Functions in Fortran

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Subprogram basics

Subprograms in contains clause

```
Program foo
  < declarations>
  < executable statements >
  Contains
    < subprogram definitions >
End Program foo
```

Subroutines

```
subroutine foo()
  implicit none
  print *,"foo"
  if (something) return
  print *,"bar"
end subroutine foo
```

- Looks much like a main program
- Ends at the end, or when `return` is reached
- Note: `return` does not return anything
- Activated with

```
call foo()
```

Subroutine with argument

Code:

```
program printing
  implicit none
  call printint(5)
contains
  subroutine printint(invalue)
    implicit none
    integer :: invalue
    print *,invalue
  end subroutine printint
end program printing
```

Output
[funcf] printone:

```
5
```

Subroutine can change argument

Code:

```
program adding
  implicit none
  integer :: i=5
  call addint(i,4)
  print *,i
contains
  subroutine addint(inoutvar,addendum)
    implicit none
    integer :: inoutvar,addendum
    inoutvar = inoutvar + addendum
  end subroutine addint
end program adding
```

Output
[funcf] addone:

```
9
```

Function definition and usage

- `subroutine` vs `function`:
  compare *`void`* functions vs non-void in C++.
- Return type, keyword `function`, name, parameters
- Function body has statements
- Result is returned by assigning to the function name
- Use: `y = f(x)`

Function example

Code:

```
program plussing
  implicit none
  integer :: i
  i = plusone(5)
  print *,i
contains
  integer function plusone(invalue)
    implicit none
    integer :: invalue
    plusone = invalue+1 ! note!
  end function plusone
end program plussing
```

Output
[funcf] plusone:

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Why a 'contains' clause?

```
Program NoContains
  implicit none
  call DoWhat()
end Program NoContains

subroutine DoWhat(i)
  implicit none
  integer :: i
  i = 5
end subroutine DoWhat
```

Warning only, crashes.

```
Program ContainsScope
  implicit none
  call DoWhat()
contains
  subroutine DoWhat(i)
    implicit none
    integer :: i
    i = 5
  end subroutine DoWhat
end Program ContainsScope
```

Error, does not compile

Why a 'contains' clause, take 2

Code:

```
Program NoContainTwo
  implicit none
  integer :: i=5
  call DoWhat(i)
end Program NoContainTwo

subroutine DoWhat(x)
  implicit none
  real :: x
  print *,x
end subroutine DoWhat
```

Output

[funcf] nocontaintype:

```
 7.00649232E-45
```

At best compiler warning if all in the same file

For future reference: if you see very small floating point numbers, maybe you have made this error.

Exercise 1

Write a program that asks the user for a positive number; negative input should be rejected. Fill in the missing lines in this code fragment:

Code:

```
program readpos
  implicit none
  real(4) :: userinput
  print *,"Type a positive number:"
  userinput = read_positive()
  print *,"Thank you for",userinput
contains
  real(4) function read_positive()
    implicit none
  /* ... */
  end function read_positive
end program readpos
```

Output
[funcf] readpos:

```
Type a positive number:
No, not  -5.00000000
No, not   0.00000000
No, not  -3.14000010
Thank you for   2.48000002
```

Subprogram arguments

Arguments are declared in subprogram body:

```
subroutine f(x,y,i)
  implicit none
  integer,intent(in) :: i
  real(4),intent(out) :: x
  real(8),intent(inout) :: y
  x = 5; y = y+6
end subroutine f
! and in the main program
call f(x,y,5)
```

declaring the 'intent' is optional, but highly advisable.

Fortran nomenclature

The term *dummy argument* is what Fortran calls the parameters in the subprogram definition. The arguments in the subprogram call are the *actual argument*s.

Parameter passing

- Everything is passed by reference.
  Don't worry about large objects being copied.
- Optional intent declarations:
  Use `in`, `out`, `inout` qualifiers to clarify semantics to compiler.

Intent checking

Compiler checks your intent against your implementation. This code is not legal:

```
subroutine ArgIn(x)
  implicit none
  real,intent(in) :: x
  x = 5 ! compiler complains
end subroutine ArgIn
```

Why intent checking?

Self-protection: if you state the intended behaviour of a routine, the compiler can detect programming mistakes.

Allow compiler optimizations:

```
x = f()
call ArgOut(x)
print *,x
```

Call to f removed

```
do i=1,1000
  x = ! something
  y1 = .... x ....
  call ArgIn(x)
  y2 = ! same expression as y1
```

y2 is same as y1 because x not changed

(May need further specifications, so this is not the prime justification.)

Exercise 2

Write a subroutine `trig` that takes a number α as input and passes $\sin\alpha$ and $\cos\alpha$ back to the calling environment.

Exercise 3

Take your prime number testing function `test_if_prime`, and use it to write a program that prints multiple primes:

- Read an integer `how_many` from the input, indicating how many (successive) prime numbers should be printed.
- Print that many successive primes, each on a separate line.
- (Hint: keep a variable `number_of_primes_found` that is increased whenever a new prime is found.)