

C Programming

Lecture 8-2 : Function (advanced)

Recursive Function (recursion)

- A function that calls itself (in its definition)
- Classic example : factorial

$$fact(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n \times fact(n-1) & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

Recursion example : factorial

$$f(N) = N!$$

$$f(N) = N \times f(N-1)$$

// recursive function

```
int factorial (int n) {    // we assume n is positive integer
    if ( n == 0 )
        return 1;
    else return n × factorial (n - 1); // recursive calling
} // end factorial
```

```
.....
printf("%d", factorial (4));
.....
```

factorial (4);

```
int factorial ( 4 ) {  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;  
        else return 4 × factorial (3);  
} // end factorial
```

Recursive call

```
int factorial ( 3 ) {  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;  
        else return 3 × factorial (2);  
} // end factorial
```

```
int factorial ( 2 ) {  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;  
        else return 2 × factorial (1);  
}  
//end factorial
```

Recursive call



```
int factorial ( 1 ) {  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;  
        else return 1 × factorial (0);  
}  
// end factorial
```

```
int factorial ( 1 ) {  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;  
        else return 1 × factorial (0);  
} // end factorial
```

```
factorial ( 0 ) {  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;  
        else return 0 × factorial (-1);  
} // end factorial
```

Return 1

```
int factorial ( 2 ) {  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;  
        else return 2 × factorial (1);  
} // end factorial
```

```
int factorial ( 1 )  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;  
        else return 1 × factorial (0);  
} // end factorial
```

$1 \times 1 = 1$

1

Return 1

```
int factorial ( 3 ) {  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;  
        else return 3 × factorial (2);  
} // end factorial
```

```
int factorial ( 2 ) {  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;  
        else return 2 × factorial (1);  
} // end factorial
```

$2 \times 1 = 2$

1


```
int factorial ( 4 ) {  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;  
        else return 4 × factorial (3);  
} // end factorial
```

```
int factorial ( 3 ) {  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;  
        else return 3 × factorial (2);  
} // end factorial
```

$3 \times 2 = 6$

2

Return 6

```
cout << factorial (4); //output 24
```

24

Return 24

```
int factorial ( 4 ) {
```

```
    if ( n == 0 ) return 1;
```

$$4 \times 6 = 24$$

```
        else return 4 × factorial (3)
```

6

```
    } // end factorial
```

Exercise : fibonacci numbers

- Code?

$$fib(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ fib(n-1) + fib(n-2) & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Call-by-Value

- The value of Argument variable will be copied to parameter variable
- The value of Argument variable is not affected during the processing of function
- Advantage : we can avoid(exclude) unwanted side-effects
- C provides call-by-value mechanism.

Example : swap function

```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap(int a , int b)
{
    int temp;
    temp=a;
    a=b;
    b=temp;
}

int main()
{
    int x=3, y=2;
    printf("before: x=%d, y=%d\n",x,y);
    swap(x,y);
    printf("after : x=%d, y=%d\n",x,y);
}
```

Output :

```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap(int* a , int* b)
{
    int temp;
    temp=*a;
    *a=*b;
    *b=temp;
}

int main()
{
    int x=3, y=2;
    printf("before: x=%d, y=%d\n",x,y);
    swap(&x,&y);
    printf("after : x=%d, y=%d\n",x,y);
}
```

Output :

Macro function

- Effective when a function is short and simple
- `#define min(x,y) ((x<y) ? (x) : (y))`
- `#define max(x,y) ((x>y) ? (x) : (y))`
- Advantage?
 - No overhead for function call & return

Example : MAX

```
#include <stdio.h>

#define MAX(x, y) (x > y)? x: y

int main()
{
    int i, j;
    int max;

    printf("get two integers : ");
    scanf("%d %d", &i, &j);
    max = MAX(i, j);
    printf("MAX(%d, %d) = %d\n", i, j, max);

    return 0;
}
```

Inline function

- the compiler will insert the complete body of the inline function in every place in the code where that function is used.
- Reduce overhead for function call & return
- Effective when a function is short and simple

```
inline int cube( int n )  
{  
    return n * n * n;  
}
```


Static (additional)

```
#include <stdio.h>

int count()
{
    static int n = 0;

    return ++n;
}

int main()
{
    int i;

    for (i = 0; i < 5; ++i)
        printf("count = %d\n", count());

    return 0;
}
```