

Advanced JavaScript Concepts — Destructuring, Rest Operator, Closures

This document explains important advanced JavaScript concepts in **simple English**, each with: - Definition - Syntax - When to use - Advantages & disadvantages - Practice examples - Step-by-step explanation

This is designed for students preparing for interviews and real-world development.

1. Array Destructuring

Definition

Array destructuring allows you to extract values from an array into separate variables.

Syntax

```
const [a, b, c] = array;
```

Why We Use It

- Makes code short and easy to understand
- Useful when working with functions returning arrays
- Helpful when taking only a few values from large arrays

Advantages

- Cleaner syntax
- Avoids manual indexing

Disadvantages

- Confusing for beginners
- Errors occur if structure doesn't match

Example 1

Input

```
const arr = [10, 20, 30];
```

Output

```
10 20 30
```

Explanation

```
const [x, y, z] = arr; // assigns x=10, y=20, z=30
```

Example 2: Skipping Values

```
const [first, , third] = [1, 2, 3];
```

Output:

```
first = 1  
target = 3
```

2. Object Destructuring

Definition

It allows extracting values from objects into variables.

Syntax

```
const { key1, key2 } = object;
```

Why We Use It

- Cleanly extracts needed fields
- Reduces repeated `object.key` usage

Advantages

- Improves readability
- Flexible — order does not matter

Disadvantages

- Variable name must match key name

Example 1

```
const user = {  
  name: "John",  
  age: 25  
};  
  
const { name, age } = user;
```

Output:

```
name = John  
age = 25
```

Example 2: Renaming Variables

```
const { name: userName } = user;
```

Output:

```
userName = "John"
```

3. Rest Operator (...)

Definition

The rest operator collects multiple values into a single array.

Syntax

```
function demo(...values) {  
  console.log(values);  
}
```

Why We Use It

- To accept unlimited parameters
- To gather remaining values

Advantages

- Flexible parameter handling

Disadvantages

- Overuse can reduce clarity

Example 1 — Sum All Numbers

```
function sumAll(...nums) {  
  let total = 0;  
  for (let n of nums) total += n;  
  return total;  
}
```

Input:

```
sumAll(1,2,3,4)
```

Output:

```
10
```

Example 2 — First Value Separate, Rest Together

```
const [first, ...others] = [10,20,30,40];
```

Output:

```
first = 10  
others = [20,30,40]
```

4. Closures

4.1 Definition (Very Simple English)

A **closure** happens when: 1. You have **one function inside another function**. 2. The inner function **uses variables from the outer function**. 3. The outer function **finishes**, but the inner function **still remembers** those variables.

Short idea: **A closure is a function + the data around it.**

4.2 Why Do We Use Closures?

- To **remember values** between function calls.
- To create **private variables** (not directly accessible from outside).
- To avoid using **global variables**.
- Used a lot in **real projects** and **interview questions**.

Advantages - Keeps data safe inside functions. - Easy to create functions that keep a "memory".

Disadvantages - Confusing for beginners. - If overused, can make code hard to read.

Example 1 — Simple Counter Closure

Problem

Create a function that gives you a counter. Every time you call it, it should give the **next number**.

Input

```
const counter = createCounter();  
counter();  
counter();  
counter();
```

Output

```
1  
2  
3
```

Step-by-step Explanation

1. We want a **number** that increases every time.
2. We do **not** want this number to be a global variable.
3. So we put the number inside an **outer function**.
4. The outer function returns an **inner function**.
5. The inner function uses the `count` variable.
6. Because of closure, even after the outer function finishes, the inner function **remembers** `count`.

Code

```
function createCounter() {  
  let count = 0; // private variable
```

```
function inner() {
  count = count + 1; // increase count
  return count;      // return updated value
}

return inner; // return the inner function
}

const counter = createCounter();
// counter() → 1
// counter() → 2
// counter() → 3
```

Example 2 — Greeting With Name (Function Remembers Data)

Problem

Create a function that remembers a person's name and greets them later.

Input

```
const greetJohn = createGreeter("John");
const greetSara = createGreeter("Sara");

greetJohn();
greetSara();
```

Output

```
"Hello, John"
"Hello, Sara"
```

Step-by-step Explanation

1. The outer function `createGreeter` receives a `name`.
2. Inside it, we create an inner function that uses that `name`.
3. We return the inner function.
4. When we call `createGreeter("John")`, it returns a function that **remembers** `"John"`.
5. When we call `greetJohn()`, it uses the remembered name and returns the greeting.

Code

```
function createGreeter(name) {
  function inner() {
    return "Hello, " + name;
  }
}
```

```
    return inner;
  }

  const greetJohn = createGreeter("John");
  const greetSara = createGreeter("Sara");

  // greetJohn() → "Hello, John"
  // greetSara() → "Hello, Sara"
```

Example 3 — Private Balance (Bank Style Closure)

Problem

Create a function that manages a bank account balance. The balance should not be directly changeable from outside.

Input

```
const account = createAccount(1000);
account.getBalance();
account.deposit(500);
account.getBalance();
account.withdraw(300);
account.getBalance();
```

Output

```
1000
1500
1200
```

Step-by-step Explanation

1. We want a **balance** that is not global and not directly editable.
2. We put `balance` inside an outer function `createAccount`.
3. This function returns an **object** containing 3 inner functions:
4. `getBalance`
5. `deposit`
6. `withdraw`
7. All these inner functions use the same `balance` variable.
8. Because of **closure**, `balance` stays alive even after `createAccount` ends.
9. Only these functions can change or read `balance`.

Code

```
function createAccount(startBalance) {
  let balance = startBalance; // private

  function getBalance() {
    return balance;
  }

  function deposit(amount) {
    balance = balance + amount;
  }

  function withdraw(amount) {
    if (amount > balance) {
      return "Not enough balance";
    }
    balance = balance - amount;
  }

  return {
    getBalance: getBalance,
    deposit: deposit,
    withdraw: withdraw
  };
}

const account = createAccount(1000);
// account.getBalance() → 1000
// account.deposit(500)
// account.getBalance() → 1500
// account.withdraw(300)
// account.getBalance() → 1200
```

Example 4 — Closure With Counter Per User

Problem

Each user should have their **own** counter, but logic should be same.

Input

```
const user1Counter = createUserCounter("User1");
const user2Counter = createUserCounter("User2");

user1Counter();
```



```
user1Counter();  
user2Counter();
```

Output

```
"User1 clicked 1 times"  
"User1 clicked 2 times"  
"User2 clicked 1 times"
```

Step-by-step Explanation

1. `createUserCounter` takes a `name`.
2. It creates a private `count` variable for that user.
3. Inner function increases the `count` and returns a message.
4. Each time you call `createUserCounter`, a **new closure** is created with its own `count`.

Code

```
function createUserCounter(name) {  
  let count = 0; // private for this user  
  
  function inner() {  
    count = count + 1;  
    return name + " clicked " + count + " times";  
  }  
  
  return inner;  
}  
  
const user1Counter = createUserCounter("User1");  
const user2Counter = createUserCounter("User2");  
  
// user1Counter() → "User1 clicked 1 times"  
// user1Counter() → "User1 clicked 2 times"  
// user2Counter() → "User2 clicked 1 times"
```

Important Points to Remember About Closures

1. Closure = **function + remembered variables**.
 2. Inner function can still use outer variables even after outer function ends.
 3. Every time you call the outer function, a **new closure** is created.
 4. Useful for private data, counters, configurations, etc.
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5. Practice Problems

1. Swap Two Variables Using Array Destructuring

Input:

```
let a = 10, b = 20;
```

Expected Output:

```
a = 20  
b = 10
```

2. Extract City Using Object Destructuring

Input:

```
{ user: { address: { city: "Delhi" } } }
```

3. Create a Function That Accepts Unlimited Numbers Using Rest Operator

Input:

```
sumNumbers(5,10,15,20)
```

Output:

```
50
```

4. Create a Closure That Tracks Login Count

Output:

```
login(); // 1  
login(); // 2
```

6. Summary

This document provides clear explanations and examples for destructuring, rest operator, and closures — concepts frequently asked in interviews and needed in real development. You can request more examples, project-style applications, or interview questions anytime.