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Welcome to Lab 2! Read each question carefully before beginning work and submit your work to gradescope.

Part 1. make. We are going to learn another important tool, make. Your lab TA will provide an introduction to the tool and Makefile at the beginning of the lab. The full documentation for GNU Make is available here

An example of Makefile is provided. With this file in your current working directory, running the command make compiles ex-factorial.c to generate ex-factorial if the executable does not exist. If both ex-factorial.c and ex-factorial exist, running make will re-compile ex-factorial.c if it has a more recent modification timestamp than ex-factorial.

The Makefile also has a clean rule that removes all object files and the ex-factorial executable – this can be used to quickly clean up the assignment folder. To do this, run the command make clean.

Change the existing rules and/or add new rules in the provided Makefile to support the building of catalan in a similar way. The default rule all should update both ex-factorial and catalan executables if necessary. The clean rule needs to be revised to remove both executables.

Part 2. factorial. ex-factorial reads an integer from stdin and computes its factorial. Find and fix all syntax errors and bugs in the program. This problem is an opportunity for you to practice GDB. Do not rewrite the program.

It is good practice to always check user input. Improve the program to make it robust. The program calls factorial() only if a non-negative integer is entered. Otherwise, the program terminates after printing "Error: Please enter a non-negative integer.\n".

There is no need to deal with overflow if the integer is too large.

**Part 3. Catalan numbers.** The sequence of the Catalan numbers  $C_n$ , where  $n \geq 0$ , can be defined using the following recurrence:

$$C_0 = 1$$
 $C_k = \frac{4k-2}{k+1}C_{k-1} \text{ if } k \ge 1$ 

The goal of this problem is to complete the catalan\_number() function in catalan.c, which computes a Catalan number using the above recurrence. The constraints are as follows:

- The function uses the above recurrence for computing Catalan numbers.
- The function does not use floating-point numbers or operations.
- The function does not print anything.
- The main() function should not be changed.

On the next page is a sample session of running the program.

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$ ./catalan
0
C(0) =
C( 1)=
2
C(2) =
C(3) =
C(4)= 14
C(5)=
        42
10
C(10)= 16796
14
C(14)= 2674440
15
C(15)= 9694845
C(20)= 6564120420
C(30)= 3814986502092304
C(32)= 55534064877048198
C(33)=212336130412243110
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