
Tutorial - Week 7

Objectives: To practice with

- Recursive functions
- User Defined Data Types

1. Consider the following recursive function that calculates x^y :

where x = base; y = exponent

```
int power(int base, int exponent)
{
    if (exponent == 0)
        return 1;
    else
        return base * power(base, exponent-1);
}
```

- Where is the Base Case?
- Where is the General Case?
- What is the returned value of this function call: `result = power(2, 3);`
- Draw a diagram explaining all stages that follow this function call.



- Write a recursive function `count_digits` that counts all the digits in a string.
- What is the output of the following program? What does function `strange` compute when called with a positive integer?

```
#include <stdio.h>
int strange(int n);
int
```

```
main(void)
{
    printf("%d\n", strange(7));
}
int
strange(int n)
{
    int ans;
    if (n == 1)
        ans = 0;
    else
        ans = 1 + strange(n / 2);
    return (ans);
}
```

4. Write a recursive function **find_sum** that calculates the sum of successive integers starting at 1 and ending at **n** (i.e., **find_sum(n) = (1 + 2 + . . . + (n - 1) + n)**).