

Variable arity functions in javascript / Variadic function in javascript

Function arity is the number of arguments a function expects or the number of parameters it has. We can get the arity of the function by using the **length property** with the function name. Consider the following example:

```
function maxInTwo(a,b)
{
    var max= a>b ?a:b
    return max
}
```

document.write(maxInTwo.length) //prints 2 as it have two parameters.

Nullary function arity

A **nullary function** is a function that accepts **no arguments**. In that case, we can simply call the function without any arguments. Consider the following example:

```
function sayNamaste()
{
    document.write("Namste bandhu!")
}
```

sayNamaste is a nullary function because it does not have any parameter or It does not expect any argument while calling the function.

Unary function arity

A **unary function** is a function that accepts **exactly one argument** and can be created by calling the function with just the one argument provided.

```
function sayNamaste(person)
{
    document.write("Namstey!, ",person,"<br>")
}
```

sayNamaste is a unary function because it has **1 parameter** or It expects 1 argument while calling the function.

Note: if you call a function which have exactly no parameter defined and pass argument while calling it then its error.

Binary function arity

A **binary function** is a function that accepts **exactly two arguments**. Similarly to the unary function, we can create a binary function by calling the function with just the first two arguments provided.

```
function sumOfTwo(a,b)
{
    var sum=a+b
    document.write(`Sum of ${a} and ${b} is ${sum}<br>`)
}
```

1. **sumOfTwo** is a binary function because it has **exactly two parameters** or it expects two arguments while calling the function.

Note:

A function that has a fixed number of parameters like 1 parameter, or 2 parameters, is called the fixed arity function.

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2. if you provide a lesser number of arguments than the parameters then the arguments are assigned from left to right into the parameters, remaining parameter holds undefined.
3. If you provide more arguments than the parameters to a function, then extra arguments are simply discarded.

N-ary function arity

In general, a **n-ary function** is a function that accepts **exactly n arguments**. To create a parameter that can store n numbers of arguments we precede the parameter with "...". The variable arity parameter is treated as an array inside the function definition. We can pass 0 to n arguments when calling variable arity or n-ary functions.

Consider the following example:

```
function print(...argument)
{
    var argsCount=argument.length
    document.write('<br>${argsCount} arguments recieved')
    document.write('<br> Arguments are : ')
    for(var x of argument)
        document.write(`${x} `)
}

print()
print(1,2,3,4,5)
```

Note: if you check the length of n-ary function then its 0.