

Example - Quick sort Activation tree

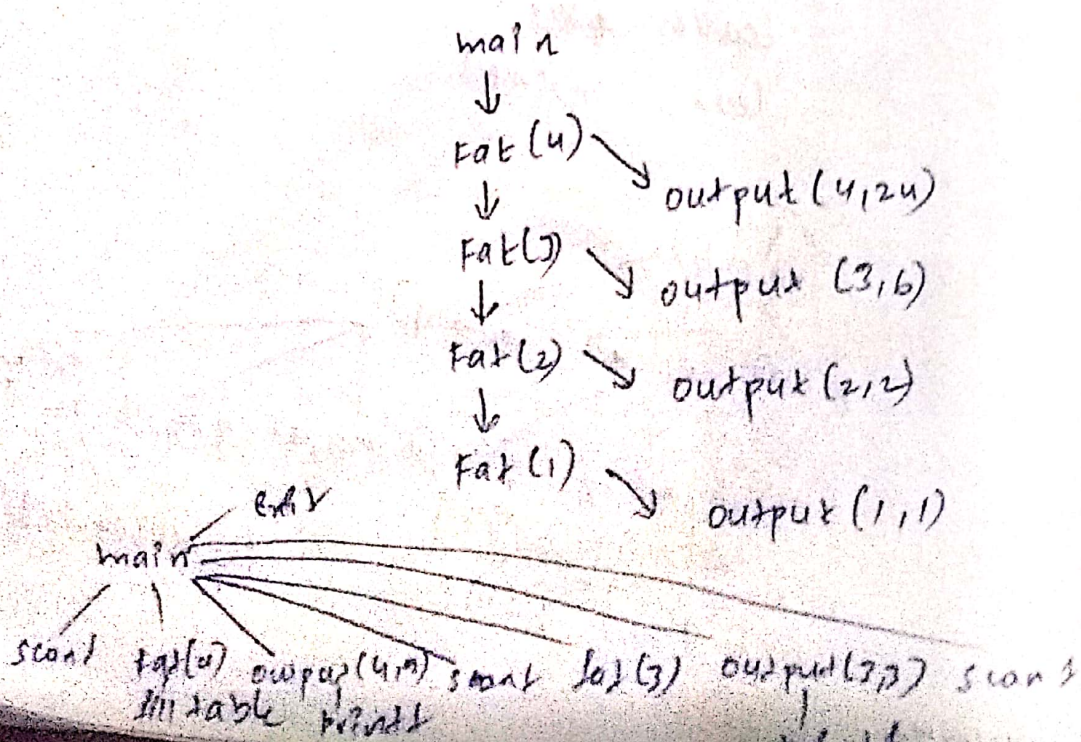
↳ helps us to know all function are active and also the control flow

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void output (int n, int x) {
    printf("the value of %d is %d\n", n, x);
}

int Fat (int n) {
    int x;
    if (n > 1)
        x = n * Fat (n-1);
    else
        x = 1;
    output (n, x);
    return x;
}

void main() {
    Fat (4);
}
```

Activation tree for (4)



control stack

- keep track of live procedure activation
- flow of control in program corresponds to depth first traversal of act tree

push - activation begins
pop - when act. ends

Activation record

control link - pointer that points to activation record of caller

access link - points to non local data (maybe in other act record)

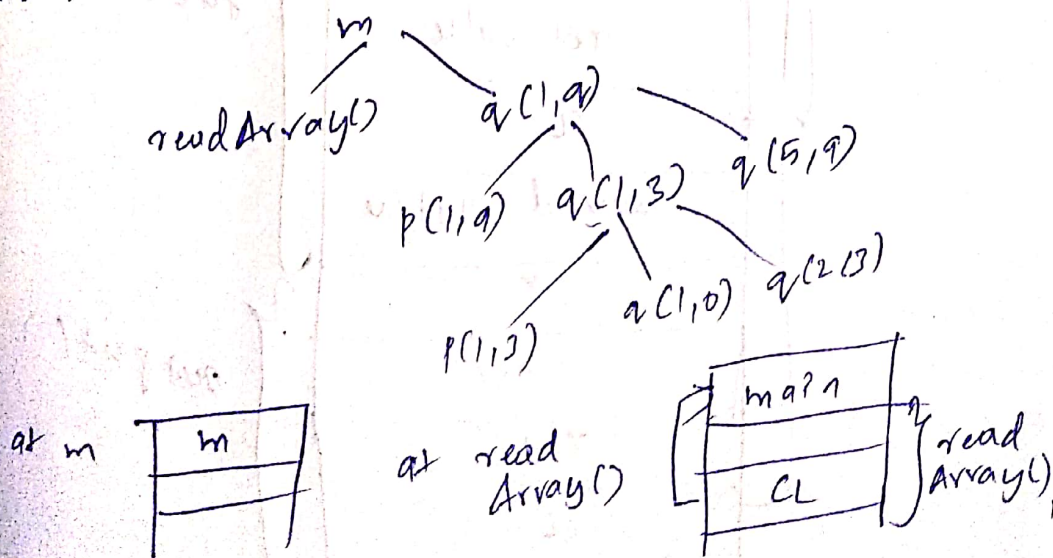
SMS - holds info about machine status before procedure call

local data temporary - temporary value used in evaluation

Actual parameters
return value
control link
Access link
Saved machine state
local data
temporaries

returned value - value to be returned

Activation record - Eg Quicksort



Activation record sp

