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| ***Computer Engineering Department*** |
| ***CE100L: Computing Fundamentals & Programming*** |

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# **Lab 9B. Loops, Pointers, and Recursion**

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## **Objective**

The objective of this session is to learn the working and advantages of pointers and recursion in C++.

## **Equipment and Component**

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| **Component Description** | **Value** | **Quantity** |
| Computer | Available in lab | 1 |

## **Conduct of Lab**

1. Students are required to perform this experiment individually.
2. In case the lab experiment is not understood, the students are advised to seek help from the course instructor, lab engineers, assigned teaching assistants (TA) and lab attendants.

## **Theory and Background**

A statement or a set of statements that is executed repeatedly is called a loop. The statement(s) in a loop are executed for a specified number of times or until some given condition remains true. In C++, there are three kinds of loop statements. These are: The “for” loop. The “while” loop. The “do-while” loop.

**The “while” loop:-** It is a conditional loop statement. It is used to execute a statement or a set of statements as long as the given condition remains true.

In **for loop** the number of iterations to be done is already known. In other words it is used to execute a statement or a set of statements for a fixed number of times.

The variable that is used to hold the memory address of another variable is called a pointer variable or simply a pointer. The data type of the variable (whose address a pointer is to hold) and the pointer variable must be the same.

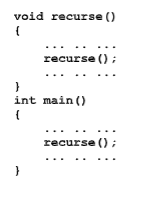
**A pointer variable** is declared by placing a asterisk (\*) after data type or before variable name in data type statement. E.g. if pointer variable “p” is to hold memory address of an integer variable it is declared as: **int \*p;**

or to hold address of a float type variable we can declare as:

**float \*rep;**

**Recursion:**

A function that calls itself is known as a recursive function. And, this technique is known as recursion.

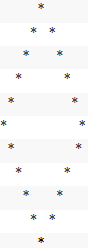
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**Lab Task**

1. Write a C++ code to print hollow diamond star pattern using nested loops concept.

**Input:** Enter the number of rows: 6

**Output:**



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1. Write a program to reverse the elements of an array using pointers.

**void reverseArrayElements (int \* , int);**

Before reversing array, elements of array are: **[7 8 9 11 ]**

After reversing array, elements of array are: **[11 9 8 7 ]**

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1. Repeat the task 1 using recursion

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#### **Assessment Rubric for Lab**

**Method for assessment:**

Lab reports and instructor observation during lab sessions. Outcome assessed:

a. Ability to conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data (P) b. Ability to function on multi-disciplinary teams (A)

c. Ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice (P)

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| Performance metric | Mapping (task no. and description) | | Max marks | Exceeds expectation | Meets expectation | Does not meet expectation | Obtained marks |
| 1. Realization of experiment (a) | 1 | Functionality | 40 | Executes without errors excellent user prompts, good use of symbols, spacing in output. Through testing has been completed (35-40) | Executes without errors, user prompts are understandable, minimum use of symbols or spacing in output. Some testing has been completed (20-34) | Does not execute due to syntax errors, runtime errors, user prompts are misleading or non-existent. No testing has been completed (0-19) |  |
| 2. Teamwork (b) | 1 | Group Performance | 5 | Actively engages and cooperates with other group member(s) in effective manner (4-5) | Cooperates with other group member(s) in a reasonable manner but conduct can be improved (2-3) | Distracts or discourages other group members from conducting the experiment (0-1) |  |
| 3. Conducting experiment (a, c) | 1 | On Spot Changes | 10 | Able to make changes (8-10) | Partially able to make changes (5-7) | Unable to make changes (0-4) |  |
| 2 | Viva | 10 | Answered all questions (8-10) | Few incorrect answers (5-7) | Unable to answer all questions (0-4) |  |
| 4. Laboratory safety and disciplinary rules (a) | 1 | Code commenting | 5 | Observes lab safety rules; handles the equipment and parts with care and adheres to the lab disciplinary guidelines aptly (4-5) | Generally observes safety rules and disciplinary guidelines with minor lapses (2-3) | Disregards lab safety and disciplinary rules (0-1) |  |
| 5. Data collection (c) | 1 | Code Structure | 5 | Excellent use of white space, creatively organized work, excellent use of variables and constants, correct identifiers for constants, No line-wrap (4-5) | Includes name, and assignment, white space makes the program fairly easy to read. Title, organized work, good use of variables (2-3) | Poor use of white space (indentation, blank lines) making code hard to read, disorganized and messy (0-1) |  |
| 6. Data analysis (a, c) | 1 | Algorithm | 20 | Solution is efficient, easy to understand, and maintain (15-20) | A logical solution that is easy to follow but it is not the most efficient (6-14) | A difficult and inefficient solution (0-5) |  |
| 7. Computer use (c) | 1 | Documentation | 5 | Timely documented (4-5) | Late documented (2-3) | Not documented (0-1) |  |
|  | Max Marks (total): | | 100 | Obtained Marks (total): | | |  |

Lab Engineer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_