	5	5	5	5
	3	0	1	1	4	5	6	6	9
	4	0	1	3	4	5	7	8	9
	5	0	1	4	5	7	8	9	11

Item	w[i-1]	v[i-1]
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
5	2	4

$$v[5] + dp[4][w - w[5]] = 4 + dp[4][w - 2]$$

- Define:  $dp[i][w]$  = maximum value using first i items with capacity w

$$dp[i][w] = \begin{cases} dp[i-1][w] & \text{if } w[i] > W \\ \max(dp[i-1][w], v[i] + dp[i-1][w - w[i]]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Knapsack Problem: Example – $i = 5$

## □ Recurrence Relation

		Capacity							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	2	0	1	1	4	5	5	5	5
	3	0	1	1	4	5	6	6	9
	4	0	1	3	4	5	7	8	9
	5	0	1	4	5	7	8	9	11

Item	$w[i-1]$	$v[i-1]$
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	2	3
5	2	4

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## □ Result

- $dp[n][W]$  = the maximum achievable value with all  $n$  items and capacity  $W$
- Backtracking from optimal value using item weight
- In each column of backtracking: Choose the item where the value changes

# Generalization

## ❑ Knapsack Problem Summary

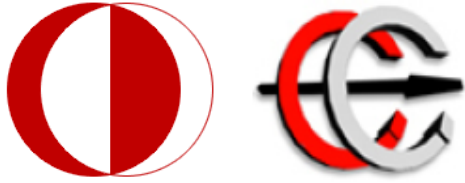
- Problem: Choose a subset of items (weight,value) to maximize total value without exceeding knapsack capacity  $W$ .
- Observation: overlapping subproblems and an optimal substructure
- Solution: Use DP table (items  $\times$  capacity) with recurrence

## ❑ General Idea of Dynamic Programming

- Break problems into overlapping subproblems, store and reuse results
- Core requirements
  - Optimal substructure: Optimal solution to the whole problem can be built from optimal solutions of its subproblems
  - Overlapping subproblems: Same subproblems are solved many times in the naive recursive or iterative approach

## ❑ General Approaches

- Top-Down (Memoization): recursion + cache
- Bottom-Up (Tabulation): build solution iteratively in a table



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## Lecture 3: Functions and Recursion

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