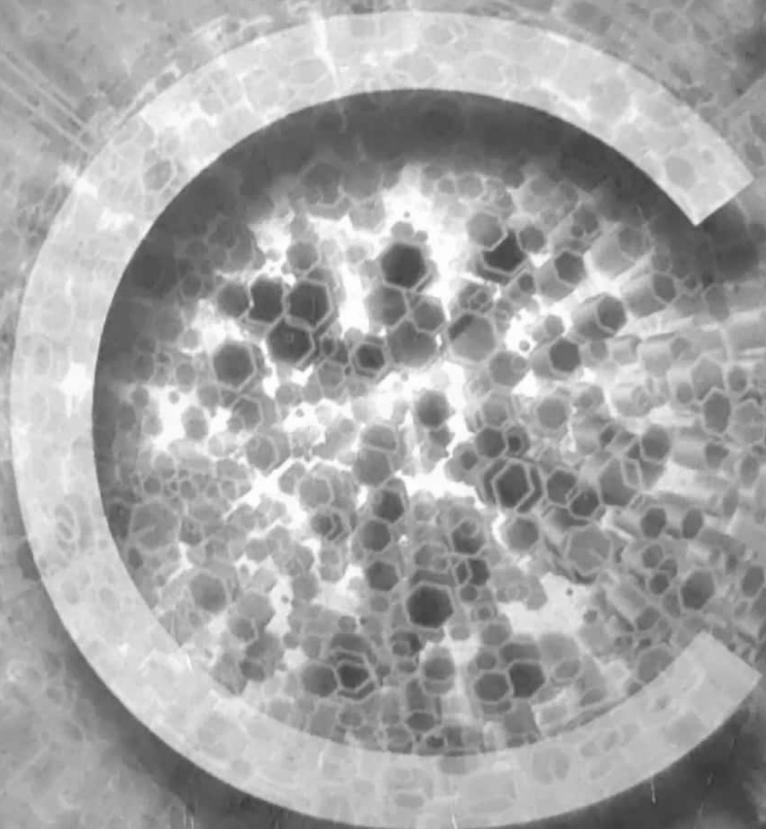


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## Preface

C is the most popular and widely used language for developing computer programs. Programmers all over the world embrace the C language as it provides them maximum control and efficiency. One of the major benefits of learning C is its user friendliness that allows the user to read and write codes for a wide range of platforms, ranging from embedded microcontrollers to advanced scientific systems. The versatility of C is apparent from the fact that many modern operating systems have used C to develop their core.

Developed by Dennis Ritchie in 1972, C has derived numerous features from its precursors such as ALGOL, BCPL, and B. Its tremendous growth resulted in the development of different versions of the language that were similar but incompatible with each other, for example, the traditional C and K&R C. Therefore, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in December 1989 defined a standard for the language and renamed it as ANSI C. In 1990, the International Standards Organization (ISO) adopted the ANSI standard. This version of C was known as C89. In 1995, some minor changes were made to C89 and the new modified version was known as C95. During 1990s, C++ and Java became popular among the users and hence the standardization committee felt the need to integrate a few features of C++/Java in C to enhance its usefulness. Some significant changes were made in 1999 and the modified version became C99.

Since C is such a widely accepted and used language, jumping to other modern-day programming languages such as C++ and Java becomes much easier for a person who is well acquainted with C. The programming constructs in C, such as 'if' statements, 'for' and 'while' loops and the types of variables used can be found in many modern languages, therefore the ideas expressed in C are well understood by program developers. Moreover, unlike most of these modern-day languages that apply object-oriented design, C applies a procedural style of design, i.e., it uses procedures such as functions, methods, or routines to call itself or other procedures. However, many applications are still better suited to the procedural style of design, which often goes untaught to many programmers, who focus exclusively on object-oriented design. Learning C provides a strong procedural background, which is a worthy skill-set.

Some other features of C that give it the tag of the most widely used professional language include its *portability*, that is, a C program written on one computer can be made to run on any other computer with a little or no modification and its *extensibility*, that is, any number of functions can be added to the C library and called any number of times in the program, thus making the code easier to write and understand. Therefore, it is not only desirable but also necessary to have a strong fundamental knowledge of the C language.

### ABOUT THE BOOK

*Programming in C* is designed to serve as a textbook for undergraduate-level courses in computer science and engineering and postgraduate-level courses of computer applications. The book explains the fundamental concepts of the C programming language and shows a step-by-step approach of how to apply these concepts for solving real-world problems.

Unlike existing textbooks on C which concentrate more on the theory, this book focuses on its applicability angle in addition to the theory by providing numerous programming examples and a rich set of programming exercises at the end of each chapter. The book is also useful as a reference and resource to computer professionals operating in the domain of C and other C-like languages.

Every chapter in this book contains multiple programming examples to impart practical knowledge of the concepts. To reinforce the concepts, there are numerous objective, subjective, and programming exercises at the end of each chapter.

The overall objective of this book is to provide the reader a sound understanding of the fundamentals of C and how to apply them effectively. Efforts have been made to acquaint the reader with the techniques and applications in the area. The salient features of the book include:

- *Lucid style of presentation* that makes the concepts easy to understand
- *Plenty of illustrations* to support the explanations, which help clarify the concepts in a clear manner
- *Solved examples* within the chapters to demonstrate the applicability of concepts discussed
- *Glossary* of important terms at the end of each chapter for recapitulation of the important concepts learnt
- *Comprehensive exercises* at the end of each chapter to facilitate revision
- *Numerous example programs* that have been tested and executed
- *Appendices* to provide additional information to enthusiast readers
- *Case studies* containing programs that harness the concepts learnt in chapters
- *Programming tips* in between the text educating the reader about common programming errors and how to avoid them.
- *Notes* highlighting important terms and concepts for a quick recap.

### ORGANIZATION OF THE BOOK

The book is organized into 14 chapters.

*Chapter 1* provides an introduction to computer software. It also provides an insight into different programming languages and their generations through which these languages have evolved.

*Chapter 2* discusses the building blocks of the C programming language. The chapter talks about identifiers, constants, variables, and operators supported by the language.

*Annexure 1* gives the ASCII codes of characters and discusses some of the Bitwise operations.

*Chapter 3* deals with special types of statements such as decision control statement, iterative statement, break statement, control statement, and jump statement.

*Chapter 4* deals with declaring, defining, and calling functions. The chapter also discusses the storage classes as well as variable scope in C. The chapter ends with an important concept of recursive functions and a discussion on the Tower of Hanoi problem.

*Annexure 2* unleashes the usage of user-defined header files.

*Chapter 5* provides a detailed explanation of arrays that includes one-dimensional, two-dimensional, and multi-dimensional arrays. Finally, the operations that can be performed on such arrays are also explained.

*Annexure 3* presents some of the widely used sorting techniques.

*Chapter 6* unleashes the concept of strings which are better known as character arrays. The chapter not only focuses

on reading and writing strings but also explains various operations that can be used to manipulate the character arrays.

*Chapter 7* presents a detailed overview of pointers, pointer variables, pointer arithmetic, so and so forth. The chapter also relates the use of pointers with arrays, strings, and functions. This helps the reader to understand how pointers can be used to write better and efficient programs.

*Annexure 4* explains the process of deciphering pointer declarations.

*Chapter 8* introduces two user-defined data types. The first is a structure and the second is a union. The chapter includes the use of structures and unions with pointers, arrays, and functions so that the inter-connectivity between the programming techniques can be well understood.

*Annexure 5* talks about bit fields and slack bytes.

*Chapter 9* discusses how data can be stored in files. The chapter deals with opening, processing, and closing of files through a C program. These files are handled in text mode as well as binary mode for better clarity of the concepts.

*Chapter 10* unleashes the concept of pre-processor directives. The chapter includes small program codes that illustrate the use of different directives in a C program.

*Annexure 6* provides an introduction to data structures.

*Chapter 11* discusses different types of linked lists such as singly linked list, doubly linked list, circular linked list, doubly circular linked list, and header linked list. Linked list is a preferred data structure when memory needs to be

dynamically allocated for the data. So the chapter gives the technique to insert and delete data from the linked list.

*Chapter 12* introduces the data structures—stack and queue. In this chapter, these data structures are implemented using arrays. The chapter also provides the operations and applications of stacks and queues in the world of programming.

*Chapter 13* focuses on binary trees, their traversal schemes and representation in memory. The chapter also discusses expression trees and tournament trees which are variants of simple binary trees.

*Chapter 14* contains an introduction to graphs. The chapter discusses the memory representation, traversal schemes, and applications of graphs in the real world.

The book also provides appendices to various chapters.

*Appendix A* lists some of the ANSI C library functions and their descriptions.

*Appendix B* introduces some advanced type qualifiers as well as inline functions.

*Appendix C* discusses the different variants of C language.

*Appendix D* introduces the term algorithm and the technique to computer their efficiency.

*Appendix E* demonstrates graphics programming.

*Appendix F* demonstrates mouse programming.

Apart from these, the book includes the answers to end-chapter objective questions as well as some frequently asked questions and their solutions.

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# 1

## Introduction to Programming

### Learning Objective

C is a third generation procedural programming language. This book will unleash the concepts and features of the C language in detail. In this chapter we will first learn the basic terminologies, before proceeding to the language. We will learn what a computer software is, the classification of computer software, programming languages, and the evolution of programming languages through the five generations. A basic knowledge on these topics will help us to understand the subject better.

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SOFTWARE

When we talk about a computer, we actually mean two things (Figure 1.1):

- First is the computer hardware that does all the physical work computers are known for.
- Second is the computer software that commands the hardware what to do and how to do it.

If we think of computer as a living being, then the hardware would be the body that does things like seeing with eyes, lifting objects, and filling the lungs with air; the software would be the intelligence which helps in interpreting the images that are seen by the eyes, instructing the arms how to lift objects, and understandable to the filling the lungs with air.

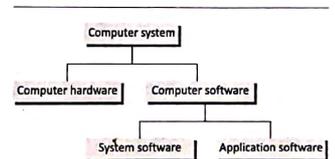


Figure 1.1 Parts of a Computer System

Since the computer hardware is part of a machine, it can only understand two basic concepts: on and off. The on and off concept is called binary. Computer software was developed to make efficient use of binary to instruct the hardware to perform meaningful tasks.

The computer hardware cannot think and make decisions on its own. So, it cannot be used to analyse a given set of data and find a solution on its own. The hardware needs a software (a set of programs) to instruct what has to be done. A program is a set of instructions that is arranged in a sequence to guide a computer to find a solution for the given problem. The process of writing a program is called programming.

Computer software is written by computer programmers using a programming language. The programmer writes a set of instructions (program) using a specific programming language. Such instructions are known as the source code. Another computer program called a compiler is then used on the source code, to transform the instructions into a language that the computer can understand. The result is an executable computer program, which is another name for software.

Examples of computer software include:

- Computer games are widely used as a form of entertainment software that has many genres.
- Driver software which allows a computer to interact with additional hardware devices such as printers, scanners, and video cards.
- Educational software includes programs and games that help in teaching and providing drills to help memorize facts. Educational software can be diversely used—from teaching computer-related activities like typing to higher education subjects like Chemistry.
- Media players and media development software that are specifically designed to play and/or edit digital media files such as music and videos.
- Productivity software is an older term used to denote any program that allows the user to be more productive in a business sense. Examples of such software include word processors, database management utilities, and presentation software.
- Operating system software which helps in coordinating system resources and allows execution of other programs. Some operating systems include Windows Vista, Mac OS X, and Linux.

- System software [according to Nutt (1997)] provides a general programming environment in which programmers can create specific applications to suit their needs. This environment provides new functions that are not available at the hardware level and performs tasks related to executing the application program.

System software represents programs that allow the hardware to run properly. System software is transparent to the user and acts as an interface between the hardware of the computer and the application software that users need to run on the computer. Figure 1.2 illustrates the relationship between application software, system software and hardware.

- Application software is designed to solve a particular problem for users. It is generally what we think of when we say the word computer programs. Examples of application software include spreadsheets, database systems, desktop publishing systems, program development software, games, web browser, among others. Simply put, application software represents programs that allow users to do something besides simply run the hardware.

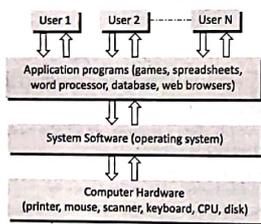


Figure 1.2 Relationship between hardware, system software, and application software

### 1.2 CLASSIFICATION OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE

Computer software can be broadly classified into two groups: system software and application software.

#### 1.2.1 System Software

System software is software designed to operate the computer hardware and to provide and maintain a platform for running application software.

The most widely used system software are discussed in the following sections:

#### Computer BIOS and Device drivers

The computer BIOS and device drivers provide basic functionality to operate and control the hardware connected to or built into the computer.

BIOS or the basic input/output system is a *de facto* standard defining a firmware interface. The BIOS is built into the computer and is the first code run by the computer when it is switched on. The key role of the BIOS is to load and start the operating system.

When the computer starts, the first function that BIOS performs is to initialize and identify system devices such as the video display card, keyboard and mouse, hard disk, CD/DVD drive, and other hardware. In other words, the code in the BIOS chip runs a series of tests called POST (Power On Self Test) to ensure that the system devices are working correctly.

The BIOS then locates software held on a peripheral device such as a hard disk or a CD, and loads and executes that software, giving it control of the computer. This process is known as *booting*.

BIOS is stored on a ROM chip built into the system. A BIOS will also have a user interface like that of a menu (Figure 1.3) that can be accessed by pressing a certain key on the keyboard when the PC starts. The BIOS menu can enable the user to configure hardware, set the system clock, enable or disable system components, and most importantly, select which devices are eligible to be a potential boot device and set various password prompts.

To summarize, BIOS performs the following functions:

- Initializes the system hardware
- Initializes system registers
- Initializes power management system
- Tests RAM

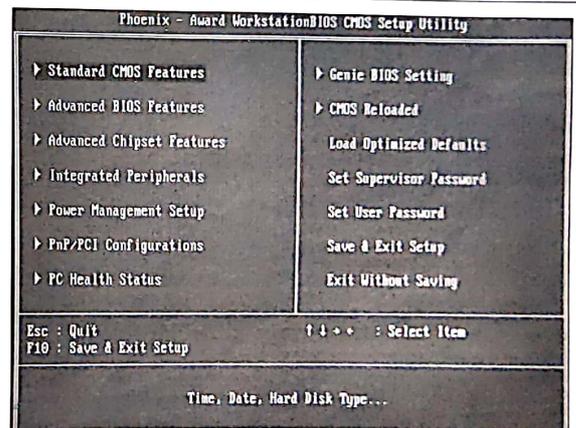


Figure 1.3 The BIOS Menu

- Test all the serial and parallel ports
- Initializes floppy disk drive and hard disk controllers
- Displays system summary information

### Operating System

The primary goal of an operating system is to make the computer system (or any other device in which it is installed like the cell phone) *convenient and efficient to use*. The operating system offers generic services to support user applications.

From the user's point of view the primary consideration is always the convenience. Users should find it easy to launch an application and work on it. For example, we use icons which gives us a clue about which application it is. We have a different icon for launching a web browser, e-mail application, or even a document preparation application. In other words, it is the human computer interface which helps to identify and launch an application. The interface hides a lot of details of the instructions that performs all these tasks.

Similarly, if we examine the programs that help us in using input devices like keyboard mouse, all the complex details of the character reading program are hidden from the user. We as users simply press buttons to perform the input operation regardless of the complexity of the details involved.

An operating system ensures that the system resources (like CPU, memory, I/O devices, etc.) are utilized efficiently. For example, there may be many service requests on a web server and each user request need to be serviced. Moreover, there may be many programs residing in the main memory. Therefore, the system needs to determine which programs are currently being executed and which programs need to wait for some I/O operation. This information is necessary because the programs that need to wait can be suspended temporarily from engaging the processor. Hence, it is important for an operating system to have a control policy and algorithm to allocate the system resources.

### Utility Software

Utility software is used to analyse, configure, optimize, and maintain the computer system. Utility programs may be requested by application programs during their execution for multiple purposes. Some of them are as follows:

- *Disk defragmenters* can be used to detect computer files whose contents are broken across several

locations on the hard disk, and move the fragments to one location in order to increase efficiency.

- *Disk checkers* can be used to scan the contents of a hard disk to find files or areas that are either corrupted in some way, or were not correctly saved, and eliminate them in order to make the hard drive operate more efficiently.
- *Disk cleaners* can be used to locate files that are either not required for computer operation, or take up considerable amounts of space. Disk cleaners help the user to decide what to delete when their hard disk is full.
- *Disk space analysers* are used for visualizing the disk space usage by getting the size for each folder (including sub folders) and files in a folder or drive.
- *Disk partitions* are used to divide an individual drive into multiple logical drives, each with its own file system. Each partition is then treated as an individual drive.
- *Backup utilities* can be used to make a copy of all information stored on a disk. In case a disk failure occurs, backup utilities can be used to restore the entire disk. Even if a file gets deleted accidentally, the backup utility can be used to restore the deleted file.
- *Disk compression* can be used to enhance the capacity of the disk by compressing/decompressing the contents of a disk.
- *File managers* can be used to provide a convenient method of performing routine data management tasks such as deleting, renaming, cataloguing, moving, copying, merging, generating, and modifying data sets.
- *System profilers* can be used to provide detailed information about the software installed and hardware attached to the computer.
- *Anti-virus utilities* are used to scan for computer viruses.
- *Data compression utilities* can be used to output a file with reduced file size.
- *Cryptographic utilities* can be used to encrypt and decrypt files.
- *Launcher applications* can be used as a convenient access point for application software.

- *Registry cleaners* can be used to clean and optimize the Windows registry by deleting the old registry keys that are no longer in use.
- *Network utilities* can be used to analyse the computer's network connectivity, configure network settings, check data transfer, or log events.
- *Command line interface (CLI) and Graphical user interface (GUI)* can be used to make changes to the operating system.

### Compiler, Interpreter, Linker, and Loader

**Compiler** It is a special type of program that transforms source code written in a programming language (the *source language*) into machine language comprising just two digits, 1s and 0s (the *target language*). The resultant code in 1s and 0s is known as the *object code*. The object code is the one which will be used to create an executable program.

Therefore, a compiler is used to translate source code from a high-level programming language to a lower level language (e.g., assembly language or machine code).

If the source code contains errors then the compiler will not be able to perform its intended task. Errors that limit the compiler in understanding a program are called *syntax errors*. Syntax errors may be spelling mistakes, typing mistakes, etc. Another type of error is logical error which occurs when the program does not function accurately. Logical errors are much harder to locate and correct.

The work of a compiler is simply to translate human readable source code into computer executable machine code. It can locate syntax errors in the program (if any) but cannot fix it. Until and unless the syntactical error is rectified the source code cannot be converted into the object code.

**Interpreter** Like the compiler, the interpreter also executes instructions written in a high-level language. Basically, a program written in a high-level language can be executed in any of the two ways. First by compiling the program and second, to pass the program through an interpreter.

While the compiler translates instructions written in high level programming language directly into the machine language; the interpreter on the other hand, translates the instructions into an intermediate form, which it then executes. This clearly means that the interpreter interprets the source code line by line. This is in striking contrast with the compiler which compiles the entire code in one go.

Usually, a compiled program executes faster than an interpreted program. However, the big advantage of an interpreter is that it does not need to go through the compilation stage during which machine instructions are generated. This process can be time consuming if the program is long. Moreover, the interpreter can immediately execute high-level programs.

All in all, compilers and interpreters both achieve similar purposes, but inherently different as to how they achieve that purpose.

**Linker (link editor binder)**. It is a program that combines object modules to form an executable program. Generally, in case of a large program, the programmers prefer to break a code into smaller modules as this simplifies the programming task. Eventually, when the source code of all the modules has been converted into object code, you need to put all the modules together. This is the job of the linker. Usually, the compiler automatically invokes the linker as the last step in compiling a program.

**Loader** It is a special type of program that copies programs from a storage device to main memory, where they can be executed. However, in this book we will not go into the details of how a loader actually works. This is because the functionality of a loader is generally hidden from the programmer. As a programmer, it suffices to learn that the task of a loader is to bring the program and all its related files into the main memory from where it can be executed by the CPU.

### 1.2.2 Application Software

Application software is a type of computer software that employs the capabilities of a computer directly to perform a user-defined task. This is in contrast with system software which is involved in integrating a computer's capabilities, but typically does not directly apply them in the performance of tasks that benefit the user.

To better understand application software consider an analogy where hardware would depict the relationship of an electric light bulb (an application) to an electric power generation plant (a system) that depicts the software.

The power plant merely generates electricity which is not by itself of any real use until harnessed to an application like the electric light that performs a service which actually benefits the user.

Typical examples of software applications are word processors, spreadsheets, media players, education software, CAD, CAM, data communication software, statistical and operational research software, etc. Multiple applications bundled together as a package are sometimes referred to as an application suite.

### 1.3 PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

A programming language is a language specifically designed to express computations that can be performed by the computer. Programming languages are used to create programs that control the behaviour of a system, to express algorithms, or as a mode of human-computer communication.

Usually, programming languages have a vocabulary of syntax and semantics for instructing a computer to perform specific tasks. The term *programming language* usually refers to high-level languages, such as BASIC, C, C++, COBOL, FORTRAN, Ada, and Pascal to name a few. Each of these languages has a unique set of keywords (words that it understands) and a special syntax for organizing program instructions.

While high-level programming languages are easy for the humans to read and understand, the computer actually understands the machine language that consists of numbers only. Each different type of CPU has its own unique machine language.

In between the machine languages and high-level languages, there is another type of language known as assembly language. Assembly languages are similar to machine languages, but they are much easier to program because they allow a programmer to substitute names for numbers.

However, irrespective of what language the programmer uses, the program written using any programming language has to be converted into machine language so that the computer can understand it. There are two ways to do this: *compile* the program or *interpret* the program.

The question of which language is the best depends on the following factors:

- The type of computer on which the program has to be executed
- The type of program
- The expertise of the programmer

For example, FORTRAN is a particularly good language for processing numerical data, but it does not lend itself very well to organizing large programs. Pascal can be used for writing well-structured and readable programs, but it is not as flexible as the C programming language. C++ goes one step ahead of C by incorporating powerful object-oriented features, but it is complex and difficult to learn.

### 1.4 GENERATION OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

We now know that programming languages are the primary tools for creating software. As of now, hundreds of programming languages exist in the market, some more used than others, and each claiming to be the best. However, back in 1940s when computers were being developed there was just one language—the machine language.

The concept of generations of programming languages (also known as levels), is closely connected to the advances in technology that brought about computer generations. The four generations of programming languages include:

- machine language
- assembly language
- high-level language (also known as third generation language or 3GL)
- very high-level language (also known as fourth generation language or 4GL).

#### 1.4.1 First Generation: Machine Language

Machine language was used to program the first stored program on computer systems. This is the lowest level of programming language. The machine language is the only language that the computer understands. All the commands and data values are expressed using 1 and 0s, corresponding to the 'on' and 'off' electrical states in a computer.

In the 1950s each computer had its own native language, and programmers had primitive systems for combining numbers to represent instructions such as *add* and *subtract*. Although there were similarities between each of the machine languages a computer could not understand programs written in another machine language (Figure 1.4).

#### MACHINE LANGUAGE

This is an example of a machine language program that will add two numbers and find their average. It is in hexadecimal notation instead of binary notation because this is how the computer presented the code to the programmer. The program was run on a VAX/VMS computer, a product of the Digital Equipment Corporation.

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                                D000000A D000
                                D000000F D009
                                D000000B D009
                                D009
                                D009
                                D000
                                D000
FF55 CF FF54 CF FF53 CF C1 D0D0
FF24 CF FF27 CF D2 C7 D00C
                                D0E4
                                Dd0D
                                Dd3D

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Figure 1.4 A machine language program

In machine language, all instructions, memory locations, numbers, and characters are represented in strings of 1s and 0s. Although machine-language programs are typically displayed with the binary numbers represented in octal (base 8) or hexadecimal (base 16), these programs are not easy for humans to read, write, or debug.

The main advantage of machine language is that the code can run very fast and efficiently, since it is directly executed by the CPU.

However, on the down side, the machine language is difficult to learn and is far more difficult to edit if errors occur. Moreover, if you want to add some instructions into memory at some location, then all the instructions after the insertion point would have to be moved down to make room in memory to accommodate the new instructions.

Last but not the least, the code written in machine language is not portable across systems and to transfer the code to a different computer it needs to be completely rewritten since the machine language for one computer could be significantly different from another computer. Architectural considerations made portability a tough issue to resolve.

#### 1.4.2 Second Generation: Assembly Language

The second generation of programming language includes the assembly language. Assembly languages are symbolic programming languages that use symbolic notation to represent machine-language instructions. These languages are closely connected to machine language and the internal architecture of the computer system on which they are used. Since they are close to the machine, assembly language is also called low-level language. Nearly all computer systems have an assembly language available for use.

Assembly language developed in the mid 1950s was a great leap forward. It used symbolic codes also known as *mnemonic codes* that are easy-to-remember abbreviations, rather than numbers. Examples of these codes include ADD for add, CMP for compare, MUL for multiply, etc.

Assembly language programs consist of a series of individual statements or instructions that instruct the computer what to do. Basically, an assembly language statement consists of a *label*, an *operation code*, and one or more *operands*.

Labels are used to identify and reference instructions in the program. The operation code (opcode) is a mnemonic that specifies the operation that has to be performed such as *move*, *add*, *subtract*, or *compare*. The operand specifies the register or the location in main memory from where the data to be processed is located.

However, like the machine language, the statement or instruction in the assembly language will vary from machine to another because the language is directly related to the internal architecture of the computer and is not designed to be machine independent. This makes the code written in assembly language less portable as the code written for one machine will not run on machines from a different or sometimes even the same manufacturer.

No doubt, the code written in assembly language will be very efficient in terms of execution time and main memory usage as the language is also close to the computer.

Programs written in assembly language need a *translator* often known as the *assembler* to convert them into machine language. This is because the computer will understand only the language of 1s and 0s and will not understand mnemonics like ADD and SUB.

The following instructions are a part of assembly language code to illustrate addition of two numbers:

MOV AX, 4	Stores the value 4 in the AX register of CPU
MOV BX, 6	Stores the value 6 in the BX register of CPU
ADD AX, BX	Add the contents of AX and BX register. Store the result in AX register

Although assembly languages are much better to work as compared to the machine language, they still require the programmer to think on the machine's level. Even today, some programmers still use assembly language to write parts of applications where speed of execution is critical, such as video games but most programmers today have switched to 3GL or 4GLs to do the same.

### 1.4.3 Third Generation Programming Language

A third generation programming language (3GL) is a refinement of the second-generation programming language. The 2GL languages brought logical structure to software. The third generation was introduced to make the languages more programmer friendly.

3GLs spurred the great increase in data processing that occurred in the 1960s and 1970s. In these languages, the program statements are not closely related to the internal characteristics of the computer and is therefore often referred to as high-level language.

Generally, a statement written in a high-level programming language will expand into several machine language instructions. This is in contrast to assembly languages, where one statement would generate one machine language instruction. 3GLs made programming easier, efficient, and less prone to errors.

High-level languages fall somewhere between natural languages and machine languages. 3GL includes languages like FORTRAN (FORmula TRANslator) and COBOL (COmmon Business Oriented Language) that made it possible for scientists and business people to write programs using familiar terms instead of obscure machine instructions.

The first widespread use of high-level languages in the early 1960s changed programming into something quite different from what it had been. Programs were written in an English-like manner, making them more convenient to use and giving the programmer more time to address a client's problems.

Although 3GLs relieve the programmer of demanding details they do not provide the flexibility available in low-level languages. However, a few high-level languages like C and FORTRAN combine some of the flexibility of assembly language with the power of high-level languages, but these languages are not well suited to the amateur programmer.

While some high level-languages were designed to serve a specific purpose (such as controlling industrial robots or creating graphics), other languages were flexible and considered to be general-purpose languages. Most of the programmers preferred to use general purpose high-level languages like BASIC (Beginners' All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code), FORTRAN, PASCAL, COBOL, C++, or Java to write the code for their applications.

Again, a *translator* is needed to translate the instructions written in high-level language into computer-executable machine language. Such translators are commonly known as interpreters and compilers. Each high level language has many compilers.

For example, the machine language generated by one computer's C compiler is not the same as the machine language of some other computer. Therefore, it is necessary to have a C compiler for each type of computer on which the C program has to be executed.

3GLs make it easier to write and debug a program and gives the programmer more time to think about its overall logic. The programs written in such languages are portable between machines. For example, a program written in standard C can be compiled and executed on any computer that has a standard C compiler.

### 1.4.4 Fourth Generation: Very High-Level Languages

With each generation, programming languages started becoming easier to use and more like natural languages. However, 4GLs is a little different from its prior generation because they are basically non-procedural. When writing code using a procedural language, the programmer has to tell the computer how a task is done—add this, compare that, do this if the condition is true, and so on, in a very specific step-by-step manner. In striking contrast, while using a non-procedural language the programmers define only what they want the computer to do, without supplying all the details of how it has to be done.

There is no standard rule that defines what a fourth-generation language is but certain characteristics of such language include:

- the code comprising instructions are written in English-like sentences;
- they are non-procedural, so users concentrate on 'what' instead of the 'how' aspect of the task;
- the code is easier to maintain;
- 4GL code enhances the productivity of the programmers as they have to type fewer lines of code to get something done. It is said that a programmer becomes 10 times more productive when he writes the code using a 4GL than using a 3GL.

A typical example of a 4GL is the *query language* that allows a user to request information from a database with precisely worded English-like sentences. A query language is used as a database user interface and hides the specific details of the database from the user. For example, when working with Structured Query Language (SQL), the programmer just needs to remember a few rules of *syntax* and *logic*, but it is easier to learn than COBOL or C.

Let us take an example in which a report has to be generated that displays the total number of students enrolled in each class and in each semester. Using a 4GL, the request would look similar to this:

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TABLE FILE ENROLLMENT
SUM STUDENTS BY SEMESTER BY CLASS
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So we see that a 4GL is much simpler to learn and work with. The same code if written in C language or any other 3GL would require multiple lines of code to do the same task.

4GLs are still evolving, which makes it difficult to define or standardize them. The only down side of a 4GL is that it does not make efficient use of the machine's resources. However, the benefit of executing a program fast and easily, far outweighs the extra costs of running it.

### 1.4.5 Fifth Generation Programming Language

5GLs are centred on solving problems using constraints given to the program, rather than using an algorithm written by a programmer. Most constraint-based and logic programming languages and some declarative languages form a part of the fifth-generation languages. 5GLs are widely used in artificial intelligence research. Typical examples of a 5GL include Prolog, OPS5, and Mercury.

Another aspect of a 5GL is that it contains visual tools to help develop a program. A good example of a fifth generation language is Visual Basic.

So taking a forward leap than the 4GLs, 5GLs are designed to make the computer solve a given problem without the programmer. While working with a 4GL, the programmer had to write specific code to do a work but with 5GL, the programmer only needs to worry about what problems need to be solved and what conditions need to be met, without worrying about how to implement a routine or algorithm to solve them.

Generally, 5GLs were built upon Lisp, many originating on the Lisp machine, such as ICAD. Then, there are many frame languages such as KL-ONE.

In the 1990s, 5GLs were considered to be the wave of the future, and some predicted that they would replace all other languages for system development (except the low-level languages). In 1982 to 1993 Japan had put much research and money into their fifth generation computer systems project, hoping to design a massive computer network of machines using these tools. But when larger programs were built, the flaws of the approach became more apparent. Researchers began to observe that starting from a set of constraints for defining a particular problem, then deriving an efficient algorithm to solve the problem is a very difficult task. All these things could not be automated and still requires the insight of a programmer.

However, today the fifth-generation languages are back as a possible level of computer language. Software vendors across the globe currently claim that their software meets the visual 'programming' requirements of the 5GL concept.

#### SUMMARY

- A computer has two parts—computer hardware which does all the physical work and the computer software which tells the hardware what to do and how to do it.
- A program is a set of instructions that is arranged in a sequence to guide a computer to find a solution for the given problem. The process of writing a program is called programming.
- Computer software is written by computer programmers using a programming language.
- Application software is designed to solve a particular problem for users.

## SUMMARY

- System software represents programs that allow the hardware to run properly. System software acts as an interface between the hardware of the computer and the application software that users need to run on the computer.
- The key role of the BIOS is to load and start the operating system. The code in the BIOS chip runs a series of tests called POST (Power On Self Test) to ensure that the system devices are working correctly. BIOS is stored on a ROM chip built into the system.
- Utility software is used to analyse, configure, optimize, and maintain the computer system.
- A compiler is a special type of program that transforms source code written in a programming language (the *source language*) into machine language comprising of just two digits—1s and 0s (the *target language*). The resultant code in 1s and 0s is known as the object code.
- Linker is a program that combines object modules to form an executable program.
- A loader is a special type of program that copies programs from a storage device to main memory, where they can be executed.

## EXERCISES

## Fill in the Blanks

- \_\_\_\_\_ tells the hardware what to do and how to do it.
- The hardware needs a \_\_\_\_\_ to instruct what has to be done.
- The process of writing a program is called programming.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is used to write computer software.
- \_\_\_\_\_ transforms the source code into binary language.
- \_\_\_\_\_ allows a computer to interact with additional hardware devices such as printers, scanners, and video cards.
- \_\_\_\_\_ helps in coordinating system resources and allows other programs to execute.
- \_\_\_\_\_ provides a platform for running application software.
- \_\_\_\_\_ can be used to encrypt and decrypt files.
- An assembly language statement consists of a \_\_\_\_\_, an \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Multiple Choice Questions

- BIOS is stored in
  - RAM
  - ROM
  - Hard disk
  - None of these
- Which language should not be used for organizing large programs?
  - C
  - C++
  - COBOL
  - FORTRAN
- Which language is a symbolic language?
  - Machine language
  - C
  - Assembly language
  - All of these
- Which language is a 3GL?
  - C
  - COBOL
  - FORTRAN
  - All of these
- Which language does not need any translator?
  - Machine language
  - 3GL
  - Assembly language
  - 4GL
- Choose the odd one out.
  - Compiler
  - Interpreter
  - Assembler
  - Linker
- Which one is a utility software?
  - Word processor
  - Antivirus
  - Desktop publishing tool
  - Compiler
- POST is performed by
  - Operating system
  - Assembler
  - BIOS
  - Linker
- Printer, monitor, keyboard, and mouse are examples of
  - Operating system
  - Computer hardware
  - Firmware
  - Device drivers

## EXERCISES

- Windows VISTA, Linux, Unix are examples of
  - Operating system
  - Computer hardware
  - Firmware
  - Device drivers

## State True or False

- Computer hardware does all the physical work.
- The computer hardware cannot think and make decisions on its own.
- A software is a set of instructions that is arranged in a sequence to guide a computer to find a solution for the given problem.
- Word processor is an example of educational software.
- Desktop publishing system is a system software.
- BIOS defines firmware interface.
- Pascal cannot be used for writing well-structured programs.
- Assembly language is a low-level programming language.
- Operation code is used to identify and reference instructions in the program.
- 3GLs are procedural languages.

## Review Questions

- Broadly classify the computer system into two parts. Also make a comparison between a human

body and the computer system thereby explaining what each part does.

- Differentiate between computer hardware and software.
- Define programming.
- Define source code.
- What is booting?
- What criteria is used to select the language in which the program will be written?
- Explain the role of operating system.
- Give some examples of computer software.
- Differentiate between the source code and the object code.
- Why are compilers and interpreters used?
- Is there any difference between a compiler and an interpreter?
- What is application software? Give examples.
- What is BIOS?
- What do you understand by utility software? Is it a must to have it?
- Differentiate between syntax errors and logical errors.
- Can a program written in a high-level language be executed without a linker?
- Give a brief description of generation of programming languages. Highlight the advantages and disadvantages of languages in each generation.

## 2

## Introduction to C

## Learning Objective

This chapter aims at acquainting students with writing programs in C. To start with we will read about the background of C language, its key features, and uses in the real world. Then we will gradually move forward to understand the structure of a C program and the types of files that will be used to execute the program. Then moving a step further, we will learn about data types, identifiers, constants, variables, and operators available in C language.

## 2.1 INTRODUCTION

The programming language C was developed in the early 1970s by Dennis Ritchie at Bell Laboratories to be used by the UNIX operating system. It was named 'C' because many of its features were derived from an earlier language called 'B'. Although C was designed for implementing system software, it was later on widely used for developing portable application software.

C is one of the most popular programming languages. It is being used on several different software platforms. In a nutshell, there are a few computer architectures for which a C compiler does not exist.

It is a good idea to learn C because it has been around for a long time which means there is a lot of information available on it. Quite a few other programming languages such as C++ and Java are also based on C which means you will be able to learn them more easily in the future.

## 2.1.1 Background

Like many other modern languages, C is derived from ALGOL (the first language to use a block structure). Although ALGOL was not accepted widely in the United States but it was widely used in Europe. ALGOL's introduction in the 1960s led the way for the development of structured programming concepts.

Before C, several other programming languages were developed. For example, in 1967 Martin Richards developed a language called BCPL (Basic Combined Programming Language). BCPL was basically a type-less (had no concept of data types) language which facilitated the user with direct access of memory. This made it useful for system programmers. Then in 1970, Ken Thompson developed a language called B. B was used to develop the first version of UNIX. C was developed by Dennis Ritchie in 1972 that took concepts from ALGOL, BCPL, and B. In addition to

the concepts of these languages, C also supports the concept of data types. Since UNIX operating system was also developed at Bell Laboratories along with C language, C and UNIX are strongly associated with each other.

For many years, C was mainly used in academic institutions, but with the release of different C compilers for commercial use and popularity of UNIX, C was widely accepted by computer professionals.

C (also known as Traditional C) was documented and popularized in the book *The C Programming Language* by Brian W. Kernighan and Dennis Ritchie in 1978. This book was so popular that the language came to be known as 'K & R C'. The tremendous growth of C language resulted in the development of different versions of the language that were similar but incompatible with each other. Therefore, in the year 1983, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) started working on defining the standard for C. This standard was approved in December 1989 and came to be known as ANSI C. In 1990, the International Standards Organization (ISO) adopted the ANSI standard. This version of C came to be known as C89. In 1995, some minor changes were made to C89, the new modified version was known as C95. Figure 2.1 which

shows the taxonomy of C language. During 1990s C++ and Java programming languages became popular among the users so the standardization committee of C felt that a few features of C++/Java if added to C would enhance its usefulness. So, in 1999 when some significant changes were made to C95, the modified version came to be known as C99. Some of the changes made in the C99 version are as follows:

- Extension to the character types, so that they can support even non-English characters
- Boolean data type
- Extension to the integer data type
- Including type definitions in the for statement
- Inclusion of imaginary and complex types
- Addition of //, better known as C++ style line comment

## 2.1.2 Characteristics of C

C is a robust language whose rich set of built-in functions and operators can be used to write complex programs. The C compiler combines the features of assembly language and high-level language which makes it best suited for writing system software as well as business packages. Some basic characteristics of C language that defines the language and have led to its popularity as a programming language are listed below. In this book we will learn all these aspects.

- A high level programming language enables the programmer to concentrate on the problem at hand and not worry about the machine code on which the program would be run.
- Small size—C has only 32 keywords. This makes it relatively easy to learn as compared to other languages.
- Makes extensive use of function calls.
- C is well suited for structured programming. In this programming approach, C enables the users to think of problem in terms of functions/modules where the collection of all the modules makes up a complete program. This feature facilitates easiness in program debugging, testing, and maintenance.
- Unlike PASCAL it supports loose typing (as a character can be treated as an integer and vice versa).

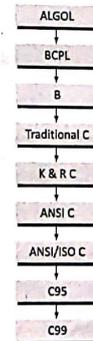


Figure 2.1 Taxonomy of C language

- Structured language as the code can be organized as a collection of one or more functions.
- Stable language. ANSI C was created in 1983 and since then it has not been revised.
- Quick language: as a well written C program is likely to be as quick as or quicker than a program written in any other language. Since C programs make use of operators and data types, they are fast and efficient. For example, a program written to increment a value from 0-15000 using BASIC would take 50 seconds whereas a C program would do the same in just 1 second.
- Facilitates low level (bitwise) programming
- Supports pointers to refer computer memory, array, structures, and functions.
- Core language. C is a core language as many other programming languages (like C++, Java, Perl, etc.) are based on C. If you know C, learning other computer languages becomes much easier.
- C is a portable language, i.e., a C program written for one computer can be run on another computer with little or no modification.
- C is an extensible language as it enables the user to add his own functions to the C library.
- C is often treated as the second best language for any given programming task. While the best language depends on the particular task to be performed, the second best language, on the other hand, will always be C.

2.1.3 Uses of C

C is a very simple language that is widely used by software professionals around the globe. The uses of C language can be summarized as follows.

- C language is primarily used for system programming. The portability, efficiency, the ability to access specific hardware addresses and low runtime demand on system resources makes it a good choice for implementing operating systems and embedded system applications.
- C has been so widely accepted by professionals that compilers, libraries, and interpreters of other programming languages are often implemented in C.

- For portability and convenience reasons, C is sometimes used as an intermediate language for implementations of other languages. Examples of compilers who use C this way are BitC, Gambit, the Glasgow Haskell Compiler, Squeak, and Vala. Basically, C was designed as a programming language and was not meant to be used as a compiler target language. Therefore, although C can be used as an intermediate language it is not an ideal option. This led to the development of C-based intermediate languages such as C++.
- C is widely used to implement end-user applications.

2.2 STRUCTURE OF A C PROGRAM

C program is composed of preprocessor commands, a global declaration section, and one or more functions (Figure 2.2).

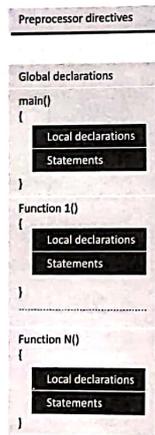


Figure 2.2 Structure of a C program

The preprocessor directives contain special instructions that indicate how to prepare the program for compilation. One of the most important and commonly used preprocessor commands is *include* which tells the compiler that to execute the program, some information is needed from the specified header file.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    printf("\n Welcome to the world of C ");
    return 0;
}
```

Output  
Welcome to the world of c

In this section we will omit the global declaration part and will revisit it in the chapter on Functions.

A C program contains one or more functions, where a function is defined as a group of C statements that are executed together. The statements in a C program are written in a logical sequence to perform a specific task. The main() function is the most important function and is a part of every C program. The execution of a C program begins at this function.

**#include <stdio.h>**  
This is a preprocessor command that comes as the first statement in our code. All preprocessor commands start with symbol hash (#). The **#include** statement tells the compiler to include the standard input/output library or header file (**stdio.h**) in the program. This file has some in-built functions. So simply by including this file in our code we can use these functions directly. The standard input/output header file contains functions for input and output of data like reading values from the keyboard and printing the results on the screen.

All functions (including main()) are divided into two parts—the declaration section and the statement section. The declaration section precedes the statements section and is used to describe the data that will be used in the function. Note that data declared within a function are known as local declaration as that data will be visible only within that function. Stated in other terms, the life-time of the data will be only till the function ends. The statement section in a function contains the code that manipulates the data to perform a specified task.

**int main()**  
**int** is the return value of the main function. After all the statements in the program have been written, the last statement of the program will return an integer value to the operating system. The concepts will be clear to us when we read the chapter on Functions. So even if you do not understand certain things, do not worry.

From the structure given above we can conclude that a C program can have any number of functions depending on the tasks that have to be performed and each function can have any number of statements arranged according to specific meaningful sequence.

**{ }** The two curly brackets are used to group all the related statements of the function **main**. All the statements between the braces form the function body. The function body contains a set of instructions to perform the given task.

**NOTE** Programmers can choose any name for the functions. It is not mandatory to write **Function1**, **Function2**, etc., but with an exception that every program must contain one function that has its name as **main()**.

**printf("\n Welcome to the world of C ");**  
The **printf** function is defined in the **stdio.h** file and is used to print text on the screen. The message that has to be displayed on the screen is enclosed within double quotes and put inside brackets.

2.3 WRITING THE FIRST C PROGRAM

To write a C program, we first need to write the code. For this, open a text editor. If you are a Windows user you may use Notepad and if you prefer working on UNIX/Linux you can use **emacs** or **vi**. Once the text editor is opened on your screen, type the following statements:

**Programming Tip:** Placing a semi-colon after the parenthesis of **main** will generate a compiler error.  
The message is quoted because in C a text (also known as a **string** or a **sequence of characters**) is always put between inverted commas. The **'\n'** is an escape sequence and represents a **newline** character. It is used to print the message on

a new line on the screen. Like the `newline` character, the other escape sequences supported by C language are shown in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1** Escape sequences

Escape sequence	Purpose	Escape sequence	Purpose
<code>\a</code>	Audible signal	<code>\?</code>	Question mark
<code>\b</code>	Backspace	<code>\\</code>	Back slash
<code>\t</code>	Tab	<code>\'</code>	Single quote
<code>\n</code>	Newline	<code>\"</code>	Double quote
<code>\v</code>	Vertical tab	<code>\0</code>	Octal constant
<code>\f</code>	New page / Clear screen	<code>\x</code>	Hexadecimal constant
<code>\r</code>	Carriage return		

**Note** Escape sequences are actually non-printing control characters that begin with a backslash (\).

`return 0;`  
This is a return command that is used to return the value 0 to the operating system to give an indication that there were no errors during the execution of the program.

**Note** Every statement in the main function ends with a semi-colon (;).

Now that you have written all the statements using the text editor, save the text file as `first.c`. If you are a Windows user then open the command prompt by clicking `Start -> Run` and typing `command` and clicking `ok`. Using the command prompt, change to the directory in which you had saved your file and then type:

```
C:\>cd first.c
```

In case you are working on UNIX/Linux operating system, then exit the text editor and type

```
gcc first.c -o first
```

The `-o` is for the output file name. If you leave out the `-o` then the file name `a.out` is used.

This command is used to compile your C program. If there are any mistakes in the program then the compiler

will tell you the mistake you have made and on which line you made it. In case of errors you need to re-open your `c` file and correct those mistakes. However, if everything is right then no error(s) will be reported and the compiler will create an `exe` file for your program. This `exe` file can be directly run by typing

```
'hello.exe' for Windows and './hello' for UNIX/Linux operating system.
```

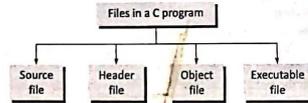
When you run the `exe` file, the output of the program will be displayed on screen. That is,

```
Welcome to the world of C

The printf and return statements have been indented or moved away from the left side. This is done to make the code more readable.
```

**2.4 FILES USED IN A C PROGRAM**

Every C program has four kinds of files associated with it (Figure 2.3). These include:



**Figure 2.3** Files in a C program

**2.4.1 Source Code File**

The source code file contains the source code of the program. The file extension of any C source code file is `.c`. This file contains C source code that defines the `main` function and maybe other functions. The `main()` is the starting point of execution when you successfully compile and run the program. A C program in general may include even other source code files (with the file extension `.c`).

**2.4.2 Header Files**

When working with large projects, it is often desirable to separate out certain sub routines from the `main()` of the

*subroutine is used instead of program*

program. There also may be a case that the same subroutine has to be used in different programs. In the latter case, one option is to copy the code of the desired sub-routine from one program to another. But copying the code is often tedious as well as error prone and makes maintainability more difficult.

So, another option is to make subroutines and store them in a different file known as header file. The advantage of header files can be realized in the following cases:

The programmer wants to use the same subroutines in different programs. For this, he simply has to compile the source code of the subroutines once, and then link to the resulting object file in any other program in which the functionalities of these subroutines are required.

The programmer wants to change or add subroutines, and have those changes reflected in all the other programs. In this case, he just needs to change the source file for the subroutines, recompile its source code, and then recompile and re-link programs that use them. This way enormous time can be saved as compared to editing the subroutines in every individual program that uses them.

**Programming Tip:** Missing the inclusion of appropriate header file in the C program will generate an error. Such a program may compile but the linker will give an error message as it will not be able to find the functions used in the program.

Thus, we see that using a header file produces the same results as copying the header file into each source file that needs it. Also when a header file is included, the related declarations appear in only one place. If in future we need to modify the subroutines, we just need to make the changes in one place, and programs that include the header file will automatically use the new version when recompiled later. There is no need to find and change all the copies of the subroutine that has to be changed.

Conventionally, header files name ends with a `'dot-h'` (`.h`) extension and its name can use only letters, digits, dashes, and underscores. Although some standard header files are automatically available to C programmers but in addition to those header files, the programmer may have his own user defined header files.

**Standard Header Files** In all our programs that we had been writing till now, we were using many functions that were not written by us. For example, `strcmp()` function which compares two strings. We just pass string arguments and retrieve the result. We do not know the details of how these functions work. Such functions that are provided by all C compilers are included in standard header files. Examples of these standard header files include:

- `string.h` : for string handling functions
- `stdlib.h` : for some miscellaneous functions
- `stdio.h` : for standardized input and output functions
- `math.h` : for mathematical functions
- `alloc.h` : for dynamic memory allocation
- `conio.h` : for clearing the screen

All the header files are referenced at the start of the source code file that uses one or more functions from that file.

**2.4.3 Object Files**

Object files are generated by the compiler as a result of processing the source code file. Object files contain compact binary code of the function definitions. Linker uses this object file to produce an executable file (`.exe` file) by combining the object files together. Object files have a `.o` extension, although some operating systems including Windows and MS-DOS have a `.obj` extension for the object file.

**2.4.4 Binary Executable File**

The binary executable file is generated by the linker. The linker links the various object files to produce a binary file that can be directly executed. On Windows operating system, the executable files have `.exe` extension.

**2.5 COMPILING AND EXECUTING C PROGRAMS**

C is a compiled language. So once the C program is written, you must run it through a C compiler that can create an executable file to be run by the computer. While the C program is human-readable, the executable file on the other hand, is a machine-readable file available in an executable form.

The mechanical part of running a C program begins with one or more program source files, and ends with an executable file, which can be run on a computer.

The programming process starts with creating a source file that consists of the statements of the program written in C language. This source file usually contains ASCII characters and can be produced with a text editor, such as Windows notepad, or in an Integrated Design Environment.

The source file is then processed by a special program called a compiler.

**Every programming language has its own compiler.**

The compiler translates the source code into an object code. The object code contains the machine instructions for the CPU, and calls to the operating system API (Application Programming Interface).

However, even the object file is not an executable file. Therefore, in the next step, the object file is processed with another special program called a linker. While there is a different compiler for every individual language, the same linker is used for object files regardless of the original language in which the new program was written. The output of the linker is an executable or runnable file. The process is shown in Figure 2.4.

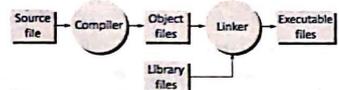


Figure 2.4 Overview of compilation and execution process

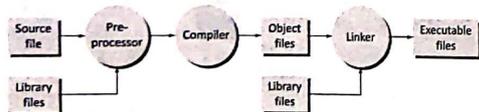


Figure 2.5 Elaborate compilation before execution

In C language programs, there are two kinds of source files. In addition to the main (.c) source file, which contains executable statements there are also header (.h) source files. Since all input and output in C programs is done through library functions, every C program therefore uses standard header files. These header files should be written as part of the source code for modular C programs.

The compilation process shown in Figure 2.5 is done in two steps. In the first step, the preprocessor program reads the source file as text, and produces another text file as output. Source code lines which begin with the # symbol are actually not written in C but in the preprocessor language. The output of the preprocessor is a text file which does not contain any preprocessor statements. This file is ready to be processed by the compiler. The linker combines the object file with library routines (supplied with the compiler) to produce the final executable file.

In modular programming the source code is divided into two or more source files. All these source files are compiled separately thereby producing multiple object files. These object files are combined by the linker to produce an executable file (Figure 2.6).

**2.6 USING COMMENTS**

Many a time the meaning or the purpose of the program code is not clear to the reader. Therefore, it is a good programming practice to place some comments in the code to help the reader understand the code clearly. Comments are just a way of explaining what a program does. It is merely an internal program documentation. The compiler ignores the comments when forming the object file. This means that the comments are non-executable statements. C supports two types of commenting.

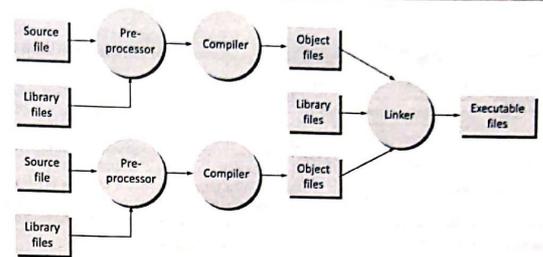


Figure 2.6 Modular programming—the complete compilation and execution process

- // is used to comment a single statement. This is known as a *line comment*. A line comment can be placed anywhere on the line and it does not require to be specifically ended as the end of the line automatically *ends the line*.
- /\* is used to comment multiple statements. A /\* is ended with \*/ and all statements that lie within these characters are commented. This type of comment is known as *block comment*.

Note that commented statements are not executed by the compiler. Rather, they are ignored by the compiler as they are simply added in the program to make the code understandable by the programmer as well as other people who read it. It is a good habit to always put a comment at the top of a program that tells you what the program does. This will help in defining the usage of the program the moment you open it.

Commented statements can be used anywhere in the program. You can also use comments in between your code to explain a piece of code that is a bit complicated. The code given below shows the way in which we can make use of comments in our first program.

```

/* Author: Reema Thareja
Description: To print 'Welcome to the
world of C' on the screen */
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    printf("\n Welcome to the world of C ");
    // prints message
    return 0; // returns a value 0 to the
operating system
}

```

Output  
Welcome to the world of C

Since comments are not executed by the compiler, they do not affect the execution speed and the size of the compiled program. Therefore, use comments liberally in your programs so that other users can understand the operations of the program and will serve as an aid to debugging and testing.

**2.7 KEYWORDS**

Like every computer language, C has a set of reserved words often known as keywords that cannot be used as an identifier. All keywords are basically a sequence of characters that have a fixed meaning. By convention all

keywords must be written in lowercase (small) letters. Table 2.2 contains a list of keywords in C.

**Table 2.2** Keywords in C language

auto	break	case	char	const	continue	default
double	else	enum	extern	float	for	goto
int	long	register	return	short	signed	sizeof
struct	switch	typedef	union	unsigned	void	volatile
do	if	static	while			

When you read this book, the meaning and utility of each keyword will become automatically clear to you.

**2.8 IDENTIFIERS**

Identifiers, as the name suggests helps us to identify data and other objects in the program. Identifiers are basically the names given to program elements such as variables, arrays, and functions. Identifier may consist of an alphabet, digit, or an underscore.

**2.8.1 Rules for Forming Identifier Names**

Some rules have to be followed while forming identifier names. They are as follows:

- It cannot include any special characters or punctuation marks (like #, \$, ^, %, .. etc.) except the underscore '\_'.
- There cannot be two successive underscores.
- Keywords cannot be used as identifiers.
- The case of alphabetic characters that form the identifier name is significant. For example, \*FIRST\* is different from 'first' and 'First'.
- The identifier name must begin with an alphabet or an underscore. However, use of underscore as the first

**Programming Tip:** C is a case sensitive language. If you type printf function as Printf, then an error will be generated.

character must be avoided because several compiler-defined identifiers in the standard C library have underscore as their first character. Hence, inadvertently duplicated names may cause definition conflicts.

- Identifiers can be of any reasonable length. They should not contain more than 31 characters. It can actually be longer than 31, but the compiler looks at only the first 31 characters of the name.

Although it is a good practice to use meaningful identifier names, it is not compulsory. Good identifiers are descriptive but short. To cut short the identifier, you may use abbreviations. C allows identifiers (names) to be up to 63 characters long. If a name is longer than 63 characters, then only the first 31 characters are used.

As a general practice, if the identifier is a little long, then you may use an underscore to separate the parts of the name or you may use capital letters for each part.

Examples of valid identifiers include:

```
roll_number, marks, name, emp_number, basic_pay, HRA, DA, dept_code, DeptCode, RollNo, EMP_NO
```

Examples of invalid identifiers include:

```
23_student, %marks, @name, #emp_number, basic.pay, -HRA, (DA), &dept_code, auto
```

**Note:** C is a case-sensitive language. Therefore rno, Rno, RNO, rNO are different considered as identifiers.

**2.9 BASIC DATA TYPES IN C**

C language provides very few basic data types. Table 2.3 lists the data type, their size, range, and usage for a C programmer on a 16-bit computer. Table 2.3 show the basic data types. In addition to this, we also have variants of int and float data types.

The char data type is one byte and is used to store single characters. Note that C does not provide any data type for storing text. This is because text is made up of individual characters.

You will be surprised to see that the range of char is given as -128 to 127. char is supposed to store characters not numbers, so why this range? The answer is that, in memory characters are stored in their ASCII codes. For example, the character 'A' has the ASCII code 65. In memory we will not store 'A' but 65 (in binary number format).

**Table 2.3** Basic data types in C

Data type	Keyword used	Size in bytes	Range	Use
Character	char	1	-128 to 127	To store characters
Integer	int	2	-32768 to 32767	To store integer numbers
Floating Point	float	4	3.4E-38 to 3.4E+38	To store floating point numbers
Double	double	8	1.7E-308 to 1.7E+308	To store big floating point numbers
Valueless	void	0	Valueless	—

Table 2.4 shows the variants of basic data types in detail. In Table 2.4, we have unsigned char and signed char. Do we have negative characters?—no, then why do we have such data types? The answer is that we use signed and unsigned char to ensure portability of programs that store non-character data as char.

**Table 2.4** Detailed list of data types

Data type	Size in bytes	Range
char	1	-128 to 127
unsigned char	1	0 to 255
signed char	1	-128 to 127
int	2	-32768 to 32767
unsigned int	2	0 to 65535
signed short int	2	-32768 to 32767
signed int	2	-32768 to 32767
short int	2	-32768 to 32767
unsigned short int	2	0 to 65535
long int	4	-2147483648 to 2147483647
unsigned long int	4	0 to 4294967295
signed long int	4	-2147483648 to 2147483647
float	4	3.4E-38 to 3.4E+38
double	8	1.7E-308 to 1.7E+308
long double	10	3.4E-4932 to 1.1E+4932

While the smaller data types take less memory, the larger types incur a performance penalty. Although the data type we use for our variables does not have a big impact on the speed or memory usage of the application, but we should always try to use int unless there is a special need to use any other data type.

Last but not the least the void type holds no value. It is primarily used in three cases:

- To specify the return type of a function (when the function returns no value)
- To specify the parameters of the function (when the function accepts no arguments from the caller)
- To create generic pointers. We will read about generic pointers in the chapter on Pointers.

We will discuss the void data type in detail in the coming chapters.

**Note:** Unsigned int/char keeps the sign bit free and makes the entire word available for storage of the non-negative numbers. Sign bit is the leftmost bit of a memory word which is used to determine the sign of the content stored in that word. When it is 0, the value is positive and when it is 1, the value is negative.

**2.9.1 How are Float and Double Stored?**

In computer memory, float and double values are stored in mantissa and exponent forms where the exponent represents power of 2 (not 10). The number of bytes used to represent a floating point number generally depends on the precision of the value. While float is used to declare single-precision values, double is used to represent double-precision values.

Floating-point numbers use the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) format to represent mantissa and exponents. According to the IEEE format, a floating point value in its binary form is known as a normalized form. In the normalized form, the exponent is adjusted in such a way that the binary point in the mantissa always lies to the right of the most significant non-zero digit.

**Example** Convert the floating point number 5.32 into an IEEE normalized form.

2	5	.	3	2	
2	2	.	1		
2	1	.	0		
0		.	1		

Write the remainders in the reverse order of generation.

Write the whole numbers in the same order of generation.

Thus, the binary equivalent of 5.32 = 101.0101.  
The normalized form of this binary number is obtained by adjusting the exponent until the decimal point is to the right of the most significant 1.  
Therefore, the normalized binary equivalent = 1.010101 × 2<sup>2</sup>.

Moreover, the IEEE format for storing floating point numbers uses a sign bit, mantissa, and the exponent (Figure 2.7). The sign bit denotes the sign of the value. If the value is positive, the sign bit contains 0 and in case the value is negative it stores 1.

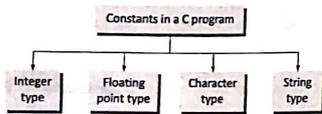


Figure 2.7 IEEE format for storing floating point numbers

Generally, exponent is an integer value stored in unsigned binary format after adding a positive bias. In other words, because exponents are stored in an unsigned form, the exponent is biased by half its possible value. For type float, the bias is 127; for type double, it is 1023. You can compute the actual exponent value by subtracting the bias value from the exponent value. Finally, the normalized binary equivalent is stored in such a way that lower byte is stored at higher memory address. For example, ABCD is actually stored as DCBA.

**2.10 VARIABLES**

A variable is defined as a meaningful name given to the data storage location in computer memory. When using a variable, we actually refer to address of the memory where the data is stored. C language supports two basic kinds of variables—numeric and character.

**2.10.1 Numeric Variables**

Numeric variables can be used to store either integer values or floating point values. While an integer value is a whole number without a fraction part or decimal point a floating point value can have a decimal point.

Numeric variables may also be associated with modifiers like short, long, signed, and unsigned. The difference between signed and unsigned numeric variables is that signed variables can be either negative or positive but unsigned variables can only be positive. Therefore, by using an unsigned variable we can increase the maximum positive range. When we do not specify the signed/unsigned modifier, C language automatically takes it as a signed variable. To declare an unsigned variable, the unsigned modifier must be explicitly added during the declaration of the variable.

**2.10.2 Character Variables**

Character variables can include any letter from the alphabet or from the ASCII chart and numbers 0-9 that are given within single quotes. In C, a number that is given in single quotes is not the same as a number without them. This is because 2 is treated as an integral value but '2' is a considered character not an integer.

**2.10.3 Declaring Variables**

Each variable to be used in the program must be declared. To declare a variable, specify the data type of the variable followed by its name. The data type indicates the kind of data that the variable will store. Variable names should always be meaningful and must reflect the purpose of their usage in the program. The memory location of the variable is of importance to the compiler only and not to the programmer. Programmers must only be concerned with accessing data through their symbolic names. In C, variable declaration always ends with a semicolon, for example:

```
int emp_num;
float salary;
char grade;
double balance_amount;
unsigned short int acc_no;
```

In C variables can be declared at any place in the program but two things must be kept in mind. First, variables should be declared before using them. Second, variables should be declared closest to their first point of use to make the source code easier to maintain.

C allows multiple variables of the same type to be declared in one statement. So the following statement is absolutely legal in C.

```
float temp_in_celsius, temp_in_fahrenheit;
```

In C variables are declared at three basic places as follows:

- When a variable is declared inside a function it is known as a local variable.
- When a variable is declared in the definition of function parameters it is known as formal parameter (we will study this in the chapter on Functions).
- When the variable is declared outside all functions, it is known as a global variable.

Note: A variable cannot be of type void.

**2.10.4 Initializing Variables**

While declaring the variables, we can also initialize them with some value. For example,

```
int emp_num = 7;
float salary = 5000;
char grade = 'A';
double balance_amount = 100000000;
```

The initializer applies only to the variable defined immediately before it. Therefore, the statement

```
int count, flag = 1;
```

initializes the variable flag and not count. If you want both the variables to be declared in a single statement then write,

```
int count = 0, flag = 1;
```

When variables are declared but not initialized they usually contain garbage values (there are exceptions to this that we will study later).

**2.11 CONSTANTS**

Constants are identifiers whose value does not change. Variables can change their value at any time but constants

can never change their value. Constants are used to define fixed values like pi or the charge on an electron so that their value does not get changed in the program even by mistake.

A constant is an explicit data value specified by the programmer. The value of the constant is known to the compiler at the compile time. C allows the programmer to specify constants of integer type, floating point type, character type, and string type (Figure 2.8).

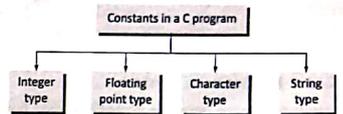


Figure 2.8 Constants in C

**2.11.1 Integer Constant**

A constant of integer type consists of a sequence of digits. For example, 1, 34, 567, 8907 are valid integer constants. A literal integer like 1234 is of type int by default. For a long integer constant the literal is succeeded with either 'L' or 'l' (like 1234567L). Similarly, an unsigned int literal is written with a 'U' or 'u' suffix (ex. 12U). Therefore, 1234L, 1234l, 1234U, 1234u, 1234LU, 1234lu are all valid integer constants.

Integer literals can be expressed in decimal, octal or hexadecimal notation. By default an integer is expressed in decimal notation. Decimal integers consist of a set of digits, 0 through 9, preceded by an optional - or + sign. Examples of decimal integer constants include: 123, -123, +123, and 0.

While writing integer constants, embedded spaces, commas, and non-digit characters are not allowed. Therefore, integer constants given below are totally invalid in C.

```
123 456 12,34,567 $123
```

An integer constant preceded by a zero (0) is an octal number. Octal integers consist of a set of digits, 0 through 7. Examples of octal integers include

```
012 0 01234
```

Similarly, an integer constant is expressed in hexadecimal notation if it is preceded with 0x or 0X. Hexadecimal



But what if we want to assign value to variable that is inputted by the user at run-time. This is done by using the `scanf` function that reads data from the keyboard. Similarly, for outputting results of the program, `printf` function is used that sends results out to a terminal. Like `printf` and `scanf`, there are different functions in C that can carry out the input/output operations. These functions are collectively known as standard Input Output Library. A program that uses standard input/output functions must contain the statement

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

at the beginning of the program

2.12.3 printf()

The `printf` function (stands for print formatting) is used to display information required by the user and also prints the values of the variables. For this, the `printf` function takes data values, converts them to a text stream using formatting functions specified in a control string and passes the resulting text stream to the standard output. The control string may contain zero or more conversion specifications, textual data, and control characters to be displayed (Figure 2.11).

Each data value to be formatted into the text stream is described using a separate conversion specification in the control string. The specification in the control string describes the data value's type size and specific format information as shown in Figure 2.11.

The syntax of `printf` function can be given as `printf ("control string", variable list);`

The function accepts two parameters—control string and variable list. The control string may also contain and text to be printed like instructions to the user, captions, identifiers, or any other text to make the output readable. In some `printf` statements you may find only a text string that has to be displayed on screen (as seen in the first program that prints `hello world`). The control characters program that prints `hello world`. The control characters can also be included in the `printf` statement. These control characters include `\n`, `\t`, `\r`, `\a`, etc.

After the control string, the function can have as many additional arguments as specified in the control string. The parameter control string in the `printf()` is nothing but a C string that contains the text that has to be written on to the standard output device.

Note that there must be enough arguments otherwise, the result will be come completely unpredictable. However, if by mistake you specify more number of arguments, the excess arguments will simply be ignored. The prototype of the control string can be as given below.

```
%(flags) [width] [.precision] [length] specifier
```

Each control string must begin with a `%` sign. The `%` character specifies how the next variable in the list of variables has to be printed. After `%` sign follows.

Flags specify output justification such as decimal point, numerical sign, trailing zeros or octal, decimal, or hexadecimal prefixes. Table 2.5 shows the different types of flags with their description.

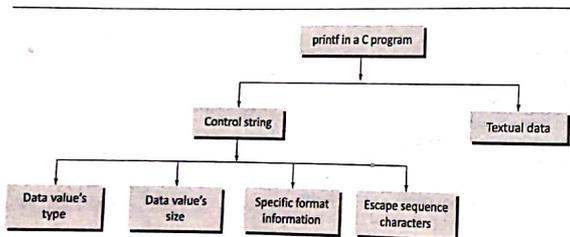


Figure 2.11 The printf() in C

Table 2.5 Flags in printf()

Flags	Description
-	Left-justify within the data given field width
+	Displays the data with its numeric sign (either + or -)
#	Used to provide additional specifiers like <code>o</code> , <code>x</code> , <code>X</code> , <code>0</code> , <code>0x</code> , or <code>0X</code> for octal and hexadecimal values, respectively, for values different than zero.
0	The number is left-padded with zeros (0) instead of spaces

Note that when data is shorter than the specified width then by default the data is right justified. To left justify the data use minus sign (-) in the flags field.

When the data value to be printed is smaller than the width specified; then padding is used to fill the unused spaces. By default, the data is padded with blank spaces. If zero is used in the flag field then the data is padded with zeros. One thing to remember here is that zero flag is ignored when used with left justification because adding zeros after a number changes its value.

Width specifies the minimum number of characters to print after being padded with zeros or blank spaces, i.e., it specifies the minimum number of positions in the output. If data needs more space than specified, then `printf` overrides the width specified by the user. Width is a very important field especially when you have to align output in columns. However, if the user does not mention any width then the output will take just enough room for data.

Precision specifies the maximum number of characters to print.

- For integer specifiers (`d`, `i`, `o`, `u`, `x`, `X`): precision flag specifies the minimum number of digits to be written. However, if the value to be written is shorter than this number, the result is padded with leading zeros. Otherwise, if the value is longer, it is not truncated.
- For character strings, precision specifies the maximum number of characters to be printed.
- For floating point numbers, the precision flag specifies the number of decimal places to be printed.

Its format can be given as `.m`, where `m` specifies the number of decimal digits. When no precision modifier is specified, `printf` prints six decimal positions.

When both width and precision fields are used, width must be large enough to contain the integral value of the number, the decimal point and the number of digits after the decimal point. Therefore, a conversion specification `%7.3f` means print a floating point value of maximum 7 digits where 3 digits are allotted for the digits after the decimal point.

Length field can be explained as given in Table 2.6.

Table 2.6 Length Field in printf()

Length	Description
h	When the argument is a short int or unsigned short int.
l	When the argument is a long int or unsigned long int for integer specifiers.
L	When the argument is a long double (used for floating point specifiers)

Specifier is used to define the type and the interpretation of the value of the corresponding argument (Table 2.7).

Table 2.7 Specifier field in printf()

Type	Qualifying Input
c	For single character
d	For decimal values
f	For floating point numbers
E, e	Floating point numbers in exponential format
G, g	Floating point numbers in the shorter of e format
o	For octal number
s	For a sequence of (string of) characters
u	For unsigned decimal value
x, X	For hexadecimal value

Note that if the user specifies a wrong specifier then some strange things will be seen on the screen and the error might propagate to other values in the `printf()` list.

The most simple printf statement is

```
printf ("Welcome to the world of C
language");
```

When executed, the function prompts the message enclosed in the quotation to be displayed on the screen.

**Examples**

```
printf("\n Result: %d%c%f", 12, 'a', 2.3);
Result:12a2.3
printf("\n Result: %d %c %f", 12, 'a', 2.3);
Result:12 a 2.3
printf("\n Result: %d\t%c\t%f", 12, 'a', 2.3);
Result:12 a 2.3
printf("\n Result: %d\t%c\t%6.2f", 12, 'a',
245.37154);
Result:12 a 245.37
printf("\n Result: %5d \t %x \t %fx", 234,
234, 234);
Result: 234 EA 0xEA
printf("\n The number is %6d", 12);
The number is 12
printf("\n The number is %2d", 1234);
The number is 1234
printf("\n The number is %6d", 1234);
The number is 1234
printf("\n The number is %-6d", 1234);
The number is 1234_ // 2 _ indicates 2
white space
printf("\n The number is %06d", 1234);
The number is 001234
printf("\n The price of this item is %9.2f
rupees", 123.456);
The price of this item is 00123.45 rupees
printf("\n This is \so\ beautiful");
```

**Programming Tip:** Not placing a comma after the format string in a read or write statement is a compiler error.

```
This is 'so' beautiful
printf("\n This is \so\
beautiful");
This is "so" beautiful
printf("\n This is \\ so
beautiful ");
This is \ so beautiful
```

```
printf("\na=|%-7.2f|b=%0+7.2f|c=%-0+8.2f",
1.2, 1.2, 1.2);
a = +1.20 b = 0001.20 c = 1.20
```

(Note that in this example, - means left justify, + means display the sign, 7 specifies the width, and 2 specifies the precision.)

```
printf("\n %7.4f \n %7.2f \n %-7.2f \n %f
\n %10.2e \n %11.4e \n %-10.2e \n %e",
98.7654, 98.7654, 98.7654, 98.7654,
98.7654, 98.7654, 98.7654, 98.7654);
98.7654
98.77
98.77 -
98.7654
9.88e+01
9.8765e+01
9.88e+01
9.876540e+01
```

```
char ch = 'A';
printf("\n %c \n %3c \n %5c", ch, ch, ch);
A
A
A
```

**Programming Tip:** Placing an address operator with a variable in the printf statement will generate a run-time error.

```
char str[] = "Good Morning";
printf("\n %s", str);
printf("\n %20s", str);
printf("\n %20.10s", str);
printf("\n %7s", str);
printf("\n %-20.10s", str);
printf("\n %7a", str);
```

```
Good Morning
Good Morning
Good Morni
Good Morni
Good Morni
Good Morning
```

(Note that in the last printf statement the complete string "Good Morning" is printed. This is because if data needs more space than specified, then printf overrides the width specified by the user.)

**2.12.4 scanf()**

The function scanf() stands for scan formatting and is used to read formatted data from the keyboard. The scanf

function takes a text stream from the keyboard, extracts and formats data from the stream according to a format control string and then stores the data in specified program variables. The syntax of the scanf() can be given as,

```
scanf("control string", arg1, arg2, arg3,
....., argn);
```

**Note** The minimum field width and precision specifiers are usually constants. However, they may also be provided by arguments to printf(). This is done by using the \* modifier as shown in the printf statement below.

```
printf("%*. *E", 10, 4, 1234.34);
```

Here, the minimum field width is 10, the precision is 4, and the value to be displayed is 1234.34.

The control string specifies the type and format of the data that has to be obtained from the keyboard and stored in the memory locations pointed by the arguments arg1, arg2, ..., argn, i.e., the arguments are actually the variable addresses where each piece of data are to be stored.

The prototype of the control string can be give as:

```
[=%[*] [width] [modifiers] type=]
```

Here \* is an optional argument that suppresses assignment of the input field, i.e., it indicates that data should be read from the stream but ignored (not stored in the memory location).

**Width** is an optional argument that specifies the maximum number of characters to be read. However, fewer characters will be read if the scanf function encounters a white space or an unconvertible character because the moment scanf encounters a white space character it will stop processing further.

**Modifiers** is an optional argument that can be h, l, or fields L for the data pointed by the corresponding additional arguments. Modifier h is used for short int or unsigned short int, l is used for long int, unsigned long int, or double values. Finally, L is used for long double data values.

**Type** specifies the type of data that has to be read. It also indicates how this data is expected to be read from the

user. The type specifiers for scanf function are given in Table 2.8.

**Table 2.8** Type specifiers for scanf()

Type	Qualifying input
c	For single character
d	For decimal values
F	For floating point numbers
E, e	Floating point numbers in exponential format
G, g	Floating point numbers in the shorter of e format
o	For octal number
s	For a sequence of (string of) characters
u	For unsigned decimal value
x, X	For hexadecimal value

The scanf function ignores any blank spaces, tabs, and newlines entered by the user. The function simply returns the number of input fields successfully scanned and stored.

We will not discuss functions in detail in this chapter. So understanding scanf function in depth will be a bit difficult here, but for now just understand that the scanf function is used to store values in memory locations associated with variables. For this, the function should have the address of the variables. The address of the variable is denoted by an '&' sign followed by the name of the variable.

**Note** Whenever data is read from the keyboard, there is always a return character from a previous read operation. So we should always code at least one white space character in the conversion specification in order to flush that whitespace character. For example, to read two or more data values together in a single scanf statement, we must insert a white space between two fields as shown below:

```
scanf ("%d %c", &i, &ch);
```

Now let us quickly summarize the rules to use a scanf function in our C programs.

**Rule 1:** The scanf function works until:

- (a) the maximum number of characters has been processed.
- (b) a white space character is encountered, or
- (c) an error is detected.

**Rule 2:** Every variable that has to be processed must have a conversion specification associated with it. Therefore, the following scanf statement will generate an error as num3 has no conversion specification associated with it.

```
scanf("%d %d", &num1, &num2, &num3);
```

**Rule 3:** There must be a variable address for each conversion specification. Therefore, the following scanf statement will generate an error as no variable address is given for the third conversion specification.

```
scanf("%d %d %d", &num1, &num2);
```

Remember that the ampersand operator (&) before each variable name specifies the address of that variable name.

**Rule 4:** A fatal error would be generated if the format string is ended with a white space character.

**Rule 5:** The data entered by the user must match the character specified in the control string (except white space or a conversion specification), otherwise an error will be generated and scanf will stop its processing. For example, consider the scanf statement given below.

```
scanf("%d / %d", &num1, &num2);
```

Here, the slashes in the control string are neither white space characters nor a part of conversion specification, so the users must enter data of the form 21/46.

**Rule 6:** Input data values must be separated by spaces.

**Rule 7:** Any unread data value will be considered as a part of the data input in the next call to scanf.

**Rule 8:** When the field width specifier is used, it should be large enough to contain the input data size.

Look at the code given below that shows how we input values in variables of different data types.

```
int num;
scanf("%d", &num);
```

The scanf function reads an integer value (because the type specifier is %d) into the address or the memory location pointed by num.

```
float salary;
scanf("%f", &salary);
```

The scanf function reads a floating point number (because the type specifier is %f) into the address or the memory location pointed by salary.

```
char ch;
scanf("%c", &ch);
```

The scanf function reads a single character (because the type specifier is %c) into the address or the memory location pointed by ch.

```
char str[10];
scanf("%s", str);
```

The scanf function reads a string or a sequence of characters (because the type specifier is %s) into the address or the memory location pointed by str. Note that in case of reading string, we do not use the & sign in the scanf function. This will be discussed in the chapter on Strings.

**Programming Tip:** A compiler error will be generated if the read and write parameters are not separated by commas.

Look at the code given below which combines reading of variables of different data types in one single statement.

```
int num;
float fnum;
char ch;
char str[10];
scanf("%d %f %c %s", &num, &fnum, &ch, str);
```

Look at the scanf statement given below for the same code. The statement ignores the character variable and does not store it (as it is preceded by \*).

```
scanf("%d %f %*c %s", &num, &fnum, &ch, str);
```

Remember that if an attempt is made to read a value that does not match the expected data type, the scanf function will not read any further and would immediately return the values read.

### 2.12.5 Examples printf/scanf

Look at the code given of below that shows how we output values of variables of different data types.

```
int num;
scanf("%d", &num);
printf("%d", num);
```

The printf function prints an integer value (because the type specifier is %d) pointed by num on the screen.

```
float salary;
scanf("%f", &salary);
printf("%.2f", salary);
```

The printf function prints the floating point number (because the type specifier is %f) pointed by salary on the screen. Here, the control string specifies that only two digits must be displayed after the decimal point.

```
char ch;
scanf("%c", &ch);
printf("%c", ch);
```

The printf function prints a single character (because the type specifier is %c) pointed by ch on the screen.

```
char str[10];
scanf("%s", str);
```

The printf function prints a string or a sequence of characters (because the type specifier is %s) pointed by str on the screen.

```
scanf("%2d %5d", &num1, &num2);
```

The scanf statement will read two integer numbers. The first integer number will have two digits while the second can have maximum of 5 digits.

Look at the code given below which combines printing all these variables of different data types in one single statement.

```
int num;
float fnum;
char ch;
char str[10];
double dnum;
short snum;
long int lnum;

printf("\n Enter the values : ");
scanf("%d %f %c %s %e %hd %ld", &num, &fnum, &ch, str, &dnum, &snum, &lnum);

printf("\n num = %d \n fnum = %f \n ch = %c \n str = %s \n dnum = %e \n snum = %hd \n lnum = %ld", num, fnum, ch, str, dnum, snum, lnum);
```

**Note:** In the printf statement, '\n', is called the newline character and is used to print the succeeding text on the new line. The following output will be generated on execution of the print function.

```
Enter the values
2 3456.443 a abcde 24.321E-2 1 12345678
num = 2
fnum = 3456.44
ch = a
str = abcde
dnum = 0.24321
snum = 1
lnum = 12345678
```

Remember one thing that scanf terminates as soon as it encounters a white space character so if your enter the string as abc def, then only abc is assigned to str.

1. Find out the output of the following program.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int a, b;
    printf("\n Enter two four digit numbers: ");
    scanf("%2d %4d", &a, &b);
    printf("\n The two numbers are: %d and %d", a, b);
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter two four digit numbers : 1234 5678
The two numbers are : 12 and 34
```

**Programming Tip:** Using an incorrect specifier for the data type being read or written will generate a run-time error.

Here, the variable a is assigned the value 12 because it is specified as %2d, so it will accept only the first two digits. The rest of the number will be assigned to b. The value 5678 that is unread will be assigned to the first variable in the next call to the scanf function.



The %n specifier is used to assign the number of characters read till the point at which the %n was encountered to the variable pointed to by the corresponding argument. The code fragment given below illustrates its usage.

```
int count;
printf("Hello %nWorld!", &count);
printf("%d", count);
```

The output would be—Hello World! 6 because 6(H, e, l, l, o,) is the number of characters read before the %n modifier.

2. Write a program to demonstrate the use of printf statement to print values of variables of different data types.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    // Declare and initialize variables
    int num = 7;
    float amt = 123.45;
    char code = 'A';
    double pi = 3.1415926536;
    long int population_of_india =
    10000000000;
    char msg[] = "Hi";

    // Print the values of variables
    printf("\n NUM = %d \t AMT = %f \t CODE
    = %c \n PI = %e \t POPULATION OF INDIA =
    %ld \n MESSAGE = %s", num, amt, code, pi,
    population_of_india, msg);
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
NUM = 7
AMT = 123.45000
CODE = A
PI = 3.141590e+00
POPULATION OF INDIA = 10000000000
MESSAGE = Hi
```

3. Write a program to demonstrate the use of printf and scanf statements to read and print values of variables of different data types.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num;
    float amt;
    char code;
    double pi;
    long int population_of_india;
    char msg[10];

    printf("\n Enter the value of num : ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    printf("\n Enter the value of amt : ");
    scanf("%f", &amt);
    printf("\n Enter the value of pi : ");
    scanf("%e", &pi);
    printf("\n Enter the population of india : ");
    scanf("%ld", &population_of_india);
    printf("\n Enter the value of code : ");
    scanf("%c", &code);
    printf("\n Enter the message : ");
    scanf("%s", msg);

    printf("\n NUM = %d \n AMT = %f \n PI =
    %e \n POPULATION OF INDIA = %ld \n CODE
    = %c \n MESSAGE = %s", num, amt, code,
    pi, population_of_india, msg);
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter the value of num : 5
Enter the value of amt : 123.45
Enter the value of pi : 3.14159
Enter the population of india : 12345
Enter the value of code : c
Enter the message : Hello
```

```
NUM = 5
AMT = 123.45000
PI = 3.141590e+00
POPULATION OF INDIA = 12345
CODE = c
MESSAGE = Hello
```

4. Write a program to calculate the area of a triangle using Hero's formula.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>
```

```

int main()
{
    float a, b, c, area, S;

    printf("\n Enter the lengths of the three
        sides of the triangle : ");
    scanf("%f %f %f", &a, &b, &c);
    S = ( a + b + c)/2;

    // sqrt is a mathematical function defined
    in math.h header file
    area = sqrt(S*(S-a)*(S-b)*(S-c));
    printf("\n Area = %f", area);
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the lengths of the three sides of the
triangle : 12 16 20
Area = 96

```

**5. Write a program to calculate the distance between two points.**

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>

int main()
{
    int x1, x2, y1, y2;
    float distance;
    printf("\n Enter the x and y coordinates
        of the first point : ");
    scanf("%d %d", &x1, &y1);
    printf("\n Enter the x and y coordinates
        of the second point :");
    scanf("%d %d", &x2, &y2);

    // sqrt and pow are mathematical
    functions defined in math.h header file
    distance = sqrt(pow((x2-x1), 2)+pow((y2-
        y1), 2));
    printf("\n Distance = %f", distance);
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the x and y coordinates of the first
point : 2 5
Enter the x and y coordinates of the second
point : 3 7
Distance = 2.236068

```

**2.12.6 Detecting Errors During Data Input**

When the `scanf` function completes reading all the data values, it returns number of values that are successfully read. This return value can be used to determine whether there was any error while reading the input. For example, the statement,

```
scanf("%d %f %c", &a, &b, &c);
```

will return 3 if the user enters, say,

```
12 12.34 A
```

It will return 1 if the user enters erroneous data like

```
12 ABC 12.34
```

This is because a string was entered while the user was expecting a floating point value. So, the `scanf` reads only first data value correctly and then terminates as soon as it encounters a mismatch between the type of data expected and the type of data entered.

**2.13 OPERATORS IN C**

An operator is defined as a symbol that specifies the mathematical, logical, or relational operation to be performed. C language supports a lot of operators to be used in expressions. These operators can be categorized into the following major groups:

- Arithmetic operators
- Relational operators
- Equality operators
- Logical operators
- Unary operators
- Conditional operators
- Bitwise operators
- Assignment operators
- Comma operator
- sizeof operator

In this section, we will discuss about all these operators.

**2.13.1 Arithmetic Operators**

Consider three variables declared as,

```
int a=9, b=3, result;
```

We will use these variables to explain arithmetic operators. Table 2.9 shows the arithmetic operators, their syntax, and usage in C language.

**Table 2.9** Arithmetic operators

Operation	Operator	Syntax	Comment	Result
Multiply	*	a * b	result = a * b	27
Divide	/	a / b	result = a/b	3
Addition	+	a + b	result = a + b	12
Subtraction	-	a - b	result = a - b	6
Modulus	%	a % b	result = a % b	0

In Table 2.9, a and b (on which the operator is applied) are called operands. Arithmetic operators can be applied to any integer or floating-point number. The addition, subtraction, and multiplication (+, -, and \*) operators perform the usual arithmetic operations in C programs, so you are already familiar with these operators.

However, the operator % must be new to you. The modulus operator (%) finds the remainder of an integer division. This operator can be applied only to integer operands and cannot be used on float or double operands. Therefore, the code given below generates a compiler error.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    float c = 20.0;
    printf("\n Result = %f", c % 5);
    // WRONG. Modulus operator is being applied
    // to a float operand
    return 0;
}
```

While performing modulo division, the sign of the result is always the sign of the first operand (the dividend). Therefore,

$$16 \% 3 = 1 \quad -16 \% 3 = -1$$

$$16 \% -3 = 1 \quad -16 \% -3 = -1$$

When both operands of the division operator (/) are integers, the division is performed as an integer division. Integer division always results in an integer result. So, the result is always rounded-off by ignoring the remainder. Therefore,

$$9 / 4 = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad -9 / 4 = -3$$

From the above observation, we can conclude two things. If op1 and op2 are integers and the quotient is not an integer, then we have two cases:

- If op1 and op2 have the same sign, then op1/op2 is the largest integer less than the true quotient.
- If op1 and op2 have opposite signs, then op1/op2 is the smallest integer greater than the true quotient.

Note that it is not possible to divide any number by zero. This is an illegal operation that results in a run-time division-by-zero exception, thereby terminating the program.

Except for modulus operator, all other arithmetic operators can accept a mix of integer and floating point numbers. If both operands are integers, the result will be an integer. If one or both operands are floating point numbers, then the result would also be a floating point number.

All the arithmetic operators bind from left to right. As in mathematics the multiplication, division, and modulus operators have higher precedence over the addition and subtraction operators, i.e., if an arithmetic expression consists of a mix of operators, then multiplication, division, and modulus will be carried out first in a left to right order, before any addition and subtraction could be performed. For example,

$$3 + 4 * 7$$

$$= 3 + 28$$

$$= 31$$

6. Write a program to perform addition, subtraction, division, integer division, multiplication, and modulo division on two integer numbers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int num1, num2;
    int add_res=0, sub_res=0, mul_res=0,
        idiv_res=0, modiv_res=0;
    float fdiv_res=0.0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the first number : ");
    scanf("%d", &num1);
    printf("\n Enter the second number : ");
    scanf("%d", &num2);

    add_res= num1 + num2;
    sub_res=num1 - num2;
    mul_res = num1 * num2;
    idiv_res = num1/num2;
    modiv_res = num1%num2;
    fdiv_res = (float)num1/num2;
```

```

printf("\n %d + %d = %d", num1, num2,
    add_res);
printf("\n %d - %d = %d", num1, num2,
    sub_res);
printf("\n %d x %d = %d", num1, num2,
    mul_res);
printf("\n %d / %d = %d (Integer
    Division)", num1, num2, idiv_res);
printf("\n %d %% %d = %d (Moduluo
    Division)", num1, num2, modiv_res);
printf("\n %d / %d = %.2f (Normal
    Division)", num1, num2, fdiv_res);
return 0;
}

```

#### Output

```

Enter the first number : 9
Enter the second number : 7
9 + 7 = 16
9 - 7 = 2
9 * 7 = 63
9 / 7 = 1 (Integer division)
9 % 7 = 2 (Moduluo division)
9 / 7 = 1.29 (Normal division)

```

7. Write a program to perform addition, subtraction, division, and multiplication on two floating point numbers.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    float num1, num2;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the first number: ");
    scanf("%f", &num1);
    printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
    scanf("%f", &num2);

    printf("\n %f + %f = %f", num1, num2,
        num1 + num2);
    printf("\n %f - %f = %f", num1, num2,
        num1 - num2);
    printf("\n %f X %f = %f", num1, num2,
        num1 * num2);
    printf("\n %f / %f = %f ", num1, num2,
        num1 / num2);
    return 0;
}

```

#### Output

```

Enter the first number : 3.5
Enter the second number : 1.2
3.5 + 1.2 = 4.700000
3.5 - 1.2 = 2.300000
3.5 * 1.2 = 4.200000
3.5 / 1.2 = 2.196667

```

8. Write a program to subtract two long integers.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    long int num1= 1234567, num2, diff=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number: ");
    scanf("%ld", &num2);
    diff = num1 - num2;
    printf("\n Difference = %ld", diff);
    return 0;
}

```

#### Output

```

Enter the number: 1234
Difference = 1233333

```

### 2.13.2 Relational Operators

A relational operator, also known as a comparison operator, is an operator that compares two values. Expressions that contain relational operators are called *relational expressions*. Relational operators return true or false value, depending on whether the conditional relationship between the two operands holds or not.

For example, to test the expression, if  $x$  is less than  $y$ , relational operator  $<$  is used as  $x < y$ . This expression will return TRUE if  $x$  is less than  $y$ ; otherwise the value of the expression will be FALSE.

Relational operators can be used to determine the relationships between the operands. These relationships are illustrated in Table 2.10.

**Table 2.10** Relational operators

Operator	Meaning	Example
$<$	Less than	$3 < 5$ gives 1
$>$	Greater than	$7 > 9$ gives 0
$>=$	Less than or equal to	$100 >= 100$ gives 1
$<=$	Greater than equal to	$50 >= 100$ gives 0

The relational operators are evaluated from left to right. The operands of a relational operator must evaluate to a number. Characters are considered valid operands since they are represented by numeric values in the computer system. So, if we say, 'A' < 'B', where A is 65 and B is 66 then the result would be 1 as 65 < 66.

When arithmetic expressions are used on either side of a relational operator, then first the arithmetic expression will be evaluated and then the result will be compared. This is because arithmetic operators have a higher priority over relational operators.

However, relational operators should not be used for comparing strings as this will result in comparing the address of the string and not their contents. You must be wondering why so? The answer to this question will be clear to you in the later chapters. A few examples of relational operators are given below.

If x=1, y=2, and z = 3, then	
<i>Expressions that evaluate to TRUE</i>	<i>Expressions that evaluate to FALSE</i>
Note that these expressions are true because their value is not zero.	Note that these expressions are false because their value is zero.
(x)	(x - 1)
(x + y)	(!(z))
(z * 9)	(0 * y)
(z + 10 - 5 * a)	(y == 1)
(z - x + y)	(y % 2)

**Note** Although blank spaces are allowed between an operand and an operator, no space is permitted between the components of an operator (like >= is not allowed, it should be >=). Therefore, writing x==y is correct but writing x == y is not acceptable in C language.

9. Write a program to show the use of relational operators.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main ()
{
    int x=10, y=20;
    printf("\n %d < %d = %d", x, y, x<y);
    printf("\n %d == %d = %d", x, y, x==y);
    printf("\n %d != %d = %d", x, y, x!=y);
}
```

```
printf("\n %d > %d = %d", x, y, x>y);
printf("\n %d >= %d = %d", x, y, x>=y);
printf("\n %d <= %d = %d", x, y, x<=y);
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
10 < 20 = 0
10 == 20 = 1
10 != 20 = 1
10 > 20 = 0
10 >= 20 = 0
10 <= 20 = 1
```

**2.13.3 Equality Operators**

C language supports two kinds of equality operators to compare their operands for strict equality or inequality. They are equal to (==) and not equal to (!=) operators. The equality operators have lower precedence than the relational operators.

The equal-to operator (==) returns true (1) if operands on both the sides of the operator have the same value; otherwise, it returns false (0). On the contrary, the not-equal-to operator (!=) returns true (1) if the operands do not have the same value; else it returns false (0). Table 2.11 summarizes equality operators.

**Table 2.11** Equality operators

Operator	Meaning
==	Returns 1 if both operands are equal, 0 otherwise
!=	Returns 1 if operands do not have the same value, 0 otherwise

**2.13.4 Logical Operators**

C language supports three logical operators—logical AND (&&), logical OR (||), and logical NOT (!). As in case of arithmetic expressions, the logical expressions are evaluated from left to right.

**Logical AND**

Logical AND operator is used to simultaneously evaluate two conditions or expressions with relational operators. If expressions on both the sides (left and right side) of the logical operator is true then the whole expression is

true. The truth table of logical AND operator is given in Table 2.12.

**Table 2.12** Truth table of logical AND

A	B	A && B
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

For example,

`(a < b) && (b > c)`

The expression to the left is `(a < b)` and that on the right is `(b > c)`. The whole expression is true only if both expressions are true, i.e., if `b` is greater than `a` and `c`.

### Logical OR

Logical OR operator is used to simultaneously evaluate two conditions or expressions with relational operators. If one or both the expressions on the left side and right side of the logical operator is true then the whole expression is true. The truth table of logical OR operator is given in Table 2.13.

**Table 2.13** Truth table of logical OR

A	B	A    B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

For example,

`(a < b) || (b > c)`

The expression to the left is `(a < b)` and that on the right is `(b > c)`. The whole expression is true if either `b` is greater than `a` or `b` is greater than `c`.

### Logical NOT

The logical NOT operator takes a single expression and negates the value of the expression. That is, logical NOT

produces a zero if the expression evaluates to a non-zero value and produces a 1 if the expression produces a zero. In other words, it just reverses the value of the expression. The truth table of logical NOT operator is given in Table 2.14.

**Table 2.14** Truth table of Logical NOT

A	!A
0	1
1	0

For example,

```
int a = 10, b;
b = !a;
```

Now the value of `b = 0`. This is because value of `a = 10`. `!a = 0`. The value of `!a` is assigned to `b`, hence, the result.

Logical expressions operate in a short cut fashion and stop the evaluation when it knows for sure what the final outcome would be. For example, in a logical expression involving logical AND, if the first operand is false, then the second operand is not evaluated as it is for sure that the result will be false. Similarly, for a logical expression involving logical OR, if the first operand is true, then the second operand is not evaluated as it is for sure that the result will be true.

But this approach has a side effect. For example, consider the following expression:

```
(x > 9) && (y > 0)
OR
(x > 9) || (y > 0)
```

In the above logical AND expression if the first operand is false then the entire expression will not be evaluated and thus the value of `y` will never be incremented. Same is the case with the logical OR expression. If the first expression is true then the second will never be evaluated and value of `y` will never be incremented.

### 2.13.5 Unary Operators

Unary operators act on single operands. C language supports three unary operators unary minus, increment, and decrement operators.

### Unary Minus

Unary minus (-) operator is strikingly different from the binary arithmetic operator that operates on two operands and subtracts the second operand from the first operand. When an operand is preceded by a minus sign, the unary operator negates its value. For example, if a number is positive then it becomes negative when preceded with a unary minus operator. Similarly, if the number is negative, it becomes positive after applying the unary minus operator. For example,

```
int a, b = 10;
a = -(b);
```

The result of this expression is  $a = -10$ , because a variable  $b$  has a positive value. After applying unary minus operator (-) on the operand  $b$ , the value becomes  $-10$ , which indicates it as a negative value.

### Increment Operator (++) and Decrement Operator (--)

The increment operator is a unary operator that increases the value of its operand by 1. Similarly, the decrement operator decreases the value of its operand by 1. For example,  $--x$  is equivalent to writing  $x = x - 1$ .

The increment/decrement operators have two variants—**prefix** and **postfix**. In a prefix expression ( $++x$  or  $--x$ ), the operator is applied before an operand is fetched for computation and thus, the altered value is used for the computation of the expression in which it occurs. On the contrary, in a postfix expression ( $x++$  or  $x--$ ) an operator is applied after an operand is fetched for computation. Therefore, the unaltered value is used for the computation of the expression in which it occurs.

Therefore, an important point to note about unary increment and decrement operators is that  $++x$  is not the same as  $x++$ . Similarly,  $--x$  is not the same as  $x--$ . Both  $++x$  and  $x++$  increment the value of  $x$  by 1. In the former case, the value of  $x$  is returned before it is incremented whereas, in the latter case, the value of  $x$  is returned after it is incremented. For example,

```
int x = 10, y;
y = x++;
```

is equivalent to writing

```
y = x;
x = x + 1;
```

whereas,

```
y = ++x;
```

is equivalent to writing

```
x = x + 1;
y = x;
```

The same principle applies to unary decrement operators. The unary operators have a higher precedence than the binary operators. If in an expression we have more than one unary operator then unlike arithmetic operators, they are evaluated from right to left.

When applying the increment or decrement operator, the operand must be a variable. This operator can never be applied to a constant or an expression. Therefore the following codes will generate a compiler error.



When postfix  $++$  or  $--$  is used with a variable in an expression, then the expression is evaluated first using the original value of the variable and then the variable is incremented or decremented by one.

Similarly, when prefix  $++$  or  $--$  is used with a variable in an expression, then the variable is first incremented or decremented and then the expression is evaluated using the new value of the variable.

10. Write a program to illustrate the use of unary prefix increment and decrement operators.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num = 3;

    // Using unary prefix increment operator
    printf("\n The value of num = %d", num);
    printf("\n The value of ++num = %d", ++num);
    printf("\n The new value of num = %d", num);

    // Using unary prefix decrement operator
    printf("\n\n The value of num = %d", num);
```

```

printf("\n The value of --num = %d", --num);
printf("\n The new value of num = %d", num);
return 0;
}

```

### Output

```

The value of num = 3
The value of ++num = 4
The new value of num = 4

The value of num = 4
The value of --num = 3
The new value of num = 3

```

11. Write a program to illustrate the use of unary postfix increment and decrement operators.

```

#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num = 3;

    // Using unary postfix increment operator
    printf("\n The value of num = %d", num);
    printf("\n The value of num++ = %d", num++);
    printf("\n The new value of num = %d", num);

    // Using unary postfix decrement operator
    printf("\n\n The value of num = %d", num);
    printf("\n The value of num-- = %d", num--);
    printf("\n The new value of num = %d", num);

    return 0;
}

```

### Output

```

The value of num = 3
The value of num++ = 3
The new value of num = 4

The value of num = 4
The value of num-- = 4
The new value of num = 3

```

## 2.13.6 Conditional Operator

The conditional operator or the ternary ( $?:$ ) is just like an **if-else** statement that can be within expressions. Such

an operator is useful in situations in which there are two or more alternatives for an expression. The syntax of the conditional operator is

$$\text{exp1 ? exp2 : exp3}$$

exp1 is evaluated first. If it is true, then exp2 is evaluated and becomes the result of the expression, otherwise exp3 is evaluated and becomes the result of the expression. For example,

$$\text{large} = (\text{a} > \text{b}) ? \text{a} : \text{b}$$

The conditional operator is used to find largest of two given numbers. First exp1, that is ( $\text{a} > \text{b}$ ) is evaluated. If a is greater than b, then large = a, else large = b. Hence, large is equal to either a or b but not both.

Hence, conditional operator is used in certain situations, replacing **if-else** condition phrases. Conditional operators make the program code more compact, more readable, and safer to use, as it is easier to check any error (if present) in one single line itself. Conditional operator is also known as ternary operator as it is neither a unary nor a binary operator; it takes *three* operands.

Since a conditional operator is itself an expression, it can be used as an operand of another conditional operation. That means C allows you to have nested conditional expressions. Consider the expression given below which illustrates this concept.

```

int a = 5, b = 3, c = 7, small;
small = (a < b ? (a < c ? a : c) : (b < c ? b : c));

```

12. Write a program to find the largest of two numbers using ternary operator.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int num1, num2, large;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the first number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num1);
    printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num2);

    large = num1 > num2 ? num1 : num2;
    printf("\n The largest number is: %d", large);
}

```

```

return 0;
}

```

## Output

```

Enter the first number: 23
Enter the second number: 34
The largest number is: 34

```

13. Write a program to find the largest of three numbers using ternary operator.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int num1, num2, num3, large;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the first number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num1);
    printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num2);
    printf("\n Enter the third number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num3);

    large = num1 > num2 ? (num1 > num3 ? num1 : num3) :
            (num2 > num3 ? num2 : num3);
    printf("\n The largest number is: %d",
        large);
    return 0;
}

```

## Output

```

Enter the first number: 12
Enter the second number: 34
Enter the third number: 23
The largest number is: 34

```

### 2.13.7 Bitwise Operators

As the name suggests, bitwise operators are those operators that perform operations at bit level. These operators include: bitwise AND, bitwise OR, bitwise XOR, and shift operators. The bitwise operators expect their operands to be integers and treat them as a sequence of bits.

#### Bitwise AND

The bitwise AND operator (&) is a small version of the boolean AND (&&) as it performs operation on bits instead of bytes, chars, integers, etc. When we use the bitwise AND operator, the bit in the first operand is ANDed with the corresponding bit in the second operand. The truth table is same as we had seen in logical AND operation, i.e., the bitwise AND operator compares each bit of its first operand with the corresponding bit of its second operand. If both bits are 1, the corresponding bit in the result is 1 and 0 otherwise. For example,

$$10101010 \ \& \ 01010101 = 00000000$$

In a C program, the & operator is used as follows.

```

int a = 10, b = 20, c=0;
c= a&b;

```

#### Bitwise OR

The bitwise OR operator (|) is a small version of the boolean OR (||) as it performs operation on bits instead of bytes, chars, integers, etc. When we use the bitwise OR operator, the bit in the first operand is ORed with the corresponding bit in the second operand. The truth table is same as we had seen in logical OR operation, i.e., the bitwise-OR operator compares each bit of its first operand with the corresponding bit of its second operand. If one or both bits are 1, the corresponding bit in the result is 1 and 0 otherwise. For example,

$$10101010 \ \& \ 01010101 = 11111111$$

In a C program, the | operator is used as follows.

```

int a = 10, b = 20, c=0;
c= a|b

```

#### Bitwise XOR

The bitwise XOR operator (^) performs operation on individual bits of the operands. When we use the bitwise XOR operator, the bit in the first operand is XORed with the corresponding bit in the second operand. The truth table of bitwise XOR operator is as shown in Table 2.15.

The bitwise XOR operator compares each bit of its first operand with the corresponding bit of its second operand. If one of the bits is 1, the corresponding bit in the result is 1 and 0 otherwise. For example,

$$10101010 \ \wedge \ 01010101 = 11111111$$

**Table 2.15** Truth table of bitwise XOR

A	B	A ^ B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

In a C program, the ^ operator is used as follows:

```
int a = 10, b = 20, c=0;
c= a^b
```

### Bitwise NOT

The bitwise NOT, or complement, is a unary operation that performs logical negation on each bit of the operand. By performing negation of each bit, it actually produces the 1s complement of the given binary value. Bitwise NOT operator sets the bit to 1 if it was initially 0 and sets it to 0 if it was initially 1. For example,

```
-10101011 = 01010100
```



Bitwise operators are used for testing the bits or shifting them left or right. Always remember that bitwise operators cannot be applied to float or double variables.

### Shift Operator

C supports two bitwise shift operators. They are shift-left (<<) and shift-right (>>). These operations are simple and are responsible for shifting bits either to the left or to the right. The syntax for a shift operation can be given as

```
operand op num
```

where the bits in operand are shifted left or right depending on the operator (left if the operator is << and right if the operator is >>) by the number of places denoted by num.

For example, if we have  $x = 0001\ 1101$ , then

```
x << 1 produces 0011 1010
```

When we apply a left-shift, every bit in  $x$  is shifted to the left by one place. So, the MSB (most significant bit) of  $x$  is lost, the LSB of  $x$  is set to 0.

Therefore, if we have  $x = 0001\ 1101$ , then  
 $x \ll 4$  produces 1010 0000.

If you observe carefully, you will notice that shifting once to the left multiplies the number by 2. Hence, multiple shifts of 1 to the left, results in multiplying the number by 2 over and over again.

On the contrary, when we apply a shift-right operator, every bit in  $x$  is shifted to the right by one place. So, the LSB (least significant bit) of  $x$  is lost, the MSB of  $x$  is set to 0. For example, if we have  $x = 0001\ 1101$ , then

```
x >> 1 produces = 0000 1110
```

Similarly, if we have  $x = 0001\ 1101$ , then

```
x << 4 produces 0000 0001.
```

If you observe carefully, you will notice that shifting once to the right divides the number by 2. Hence, multiple shifts of 1 to the right, results in dividing the number by 2 over and over again.

### 2.13.8 Assignment Operators

In C, the assignment operator is responsible for assigning values to the variables. While the equal sign (=) is the fundamental assignment operator, C language also supports other assignment operators that provide shorthand ways to represent common variable assignments.

When an equal sign is encountered in an expression, the compiler processes the statement on the right side of the sign and assigns the result to the variable on the left side. For example,

```
int x;
x = 10;
```

assigns the value 10 to variable  $x$ . If we have,

```
int x = 2, y = 3, sum = 0;
sum = x + y;
then sum = 5.
```

The assignment operator has right-to-left associativity, so the expression

```
a = b = c = 10;
```

is evaluated as

```
(a = (b = (c = 10)));
```

First 10 is assigned to  $c$ , then the value of  $c$  is assigned to  $b$ . Finally, the value of  $b$  is assigned to  $a$ .

The operand to the left of the assignment operator must always be a variable name. C does not allow any expression, constant, or function to be placed to the left of the assignment operator. Therefore, the statement  $a + b = 0$ , is invalid in C language.

To the right of the assignment operator you may have an arbitrary expression. In that case, the expression would be evaluated and the result would be stored in the location denoted by the variable name.

### Other Assignment Operators

C language supports a set of shorthand assignment operators of the form

```
variable op = expression
```

where *op* is a binary arithmetic operator.

Table 2.16 contains a list of other assignment operators that are supported by C.

The advantage of using shorthand assignment operators are as follows:

- Shorthand expressions are easier to write as the expression on the left side need not be repeated.
- The statement involving shorthand operators are easier to read as they are more concise.
- The statement involving shorthand operators are more efficient and easy to understand.

#### 14. Write a program to demonstrate the use of assignment operators.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num1 = 3, num2 = 5;
    printf("\n Initial value of num1 = %d and
        num2 = %d", num1, num2);
    num1 += num2 * 4 - 7;
    printf("\n After the evaluation of the
        expression num1 = %d and num2 = %d",
        num1, num2);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Initial value of num1 = 3 and num2 = 5
After the evaluation of the expression num1
= 16 and num2 = 5
```

### 2.13.9 Comma Operator

The comma operator in C takes two operands. It works by evaluating the first and discarding its value, and then evaluates the second and returns the value as the result of the expression. Comma separated operands when chained together are evaluated in left-to-right sequence with the right most value yielding the result of the expression. Among all the operators, the comma operator has the lowest precedence.

Therefore, when a comma operator is used, the entire expression evaluates to the value of the right expression. For example, the following statement assigns the value of *b* to *x*, then increments *a*, and then increments *b*.

```
int a=2, b=3, x=0;
x = (++a, b+=a);
```

Now, the value of *x* = 6.

### 2.13.10 Sizeof Operator

The operator `sizeof` is a unary operator used to calculate the size of data types. This operator can be applied to all data types. When using this operator, the keyword `sizeof` is followed by a type name, variable, or expression. The operator returns the size of the variable, data type, or expression in bytes, i.e., the `sizeof` operator is used to determine the amount of memory space that the variable/ expression/data type will take.

When a type name is used, it is enclosed in parentheses, but in case of variable names and expressions they can be specified with or without parentheses. A `sizeof` expression returns an unsigned value that specifies the space in bytes required by the data type, variable, or expression. For example, `sizeof(char)` returns 1, i.e., the size of a character data type. If we have,

```
int a = 10;
unsigned int result;
result = sizeof(a);
```

then `result = 2`, which is the space required to store the variable *a* in memory. Since *a* is an integer, it requires 2 bytes of storage space.

### 2.13.11 Operator Precedence Chart

C operators have two properties: *priority* and *associativity*. When an expression has more than one operator then it is

Table 2.16 Assignment Operators

Operator	Syntax	Equivalent to	Meaning	Example
/=	variable /= expression	variable = variable / expression	Divides the value of a variable by the value of an expression and assigns the result to the variable.	float a = 9.0; float b = 3.0; a /= b;
/=	variable /= expression	variable = variable / expression	Divides the value of a variable by the value of an expression and assigns the integer result to the variable.	int a = 9; int b = 3; a /= b;
*=	variable *= expression	variable = variable * expression	Multiplies the value of a variable by the value of an expression and assigns the result to the variable.	int a = 9; int b = 3; a *= b;
+=	variable += expression	variable = variable + expression	Adds the value of a variable to the value of an expression and assigns the result to the variable.	int a = 9; int b = 3; a += b;
--	variable -- expression	variable = variable - expression	Subtracts the value of the expression from the value of the variable and assigns the result to the variable.	int a = 9; int b = 3; a -= b;
&=	variable &= expression	variable = variable & expression	Perform the bitwise AND with the value of variable and value of the expression and assign the result in the variable	int a = 10; int b = 20; a &= b;
^=	variable ^= expression	variable = variable ^ expression	Perform the bitwise XOR with the value of variable and value of the expression and assign the result in the variable	int a = 10; int b = 20; a ^= b;
<<=	variable <<= amount	variable = variable << amount	Performs an arithmetic left shift (amount times) on the value of a variable and assigns the result back to the variable.	int a = 9; int b = 3; a <<= b;
>>=	variable >>= amount	variable = variable >> amount	Performs an arithmetic right shift (amount times) on the value of a variable and assigns the result back to the variable.	int a = 9; int b = 3; a >>= b;

the relative priorities of the operators with respect to each other that determine the order in which the expression will be evaluated. Associativity defines the direction in which the operator having the same precedence acts on the operands. It can be either left-to-right or right-to-left. Priority is given precedence over associativity to determine the order in which the expressions are evaluated. Associativity is then applied, if the need arises.

Table 2.17 lists the operators that C language supports in the order of their *precedence* (highest to lowest). The *associativity* indicates the order in which the operators of equal precedence in an expression are evaluated.

**Table 2.17** Operator precedence

Operator	Associativity	Operator	Associativity
() [] . -> ++ --	left-to-right		left-to-right
++ -- + - ! ~ (type) * & sizeof	right-to-left	^  	left-to-right
* / %	left-to-right	&&	left-to-right
+ -	left-to-right		left-to-right
<< >>	left-to-right	?:	right-to-left
< <= > >=	left-to-right	= += -= *= /= %= &= ^=  = <<= >>=	right-to-left
== !=	left-to-right	,	left-to-right
&	left-to-right		

You must be wondering why the priority of the assignment operator is so low. This is because the action of assignment is performed only when the entire computation is done. It is not uncommon for a programmer to forget the

priority of the operators while writing any program. So it is recommended that you use the parentheses operator to override default priorities. From Table 2.17 you can see that the parenthesis operator has the highest priority. So any operator placed within the parenthesis will be evaluated before any other operator.

**Example** Expressions Using the Precedence Chart

1.  $x = 3 * 4 + 5 * 6$   
 $= 12 + 5 * 6$   
 $= 12 + 30$   
 $= 42$
2.  $x = 3 * (4 + 5) * 6$   
 $= 3 * 9 * 6$   
 $= 27 * 6$   
 $= 162$
3.  $x = 3 * 4 \% 5 / 2$   
 $= 12 \% 5 / 2$   
 $= 2 / 2$   
 $= 1$
4.  $x = 3 * (4 \% 5) / 2$   
 $= 3 * 4 / 2$   
 $= 12 / 2$   
 $= 6$
5.  $x = 3 * 4 \% (5 / 2)$   
 $= 3 * 4 \% 2$   
 $= 12 \% 2$   
 $= 0$
6.  $x = 3 * ((4 \% 5) / 2)$   
 $= 3 * (4 / 2)$   
 $= 3 * 2$   
 $= 6$

Take the following variable declaration,

```
int a = 0, b = 1, c = -1;
float x = 2.5, y = 0.0;
```

If we write,

```
a = b = c = 7;
```

Since the assignment operator works from right-to-left, therefore

$c = 7$ . Then since  $b = c$ , therefore  $b = 7$ . Now  $a = b$ , so  $a = 7$ .

```
7. a += b -= c * 10
```

This is expanded as

```
a = a + (b = b - (c = c * 10))
= a + ( b = 1 - (-10))
```

```

= a + ( b = 11)
= 0 + 11
= 11

```

8. `--a * ( 5 + b) / 2 - c++ * b`  
`= --a * 6 / 2 - c++ * b`  
`= --a * 6 / 2 - -1 * b`

(Value of c has been incremented but its altered value will not be visible for the evaluation of this expression)

```
= -1 * 6 / 2 - -1 * 1
```

(Value of a has been incremented and its altered value will be used for the evaluation of this expression)

```

= -1 * 3 - -1 * 1
= -3 - -1 * 1
= -3 - -1
= -2

```

9. `a * b * c`  
`= (a * b) * c` (because associativity of \* is from left-to-right)  
`= 0`

10. `a && b`  
`= 0`

11. `a < b && c < b`  
`= 1`

12. `b + c || ! a`  
`= ( b + c) || (!a)`  
`= 1 || 1`  
`= 1`

13. `x * 5 && 5 || ( b / c)`  
`= ((x * 5) && 5) || (b / c)`  
`= (1.25 && 5) || (1/-1)`  
`= 1`

14. `a <= 10 && x >= 1 && b`  
`= ((a <= 10) && (x >= 1)) && b`  
`= 1 && 1 && 1`  
`= 1`

15. `!x || !c || b + c`  
`= ((!x) || (!c)) || (b + c)`  
`= 0 || 0 || 0`  
`= 0`

16. `x * y < a + b || c`  
`= ((x * y) < (a + b)) || c`  
`= 0 < 1 || -1`  
`= 1`

17. `(x > y) + !a || c++`  
`= ((x > y) + (!j)) || (c++)`  
`= 2.5 + 1 || 0`  
`= 1`

## 2.14 Programming Examples

15. Write a program to calculate the area of a circle.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    float radius;
    double area, circumference;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the radius of the circle: ");
    scanf("%f", &radius);
    area = 3.14 * radius * radius;
    circumference = 2 * 3.14 * radius;
    printf(" Area = %.2le", area);
    printf("\n CIRCUMFERENCE = %.2e",
    circumference);
    return 0;
}

```

### Output

```

Enter the radius of the circle:
Area = 153.86
CIRCUMFERENCE = 4.40e+01

```

16. Write a program to print the ASCII value of a character.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char ch;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any character: ");
    scanf("%c", &ch);
    printf("\n The ascii value of %c is:
    %d", ch, ch);
    return 0;
}

```

### Output

```

Enter any character: A
The ascii value of A is: 65

```

17. Write a program to read a character in upper case and then print it in lower case.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>

```

```
int main()
{
    char ch;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any character in upper
    case: ");
    scanf("%c", &ch);
    printf("\n The character in lower case
    is: %c", ch+32);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

Enter any character: A  
The character in lower case is: a

18. Write a program to print the digit at ones place of a number.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int num, digit_at_ones_place;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    digit_at_ones_place = num % 10;
    printf("\n The digit at ones place of %d
    is %d", num, digit_at_ones_place);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

Enter any number: 123  
The digit at ones place of 123 is 3

19. Write a program to swap two numbers using a temporary variable.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int num1, num2, temp;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the first number: ");
    scanf("%d",&num1);

    printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
    scanf("%d",&num2);

    temp = num1;
    num1 = num2;
```

```
num2=temp;
printf("\nThe first number is %d", num1);
printf("\nThe second number is %d", num2);
return 0;
}
```

Output

Enter the first number : 3  
Enter the second number : 5  
The first number is 5  
The second number is 3

20. Write a program to swap two numbers without using a temporary variable.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int num1, num2;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the first number: ");
    scanf("%d",&num1);

    printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
    scanf("%d",&num2);

    num1 = num1 + num2;
    num2= num1 - num2;
    num1 = num1 - num2;

    printf("\n The first number is %d", num1);
    printf("\n The second number is %d", num2);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

Enter the first number: 3  
Enter the second number: 5  
The first number is 5  
The second number is 3

21. Write a program to calculate average of two numbers. Also print their deviation.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
```

```

{
int num1, num2;
float avg, dev1, dev2;
printf("\n Enter the two numbers: ");
scanf("%d %d", &num1, &num2);
avg = (num1 + num2) / 2;
dev1 = num1 - avg;
dev2 = num2 - avg;
printf("\n AVERAGE = %.2f", avg);
printf("\n Deviation of first number =
%.2f", dev1);
printf("\n Deviation of second number =
%.2f", dev2);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the two numbers: 45 32
AVERAGE = 38.00
Deviation of first number = 7.00
Deviation of first number = -6.00

```

22. Write a program to convert degrees Fahrenheit into degrees celsius.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
float fahrenheit, celsius;
printf("\n Enter the temperature in
fahrenheit: ");
scanf("%f", &fahrenheit);
celsius = (0.56) * (fahrenheit - 32);
printf("\n Temperature in degrees celsius
= %f", celsius);
return 0;
}

```

23. Write a program that displays the size of every data type.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
clrscr();
printf("\n The size of short integer is:
%d", sizeof(short int));
printf("\n The size of unsigned integer
is: %d", sizeof(unsigned int));
printf("\n The size of signed integer is:
%d", sizeof(signed int));

```

```

printf("\n The size of integer is: %d",
sizeof(int));
printf("\n The size of long integer is:
%d", sizeof(long int));

printf("\n The size of character is: %d",
sizeof(char));
printf("\n The size of unsigned character
is: %d", sizeof(unsigned char));
printf("\n The size of signed character
is: %d", sizeof(signed char));

printf("\n The size of floating point
number is: %d", sizeof(float));
printf("\n The size of double number is:
%d", sizeof(double));
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

The size of short integer is: 2
The size of unsigned integer is: 2
The size of signed integer is: 2
The size of integer is: 2
The size of long integer is: 2

The size of character is: 1
The size of unsigned character is: 1
The size of signed character is: 1

The size of floating point number is: 4
The size of double number is: 8

```

24. Write a program to calculate the total amount of money in the piggybank, given the coins of Rs 10, Rs 5, Rs 2, and Re 1.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
int num_of_10_coins, num_of_5_coins, num_
of_2_coins, num_of_1_coins;
float total_amt = 0.0;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the number of Rs10 coins
in the piggybank: ");
scanf("%d", &num_of_10_coins);
printf("\n Enter the number of Rs5 coins
in the piggybank: ");

```

```
scanf("%d", &num_of_5_coins);
printf("\n Enter the number of Rs2 coins
in the piggybank: ");
scanf("%d", &num_of_2_coins);
printf("\n Enter the number of Re1 coins
in the piggybank: ");
scanf("%d", &num_of_1_coins);

total_amt = num_of_10_coins * 10 + num_
of_5_coins * 5 + num_of_2_coins * 2 +
num_of_1_coins;

printf("\n Total amount in the piggybank
= %f", total_amt);
getch();
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter the number of Rs10 coins in the
piggybank: 10
Enter the number of Rs5 coins in the
piggybank: 23
Enter the number of Rs2 coins in the
piggybank: 43
Enter the number of Re1 coins in the
piggybank: 6
Total amount in the piggybank = 307
```

25. Write a program to calculate the bill amount for an item given its quantity sold, value, discount, and tax.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
float total_amt, amt, sub_total,
discount_amt, tax_amt, qty, val,
discount, tax;
printf("\n Enter the quantity of item
sold: ");
scanf("%f", &qty);
printf("\n Enter the value of item: ");
scanf("%f", &val);
printf("\n Enter the discount percentage: ");
scanf("%f", &discount);
printf("\n Enter the tax: ");
scanf("%f", &tax);

amt = qty * val;
```

```
discount_amt = (amt * discount)/100.0;
sub_total = amt - discount_amt;
tax_amt = (sub_total * tax) /100.0;
total_amt = sub_total + tax_amt;

printf("\n\n\n ***** BILL *****");
printf("\n Quantity Sold: %f", qty);
printf("\n Price per item: %f", val);
printf("\n -----");
printf("\n Amount: %f", amt);
printf("\n Discount: - %f", discount_amt);
printf("\n Discounted Total: %f", sub_total);
printf("\n Tax: + %f", tax_amt);
printf("\n -----");
printf("\n Total Amount %f", total_amt);
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

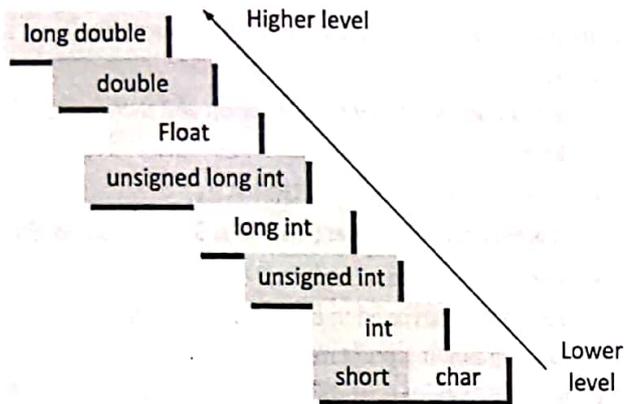
```
Enter the quantity of item sold: 20
Enter the value of item: 300
Enter the discount percentage: 10
Enter the tax: 12
***** BILL *****
Quantity Sold :           20
Price per item :           300
-----
Amount :                   6000
Discount :                  - 600
Discounted Total :         5400
Tax :                       + 648
-----
Total Amount                6048
```

**2.15 TYPE CONVERSION AND TYPECASTING**

Till now we have assumed that all the expressions involved data of the same type. But what happens when expressions involve two different data types, like multiplying a floating point number and an integer. Such type of situations are handled either through type conversion or typecasting. Type conversion or typecasting of variables refers to changing a variable of one data type into another. Type conversion is done implicitly whereas, typecasting has to be done explicitly by the programmer. We will discuss both of them here.

### 2.15.1 Type Conversion

Type conversion is done when the expression has variables of different data types. To evaluate the expression, the data type is promoted from lower to higher level where the hierarchy of data types (from higher to lower) can be given as: double, float, long, int, short, and char. Figure 2.12 shows the conversion hierarchy of data types.



**Figure 2.12** Conversion hierarchy of data types

Type conversion is automatically done when we assign an integer value to a floating point variable. Consider the code given below in which an integer data type is promoted to float. This is known as promotion (when a lower level data type is promoted to a higher type).

```
float x;
int y = 3;
x = y;
```

Now,  $x = 3.0$ , as automatically integer value is converted into its equivalent floating point representation. In some cases, when an integer is converted into a floating point number, the resulting floating point number may not exactly match the integer value. This is because the floating point number format used internally by the computer cannot accurately represent every possible integer number. So even if the value of  $x = 2.99999995$ , you must not worry. The loss of accuracy because of this feature would be always insignificant for the final result. Let us summarize how promotion is done:

- float operands are converted to double.
- char or short operands whether signed or unsigned are converted to int.

- If any one operand is double, the other operand is also converted to double. Hence, the result is also of type double.
- If any one operand is long, the other operand is also converted to long. Hence, the result is also of type long.

Figure 2.13 exhibits type conversions in an expression.

```
char ch;
int i;
float f;
double d, res;

r = (ch + i) X (f/i) + (d - f);
```

When a char type is operated with an int type data, char is promoted to int.

When a float type data is operated with an int, then int is promoted to float.

When a float type data is subtracted from a double type data, then float is promoted to double.

**Figure 2.13** Type conversion

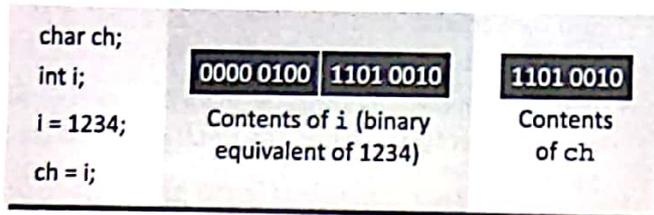
Consider the following group of statements.

```
float f = 3.5;
int i;
i = f;
```

The statement  $i = f$  results in  $f$  to be demoted to type int, i.e., the fractional part of  $f$  will be lost and  $i$  will contain 3 (not 3.5). In this case demotion takes place, i.e., a higher level data type is converted into a lower type. Whenever demotion occurs, some information is lost. For example, in this case the fractional part of the floating point number is lost.

Similarly, if we convert an integer to a short integer or a long int to int, or int to char, the compiler just drops the extra bits (Figure 2.14).

**Note** No compile time warning message is generated when information is lost while demoting the type of data.



**Figure 2.14** Implicit conversion example

Thus we can observe the following changes that are unavoidable when performing type conversions.

- When a float value is converted to an integer value, the fractional part is truncated.
- When a double value is converted to a float value, rounding of digits is done.
- When a long int is converted into int, the excess higher order bits are dropped.

These changes may cause incorrect results.

### 2.15.2 Typecasting

Typecasting is also known as forced conversion. Typecasting an arithmetic expression tells the compiler to represent the value of the expression in a certain way. It is done when the value of a higher data type has to be converted into the value of a lower data type. But this cast is under the programmer's control and not under compiler's control. For example, if we need to explicitly type cast an integer variable into a floating point variable, then the code to perform type casting can be given as,

```
float salary = 10000.00;
int sal;
sal = (int) salary;
```

When floating point numbers are converted to integers (as in type conversion), the digits after the decimal are truncated. Therefore, data is lost when floating-point representations are converted to integral representations. So in order to avoid such type of inaccuracies, int type variables must be typecast to float type.

As we see in the code, typecasting can be done by placing the destination data type in parentheses followed by the variable name that has to be converted. Hence, we conclude that typecasting is done to make a variable of one data type to act like a variable of another type.

We can also typecast integer values to its character equivalent (as per ASCII code) and vice versa. Typecasting is also done in arithmetic operations to get correct result. For example, when dividing two integers, the result can be of floating type. Also when multiplying two integers the result can be of long int. So to get correct precision value, typecasting can be done. For instance:

```
int a = 500, b = 70 ;
float res;
res = (float) a/b;
```

Let us look at some more examples of typecasting.

- `res = (int)9.5;`  
9.5 is converted to 9 by truncation and then assigned to `res`.
- `res = (int)12.3 / (int)4.2;`  
It is evaluated as `12/4` and the value 3 is assigned to `res`.
- `res = (double)total/n;`  
`total` is converted to double and then division is done in floating point mode.
- `res = (int)(a+b);`  
The value of `a+b` is converted to integer and then assigned to `res`.
- `res = (int)a + b;`  
`a` is converted to int and then added with `b`.
- `res = cos((double)x);`  
It converts `x` to double before finding its cosine value.

25. Write a program to convert a floating point number into the corresponding integer.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    float f_num;
    int i_num;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any floating point number: ");
    scanf("%f", &f_num);
    i_num = (int)f_num;
    printf("\n The integer variant of %f is = %d", f_num, i_num);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter any floating point number: 23.45
The integer variant of 23.45 is = 23
```

27. Write a program to convert an integer into the corresponding floating point number

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    float f_num;
    int i_num;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any integer: ");
    scanf("%d", &i_num);
    f_num = (float)i_num;
    printf("\n The floating point variant of
    %d is = %f", i_num, f_num);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter any integer: 12
The floating point variant of 12 is =
12.00000
```

28. Write a program to calculate a student's result based on two examinations, one sports event, and three activities conducted. The weightage of activities = 30%, sports = 20%, and examination = 50%.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#define ACTIVITIES_WEIGHTAGE 30
#define SPORTS_WEIGHTAGE 20
#define EXAMS_WEIGHTAGE 50
#define EXAMS_TOTAL 200
#define ACTIVITIES_TOTAL 60
#define SPORTS_TOTAL 50
main()
{
    int exam_score1, activities_score1,
        sports_score;
    int exam_score2, activities_score2,
        activities_score3;
    float exam_total, activities_total;
    float total_percent, exam_percent,
        sports_percent, activities_percent;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the score obtained in
    two examination (out of 100): ");
    scanf("%d %d", &exam_score1, &exam_
        score2);
    printf("\n Enter the score obtained in
    sports events (out of 50): ");
```

```
scanf("%d", &sports_score);
printf("\n Enter the score obtained in
three activities (out of 20): ");
scanf("%d %d %d", &activities_score1,
    &activities_score2, &activities_
    score3);

exam_total = exam_score1 + exam_score2;
activities_total = (activities_score1 +
    activities_score2 + activities_score3);

exam_percent = (float)exam_total * EXAMS_
    WEIGHTAGE / EXAMS_TOTAL;
sports_percent = (float)sports_score *
    SPORTS_WEIGHTAGE / SPORTS_TOTAL;
activities_percent = (float)activities_
    total * ACTIVITIES_WEIGHTAGE /
    ACTIVITIES_TOTAL;
```

```
total_percent = exam_percent + sports_
    percent + activities_percent;
```

```
printf("\n\n *****
RESULT *****");
printf("\n Total percent in examintaion :
%f", exam_percent);
printf("\n Total percent in activities :
%f", activities_percent);
printf("\n Total percent in sports :
%f", sports_percent);
printf("\n -----
-----");
printf("\n Total percentage : %f", total_
    percent);

return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the score obtained in two examination
(out of 100): 78 89
Enter the score obtained in sports events
(out of 50): 34
Enter the score obtained in three activities
(out of 20): 19 18 17
***** RESULT *****
Total percent in examintaion: 41.75
Total percent in activities : 27
Total percent in sports : 13
-----
Total percentage : 82%
```

## SUMMARY

- C was developed in the early 1970s by Dennis Ritchie at Bell Laboratories.
- A function is defined as a group of C statements that are executed together. The execution of a C program begins at this function.
- Every word in a C program is either a keyword or an identifier. C has a set of reserved words often known as keywords that cannot be used as an identifier.
- A variable is defined as a meaningful name given to the data storage location in computer memory. When using a variable, we actually refer to address of the memory where the data is stored.
- The difference between signed and unsigned numeric variables is that signed variables can be either negative or positive but unsigned variables can only be positive. By default, C takes a signed variable.
- The statement `return 0;` returns the value 0 to the operating system to give an indication that there are no errors were encountered during the execution of the program.
- The conditional operator or the ternary (`?:`) is just like an if-else statement that can be within expressions. Conditional operator is also known as ternary operator as it is neither a unary nor a binary operator; it takes *three* operands.
- The bitwise NOT, or complement, produces the 1s complement of the given binary value.
- The comma operator evaluates the first expression and discards its value, and then evaluates the second and returns the value as the result of the expression.
- `sizeof` is a unary operator used to calculate the size of data types. This operator can be applied to all data types.
- While type conversion is done implicitly, typecasting has to be done explicitly by the programmer. Typecasting is done when the value of a higher data type has to be converted to a lower data type.

## GLOSSARY

**ANSI C** American National Standards Institute's definition of the C programming language. It is the same as the ISO definition.

**Constant** A value that cannot be changed.

**Data type** Definition of the data. For example, `int`, `char`, `float`.

**Escape sequence** Control codes that comprises of combinations of a backslash followed by letters or digits which represent non printing characters.

**Expression** A sequence of operators and operands that may yield a single value as the result of its computation.

**Executable program** Program which will run in the environment of the operating system or within an appropriate run time environment.

**Floating-point number** Number that comprises of a decimal place and exponent.

**Format specification** A string which controls the manner in which input or output of values has to be done.

**Identifier** The names used to refer to stored data values as in case of constants, variables or functions.

**Integer** A number that has no fractional part.

**Keyword** A word which has a predefined meaning to a C compiler and therefore must not be used for any other purpose.

**Library file** The file which comprises of compiled versions of commonly used functions that can be linked to an object file to make an executable program.

**Library function** A function whose source code is stored in the external library file.

**Linker** The tool that connects object code and libraries to form a complete, executable program.

**Operator precedence** The order in which operators are applied to operands during the evaluation of an expression.

**Preprocessor** A processor that manipulates the initial directives of the source file. The source file contains instructions that specifies how the source file shall be processed and compiled.

## GLOSSARY

**Preprocessor directive** Instructions in the source file that specifies how the file shall be processed and compiled.

**Program** A text file that contains the source code to be compiled.

**Runtime error** A program that is encountered when a program is executed.

**Source code** A text file that contains the source code to be compiled.

**Statement** A simple statement in C language that is followed by a semicolon.

**Syntax error** An error or mistake in the source code that prevents the compiler from converting it into object code.

**Variable** An identifier (and storage) for a data type. The value of a variable may change as the program runs.

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## Fill in the Blanks

- C was developed by \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a group of C statements that are executed together.
- Execution of the C program begins at \_\_\_\_\_.
- In memory characters are stored as \_\_\_\_\_.
- The statement `return 0;` returns 0 to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ finds the remainder of an integer division.
- \_\_\_\_\_ operator reverses the value of the expression.
- `sizeof` is a \_\_\_\_\_ operator used to calculate the size of data types.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is also known as forced conversion.
- The function `scanf()` returns \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is executed when the value of the variable does not match with any of the values of the case statement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ function prints data on the monitor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ establishes the original value for a variable.
- Character constants are quoted using \_\_\_\_\_.
- A C program ends with a \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ file contains mathematical functions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ causes the cursor to move to the next line.
- Floating point values denote \_\_\_\_\_ values by default.
- A variable can be made constant by declaring it with the qualifier \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of initialization.
- The sign of the result is positive in modulo division if \_\_\_\_\_.
- Associativity of operators defines \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ can be used to change the order of evaluation expressions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ operator returns the number of bytes occupied by the operand.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ specification is used to read/write a short integer.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ specification is used to read/write a hexadecimal integer.
- To print the data left-justified, \_\_\_\_\_ specification is used.

## Multiple Choice Questions

- The operator which compares two values is
  - assignment
  - relational
  - unary
  - equal
- Which operator is used to simultaneously evaluate two expressions with relational operators?
  - AND
  - OR
  - NOT
  - all of these
- Ternary operator operates on how many operands?
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
- Which operator produces the 1s complement of the given binary value?
  - logical AND
  - bitwise AND
  - logical OR
  - bitwise OR

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5. Which operator has the lowest precedence?
  - (a) sizeof
  - (b) unary
  - (c) assignment
  - (d) comma
6. Short integer has which conversion character associated with it
  - (a) %c
  - (b) %d
  - (c) %hd
  - (d) %f
7. Which of the following is not a character constant?
  - (a) 'A'
  - (b) "A"
  - (c) ''
  - (d) '\*'
8. Which of the following is not a floating point constant?
  - (a) 20
  - (b) -4.5
  - (c) 'a'
  - (d) pi
9. Identify the invalid variable names.
  - (a) Initial.Name
  - (b) A+B
  - (c) \$amt
  - (d) Floats
10. Which operator cannot be used with float operands?
  - (a) +
  - (b) -
  - (c) %
  - (d) \*
11. Identify the erroneous expression.
  - (a)  $x=y=2, 4;$
  - (b)  $res = ++a * 5;$
  - (c)  $res = /4;$
  - (d)  $res = a++ - b * 2$
12. `printf("%d", scanf("%d", &num));` is a valid C statement.
13. 1,234 is a valid integer constant.
14. A printf statement can generate only one line of output.
15. `stdio.h` is used to store the source code of the program.
16. The closing brace of `main()` is the logical end of the program.
17. The declaration section gives instructions to the computer.
18. Any valid printable ASCII character can be used for a variable name.
19. Declaration of variables can be done anywhere in the program.
20. Underscore can be used anywhere in the variable name.
21. The variable `amt` is same as `AMT` in C.
22. `void` is a data type in C.
23. The function `scanf` can be used to read only one value at a time.
24. All arithmetic operators have same precedence.
25. The modulus operator can be used only with integers.
26. The expression containing all integer operands is called an integer expression.

## State True or False

1. We can have only one function in a C program.
2. Header files are used to store program's source code.
3. Keywords are case sensitive.
4. Variable `first` is same as `First`.
5. An identifier can contain any valid printable ASCII character.
6. Signed variables can increase the maximum positive range.
7. Commented statements are not executed by the compiler.
8. `$amount` is a valid identifier in C.
9. Comments cannot be nested.
10. The equality operators have higher precedence than the relational operators.
11. Shifting once to the left multiplies the number by 2.

## Review Questions

1. What are header files? Why are they important? Can we write a C program without using any header file?
2. What are variables?
3. Explain the difference between declaration and definition.
4. How is memory reserved using a declaration statement?
5. What does the data type of a variable signify?
6. Give the structure of a C program.
7. What do you understand by identifiers and keywords?
8. Write a short note on basic data types that the C language supports.
9. Why do we need signed and unsigned char?
10. Explain the terms variables and constants? How many type of variables are supported by C?

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11. Why do we include `<stdio.h>` in our programs?
  12. Write a short note on operators available in C language.
  13. Give the operator precedence chart.
  14. Evaluate the expression: `(x > y) + ++a || !c`
  15. Differentiate between typecasting and type conversion.
  16. Write a program to read an integer. Then display the value of that integer in decimal, octal, and hexadecimal notation.
  17. Write short notes on `printf` and `scanf` functions.
  18. Explain the utility of `#define` and `#include` statements.
  19. Write a program that prints the a floating point value in exponential format with the following specifications:
    - (a) correct to two decimal places;
    - (b) correct to four decimal places; and
    - (c) correct to eight decimal places.
  20. Write a program to read 10 integers. Display these numbers by printing three numbers in a line separated by commas.
  21. Write a program to print the count of even numbers between 1 and 200. Also print their sum.
  22. Write a program to count number of vowels in a text.
  23. Write a program to read the address of a user. Display the result by breaking it into multiple lines.
  24. Write a program to read two floating point numbers. Add these numbers and assign the result to an integer. Finally display the value of all the three variables.
  25. Write a program to read a floating point number. Display the rightmost digit of the integral part of the number.
  26. Write a program to calculate simple interest and compound interest.
  27. Write a program to calculate salary of an employee, given his basic pay (to be entered by the user), HRA = 10% of the basic pay, TA = 5% of basic pay. Define HRA and TA as constants and use them to calculate the salary of the employee.
  28. Write a program to prepare a grocery bill. For that enter the name of the items purchased, quantity in which it is purchased, and its price per unit. Then display the bill in the following format.
 

```
***** B I L L *****
Item      Quantity      Price      Amount
-----
Total Amount to be paid
-----
```
  29. Write a C program using `printf` statement to print BYE in the following format.
 

```
BBB      Y      Y      EEEE
B B      Y Y      E
BBB      Y      EEEE
B B      Y      E
BBB      Y      EEEE
```
  30. Find errors in the following declaration statements.
 

```
Int n;
float a b;
double = a, b;
complex a b;
a,b : INTEGER
long int a;b;
```
  31. Find error(s) in the following code.
 

```
int a = 9;
float y = 2.0;
a = b % a;
printf("%d", a);
```
  32. Find error(s) in the following `scanf` statement.
 

```
scanf("%d%f", &marks, &avg);
```
- Give the output of the following programs.**
1. 

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int x=3, y=5, z=7;
    int a, b;

    a = x * 2 + y / 5 - z * y;
    b = ++x * (y - 3) / 2 - z++ * y;
    printf("\n a = %d", a);
    printf("\n b = %d", b);
    return 0;
}
```

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2. #include <stdio.h>
   main()
   {
       int a, b = 3;
       char c = 'A';
       a = b + c;
       printf("\n a = %d", a);
       return 0;
   }

3. #include <stdio.h>
   main()
   {
       int a;
       printf("\n %d", 1/3 + 1/3);
       printf("\n %f", 1.0/3.0 + 1.0/3.0);
       a = 15/10.0 + 3/2;
       printf("\n %d", a);
       return 0;
   }

4. #include <stdio.h>
   int main()
   {
       int a = 4;
       printf("\n %d ", 10 + a++);
       printf("\n %d ", 10 + ++a);
       return 0;
   }

5. #include <stdio.h>
   main()
   {
       int a = 4, b = 5, c = 6;
       a = b == c;
       printf("\n a = %d ", a);
       return 0;
   }

6. #include <stdio.h>
   #include <conio.h>
   main()
   {
       int a=1, b=2, c=3, d=4, e=5, res;
       clrscr();
       res = a + b / c - d * e;
       printf("\n Result = %d" res);
       res = (a + b) / c - d * e;
       printf("\n Result = %d", res);
       res = a + ( b / (c -d)) * e;
       printf("\n Resul = %d", res);
       return 0;
   }

7. #include <stdio.h>
   main()
   {
       int a = 4, b = 5;
       printf("\n %d ", (a > b)? a: b);
       return 0;
   }

8. #include <stdio.h>
   int main()
   {
       int a=4, b=12, c=-3, res;
       res = a > b && a < c;
       printf("\n %d ", res);
       res = a == c || a < b;
       printf("\n %d ", res);
       res = b > 10 || b && c < 0 || a > 0;
       printf("\n %d ", res);
       res = (a/2.0 == 0.0 && b/2.0 != 0.0) || c < 0.0;
       printf("\n %d ", res);
       return 0;
   }

9. #include <stdio.h>
   int main()
   {
       int a = 20, b = 5, result;
       float c = 20.0, d = 5.0;
       printf("\n 10+a/4*b=%d", 10+a/4*b);
       printf("\n c/d*b+a-b=%d", c/d*b+a-b);
       return 0;
   }

10. #include <stdio.h>
    int main()
    {
        int a, b;

```

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- ```

printf("\n a = %d \t b = %d \t a + b
= %d", a, b, a+b);
return 0;
}

```
11. #include <stdio.h>  
int main()  
{  
printf("\n %d", 'F');  
return 0;  
}
12. #include <stdio.h>  
int main()  
{  
int n = 2;  
n = !n;  
printf("\n n = %d", n);  
return 0;  
}
13. #include <stdio.h>  
int main()  
{  
int a = 100, b = 3;  
float c;  
c = a/b;  
printf("\n c = %f", c);  
return 0;  
}
14. #include <stdio.h>  
int main()  
{  
int n = -2;  
printf("\n n = %d", -n);  
return 0;  
}
15. #include <stdio.h>  
int main()  
{  
int a = 2, b = 3, c, d;  
c = a++;  
d = ++b;  
printf("\n c = %d d = %d", c, d);  
return 0;  
}
16. #include <stdio.h>  
int main()  
{  
int \_ = 30;  
printf("\n \_ = %d", \_);  
return 0;  
}
17. #include <stdio.h>  
int main()  
{  
int a = 2, b = 3, c, d;  
a++;  
++b;  
printf("\n a = %d b = %d", a, b);  
return 0;  
}
18. #include <stdio.h>  
int main()  
{  
int a = 2, b = 3;  
printf("\n %d", ++(a - b));  
return 0;  
}
19. #include <stdio.h>  
int main()  
{  
int a = 2, b = 3;  
printf("\n %d", ++a - b);  
return 0;  
}
20. #include <stdio.h>  
int main()  
{  
int a = 2, b = 3;  
printf("\n a \* b = %d", a\*b);  
printf("\n a / b = %d", a/b);  
printf("\n a % b = %d", a%b);  
printf("\n a && b = %d", a\*&&b);  
return 0;  
}
21. #include <stdio.h>  
int main()  
{

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```

    int a = 2;
    a = a + 3*a++;
    printf("\n a= %d", a);
    return 0;
}

22. #include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int result;
    result = 3 + 5 - 1 * 17 % -13;
    printf("%d", result);
    result = 3 * 2 + (15 / 4 % 7);
    printf("%d", result);
    result = 18 / 9 / 3 * 2 * 3 * 5 % 10 / 4;
    printf("%d", result);
    return 0;
}

23. #include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int n = 2;
    printf("\n %d %d %d", n++, n, ++n);
    return 0;
}

24. #include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a = 2, b = 3, c = 4;
    a = b == c;
    printf("\n a = %d", a);
    return 0;
}

25. #include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int num = 070;
    printf("\n num = %d", num);
    printf("\n num = %o", num);
    printf("\n num = %x", num);
    return 0;
}

26. #include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    printf("\n %40.27s Welcome to C
    programming");
    printf("\n %40.20s Welcome to C
    programming");
    printf("\n %40.14s Welcome to C
    programming");

    printf("\n %-40.27s Welcome to C
    programming");
    printf("\n %-40.20s Welcome to C
    programming");
    printf("\n %-40.14s Welcome to C
    programming");

    return 0;
}

27. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int a = -21, b = 3;
    printf("\n %d", a/b + 10);
    b = -b;
    printf("\n %d", a/b + 10);
    return 0;
}

28. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int a;
    float b;
    printf("\n Enter four digit number: ");
    scanf("%2d", &a);
    printf("\n Enter any floating point
    number: ");
    scanf("%f", &b);
    printf("\n The numbers are : %d and
    %f", a, b);
    return 0;
}

29. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    char a, b, c;
    printf("\n Enter three characters : ");

```

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```
scanf("%c %c %c", &a, &b, &c);
a++; b++; C==;
printf("\n a = %c b = %c and d = %c",
    a, b, c);
return 0;
}

30. #include <stdio.h>
{
    int x=10, y=20, res;
    res = y++ + x++;
    res += ++y + ++x;

    printf("\n x = %d y = %d RESULT =
        %d", x, y, res);
    return 0;
}

31. #include <stdio.h>
{
    int x=10, y=20, res;
    res = x+++b;
    printf("\n x = %d y = %d RESULT =
        %d", x, y, res);
    return 0;
}
```

## ANNEXURE 1

## A1.1 ASCII CHART OF CHARACTERS

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
0	0	000	NUL (null)	32	20	040	&#32;	Space	64	40	100	&#64;	@	96	60	140	&#96;	
1	1	001	SOH (start of heading)	33	21	041	&#33;	!	65	41	101	&#65;	A	97	61	141	&#97;	a
2	2	002	STX (start of text)	34	22	042	&#34;	"	66	42	102	&#66;	B	98	62	142	&#98;	b
3	3	003	ETX (end of text)	35	23	043	&#35;	#	67	43	103	&#67;	C	99	63	143	&#99;	c
4	4	004	EOT (end of transmission)	36	24	044	&#36;	\$	68	44	104	&#68;	D	100	64	144	&#100;	d
5	5	005	ENQ (enquiry)	37	25	045	&#37;	%	69	45	105	&#69;	E	101	65	145	&#101;	e
6	6	006	ACK (acknowledge)	38	26	046	&#38;	&	70	46	106	&#70;	F	102	66	146	&#102;	f
7	7	007	BEL (bell)	39	27	047	&#39;	'	71	47	107	&#71;	G	103	67	147	&#103;	g
8	8	010	BS (backspace)	40	28	050	&#40;	(	72	48	110	&#72;	H	104	68	150	&#104;	h
9	9	011	TAB (horizontal tab)	41	29	051	&#41;	)	73	49	111	&#73;	I	105	69	151	&#105;	i
10	A	012	LF (NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	&#42;	*	74	4A	112	&#74;	J	106	6A	152	&#106;	j
11	B	013	VT (vertical tab)	43	2B	053	&#43;	+	75	4B	113	&#75;	K	107	6B	153	&#107;	k
12	C	014	FF (NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	&#44;	,	76	4C	114	&#76;	L	108	6C	154	&#108;	l
13	D	015	CR (carriage return)	45	2D	055	&#45;	-	77	4D	115	&#77;	M	109	6D	155	&#109;	m
14	E	016	SO (shift out)	46	2E	056	&#46;	.	78	4E	116	&#78;	N	110	6E	156	&#110;	n
15	F	017	SI (shift in)	47	2F	057	&#47;	/	79	4F	117	&#79;	O	111	6F	157	&#111;	o
16	10	020	DLE (data link escape)	48	30	060	&#48;	0	80	50	120	&#80;	P	112	70	160	&#112;	p
17	11	021	DC1 (device control 1)	49	31	061	&#49;	1	81	51	121	&#81;	Q	113	71	161	&#113;	q
18	12	022	DC2 (device control 2)	50	32	062	&#50;	2	82	52	122	&#82;	R	114	72	162	&#114;	r
19	13	023	DC3 (device control 3)	51	33	063	&#51;	3	83	53	123	&#83;	S	115	73	163	&#115;	s
20	14	024	DC4 (device control 4)	52	34	064	&#52;	4	84	54	124	&#84;	T	116	74	164	&#116;	t
21	15	025	NAK (negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	&#53;	5	85	55	125	&#85;	U	117	75	165	&#117;	u
22	16	026	SYN (synchronous idle)	54	36	066	&#54;	6	86	56	126	&#86;	V	118	76	166	&#118;	v
23	17	027	ETB (end of trans. block)	55	37	067	&#55;	7	87	57	127	&#87;	W	119	77	167	&#119;	w
24	18	030	CAN (cancel)	56	38	070	&#56;	8	88	58	130	&#88;	X	120	78	170	&#120;	x
25	19	031	EM (end of medium)	57	39	071	&#57;	9	89	59	131	&#89;	Y	121	79	171	&#121;	y
26	1A	032	SUB (substitute)	58	3A	072	&#58;	:	90	5A	132	&#90;	Z	122	7A	172	&#122;	z
27	1B	033	ESC (escape)	59	3B	073	&#59;	;	91	5B	133	&#91;	[	123	7B	173	&#123;	{
28	1C	034	FS (file separator)	60	3C	074	&#60;	<	92	5C	134	&#92;	\	124	7C	174	&#124;	
29	1D	035	GS (group separator)	61	3D	075	&#61;	=	93	5D	135	&#93;	]	125	7D	175	&#125;	}
30	1E	036	RS (record separator)	62	3E	076	&#62;	>	94	5E	136	&#94;	^	126	7E	176	&#126;	~
31	1F	037	US (unit separator)	63	3F	077	&#63;	?	95	5F	137	&#95;	_	127	7F	177	&#127;	DEL

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1	1	001	SOH (start of heading)	33	21	041	'	␣	65	41	101	␣	#65; A	97	61	141	␣	#97; a
2	2	002	STX (start of text)	34	22	042	"	␣	66	42	102	␣	#66; B	98	62	142	␣	#98; b
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5	5	005	ENQ (enquiry)	37	25	045	␣	#37; ␣	69	45	105	␣	#69; E	101	65	145	␣	#101; e
6	6	006	ACK (acknowledge)	38	26	046	␣	#38; ␣	70	46	106	␣	#70; F	102	66	146	␣	#102; f
7	7	007	BEL (bell)	39	27	047	'	␣	71	47	107	␣	#71; G	103	67	147	␣	#103; g
8	8	010	BS (backspace)	40	28	050	␣	#40; ␣	72	48	110	␣	#72; H	104	68	150	␣	#104; h
9	9	011	TAB (horizontal tab)	41	29	051	)	␣	73	49	111	␣	#73; I	105	69	151	␣	#105; i
10	A	012	LF (NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	␣	#42; ␣	74	4A	112	␣	#74; J	106	6A	152	␣	#106; j
11	B	013	VT (vertical tab)	43	2B	053	+	␣	75	4B	113	␣	#75; K	107	6B	153	␣	#107; k
12	C	014	FF (NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	␣	#44; ␣	76	4C	114	␣	#76; L	108	6C	154	␣	#108; l
13	D	015	CR (carriage return)	45	2D	055	-	␣	77	4D	115	␣	#77; M	109	6D	155	␣	#109; m
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16	10	020	DLE (data link escape)	48	30	060	0	␣	80	50	120	␣	#80; P	112	70	160	␣	#112; p
17	11	021	DC1 (device control 1)	49	31	061	1	␣	81	51	121	␣	#81; Q	113	71	161	␣	#113; q
18	12	022	DC2 (device control 2)	50	32	062	2	␣	82	52	122	␣	#82; R	114	72	162	␣	#114; r
19	13	023	DC3 (device control 3)	51	33	063	3	␣	83	53	123	␣	#83; S	115	73	163	␣	#115; s
20	14	024	DC4 (device control 4)	52	34	064	4	␣	84	54	124	␣	#84; T	116	74	164	␣	#116; t
21	15	025	NAK (negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	5	␣	85	55	125	␣	#85; U	117	75	165	␣	#117; u
22	16	026	SYN (synchronous idle)	54	36	066	6	␣	86	56	126	␣	#86; V	118	76	166	␣	#118; v
23	17	027	ETB (end of trans. block)	55	37	067	7	␣	87	57	127	␣	#87; W	119	77	167	␣	#119; w
24	18	030	CAN (cancel)	56	38	070	8	␣	88	58	130	␣	#88; X	120	78	170	␣	#120; x
25	19	031	EM (end of medium)	57	39	071	9	␣	89	59	131	␣	#89; Y	121	79	171	␣	#121; y
26	1A	032	SUB (substitute)	58	3A	072	:	␣	90	5A	132	␣	#90; Z	122	7A	172	␣	#122; z
27	1B	033	ESC (escape)	59	3B	073	;	␣	91	5B	133	␣	#91; [	123	7B	173	␣	#123; {
28	1C	034	FS (file separator)	60	3C	074	<	␣	92	5C	134	␣	#92; \	124	7C	174	␣	#124;
29	1D	035	GS (group separator)	61	3D	075	=	␣	93	5D	135	␣	#93; ]	125	7D	175	␣	#125; }
30	1E	036	RS (record separator)	62	3E	076	>	␣	94	5E	136	␣	#94; ^	126	7E	176	␣	#126; ~
31	1F	037	US (unit separator)	63	3F	077	?	␣	95	5F	137	␣	#95; _	127	7F	177	␣	#127; DEL

**Extended ASCII Codes**

128	␣	144	È	161	ì	177	␣	193	±	209	␣	225	ß	241	±
129	ù	145	É	162	ó	178	■	194	␣	210	␣	226	Γ	242	≥
130	ê	146	Ê	163	ô	179		195	†	211	␣	227	π	243	≤
131	ë	147	Ë	164	ñ	180	†	196	-	212	␣	228	Σ	244	∫
132	ä	148	Ö	165	Ñ	181	†	197	†	213	␣	229	σ	245	∫
133	å	149	ó	166	ª	182	†	198	†	214	␣	230	μ	246	-
134	æ	150	û	167	•	183	†	199	†	215	†	231	τ	247	=
135	ç	151	ü	168	ˆ	184	†	200	␣	216	†	232	φ	248	•
136	è	152	-	169	-	185	†	201	␣	217	†	233	⊙	249	
137	é	153	Ï	170	-	186	†	202	␣	218	␣	234	Ω	250	
138	ê	154	U	171	¼	187	†	203	␣	219	■	235	δ	251	√
139	ë	156	É	172	½	188	†	204	†	220	■	236	∞	252	-
140	ì	157	Ê	173		189	†	205	-	221	†	237	♠	253	†
141	í	158	-	174	¾	190	†	206	†	222	†	238	♣	254	■
142	Ï	159	∫	175	•	191	†	207	␣	223	■	239	∩	255	
143	Ä	160	é	176		192	␣	208	␣	224	␣	240	■		

## A1.2 BIT LEVEL PROGRAMMING

A C programmer usually does not need to care about operations at the bit level. He has to think only in terms of int and double, or even higher level data types composed of a combination of these. However, at times it becomes necessary to go to the level of an individual bit. For example, in case of exclusive-OR (XOR) encryption or when dealing with data compression, a programmer needs to operate on individual bits of the data and thus needs to do programming at the bit level. Moreover, bit operations can be used to speed up your program.

### Thinking About Bits

The byte is the lowest level at which data can be accessed. C does not support bit type. Therefore, we cannot perform any operation on an individual bit. Even a bitwise operator will be applied to, at a minimum, an entire byte at a time.

We have already studied bitwise NOT, AND, OR, and XOR operators in Chapter 1. To summarize:

- The bitwise NOT (~), or complement, is a unary operator used to perform logical negation on each bit thereby resulting in 1s complement of the given binary value. Digits that were 0s become 1s, and vice versa. For example:

$\sim(1010) = 0101$

- A bitwise OR (|) takes two bit patterns of equal length, and produces another one of the same length by performing the logical inclusive OR operation on each pair of corresponding bits. In each pair, the result is 1 if the first bit is 1 OR the second bit is 1 OR both bits are 1, and otherwise the result is 0.

$1001 | 0101 = 1101$

- A bitwise exclusive or (^) takes two bit patterns of equal length and performs the logical XOR operation on each pair of corresponding bits. In the result, a bit is set to 1 if the two bits are different, and 0 if they are the same.

The XOR operation is generally used by assembly language programmers as a short-cut to set the value of a register to zero. Performing XOR on a value against itself always results in zero. The XOR operation requires fewer CPU clock cycles when

compared with the sequence of operations that has to be performed to load a zero value and save it to the register. The bitwise XOR is also used to toggle flags in a set of bits. For example,

$1010 \wedge 0011 = 1001$

- A bitwise AND (&) takes two bit patterns of equal length and performs the logical AND operation on each pair of corresponding bits. In each pair, the resultant bit is set to 1 if the first bit is 1 AND the second bit is 1. Otherwise, it is set to 0. For example:

$1010 \& 0011 = 0010$

The bitwise AND is commonly used to perform *bit masking*. This is done to isolate part of a string of bits, or to determine whether a particular bit is 1 or 0. For example, to determine if the second bit is 1, you can straightaway do a bitwise AND to it and another bit pattern containing 1 in the second bit. For example,

$1010 \& 0010 = 0010$

Since the result is 0010 (non-zero), it clearly indicates that the second bit in the original pattern was 1. Such an operation is called *bit masking* because it *masks* the portions that should not be altered or which are not of interest. In this case, the 0 values mask the bits that are not of interest.

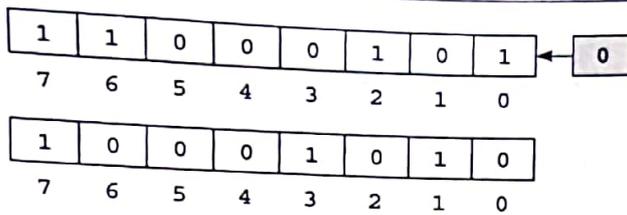
The bitwise AND can also be combined with the bitwise NOT to *clear* bits.

## A1.3 BITWISE SHIFT OPERATORS

In bitwise shift operations, the digits are moved, or *shifted*, to the left or right. The CPU registers have a fixed number of available bits for storing numerals, so when perform shift operations; some bits will be '*shifted out*' of the register at one end, while the same number of bits are '*shifted in*' from the other end.

In an *arithmetic shift*, the bits that are shifted out of either end are discarded. There are two types of arithmetic shift: left arithmetic shift and a right arithmetic shift.

In a left arithmetic shift, zeros are shifted in on the right. For example, consider the register with the following bit pattern:



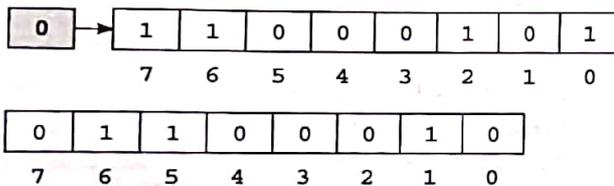
Note that in arithmetic shift left, the leftmost digit was shifted past the end of the register, and a new 0 was shifted into the rightmost position. The general form of doing a left shift can be given as

```
op << n
```

Here, *op* is an integer expression that has to be shifted and *n* is the number of bit positions to be shifted. For example, if we write

```
unsigned int x = 11000101;
Then x << 2 = 00010100
```

If a right arithmetic shift is performed on an unsigned integer then zeros are shifted on the left.



The general form of an arithmetic right shift can be given as:

```
op >> n
```

Here, *op* is an integer expression that has to be shifted and *n* is the number of bit positions to be shifted. For example, if we write

```
unsigned int x = 11000101;
Then x >> 2 = 00110001
```

Note that in arithmetic shift right operation, bits in *op* are shifted to right by *n* positions. In this process, the rightmost *n* bits will be lost and zeros will be shifted in the leftmost *n* bits. (This is true for unsigned integers, for signed integers the shift right operation is machine dependent).

### Points to Remember

- *op* and *n* can be constants or variables.
- *n* cannot be negative.
- *n* should not exceed the number of bits used to represent *op*.
- Left shifting is the equivalent of multiplying by a power of 2.
- Right shift will be the equivalent of integer division by 2.



The left and right shift operators will result in significantly faster code than calculating and then multiplying by a power of two.

Have you wondered what will happen if you shift a number like 128 and storing it in a single byte: 10000000? Since,  $128 * 2 = 256$ , and a register is incapable of storing a number that is bigger than a single byte, so it should not be surprising that the result is 00000000.

# 3

## Decision Control and Looping Statements

### Learning Objective

In the last chapter, we have learnt to write basic programs in C language but that knowledge is not sufficient to write real-world applications. This is because, often a programmer encounters a situation in which he needs to alter the sequential flow of control to provide a choice for action. For this, the programmer needs to conduct logical tests at different points within the program. The action to be taken will depend on the outcome of the test. This is called conditional expression. In C, conditional expressions are implemented using selection process through decision control statements.

Moreover, repetitive execution of statements, also called iteration, is implemented using looping statements. In this chapter, we will learn about decision control (branching) statements and iterative statements.

### 3.1 INTRODUCTION TO DECISION CONTROL STATEMENTS

Till now we know that the code in the C program is executed sequentially from the first line of the program to its last line, i.e., the second statement is executed after the first, the third statement is executed after the second, and so on.

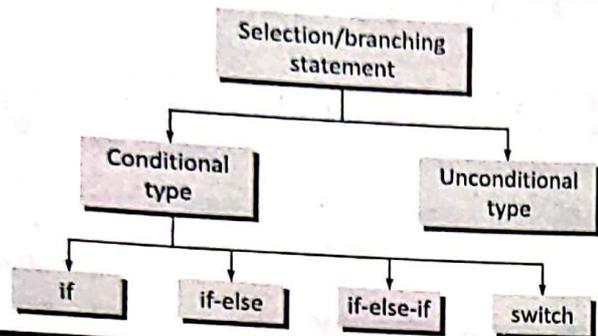
Although this is true, but in some cases we want only selected statements to be executed. Such type of conditional processing extends the usefulness of programs. It allows the programmers to build programs that determine which statements of the code should be executed and which should be ignored.

C supports two types of decision control statements that can alter the flow of a sequence of instructions. These include conditional type branching and unconditional type branching. Figure 3.1 shows the categorization of decision control statements in C language.

### 3.2 CONDITIONAL BRANCHING STATEMENTS

The conditional branching statements help to jump from one part of the program to another depending on whether a particular condition is satisfied or not. These decision control statements include:

- if statement
- if-else statement
- if-else-if statement
- switch statement



**Figure 3.1** Decision control statements

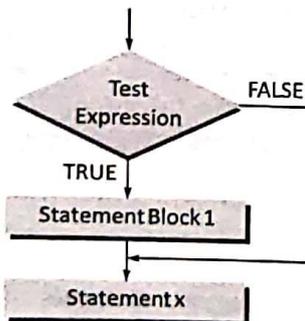
### 3.2.1 If Statement

The if statement is the simplest form of decision control statements that is frequently used in decision making. The general form of a simple if statement is shown in Figure 3.2.

#### SYNTAX OF IF STATEMENT

```

if (test expression)
{
    statement 1;
    .....
    statement n;
}
statement x;
    
```



**Figure 3.2** If statement construct

The if structure may include one statement or n statements enclosed within curly brackets. First the test expression is evaluated. If the test expression is true, the statement of if block (statement 1 to n) are executed otherwise these statements will be skipped and the execution will jump to statement x.

**Programming Tip:** Properly indent the statements that are dependent on the previous statements.

The statement in an if construct is any valid C language statement and the test expression is any valid C language expression that may include logical operators. Note that there is no semicolon after the test expression. This is because the condition and statement should be put together as a single statement.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int x=10; // Initialize the value of x
    if ( x>0) // Test the value of x
    x++;      // Increment x if it is > 0
    printf("\n x = %d", x);
    // Print the value of x
    return 0;
}
    
```

Output

x = 11

In the above code, we take a variable x and initialize it to 10. In the test expression we check if the value of x is greater than 0. If the test expression evaluates to true then the value of x is incremented. Then the value of x is printed on the screen. The output of this program is:

x = 11

Observe that the printf statement will be executed even if the test expression is false.

1. Write a program to determine whether a person is eligible to vote.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int age;
    printf("\n Enter the age: ");
    scanf("%d", &age);
    if(age >= 18)
    printf("\n You are eligible to vote");
    getch()
    return 0;
}
    
```

Output

Enter the age: 28  
You are eligible to vote



In case the statement block contains only one statement, putting curly brackets becomes optional. If there is more than 1 statement in the statement block, putting curly brackets becomes mandatory.

2. Write a program to determine the character entered by the user.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
char ch;
printf("\n Press any key: ");
scanf("%c", &ch);
if(isalpha(ch)>0)
printf("\n The user has entered a
character");
if(isdigit(ch)>0)
printf("\n The user has entered a digit");
if(isprint(ch)>0)
printf("\n The user has entered a printable
character");
if(ispunct(ch)>0)
printf("\n The user has entered a
punctuation mark");
if(isspace(ch)>0)
printf("\n The user has entered a white
space character");
getch();
return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Press any key: 3
The user has entered a digit
```

Now let us write a program to detect errors during data input. But before doing this we must remember that when the `scanf()` function completes its action, it returns the number of items that are successfully read. We can use this returned value to test if any error has occurred during data input. For example, consider the following function:

```
scanf("%d %f %c", &a, &b, &c);
```

If the user enters:

```
1 1.2 A
```

then the `scanf()` will return 3, since three values have been successfully read. But had the user entered,

```
1 abc A
```

then the `scanf()` will immediately terminate when it encounters `abc` as it was expecting a floating point value and print an error message. So after understanding this concept, let us write a program code to detect an error in data input.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
int num;
char ch;
printf("\n Enter an int and a char value: ");
// Check the return value of scanf()
if(scanf("%d %c", &num, &ch)==2)
printf("\n Data read successfully");
else
printf("\n Error in data input");
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter an int and a char value: 2 A
Data read successfully
```

### 3.2.2 If-Else Statement

We have studied that the `if` statement plays a vital role in conditional branching. Its usage is very simple, the test expression is evaluated, if the result is true, the statement(s) followed by the expression is executed else if the expression is false, the statement is skipped by the compiler.

But what if you want a separate set of statements to be executed if the expression returns a zero value? In such cases we use an `if-else` statement rather than using simple `if` statement. The general form of a simple `if-else` statement is shown in Figure 3.3.

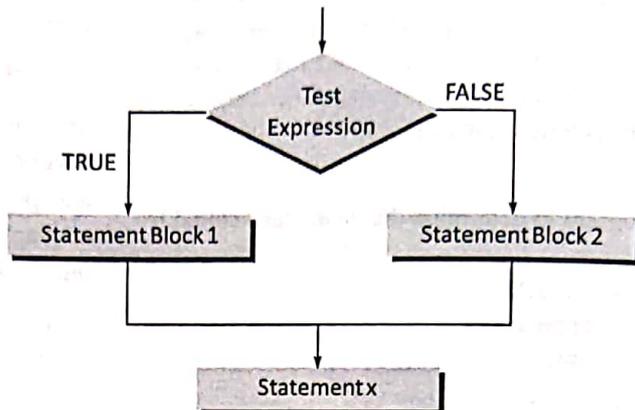
**Programming Tip:**  
Align the matching  
`if-else` clause  
vertically

In the above syntax, we have written statement block. A statement block may include one or more statements. According to the `if-else` construct, first the test expression

**SYNTAX OF IF-ELSE STATEMENT**

```

if (test expression)
{
    statement block 1;
}
else
{
    statement block 2;
}
statement x;
    
```



**Figure 3.3** If-else statement construct

is evaluated. If the expression is true, statement block 1 is executed and statement block 2 is skipped. Otherwise, if the expression is false, statement block 2 is executed and statement block 1 is ignored. Now in any case after the statement block 1 or 2 gets executed the control will pass to statement x. therefore, statement x is executed in every case.

3. Write a program to find the largest of two numbers.

```

#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int a, b, large;
    printf("\n Enter the values of a and b: ");
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);
    if(a>b)
        large = a;
    else
        large = b;
    printf("\n LARGE = %d", large);
    return 0;
}
    
```

**Output**

```

Enter the values of a and b: 12 32
LARGE = 32
    
```

4. Write a program to find whether the given number is even or odd.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    
```

```

int num;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter any number: ");
scanf("%d", &num);

if(num%2 == 0)
printf("\n %d is an even number", num);
else
printf("\n %d is an odd number", num);
return 0;
}
    
```

**Output**

```

Enter any number: 11
11 is an odd number
    
```

5. Write a program to enter any character. If the entered character is in lower case then convert it into upper case and if it is a lower case character then convert it into upper case.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char ch;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any character: ");
    scanf("%c", &ch);

    if(ch >= 'A' && ch <= 'Z')
    printf("\n The entered character was in
        upper case. In lower case it is: %c",
        (ch+32));
    else
    
```

```
printf("\n The entered character was in
lower case. In upper case it is: %c",
(ch-32));
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter any character: a
The entered character was in lower case. In
upper case it is: A
```

6. Write a program to enter a character and then determine whether it is a vowel or not.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
char ch;
clrscr();

printf("\n Enter any character: ");
scanf("%c", &ch);

if(ch == 'a' || ch == 'e' || ch == 'i' || ch == 'o'
|| ch == 'u' || ch == 'A' || ch == 'E' || ch == 'I'
|| ch == 'O' || ch == 'U' )

printf("\n %c is a VOWEL", ch);
else
printf("\n %c is not a vowel");

getch();
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter any character: v
v is not a vowel
```

7. Write a program to find whether a given year is a leap year or not.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
int year;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter any year: ");
scanf("%d", &year);
if((year%4 == 0) && ((year%100 != 0) ||
(year%400 == 0)))
printf("\n Leap Year");
```

```
else
printf("\n Not A Leap Year");
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter any year: 1996
Leap Year
```

**Pitfall** A very common pitfall is to use assignment operator (=) instead of comparison operator (==). For example, consider the statement

```
if(a = 10)
printf("%d", a);
```

Here, the statement does not test whether a is equal to 10 or not. Rather the value 10 is assigned to a and then the value is returned to the if construct for testing. Since the value of a is non-zero, the if construct returns a 1.

**Programming Tip:**  
Do not use floating point numbers for checking for equality in the test expression.

The compiler cannot detect such kinds of error and thus the programmer should carefully use the operators. The program code given below shows the outcome of mishandling the assignment and the comparison operators.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
int x = 2, y = 3;
if(x = y)
printf("\n EQUAL");
else
printf("\n NOT EQUAL");
}
```

**Output**

```
EQUAL
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
int x = 2, y = 3;
if(x == y)
printf("\n EQUAL");
else
printf("\n NOT EQUAL");
}
```

**Output**

```
NOT EQUAL
```

### 3.2.3 If-Else-If Statement

C language supports if-else-if statements to test additional conditions apart from the initial test expression. The if-else-if construct works in the same way as a normal if statement. If-else-if construct is also known as nested if construct. Its construct is given in Figure 3.4.

It is not necessary that every if statement should have an else block as C supports simple if statements. After the first test expression or the first if branch, the programmer

**Programming Tip:** Braces must be placed on separate lines so that the block of statements can be easily identified.

can have as many else-if branches as he wants depending on the expressions that have to be tested. For example, the following code tests whether a number entered by the user is negative, positive, or equal to zero.

- Write a program to demonstrate the use of nested if structure.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int x, y;
    printf("\n Enter two numbers: ");
    scanf("%d %d", &x, &y);
    if(x == y)
        printf("\n The two numbers are equal");
    else if(x > y)
        printf("\n %d is greater than %d", x, y);
    else
```

```
printf("\n %d is less than %d", x, y);
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter two numbers: 12 23
12 is less than 23
```

- Write a program to test whether a number entered is positive, negative or equal to zero.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num;
    printf("\n Enter any number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    if(num==0)
        printf("\n The value is equal to zero");
    else if(num>0)
        printf("\n The number is positive");
    else
        printf("\n The number is negative");
    return 0;
}
```

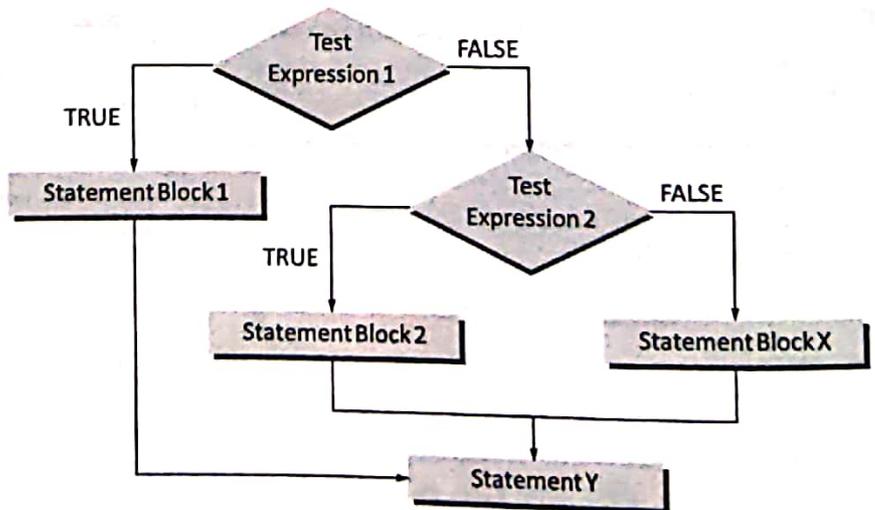
**Programming Tip:** Keep the logical expressions simple and short. For this, you may use nested if statements.

Output

```
Enter any number: 0
The number is equal to zero
```

**SYNTAX OF IF-ELSE-IF STATEMENT**

```
if ( test expression 1)
{
    statement block 1;
}
else if ( test expression 2)
{
    statement block 2;
}
.....
else
{
    statement Block X;
}
Statement Y;
```



**Figure 3.4** If-else-if statement construct

10. A company decides to give bonus to all its employees on Diwali. A 5% bonus on salary is given to the male workers and 10% bonus on salary to the female workers. Write a program to enter the salary and sex of the employee. If the salary of the employee is less than Rs 10,000 then the employee gets an extra 2% bonus on salary. Calculate the bonus that has to be given to the employee and display the salary that the employee will get.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    char ch;
    float sal, bonus, amt_to_be_paid;
    printf("\n Enter the sex of the employee (m
        or f: ");
    scanf("%c", &ch);
    printf("\n Enter the salary of the employee: ");
    scanf("%f", &sal);
    if(ch == 'm')
        bonus = 0.05 * sal;
    else
        bonus = 0.10 * sal;
    if (sal < 10000)
        bonus += 0.20 * sal;
    amt_to_be_paid = sal + bonus;
    printf("\n Salary = %f", sal);
    printf("\n Bonus = %f", bonus);
    printf("\n *****");
    printf("\n Amount to be paid: %f", amt_to_
        be_paid);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the sex of the employee (m or f): f
Enter the salary of the employee: 12000
Salary = 12000
Bonus = 1200
*****
Amount to be paid: 13200
```

In the program to test whether a number is positive or negative, if the first test expression evaluates a true value

then rest of the statements in the code will be ignored and after executing the printf statement which displays "The value is equal to zero", the control will jump to return 0 statement. Consider the following code which shows usage of the if-else-if statement.



The AND operand (&&) is used to form a compound relation expression. In C, the following expression is invalid.

```
if (60 ≤ marks ≤ 75)
```

The correct way to write is as follows:

```
if ((marks ≥ 60) && (marks ≤ 75))
```

11. Write a program to display the examination result.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int marks;
    printf("\n Enter the marks obtained: ");
    scanf("%d", &marks);
    if ( marks >= 75)
        printf("\n DISTINCTION");
    else if ( marks >= 60 && marks <75)
        printf("\n FIRST DIVISION");
    else if ( marks >= 50 && marks < 60)
        printf("\n SECOND DIVISION");
    else if ( marks >= 40 && marks < 50)
        printf("\n THIRD
        DIVISION");
    else
        printf("\n FAIL");
    return 0;
}
```

**Programming Tip:**  
Try to use the most probable condition first so that unnecessary tests are eliminated and the efficiency of the program is improved.

#### Output

```
Enter the marks obtained:
55
SECOND DIVISION
```

12. Write a program to calculate tax, given the following conditions:

- if income is less than 1,50,000 then no tax
- if taxable income is in the range 1,50,001–300,000 then charge 10% tax
- if taxable income is in the range 3,00,001–500,000 then charge 20% tax
- if taxable income is above 5,00,001 then charge 30% tax

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#define MIN1 150001
#define MAX1 300000
#define RATE1 0.10
#define MIN2 300001
#define MAX2 500000
#define RATE2 0.20
#define MIN3 500001
#define RATE3 0.30

main()
{
double income, taxable_income;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the income: ");
scanf("%lf", &income);

taxable_income = income - 150000;
if(taxable_income <= 0)
    printf("\n NO TAX");
else if(taxable_income >= MIN1 && taxable_
income < MAX1)
    tax = (taxable_income - MIN1) * RATE1;
else if(taxable_income >= MIN2 && taxable_
income < MAX2)
    tax = (taxable_income - MIN2) * RATE2;
else
    tax = (taxable_income - MIN3) * RATE3;
printf("\n TAX = %lf", tax);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the income: 900000
TAX = 74999.70

```

**13. Write a program to find the greatest three numbers.**

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
int num1, num2, num3, big=0;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the first number: ");

```

```

scanf("%d", &num1);
printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
scanf("%d", &num2);
printf("\n Enter the third number: ");
scanf("%d", &num3);

if(num1>num2)
{
if(num1>num3)
printf("\n %d is greater than %d and %d",
num1, num2, num3);
else
printf("\n %d is greater than %d and %d",
num3, num1, num2);
}
else if(num2>num3)
printf("\n %d is greater than %d and %d",
num2, num1, num3);

```

**Programming Tip:**  
It is always recommended to indent the statements in the block by at least three spaces to the right of the braces.

```

else
printf("\n %d is greater
than %d and %d", num3,
num1, num2);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the first number: 12
Enter the second number: 23
Enter the third number: 9
23 is greater than 12 and 9

```

**14. Write a program to input three numbers and then find largest of them using && operator.**

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
int num1, num2, num3;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the first number: ");
scanf("%d", &num1);
printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
scanf("%d", &num2);
printf("\n Enter the third number: ");
scanf("%d", &num3);

if(num1>num2 && num1>num3)
printf("\n %d is the largest number", num1);

```

```

if(num2>num1 && num2>num3)
printf("\n %d is the largest number", num2);
else
printf("\n %d is the largest number", num3);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the first number: 12
Enter the second number: 23
Enter the third number: 9
23 is the largest number

```

15. Write a program to enter the marks of a student in four subjects. Then calculate the total, aggregate, and display the grades obtained by the student.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
int marks1, marks2, marks3, marks4, total = 0;
float avg = 0.0;
clrscr();

printf("\n Enter the marks in Mathematics: ");
scanf("%d", &marks1);
printf("\n Enter the marks in Science: ");
scanf("%d", &marks2);
printf("\n Enter the marks in Social
Science: ");
scanf("%d", &marks3);
printf("\n Enter the marks in Computer
Science: ");
scanf("%d", &marks4);
total = marks1 + marks2 + marks3 + marks4;
avg = total/4;
printf("\n Total = %d", total);
printf("\n Aggregate = %.2f", avg);

if(avg >= 75)
printf("\n DISTINCTION");
else if(avg >= 60 && avg < 75)
printf("\n FIRST DIVISION");
else if(avg >= 50 && avg < 60)
printf("\n SECOND DIVISION");
else if(avg >= 40 && avg < 50)

```

```

printf("\n THIRD DIVISION");
else
printf("\n FAIL");
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the marks in Mathematics: 90
Enter the marks n Science: 91
Enter the marks in Social Science: 92
Enter the marks in Computer Science: 93
TOTAL = 366
AGGREGATE = 91.00
DISTINCTION

```

16. Write a program to calculate the roots of a quadratic equation.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <conio.h>
void main()
{
int a, b, c;
float D, deno, root1, root2;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the values of a, b, and c:");
scanf("%d %d %d", &a, &b, &c);
D = (b * b) - (4 * a * c);
deno = 2 * a;
if(D > 0)
{
printf("\n REAL ROOTS");
root1 = (-b + sqrt(D)) / deno;
root2 = (-b - sqrt(D)) / deno;
printf("\n ROOT1 = %f \t ROOT 2 = %f",
root1, root2);
}
else if(D == 0)
{
printf("\n EQUAL ROOTS");
root1 = -b/deno;
printf("\n ROOT1 = %f \t ROOT 2 = %f",
root1, root2);
}
else
printf("\n IMAGINARY ROOTS");
getch();
}

```

## Output

```
Enter the values of a, b, and c: 3 4 5
IMAGINARY ROOTS
```

Let us now summarize the rules for using `if`, `if-else`, and `if-else-if` statements.

**Rule 1:** The expression must be enclosed in parentheses.

**Rule 2:** No semicolon is placed after the `if/if-else/if-else-if` statement. Semicolon is placed only at the end of statements in the statement block.

**Rule 3:** A statement block begins and ends with a curly brace. No semicolon is placed after the opening/closing braces.

## Dangling Else Problem

With nesting of `if-else` statements, we often encounter a

**Programming Tip:**  
While forming the conditional expression, try to use positive statements rather than using compound negative statements.

problem known as *dangling else problem*. This problem is created when there is no matching `else` for every `if` statement. In such cases, C always pair an `else` statement to the most recent unpaired `if` statement in the current block. Consider the following code which shows such a scenario.

```
if(a > b)
if(a > c)
    printf("\n a is greater than b and c");
else
    printf("\n a is not greater than b and c");
```

The problem is that both the outer `if` statement and the inner `if` statement might conceivably own the `else` clause. The C solution to pair the `if-construct` with the nearest `if` may not always be correct. So the programmer must always see that every `if` statement is paired with an appropriate `else` statement.

## Comparing Floating Point Numbers

Never test floating point numbers for exact equality. This is because floating point numbers are just approximations, so it is always better to test floating point numbers for 'approximately equal' rather than testing for exactly equal.

We can test for approximate equality by subtracting the two floating point numbers (that are to be tested) and comparing their absolute value of the difference against a very small number, **epsilon**. For example, consider the code given below which compares two floating point numbers. Note that **epsilon** is chosen by the programmer to be small enough so that the two numbers can be considered equal.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#define EPSILON 1.0e-5
main()
{
    double num1 = 10.0, num2 = 9.5;
    double res1, res2;
    res1 = num2 / num1 * num1;
    res2 = num2;

    /* fabs() is a C library function that
    returns the floating point absolute value */

    if(fabs(res2 - res1) < EPSILON)
        printf("EQUAL");
    else
        printf("NOT EQUAL");
    return 0;
}
```

Also note that adding a very small floating point value to a very large floating point value or subtracting floating point numbers of widely differing magnitudes may not have any effect. This is because adding/subtracting two floating point numbers that differ in magnitude by more than the precision of the data type used will not affect the larger number.

## 3.2.4. Switch Case

A switch case statement is a multi-way decision statement that is a simplified version of an `if-else` block that evaluates

**Programming Tip:**  
It is always recommended to use default label in a switch statement.

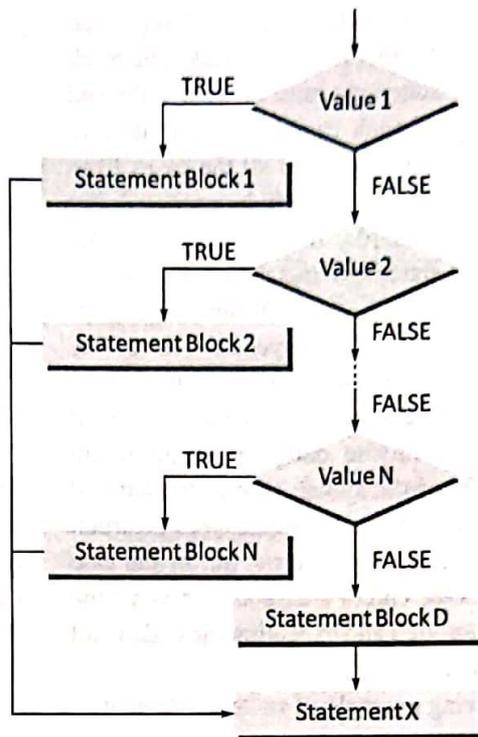
only one variable. The general form of a switch statement is shown in Figure 3.5.

Table 3.1t compares general form of a switch statement with that of an `if-else` statement.

**Syntax of Switch Statement**

```

switch ( variable )
{
case value1:
    Statement Block 1; break;
    break;
case value2:
    Statement Block 2; break;
    break;
.....
case value N:
    Statement Block N; break;
    break;
default:
    Statement Block D;
    break; break;
}
Statement X;
    
```



**Figure 3.5** The switch statement construct

**Table 3.1** Comparison between the switch and if-else construct

Generalized switch statement	Generalized if-else statement
<pre> switch(x) { case 1: // do this case 2: // do this case 3: // do this .... default: //do this }                     </pre>	<pre> if(exp1) { // do this } else if(exp2) { // do this } else if(exp3) { // do this }                     </pre>

Here, statement blocks refer to statement lists that may contain zero or more statements. *These statements in the block are not enclosed within opening and closing braces.*

The power of nested if-else statements lies in the fact that it can evaluate more than one expression in a single logical structure. Switch statements are mostly used in two situations:

- ✓ When there is only one variable to evaluate in the expression.
- ✓ When many conditions are being tested for.

When there are many conditions to test, using the if and else-if construct becomes a bit complicated and confusing. Therefore, switch case statements are often used as an alternative to long if statements that compare a variable to several *integral* values (integral values are those values that can be expressed as an integer, such as the value of a char). Switch statements are also used to handle the input given by the user.

We have already seen the syntax of the switch statement. The switch case statement compares the value of the variable given in the switch statement with the value of each case statement that follows. When the value of the switch and the case statement matches, the statement block of that particular case is executed.

Did you notice the keyword **default** in the syntax of the switch case statement? **Default** is also a case that is executed when the value of the variable does not match with any of the values of the case statement, i.e., the default case is executed when there is no match found between the values of switch and case statements and thus there are no statements to be executed. Although the default case is optional, it is always recommended to include it as it handles any unexpected cases.

**Programming Tip:** C supports decision control statements that can alter the flow of a sequence of instructions. A switch-case statement is a multi-way decision statement that is a simplified version of an if-else block that evaluates only one variable.

In the syntax of the switch case statement, we have used another keyword break. The break statement must be used at the end of each case because if it were not used, then all the cases from the one met will be executed. For example, if the value of switch statement matched with that of case 2, then all the statements in case 2 as well as rest of the cases including default will be executed. The break statement tells the compiler to jump out of the switch case statement and

execute the statement following the switch case construct. Thus, the keyword break is used to break out of the case statements. It indicates the end of a case and prevents the program from falling through and executing the code in all the rest of the case statements.

Consider the following example of switch statement.

```
char grade = 'C';
switch(grade)
{
case 'O':
    printf("\n Outstanding");
    break;

case 'A':
    printf("\n Excellent");
    break;
case 'B':
    printf("\n Good");
    break;
case 'C':
    printf("\n Fair");
    break;
case 'F':
    printf("\n Fail");
    break;
default:
    printf("\n Invalid Grade");
    break;
}
```

Output  
Fair

17. Write a program to demonstrate the use of switch statement without a break.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int option = 1;
    switch(option)
    {
        case 1: printf("\n In case 1");
        case 2: printf("\n In case 2");
        default: printf("\n In case default");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output

In case 1  
In case 2  
In case default

Had the value of option been 2, then the output would have been

In case 2  
In case default

And if option was equal to 3 or any other value then only the default case would have been executed, thereby printing

In case default

To summarize the switch case construct, let us go through the following rules:

- The control expression that follows the keyword switch must be of integral type (i.e., either be an integer or any value that can be converted to an integer.

**Programming Tip:** Keep the logical expressions simple and short. For this, you may use nested if statements.

- Each case label should be followed with a constant or a constant expression.
- Every case label must evaluate to a unique constant expression value.
- Case labels must end with a colon.

**Programming Tip:**

Default is also a case that is executed when the value of the variable does not match with any of the values of the case statement.

- Two case labels may have the same set of actions associated with it.
- The default label is optional and is executed only when the value of the expression does not match with any labelled constant expression. It is recommended to have a default case in every switch case statement.

- The default label can be placed anywhere in the switch statement. But the most appropriate position of default case is at the end of the switch case statement.
- There can be only one default label in a switch statement.
- C permits nested switch statements, i.e., a switch statement within another switch statement.

18. Write a program to determine whether an entered character is a vowel or not.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    char ch;
    printf("\n Enter any character: ");
    scanf("%c", &ch);
    switch(ch)
    {
        case 'A':
        case 'a':
            printf("\n %c is VOWEL", ch);
            break;
        case 'E':
        case 'e':
            printf("\n %c is VOWEL", ch);
            break;
        case 'I':
        case 'i':
            printf("\n %c is VOWEL", ch);
            break;
        case 'O':
        case 'o':
            printf("\n %c is VOWEL", ch);
            break;
```

```
case 'U':
case 'u':
    printf("\n %c is VOWEL", ch);
    break;
default: printf("%c is not a vowel", ch);
    }
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter any character: E
E is a VOWEL
```

19. Write a program to enter a number from 1–7 and display the corresponding day of the week using switch case statement.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int day;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any number from 1 to 7: ");
    scanf("%d", &day);

    switch(day)
    {
        case 1: printf("\n SUNDAY");
        break;
        case 2: printf("\n MONDAY");
        break;
        case 3: printf("\n TUESDAY");
        break;
        case 4: printf("\n WEDNESDAY");
        break;
        case 5: printf("\n THURSDAY");
        break;
        case 6: printf("\n FRIDAY");
        break;
        case 7: printf("\n SATURDAY");
        break;
        default: printf("\n Wrong Number");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter any number from 1 to 7: 5
THURSDAY
```

20. Write a program that accepts a number from 1 to 10. Print whether the number is even or odd using a switch case construct.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
int num;
printf("\n Enter any number (1 to 10): ");
scanf("%d", &num);
switch(num)
{
case 1:
case 3:
case 5:
case 7:
case 9:
    printf("\n ODD");
    break;
case 2:
case 4:
case 6:
case 8:
case 10:
    printf("\n EVEN");
default :
    printf("\n INVALID INPUT");
    break;
}
}
```

OR

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
int num, rem;
printf("\n Enter any number (1 to 10): ");
scanf("%d", &num);
rem = num%2;
switch(rem)
{
case 0:
    printf("\n EVEN");
    break;
case 1:
    printf("\n ODD");
    break;
}
}
```

Output  
Enter any number from 1 to 10: 7  
ODD

Note that there is no break statement after case A, so if the character 'A' is entered, then the control will execute the statements given in case 'a'.

For example, consider a simple calculator program that can be used to add, multiply, subtract, and divide two integers.

### Advantages of using a Switch Case Statement

Switch case statement is preferred by programmers due to the following reasons:

- Easy to debug.
- Easy to read and understand.
- ✓ Ease of maintenance as compared with its equivalent if-else statements.
- Like if-else statements, switch statements can also be nested.
- ✓ Executes faster than its equivalent if-else construct.

## 3.3 ITERATIVE STATEMENTS

Iterative statements are used to repeat the execution of a list of statements, depending on the value of an integer expression. C language supports three types of iterative statements also known as looping statements. They are:

- While loop
- Do-while loop
- For loop

In this section, we will discuss all these statements.

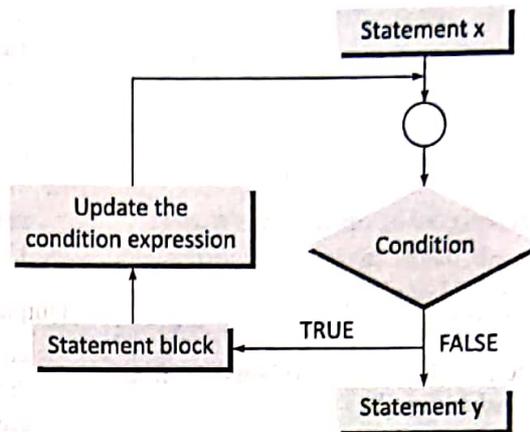
### 3.3.1 While loop

The while loop provides a mechanism to repeat one or more statements while a particular condition is true. Figure 3.6 shows the syntax and general form of representation of a while loop.

**Programming Tip:** Iterative statements are used to repeat the execution of a list of statements, depending on the value of an Integer expression.

In the while loop, the condition is tested before any of the statements in the statement block is executed. If the condition is true, only then the statements will be executed otherwise if the condition is false, the control will jump to statement y, which is the immediate statement outside the while loop block.

**Syntax of While Loop**  
 statement x;  
 while (condition)  
 {  
 statement block;  
 }  
 statement y;



**Figure 3.6** The while loop construct

From the flow chart diagram, it is clear that we need to constantly update the condition of the while loop. It is this condition which determines when the loop will end. The while loop will execute as long as the condition is true. Note if the condition is never updated and the condition never becomes false then the computer will run into an infinite loop which is never desirable.

**Programming Tip:**  
 Check that the relational operator is not mistyped as an assignment operator.

A while loop is also referred to as a top-checking loop since control condition is placed as the first line of the code. If the control condition evaluates to false, then the statements enclosed in the loop are never executed.

For example, look at the following code which prints first 10 numbers using a while loop.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int i = 0;        // initialize loop variable
    while(i<=10)    // test the condition
    {
        // execute the loop
        statements
        printf(" %d", i);
        i = i + 1;    // condition updated
    }
    getch();
    return 0;
}
    
```

Output

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Initially  $i = 0$  and is less than 10, i.e., the condition is true, so in the while loop the value of  $i$  is printed and the condition is updated so that with every execution of the loop, the condition becomes more approachable. Let us look at some more programming examples that illustrate the use of while loop.

21. Write a program to calculate the sum of first 10 numbers.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int i = 0, sum = 0;
    while(i<=10)
    {
        sum = sum + i;
        i = i + 1;    // condition updated
    }
    printf("\n SUM = %d", sum);
    return 0;
}
    
```

Output

SUM = 55

22. Write a program to print 20 horizontal asterisks(\*).

```

#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    
```

```

int i=1;
while (i<=20)
{
printf("**");
i++;
}
return 0;
}

```

## Output

\*\*\*\*\*

23. Write a program to calculate the sum of numbers from m to n.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
int n, m, sum =0;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the value of m: ");
scanf("%d", &m);

printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
scanf("%d", &n);

while(m<=n)
{
sum = sum + m;
m = m + 1;
}
printf("\n SUM = %d", sum);
return 0;
}

```

## Output

```

Enter the value of m: 7
Enter the value of n: 11
SUM = 45

```

24. Write a program to display the largest of 6 numbers using ternary operator.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
int i=0, large = -1, num;
clrscr();

while(i<=5)
{

```

```

printf("\n Enter the number: ");
scanf("%d",&num);
large = num>large?num:large;
i++;
}
printf("\n The largest of five numbers
entered is: %d", large);
return 0;
}

```

## Output

```

Enter the number : 29
Enter the number : 15
Enter the number : 17
Enter the number : 19
Enter the number : 25
The largest of five numbers entered is: 29

```

25. Write a program to read the numbers until -1 is encountered. Also count the negative, positive, and zeros entered by the user.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
int num;
int negatives=0, positives=0, zeros=0;
clrscr();

printf("\n Enter -1 to exit...");
printf("\n\n Enter any number: ");
scanf("%d",&num);

```

```

while(num != -1)
{
if(num>0)
positives++;
else if(num<0)
negatives++;
else
zeroes++;
printf("\n\n Enter any number: ");
scanf("%d",&num);
}
printf("\n Count of positive numbers entered
= %d", positives);
printf("\n Count of negative numbers entered
= %d", negatives);
printf("\n Count of zeros entered = %d",
zeros);

```

```

getch();
return 0;
}

```

### Output

```

Enter any number: -12
Enter any number: 108
Enter any number: -24
Enter any number: 99
Enter any number: -23
Enter any number: 101
Enter any number: -1
Count of positive numbers entered = 3
Count of negative numbers entered = 3
Count of zeros entered = 0

```

26. Write a program to calculate the average of numbers entered by the user.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
int num, sum = 0, count = 0;
float avg;
printf("\n Enter any number. Enter -1 to
STOP: ");
scanf("%d", &num);
while(num != -1)
{
count++;
sum = sum + num;
printf("\n Enter any number.
Enter -1 to STOP: ");
scanf("%d", &num);
}
avg = (float)sum/count;
printf("\n SUM = %d", sum);
printf("\n AVERAGE = %f",
avg);
return 0;
}

```

**Programming Tip:** Placing a semicolon after the while/for loop in not a syntax error. So it will not be reported by the compiler. However, it is considered to be a logical error as it changes the output of the program.

### Output

```

Enter any number. Enter -1 to STOP: 23
Enter any number. Enter -1 to STOP: 13
Enter any number. Enter -1 to STOP: 3
Enter any number. Enter -1 to STOP: 53
Enter any number. Enter -1 to STOP: 4

```

```

Enter any number. Enter -1 to STOP: 63
Enter any number. Enter -1 to STOP: -23
Enter any number. Enter -1 to STOP: -6
Enter any number. Enter -1 to STOP: -1
SUM = 130
AVERAGE = 16.25

```

Thus, we see that while loop is very useful for designing interactive programs in which the number of times the statements in the loop has to be executed is not known in advance. The program will execute until the user wants to stop by entering -1.

Now look at the code given below which makes the computer hang up in an infinite loop. The code given below is supposed to calculate the average of first 10 numbers, but since the condition never becomes false, the output will not be generated and the intended task will not be performed.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
int i = 0, sum = 0;
float avg = 0.0;

while(i<=10)
{
sum = sum + i;
}
avg = sum/10;
printf("\n The sum of first 10 numbers =
%d", sum);
printf("\n The average of first 10 numbers =
%f", avg);
return 0;
}

```

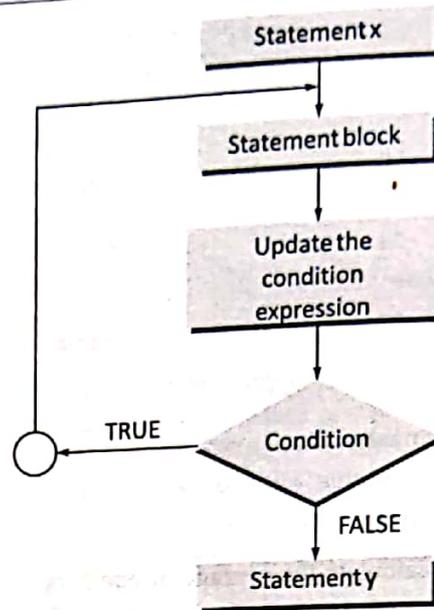
### 3.3.2 Do-while Loop

The do-while loop is similar to the while loop. The only difference is that in a do-while loop, the test condition is tested at the end of the loop. Now that the test condition is tested at the end, this clearly means that the body of the loop gets executed at least one time (even if the condition is false). Figure 3.7 shows the syntax and general form of representation of a do-while loop:

Note that the test condition is enclosed in parentheses and followed by a semicolon. The statements in the statement block are enclosed within curly brackets. The

**Syntax of do-while Loop**

```
statement x;
do
{
statement block;
}while (condition);
statement y;
```



**Figure 3.7** Do-while construct

curly bracket is optional if there is only one statement in the body of the do-while loop.

Like the while loop, the do-while loop continues to execute whilst a condition is true. There is no choice whether to execute the loop or not because the loop will be executed at least once irrespective of whether the condition is true or false. Hence, entry in the loop is automatic. There is only one choice: to continue or to exit. The do-while loop will continue to execute while the condition is true and when the condition becomes false, the control will jump to statement following the do-while loop.

Similar to the while loop, the do-while is an indefinite loop as the loop can execute until the user wants to stop. The number of times the loop has to be executed can thus be determined at the run time. However, unlike the while loop, the do-while loop is a bottom-checking loop, since the control expression is placed after the body of the loop.

The major disadvantage of using a do-while loop is that it always executes at least once, even if the user enters some invalid data, the loop will execute. One complete execution of the loop takes place before the first comparison is actually done. However, do-while loops are widely used to print a list of options for a menu-driven program. For example, look at the following code.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
```

```
int i = 0;
do
{
printf("\n %d", i);
i = i + 1;
} while(i<=10);
return 0;
}
```

What do you think will be the output? The code will print numbers from 0-11 and not till 10.

27. Write a program to calculate the average of first n numbers.

**Programming Tip:**  
Do not forget to place a semicolon at the end of the do-while statement.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
int n, i = 0, sum = 0;
float avg = 0.0;
printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
scanf("%d", &n);
do
{
sum = sum + i;
i = i + 1;
} while(i<=n);

avg = sum/n;
```

```
printf("\n The sum of first n numbers = %d",
sum);
printf("\n The average of first %d numbers =
%f", n, avg);
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

Enter the value of n: 18  
The sum of first n numbers = 171  
The average of first %d numbers = 9.00

28. Write a program using do-while loop to display the square and cube of first n natural numbers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
int i, n;
clrscr();

printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
scanf("%d", &n);
printf("\n -----");
i=1;
do
{
```

**Programming Tip:**  
Avoid using do-while loop for implementing pre-test loops and prefer to use the do-while loop for post-test loops.

```
printf("\n | \t %d \t | \t
%d \t | \t %ld \t |", i,
i*i, i*i*i);
i++;
} while(i<n);
printf("\n -----
-----");
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

Enter the value of n: 5

```
-----
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 4 | 8 |
| 3 | 9 | 27 |
| 4 | 16 | 64 |
| 5 | 25 | 125 |
-----
```

29. Write a program to list all the leap years from 1900 to 2100.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
int m=1900, n=2100;
clrscr();

do
{
```

**Programming Tip:**  
If you want that the body of the loop must get executed at least once, then use the do-while loop.

```
if(i%4 == 0)
printf("\n %d is a leap
year", m);
else
printf("\n %d is not a
leap year", m);
m = m+1;
}while(m<=n);
return 0;
}
```

30. Write a program to read a character until a \* is encountered. Also count the number of upper case, lower case, and numbers entered by the users.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
char ch;
int lowers = 0, uppers = 0, numbers = 0;
clrscr();

printf("\n Enter any character: ");
scanf("%c", &ch);

do
{
if(ch >='A' && ch<='Z')
uppers++;
if(ch >='a' && ch<='z')
lowers++;
if(ch >='0' && ch<='9')
numbers++;

fflush(stdin);
/* The function is used to clear the
standard input file. */
printf("\n Enter another character. Enter *
to exit.");
scanf("%c", &ch);
```

```

} while(ch != '*');

printf("\n Total count of lower case
characters entered = %d", lowers);
printf("\n Total count of upper case
characters entered = %d", uppers);
printf("\n Total count of numbers entered =
%d", numbers);
return 0;
}

```

#### Output

```

Enter any character: 0
Enter another character. Enter * to exit. x
Enter another character. Enter * to exit. F
Enter another character. Enter * to exit. o
Enter another character. Enter * to exit. R
Enter another character. Enter * to exit. d
Enter another character. Enter * to exit. *

```

```

Total count of lower case characters entered = 3
Total count of upper case characters entered = 3
Total count of numbers entered = 0

```

31. Write a program to read the numbers until -1 is encountered. Also calculate the sum and mean of all positive numbers entered and the sum and mean of all negative numbers entered separately.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
int num;
int sum_negatives=0, sum_positives=0;
int positives = 0, negatives = 0;
float mean_positives = 0.0, mean_negatives
= 0.0;
clrscr();

```

```

printf("\n Enter -1 to exit...");
printf("\n\n Enter any number: ");
scanf("%d",&num);

```

```

do
{
if(num>0)
{
sum_positives += num;
positives++;
}
}

```

```

else if(num<0)
{
sum_negatives += num;
negatives++;
}

```

```

printf("\n\n Enter any number: ");
scanf("%d",&num);
} while(num != -1);

```

```

mean_positives = sum_positives/positives;
mean_negatives = sum_negatives/negatives;

```

```

printf("\n Sum of all positive numbers
entered = %d", sum_positives);
printf("\n Mean of all positive numbers
entered = %f", mean_positives);

```

```

printf("\n Sum of all negative numbers
entered = %d", sum_negatives);
printf("\n Mean of all negative numbers
entered = %f", mean_negatives);
return 0;
}

```

#### Output

```

Enter -1 to exit...
Enter any number: 9
Enter any number: 8
Enter any number: 7
Enter any number: -6
Enter any number: -5
Enter any number: -4
Enter any number: -1
Sum of all positive numbers entered = 24
Mean of all positive numbers entered = 8.000
Sum of all negative numbers entered = -15
Mean of all negative numbers entered =
-5.000

```

### 3.3.3 For Loop

Like the while and do-while loop, the for loop provides a mechanism to repeat a task until a particular condition is true. For loop is usually known as a determinate or definite loop because the programmer knows exactly how many times the loop will repeat. The number of times the loop has to be executed can be determined mathematically by checking the logic of the loop. The syntax and general form of a for loop is as given in Figure 3.8.

When a for loop is used, the loop variable is initialized only once. With every iteration of the loop, the value of the loop variable is updated and the condition is checked. If the condition is true, the statement block of the loop is executed, else the statements comprising the statement block of the for loop are skipped and the control jumps to the immediate statement following the for loop body.

In the syntax of the for loop, initialization of the loop variable allows the programmer to give it a value. Second, the condition specifies that while the conditional expression is TRUE the loop should continue to repeat itself. Every iteration of the loop must make the condition near to approachable. So, with every iteration, the loop variable must be updated. Updating the loop variable may include incrementing the loop variable, decrementing the loop variable or setting it to some other value like,  $i += 2$ , where  $i$  is the loop variable.

Note that every section of the for loop is separated from the other with a semicolon. It is possible that one of the sections may be empty, though the semicolons still have to be there. However, if the condition is empty, it is evaluated as TRUE and the loop will repeat until something else stops it.

The for loop is widely used to execute a single or a group of statements a limited number of times. Another

point to consider is that in a for loop, condition is tested before the statements contained in the body are executed. So if the condition does not hold true, then the body of the for loop may never get executed.

Look at the following code which prints the first  $n$  numbers using a for loop.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n;
    printf("\n Enter the value of n :");
    scanf("%d", &n);

    for(i=0;i<=n;i++)
        printf("\n %d", i);
    return 0;
}
```

**Programming Tip:**  
It is a logical error to update the loop control variable in the body of the for loop as well as in the for statement.

In the code,  $i$  is the loop variable. Initially, it is initialized with value zero. Suppose the user enters 10 as the value for  $n$ . Then the condition is checked, since the condition is true as  $i$  is less than  $n$ , the statement in the for

#### Syntax of for Loop

```
for (initialization; condition;
    increment/decrement/update)
{
    statement block;
}
Statement Y;
```

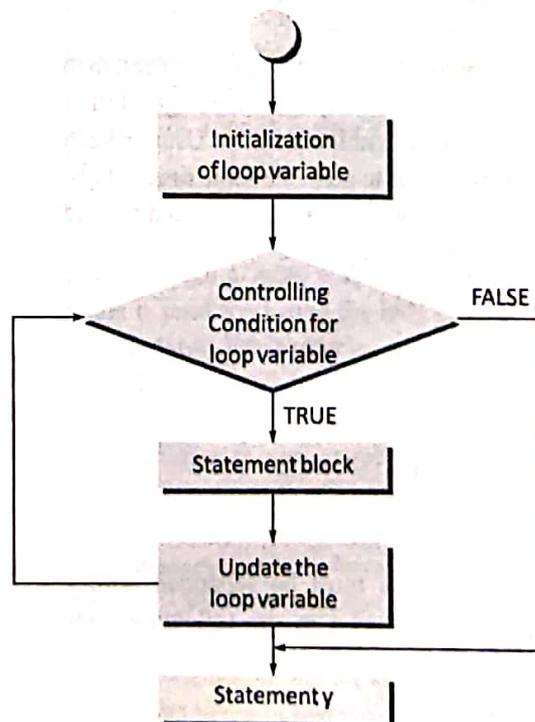


Figure 3.8 For loop construct

loop is executed and the value of *i* is printed. After every iteration, the value of *i* is incremented. When *i*=*n*, the control jumps to the return 0 statement.

### Points to Remember About for Loop

- In a for loop, any or all the expressions can be omitted. In case all the expressions are omitted, then there must be two semicolons in the for statement.
- There must be no semicolon after a for statement. If you do that, then you are sure to get some unexpected results. Consider the following code.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
  int i;
  for(i=0;i<10;i++);
  printf(" %d", i);
  return 0;
}
```

In this code, the loop initializes *i* to 0 and increments its value. Since a semicolon is placed after the loop, it means that loop does not contain any statement. So even if the condition is true, no statement is executed. The loop continues till *i* becomes 10 and the moment *i*=10, the statement following the for loop is executed and the value of *i* (10) is printed on the screen.

When we place a semicolon after the for statement, then the compiler will not generate any error message. Rather it will treat the statement as a null statement. Usually such type of null statement is used to generate some time delays. For example, the following code produces no output and simply delays further processing.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
  int i;
  for(i=10000;i>0;i--);
  printf(" %d", i);
  return 0;
}
```

- Multiple initializations must be separated with a comma operator as shown in the following code segment.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
```

```
  int i, sum;
  for(i=0, sum=0;i<10;i++)
    sum += i;
  printf(" %d", sum);
  return 0;
}
```

- If there is no initialization to be done, then the initialization statement can be skipped by giving only a semicolon. This is shown in the following code.

**Programming Tip:**  
Although we can place the initialization, testing and updating the loop control variable outside the for loop, but try to avoid it as much as possible.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
  int i=0;
  for(;i<10;i++)
    printf("%d", i);
  return 0;
}
```

- Multiple conditions in the test expression can be tested by using the logical operator (&& or ||).
- If the loop controlling variable is updated within the statement block, then the third part can be skipped. This is shown in the code given below.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
  int i=0;
  for(;i<10;)
  {
    printf(" %d", i);
    i = i + 1;
  }
  return 0;
}
```

- Multiple statements can be included in the third part of the for statement by using the comma operator. For example, the for statement given below is valid in C.

```
for(i=0, j=10;i<j; i++, j--)
```

- The controlling variable can also be incremented/decremented by values other than 1. This is shown in the code below which prints all odd numbers from 0 to 10.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
```

```

{
int i;
for(i=1;i<=10;i+=2)
    printf(" %d", i);
return 0;
}

```

- If the for loop contains nothing but two semicolons, that is no initialization, condition testing and updating of the loop control variable then the for loop may

**Programming Tip:** Although placing an arithmetic expression in initialization and updating section of the for loop is permissible, but try to avoid them as they may cause some round-off and/or truncation errors.

become an infinite loop if no stopping condition is specified in the body of the loop. For example, the following code will infinitely print C Programming on the computer screen.

```

#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
for(;;)
printf(" C Programming");
return 0;
}

```

- Never use a floating point variable as the loop control variable. This is because floating point values are just approximations and therefore may result in imprecise values and thus inaccurate test for termination. For example, the following code will result in an infinite loop because of inaccuracies of floating point numbers.

```

#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
float i;
for(i=100;i>=10;)
{
printf(" %f", i);
i = (float)i/10;
}
return 0;
}

```

**Selecting an appropriate loop** Loops can be entry-controlled (also known as pre-test) or entry-controlled (also known as post-test). While in entry-controlled loop, condition is tested before the loop starts, the exit-controlled

loop, on the other hand, tests the condition after the loop is executed. If the condition is not met in entry controlled loop, then the loop will never execute. However, in case of post-test, the body of the loop is executed unconditionally for the first time.

If your requirement is to have a pre-test loop, then choose either for loop or while loop. In case you need to have a post-test loop then choose a do-while loop.

Look at Table 3.2 which shows a comparison between a pre-test loop and a post test loop.

**Table 3.2** Comparison of pre-test and post-test loops

Feature	Pre-test Loop	Post-test Loop
Initialization	1	1
Number of tests	N+1	N
Statements executed	N	N
Loop control variable update	N	N
Minimum iterations	0	1

When we know in advance the number of times, the loop should be executed, we use a counter-controlled loop. The counter is a variable that must be initialized, tested, and updated for performing the loop operations. Such a counter controlled loop in which the counter is assigned a constant or a value is also known as a definite repetition loop.

When we do not know in advance the number of times the loop will be executed, we use a sentinel controlled loop. In such a loop, a special value called the sentinel value is used to change the loop control expression from true to false. For example, when data is read from the user, the user may be notified that when they want the execution to stop, they may enter -1. This -1 is called the *sentinel value*. A sentinel-controlled loop is often useful for indefinite repetition loops.

If your requirement is to have a counter-controlled loop, then choose for loop, else if you need to have a sentinel-controlled loop, then go for either a while loop or a do-while loop. Although a sentinel-controlled loop can be implemented using for loop, but while and do-while loop offers better option.

### 3.4 NESTED LOOPS

C allows its users to have nested loops, i.e., loops that can be placed inside other loops. Although this feature will work with any loop like while, do-while, and for but it is most commonly used with the for loop, because this is easiest to control. A for loop can be used to control the number of times that a particular set of statements will be executed. Another outer loop could be used to control the number of times that a whole loop is repeated.

In C, loops can be nested to any desired level. However, the loops should be properly indented in order to enable the reader to easily determine which statements are contained within each for statement. To see the benefit of nesting loops, we will see some programs that exhibits the use of nested loops.

32. Write a program to print the following pattern.

Pass 1- 1 2 3 4 5

Pass 2- 1 2 3 4 5

Pass 3- 1 2 3 4 5

Pass 4- 1 2 3 4 5

Pass 5- 1 2 3 4 5

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int i, j;
    for(i=1;i<=5;i++)
    {
        printf("\n Pass %d- ",i);
        for(j=1;j<=5;j++)
            printf(" %d", j);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

33. Write a program to print the following pattern.

```
*****
*****
*****
*****
*****
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int i, j;
    for(i=1;i<=5;i++)
```

```
{
    printf("\n");
    for(j=1;j<=5;j++)
        printf("*");
}
return 0;
}
```

34. Write a program to print the following pattern.

```
*
**
***
****
*****
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int i, j;
    for(i=1;i<=5;i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=1;j<=i;j++)
            printf("*");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

35. Write a program to print the following pattern.

```
1
12
123
1234
12345
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int i, j;
    for(i=1;i<=5;i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=1;j<=i;j++)
            printf("%d", j);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

36. Write a program to print the following pattern.

```
1
22
```

```
333
4444
55555
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int i, j;
    for(i=1;i<=5;i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=1;j<=i;j++)
            printf("%d", i);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

37. Write a program to print the following pattern.

```
0
12
345
6789
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int i, j, count=0;
    for(i=1;i<=5;i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=1;j<=i;j++)
            printf("%d", count++);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

38. Write a program to print the following pattern.

```
A
AB
ABC
ABCD
ABCDE
ABCDEF
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    char i, j;
    for(i=65;i<=70;i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=65;j<=i;j++)
            printf("%c", j);
    }
}
```

```
}
return 0;
}
```

39. Write a program to print the following pattern.

```
1
12
123
1234
12345
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 5
main()
{
    int i, j, k;
    for(i=1;i<=N;i++)
    {
        for(k=N;k>=i;k--)
            printf(" ");
        for(j=1;j<=i;j++)
            printf("%d", j);
        printf("\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

40. Write a program to print the following pattern.

```
1
121
12321
1234321
123454321
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 5
main()
{
    int i, j, k, l;
    for(i=1;i<=N;i++)
    {
        for(k=N;k>=i;k--)
            printf(" ");
        for(j=1;j<=i;j++)
            printf("%d", j);
        for(l=j-2;l>0;l--)
            printf("%d", l);
        printf("\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

41. Write a program to print the following pattern.

```
1
2 2
3 3 3
4 4 4 4
5 5 5 5 5
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 5
main()
{
int i, j, k, count=5, c;
for(i=1;i<=N;i++)
{
for(k=1;k<=count;k++)
printf(" ");
for(j=1;j<=i;j++)
printf("%2d", i);
printf("\n");
c--;
}
return 0;
}
```

42. Write a program to print the multiplication table of n, where n is entered by the user.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
int n, i;
printf("\n Enter any number: ");
scanf("%d", &n);

printf("\n Multiplication table of %d", n);
printf("\n *****");
for(i=0;i<=20;i++)
printf("\n %d X %d = %d", n, i, (n * i));
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter any number: 2
Multiplication table of 2
*****
2 X 0 = 0
2 X 1 = 2
...
2 X 20 = 40
```

43. Write a program to print numbers from m to n.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
int n, m, i;
printf("\n Enter the value of m: ");
scanf("%d", &m);

printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
scanf("%d", &n);

for(i=m;i<=n;i++)
printf("\t %d", i);
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the value of m: 5
Enter the value of n: 10
5 6 7 8 9 10
```

44. Write a program using for loop to print all the numbers from m to n, thereby classifying them as even or odd

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
int i, m, n;
clrscr();

printf("\n Enter the value of m: ");
scanf("%d", &m);
printf("\n Enter the value n: ");
scanf("%d", &n);
for(i=m;i<=n;i++)
{
if(i%2 == 0)
printf("\n %d is even",i);
else
printf("\n %d is odd", i);
}
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the value of m: 5
Enter the value of n: 7
5 is odd
6 is even
7 is odd
```

45. Write a program using for loop to calculate the average of first n natural numbers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int n, i, sum = 0;
    float avg = 0.0;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);

    for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
        sum = sum + i;
    avg = sum/n;
    printf("\n The sum of first n natural
        numbers = %d", sum);
    printf("\n The average of first n natural
        numbers = %f", avg);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the value of n: 10
The sum of first n natural numbers = 55
The average of first n natural numbers =
5.500
```

46. Write a program using for loop to calculate factorial of a number.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int fact = 1, num;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);

    if(num == 0)
        fact = 1;
    else
    {
        for(int i=1; i<=num; i++)
            fact = fact * i;
    }
}
```

```
printf("\n Factorial of %d is: %d ", num,
    fact);
return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the number: 5
Factorial of 5 is: 120
```

47. Write a program to classify a given number as prime or composite.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int flag = 0, i, num;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter any number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    for(i=2; i<num/2; i++)
    {
        if(num%i == 0)
        {
            flag = 1;
            break;
        }
    }
    if(flag == 1)
        printf("\n %d is a composite number", num);
    else
        printf("\n %d is a prime number", num);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the number: 5
5 is a prime number
```

48. Write a program using do-while loop to read the numbers until -1 is encountered. Also count the number of prime numbers and composite numbers entered by the user

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int num, i;
```

```

int primes=0, composites=0, flag=0;
clrscr();

printf("\n Enter -1 to exit...");
printf("\n\n Enter any number:");
scanf("%d",&num);

do
{
    for(i=2;i<=num%2;i++)
    {
        if(num%i==0)
        {
            flag=1;
            break;
        }
    }
    if(flag==0)
        primes++;
    else
        composites++;

    flag=0;
    printf("\n\n Enter any number: ");
    scanf("%d",&num);
} while(num != -1);
printf("\n Count of prime numbers entered = %d", primes);
printf("\n Count of composite numbers entered = %d", composites);
return 0;
}

```

49. Write a program to calculate pow(x,n) i.e to calculate  $x^n$ .

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>
int main()
{
    int i, num, n;
    long int result =1;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    printf("\n Till which power to calculate: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);

    for(i=1;i<=n;i++)

```

```

    result = result * num;

    printf("\n pow(%d, %d) = %ld", num, n,
        result);
    return 0;
}

```

Output

Enter the number: 2  
Till which power to calculate: 5  
pow(2, 5) = 32

50. Write a program to print the reverse of a number.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int num, temp;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    printf("\n The reversed number is: ");
    while(num != 0)
    {
        temp = num%10;
        printf("%d",temp);
        num = num/10;
    }
    return 0;
}

```

*Handwritten notes:*  
 $123 \div 10 = 12$   
 $12 \div 10 = 1$   
 $1 \div 10 = 0$   
 123

Output

Enter the number: 123  
The reversed number is: 321

51. Write a program to enter a number and then calculate the sum of its digits.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int num, temp, sumofdigits = 0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);

    while(num != 0)
    {
        temp = num%10;

```

```

    sumofdigits += temp;
    num = num/10;
}
printf("\n The sum of digits = %d",
    sumofdigits);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the number: 123
The sum of digits = 6

```

52. Write a program to enter a decimal number. Calculate and display the binary equivalent of this number.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>

int main()
{
    int decimal_num, remainder, binary_num = 0,
        i = 0;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the decimal number: ");
    scanf("%d", &decimal_num);
    while(decimal_num != 0)
    {
        remainder = decimal_num%2;
        binary_num += remainder*pow(10,i);
        decimal_num = decimal_num/2;
        i++;
    }
    printf("\n The binary equivalent = %d",
        binary_num);
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the decimal number: 7
The binary equivalent = 111

```

53. Write a program to enter a decimal number. Calculate and display the octal equivalent of this number

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>

int main()
{

```

```

    int decimal_num, remainder, octal_num = 0,
        i = 0;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the decimal number: ");
    scanf("%d", &decimal_num);
    while(decimal_num != 0)
    {
        remainder = decimal_num%8;
        octal_num += remainder*pow(10,i);
        decimal_num = decimal_num/8;
        i++;
    }
    printf("\n The octal equivalent = %d",
        octal_num);
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the decimal number: 18
The octal equivalent = 22

```

54. Write a program to enter a decimal number. Calculate and display the hexadecimal equivalent of this number.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>

int main()
{
    int decimal_num, hex_num = 0, i = 0, remainder;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the decimal number: ");
    scanf("%d", &decimal_num);
    while(decimal_num != 0)
    {
        remainder = decimal_num%16;
        hex_num += remainder*pow(10,i);
        decimal_num = decimal_num/16;
        i++;
    }
    printf("\n The hexa decimal equivalent =
        %d", hex_num);
    return 0;
}

```

Output

Enter the decimal number: 18  
The hexadecimal equivalent = C

55. Write a program to enter a binary number. Calculate and display the decimal equivalent of this number.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>

int main()
{
    int decimal_num = 0, remainder, binary_num,
        i = 0;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the binary number: ");
    scanf("%d", &binary_num);
    while(binary_num != 0)
    {
        remainder = binary_num%10;
        decimal_num += remainder*pow(2,i);
        binary_num = binary_num/10;
        i++;
    }
    printf("\n The decimal equivalent of = %d",
        decimal_num);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

Enter the binary number : 111  
The decimal equivalent = 7

56. Write a program to enter an octal number. Calculate and display the decimal equivalent of this number.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>

int main()
{
    int decimal_num= 0, remainder, octal_num,
        i = 0;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the octal number: ");
    scanf("%d", &octal_num);
    while(octal_num != 0)
    {
```

```
        remainder = octal_num%10;
        decimal_num += remainder*pow(8,i);
        octal_num = octal_num/10;
        i++;
    }
    printf("\n The decimal equivalent = %d",
        decimal_num);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

Enter the octal number: 22  
The decimal equivalent = 18

57. Write a program to enter a hexadecimal number. Calculate and display the decimal equivalent of this number

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>

int main()
{
    int decimal_num= 0, remainder, hex_num, i
        =0;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the hexadecimal number: ");
    scanf("%d", &hex_num);
    while(hex_num != 0)
    {
        remainder = hex_num%10;
        decimal_num += remainder*pow(16,i);
        hex_num = hex_num/10;
        i++;
    }
    printf("\n The decimal equivalent = %d",
        decimal_num);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

Enter the hexadecimal number : 39  
The decimal equivalent = 57

58. Write a program to calculate GCD of two numbers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
```

```

int num1, num2, temp;
int dividend, divisor, remainder;
clrscr();

printf("\n Enter the first number: ");
scanf("%d", &num1);
printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
scanf("%d", &num2);

if(num1>num2)
{
dividend = num1;
divisor = num2;
}
else
{
dividend = num2;
divisor = num1;
}

while(divisor)
{
remainder = dividend%divisor;
dividend = divisor;
divisor = remainder;
}
printf("\n GCD of %d and %d is = %d", num1,
num2, dividend);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the first number: 64
Enter the second number: 14
GCD of 64 and 14 is = 2

```

59. Write a program to sum the series  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$ .

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
int n;
float sum=0.0, a, i;
clrscr();

printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
scanf("%d", &n);

for(i=1.0;i<=n;i++)

```

```

{ a=1/i;
sum = sum +a;
}
printf("\n The sum of series 1/1 + 1/2 +
.... + 1/%d = %f",n,sum);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the value of n: 5
The sum of series 1/1 + 1/2 + .... + 1/5 = 2.2838

```

60. Write a program to sum the series  $\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^2}$ .

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
int n;
float sum=0.0, a, i;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
scanf("%d", &n);
for(i=1.0;i<=n;i++)
{ a=1/pow(i,2);
sum = sum +a;
}
printf("\n The sum of series 1/12 + 1/ 22 +
.... 1/n2 = %f",sum);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the value of n: 5
The sum of series 1/12 + 1/ 22 + .... 1/n2 = 1.4636

```

61. Write a program to sum the series  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} + \dots + \frac{n}{(n+1)}$ .

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
int n;
float sum=0.0, a, i;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
scanf("%d", &n);
for(i=1.0;i<=n;i++)
{ a = i/(i+1);

```

```

}
printf("\n The sum of series 1/2 + 2/3 +
.... = %f",n,n+1,sum);
return 0;
}

```

Output

Enter the value of n :5  
The sum of series 1/2 + 2/3 + .... = 2.681+E

62. Write a program to sum the series  $\frac{1}{1} + \frac{2^2}{2} + \frac{3^2}{3} + \dots$

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>
main()
{
int n, NUM;
float i,sum=0.0;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
scanf("%d", &n);
for(i=1.0;i<=n;i++)
{
NUM = pow(i,i);
sum += (float)NUM/i;
}
printf("\n 1/1 + 4/2 + 27/3 + .... = %f",
sum);
return 0;
}

```

Output

Enter the value of n:5  
1/1 + 4/2 + 27/3 + .... = 701.000

63. Write a program to calculate sum of cubes of first n numbers.

**Programming Tip:**  
It is a logical error to skip the updating of loop control variable in the while/do-while loop. Without an update statement, the loop will become an infinite loop.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>

main()
{
int i, n;
int term, sum = 0;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the value
of n: ");
scanf("%d", &n);

```

```

for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
{
term = pow(i,3);
sum += term;
}
printf("\n 13 + 23 + 33 + ..... = %d", sum);
return 0;
}

```

Output

Enter the value of n:5  
1<sup>3</sup> + 2<sup>3</sup> + 3<sup>3</sup> + ..... = 225

64. Write a program to calculate sum of squares of first n even numbers.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>

main()
{
int i, n;
int term, sum = 0;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
scanf("%d", &n);
for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
{
if(i%2 == 0)
{ term = pow(i,2);
sum += term;
}
}
printf("\n 22 + 42 + 62 + ..... = %d", sum);
return 0;
}

```

Output

Enter the value of n: 5  
2<sup>2</sup> + 4<sup>2</sup> + 6<sup>2</sup> + ..... = 20

65. Write a program to find whether the given number is an armstrong number or not.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>
main()
{
int num, sum=0, r, n;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the number: ");

```

```
printf("\n Enter the number: ");
scanf("%d", &num);
n=num;
while(n>0)
{
    r=n%10;
    sum += pow(r,3);
    n=n/10;
}
if(sum==num)
printf("\n %d is an armstrong number", num);
else
printf("\n %d is not an armstrong number",
    num);
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter the number : 432
432 is not an armstrong number
```

**66. Write a program to print the multiplication table.**

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, j;
    clrscr();

    for(i=1;i<=20;i++)
    {
        printf("\n\n\n\t\t Multiplication table of
            %d", i);
        printf("\n *****");
        for(j=1;j<=20;j++)
            printf("\t %d X %d = %d",i,j, (i*j));
    }
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Multiplication table of 1
*****
1 * 1 = 1    1 * 2 = 2    1 * 3 = 3    1 * 4 = 4
```

**67. Write a program using for loop to calculate the value of an investment, given the initial value of investment and the annual interest. Calculate the value of investment over a period of time.**

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    double initVal, futureVal, ROI;
    int yrs, i;
    printf("\n Enter the investment value: ");
    scanf("%lf", &initVal);
    printf("\n Enter the rate of interest: ");
    scanf("%lf", &ROI);
    printf("\n Enter the number of years for
        which investment has to be done: ");
    scanf("%d", &yrs);

    futureVal=initVal;
    printf("\n YEAR \t\t VALUE");
    printf("\n _____");
    for(i=1;i<=yrs;i++)
    {
        futureVal = futureVal * (1 + ROI/100.0);
        printf("\n   %d \t %lf", i, futureVal);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter the investment value: 20000
Enter the rate of interest: 12
Enter the number of years for which
investment has to be done: 5
YEAR          VALUE
```

YEAR	VALUE
1	22400.00
2	25088.00
3	28098.56
4	31470.38
5	35246.83

**68. Write a program to generate calendar of a month given the start day of the week and the number of days in that month.**

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int i, j, startDay, num_of_days;
    printf("\n Enter the starting day of the
        week (1 to 7): ");
    scanf("%d", &startDay);
    printf("\n ENTER the number of days in that
        month: ");
```

```

printf(" Sun Mon Tue Wed Thurs Fri Sat\n");
printf("\n _____ ");
for(i=0;i<startDay-1;i++)
printf("   ");
for(j=1;j<=num_of_days;j++)
{
if(i>6)
{
printf("\n");
i=1;
}
else
i++;
printf("%2d ", j);
}
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the starting day of the week (1 to 7): 5
ENter the number of days in that month : 31

```

```

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thurs Fri Sat
1  2  3  4  5  6  7

```

## 3.5 THE BREAK AND CONTINUE STATEMENT

### 3.5.1 The Break Statement

In C, the `break` statement is used to terminate the execution of the nearest enclosing loop in which it appears. We have already seen its usage in the `switch` statement. The `break` statement is widely used with `for` loop, `while` loop and `do-while` loop. When compiler encounters a `break` statement, the control passes to the statement that follows the loop in which the `break` statement appears. Its syntax is quite simple, just type

keyword `break` followed with a semicolon.

```
break;
```

In `switch` statement if the `break` statement is missing then every case from the matched case label till the end of the `switch`, including the default, is executed.

**Programming Tip:**  
The `break` statement is used to terminate the execution of the nearest enclosing loop in which it appears.

This example given below shows the manner in which `break` statement is used to terminate the statement in which it is embedded.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
int i = 0;
while(i<=10)
{
if (i==5)
break;
printf("\n %d", i);
i = i + 1;
}
return 0;
}

```

Note that the code is meant to print first 10 numbers using a `while` loop, but it will actually print only numbers from 0 to 4. As soon as `i` becomes equal to 5, the `break` statement is executed and the control jumps to the statement following the `while` loop.

Hence, the `break` statement is used to exit a loop from any point within its body, bypassing its normal termination expression. When the `break` statement is encountered inside a loop, the loop is immediately terminated, and program control is passed to the next statement following the loop. Figure 3.9 shows the transfer of control when the `break` statement is encountered.

### 3.5.2 The Continue Statement

Like the `break` statement, the `continue` statement can only appear in the body of a loop. When the compiler encounters a `continue` statement then the rest of the statements in the loop are skipped and the control is unconditionally transferred to the loop-continuation portion of the nearest enclosing loop. Its syntax is quite simple, just type keyword `continue` followed with a semicolon.

**Programming Tip:**  
When the compiler encounters a `continue` statement, then the rest of the statements in the loop are skipped and the control is unconditionally transferred to the loop-continuation portion of the nearest loop.

```
continue;
```

Again like the `break` statement, the `continue` statement cannot be used without an enclosing `for`, `while`, or `do-while` statement.

<pre>while(...) { ..... if(condition) break; ..... } .....</pre> <p>Transfers control out of the while loop</p>	<pre>do { ..... if(condition) break; ..... }while(...); .....</pre> <p>Transfers control out of the do-while loop</p>
<pre>for(...) { ..... if(condition) break; ..... } .....</pre> <p>Transfers control out of the for loop</p>	<pre>for(...) { ..... for(...) { ..... if(condition) break; ..... } ..... } .....</pre> <p>Transfers control out of inner for loop</p>

**Figure 3.9** The break statement

be used without an enclosing for, while, or do-while statement. When the continue statement is encountered in the while loop and in the do-while, the control is transferred to the code that tests the controlling expression. However, if placed with a for loop, the continue statement causes a branch to the code that updates the loop variable. For example, look at the following code.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
int i;
for(i=0; i<= 10; i++)
{
if (i==5)
continue;
printf("\t %d", i);
i = i + 1;
}
return 0;
}
```

The code given here is meant to print numbers from 0 to 10. But as soon as *i* becomes equal to 5, the continue

statement is encountered, so rest of the statements in the for loop are skipped and the control passes to the expression that increments the value of *i*. The output of this program would thus be

**Programming Tip:** As far as possible, try not to use goto, break, and continue statement as they violate the rules of structured programming.

0 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 10  
 (Note that there is no 5 in the series. It could not be printed, as continue caused early incrementation of *i* and skipping of the statement that printed the value of *i* on screen).  
 Figure 3.10 illustrates the use of continue statement in loops.

Hence, we conclude that the continue statement is somewhat the opposite of the break statement. It forces the next iteration of the loop to take place, skipping any code in between itself and the test condition of the loop. The continue statement is usually used to restart

<pre>while(...) { ..... if(condition) continue; ..... } .....</pre> <p>(Transfers the control to the condition expression of the while loop)</p>	<pre>do { ..... if(condition) continue; ..... }while(...); .....</pre> <p>(Transfers the control to the condition expression of the do-while loop)</p>
<pre>for(...) { ..... if(condition) continue; ..... } .....</pre> <p>(Transfers the control to the condition expression of the for loop)</p>	<pre>for(...) { ..... for(...) { ..... if(condition) continue; ..... } ..... } .....</pre> <p>(Transfers the control to the condition expression of the for loop)</p>

**Figure 3.10** The continue statement

Look at the program code given below that demonstrates the use of break and continue statement.

69. Write a program to calculate square root of a number.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
main()
{
int num;
do
{
printf("\n Enter any number. Enter 999 to
stop: ");
scanf("%d", &num);
if(num == 999)
break; // quit the loop
if (num < 0)
{
printf("\n Square root of negative numbers
is not defined");
continue; // skip the following statements
}
printf("\n The square root of %d, is %f",
num, sqrt(num));
}while(1);
return 0;
}
```

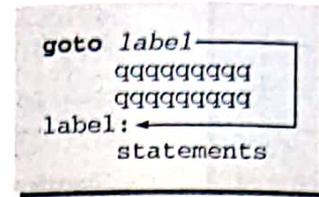
### 3.6 GOTO STATEMENT

The goto statement is used to transfer control to a specified label. However, the label must reside in the same function and can appear only before one statement in the same function. The syntax of goto statement is as shown in Figure 3.11.

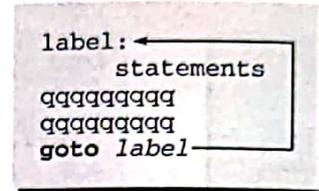
Here, label is an identifier that specifies the place where the branch is to be made. Label can be any valid variable name that is followed by a colon (:). The label is placed immediately before the statement where the control has to be transferred.

The label can be placed anywhere in the program either before or after the goto statement. Whenever the goto statement is encountered the control is immediately transferred to the statements following the label. Therefore, goto statement breaks the normal sequential execution of the program. If the label is placed after the goto statement, then it is called a *backward jump* and in

case it is located before the goto statement, it is said to be a *backward jump*.



Forward jump



Backward jump

Figure 3.11 The goto statement

The goto statement is often combined with the if statement to cause a conditional transfer of control.

```
IF condition THEN goto label
```

In this book, we will not use the goto statement because computer scientists usually avoid this statement in favour of the 'structured programming' paradigm. Some scientists think that the goto statement should be abolished from higher-level languages because they complicate the task of analysing and verifying the correctness of programs (particularly those involving loops).

Moreover, structured program theorem proves that the availability of the goto statement is not necessary to write

programs, as combination of sequence, selection, and repetition constructs are sufficient to perform any computation. The code given below demonstrates the use of a goto statement. The program calculates the sum of all positive numbers entered by the user.

**Programming Tip:**  
Follow proper indentation for better clarity, readability, and understanding of the loops.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
int num, sum=0;
read: // label for goto statement
printf("\n Enter the number. Enter 999 to
```

```

read: // label for goto statement
printf("\n Enter the number. Enter 999 to
end: ");
scanf("%d", &num);
if (num != 999)
{
    if(num < 0)
        goto read; // jump to label- read
    sum += num;
    goto read; // jump to label- read
}
printf("\n Sum of the numbers entered by the
user is = %d", sum);
return 0;
}

```

### Conclusion

- It is not necessary to use goto statement, as it can always be eliminated by rearranging the code.
- Using the goto statement violates the rules of structured programming.
- It is good programming style to use the break, continue, and return statement in preference to goto whenever possible.
- Goto statements make the program code complicated and renders the program unreadable.



One must avoid the use of break, continue, and goto statements as much as possible as they are techniques used in unstructured programming.

In structured programming, you must prefer to use if and if-else construct to avoid such statements. For example, look at the following code which calculates the sum of numbers entered by the user. The first version uses the break statement. The second version replaces break by if-else construct.

```

// Uses break statement
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num, sum=0;
    while(1)
    {
        printf("\n Enter any number. Enter 999 to
stop: ");

```

```

scanf("%d", &num);
if(num==999)
    break; // quit the loop
sum+=num;
}
printf("\n SUM = %d", sum);
return 0;
}

```

```

// Same program without using break
statement
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num, sum=0, flag=1;
    // flag will be used to exit from the loop
    while(flag==1) // loop control variable
    {
        printf("\n Enter any number. Enter 999 to
stop: ");
        scanf("%d", &num);
        if(num!=999)
            sum+=num;
        else
            flag=0; // to quit the loop
    }
    printf("\n SUM = %d", sum);
    return 0;
}

```

Now let us see how we can eliminate continue statement from our programs. Let us first write a program that calculates the average of all non-zero numbers entered by the user using the continue statement. The second program will do the same job but without using continue.

```

#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num, sum=0, flag=1, count=0;
    float avg;
    // flag will be used to exit from the loop
    while(flag==1)
    {
        printf("\n Enter any number. Enter 999 to
stop: ");
        scanf("%d", &num);

```

```

if(num==0)
continue; // skip the following statements
if(num!=999)
{
sum+=num;
count++;
}
else
flag=0;
// set loop cntl var to jump out of loop
}
printf("\n SUM = %d", sum);
avg = (float) sum/count;
printf("\n Average = %f", avg);
return 0;
}

```

```

// Same program without using continue statement
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
int num, sum=0, flag=1, count=0;
float avg;

```

```

// flag will be used to exit from the loop
while(flag==1)
{
printf("\n Enter any number. Enter 999 to
stop: ");
scanf("%d", &num);
if(num!=0)
{
if(num!=999)
{
sum+=num;
count++;
}
else
flag=0;
}
}
printf("\n SUM = %d", sum);
avg = (float) sum/count;
printf("\n Average = %f", avg);
return 0;
}

```

**SUMMARY**

- C supports conditional type branching and unconditional type branching. The conditional branching statements help to jump from one part of the program to another depending on whether a particular condition is satisfied or not.
- With nesting of if-else statements, we often encounter a problem known as dangling else problem. This problem is created when there is no matching else for every if statement. In such cases, C always pairs an else statement to the most recent unpaired if statement in the current block.
- Switch case statements are often used as an alternative to long if statements that compare a variable to several integral values. Switch statements are also used to handle the input given by the user.
- Default is a case that is executed when the value of the variable does not match with any of the values of the case statement.
- Iterative statements are used to repeat the execution of a list of statements, depending on the value of an integer expression.
- The while/do-while/for loop provides a mechanism to repeat one or more statements while a particular condition is true. In the do-while loop, the test condition is tested at the end of the loop while in case of for and while loop the test condition is tested before entering the loop.
- The break statement is used to terminate the execution of the nearest enclosing loop in which it appears.
- The goto statement is used to transfer control to a specified label. However, the label must reside in the same function and can appear before only before one statement in the same function.

## GLOSSARY

**Break statement** Statement used to terminate the execution of the nearest enclosing loop in which it appears.

**Conditional branching** Conditional branching statements is used to jump from one part of the program to another depending on whether a particular condition is satisfied or not.

**Continue statement** Statement that can appear in the body of a loop. When the compiler encounters a continue statement then the rest of the statements in the loop are skipped and the control is unconditionally transferred to the loop-continuation portion of the nearest enclosing loop.

**Dangling else problem** Problem encountered with nesting of if-else statements which is created when there is no matching else for every if statement.

**Do-while loop** The do-while loop is similar to the while loop. The only difference is that in a do-while loop, the test condition is tested at the end of the loop.

**For loop:** The mechanism used to repeat a task until a particular condition is true. For loop is usually known as a determinate or definite loop because the programmer knows exactly how many times the loop will repeat.

**Goto statement** It is used to transfer control to a specified label. However, the label must reside in the same

function and can appear only before one statement in the same function.

**If statement** Simplest form of decision control statement that is frequently used in decision making.

**If-else-if statement** Decision control statement that works in the same way as a normal if statement. It is also known as nested if construct.

**If-else statement** Decision control statement in which first the test expression is evaluated. If the expression is true, statement block 1 is executed and statement block 2 is skipped. Otherwise, if the expression is false, statement block 2 is executed and statement block 1 is ignored.

**Iterative statement** Statements used to repeat the execution of a list of statements, depending on the value of an integer expression.

**Nested loop** Loops placed inside other loops.

**Switch case statement** A switch case statement is a multi-way decision statement that is a simplified version of an if-else block that evaluates only one variable.

**While loop** The mechanism used to repeat one or more statements while a particular condition is true.

## EXERCISES

## Fill in the Blanks

1. Dangling else problem occurs when \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The switch-case control expression must be of \_\_\_\_\_ type.
3. In a do-while loop, if the body of the loop is executed n times, the test condition is evaluated \_\_\_\_\_ times.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ statement is used to skip statements in a loop.
5. A loop that always satisfies the test condition is known as a \_\_\_\_\_ loop.
6. In a counter-controlled loop, \_\_\_\_\_ variable is used to count the number of times the loop will execute.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ statements help to jump from one part of the program to another depending on whether a particular condition is satisfied or not.
8. The control expression that follows the keyword switch must be of \_\_\_\_\_ type.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ statements are used to repeat the execution of a list of statements.
10. In \_\_\_\_\_ loop, the entry is automatic and there is only a choice to continue it further or not.
11. When we do not know in advance the number of times the loop will be executed, we use a \_\_\_\_\_ loop.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ statement is used to transfer control to a specified label.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ statement violates the rules of structured programming.

## EXERCISES

1. Decision control statements are used to repeat the execution of a list of statements.
2. The expression in a selection statement can have no side effects.
3. An expression in an if statement must be enclosed within parentheses.
4. No two case labels can have the same value.
5. The case labelled constant can be a constant or a variable.
6. The if-else statement requires integral values in its expressions.
7. There can be only one default case in the switch-case statement.
8. The do-while loop checks the test expression and then executes the statements placed within its body.
9. In a while loop, if the body is executed  $n$  times, then the test expression is executed  $(n + 1)$  times.
10. The number of times the loop control variable is updated is equal to the number of times the loop iterates.
11. In the for loop, the value of the loop control variable must be less than that of its ending value.
12. It is necessary to have initialization, testing, and updating expressions within the for statement.
13. In a pre-test loop, the test condition is checked after the body of the loop.
14. Post-test loops get executed at least for one time.
15. In a while loop, the loop control variable is initialized in the body of the loop.
16. The loop control variable may be updated before or after the loop iterates.
17. The number of times the loop control variable is updated is equal to the number of times the loop is executed.
18. Counter-controlled loop must be designed as pre-test loops.
19. The do-while loop is a post-test loop.
20. The for loop and while loop are pre-test loops.
21. Every case label must evaluate to a unique constant expression value.
22. Two case labels may have the same set of actions associated with it.
23. The default label can be placed anywhere in the

- switch statement.
24. C does not permit nested switch statements.
  25. When we place a semicolon after the for statement, the compiler will generate an error message.

## Review Questions

1. What are decision control statements? Explain in detail.
2. Compare the use of if-else construct with that of ternary operator.
3. Explain the importance of a switch case statement. In which situations is a switch case desirable? Also give its limitations.
4. How is comma operator useful in a for loop? Explain with the help of relevant examples.
5. Write a short note on goto statement. As a programmer would you prefer to use this statement? Justify your answer.
6. With the help of an example explain the dangling if-else problem.
7. Why floating point numbers should not be used for equality in expressions?
8. Explain the usefulness of default statement in switch case statement.
9. Give the points of similarity and differences between a while loop and a do-while loop.
10. Distinguish between the break and the continue statement.
11. Write a short note on iterative statements that C language supports.
12. Write a program to read a floating point number and an integer. If the value of the floating point number is greater than 3.14 then add 10 to the integer.
13. Enter two integers as dividend and divisor. If the divisor is greater than zero then divide the dividend by the divisor. Assign their result to an integer variable rem and their quotient to a floating point number quo.
14. When will you prefer to work with a switch statement?
15. Write a program to print the prime factors of a number.
16. Write a program to test if a given number is a

power of 2.

Hint: A number  $x$  is a power of 2 if  $x \neq 0$  and  $x \& (x - 1) == 0$

17. Write a program to print the Floyd's triangle.
18. Write a program to read two numbers. Then find out whether the first number is a multiple of the second number.
19. Write a program using switch case to display a menu that offers 5 options- read three numbers, calculate total, calculate average, display the smallest and display the largest value.
20. Write a program to display the  $\sin(x)$  value where  $x$  ranges from 0 to 360 in steps of 15.
21. Write a program to display the  $\cos(x)$ ,  $\tan(x)$  value where  $x$  ranges from 0 to 360 in steps of 15.
22. Write a program to calculate electricity bill based on the following information.

Consumption Unit	Rate of Charge
0 – 150	Rs 3 per unit
151 – 350	Rs 100 plus Rs 3.75 per unit exceeding 150 units
301 – 450	Rs 250 plus Rs 4 per unit exceeding 350 units
451 – 600	Rs 300 plus Rs 4.25 per unit exceeding 450 units
Above 600	Rs 400 plus Rs 5 per unit exceeding 600 units

23. Write a program to read an angle from the user and then display its quadrant.
24. Write a program that accepts the current date and the date of birth of the user. Then calculate the age of the user and display it on the screen. Note that the date should be displayed in the format specified as- dd/mm/yy.
25. A class has 50 students. Every student is supposed to give three examinations. Write a program to read the marks obtained by each student in all three examinations. Calculate and display the total

marks and average of each student in the class.

26. Write a program in which the control variable is updated in the statements of the for loop.
27. What is a null statement? How can it be useful in our programs?
28. Write a short note on goto statement. Why should it be avoided?
29. Write a program which demonstrates the use of goto, break and continue statements
30. In what situation will you prefer to use for, while and do while loop?
31. Can we use a for loop when the number of iterations is not known in advance? If yes, give a program that illustrates how this can be done.
32. Write a program that displays all the numbers from 1-100 that are not divisible 2 as well as by 3.
33. Write a program to calculate parking charges of a vehicle. Enter the type of vehicle as a character (like c for car, b for bus, etc) and number of hours then calculate charges as given below:
  - Truck/bus – 20 Rs per hour
  - Car – 10 Rs per hour
  - Scooter/ Cycle/ Motor cycle – 5 Rs per hour
34. Modify the above program to calculate the parking charges. Read the hours and minutes when the vehicle enters the parking lot. When the vehicle is leaving, enter its leaving time. Calculate the difference between the two timings to calculate the number of hours and minutes for which the vehicle was parked. Finally calculate the charges based on following rules and then display the result on the screen.

Vehicle Name	Rate till 3 hours	Rate after 3 hours
Truck/bus	20	30
Car	10	20
Cycle/ Motor cycle/ Scooter	5	10

35. Write a program to read month of the year as an integer. Then display the name of the month.
36. Write a program to print the sum of all odd numbers from 1 to 100.
37. Write an interactive program to read an integer.

If it is positive then display the corresponding binary representation of that number. The user must enter 999 to stop. In case the user enters a negative number then ignore that input and ask the user to re-enter any different number.

38. Write a program to print 20 asterisks.

39. Change the following for loop in to a while loop. Also convert the for loop into a do-while loop.

```
int i;
for(i=10;i>0;i--)
printf("%d", i);
```

40. Change the following do while loop into a for loop. Also re-write the code by changing the do-while loop into a for loop.

```
int num;
printf("\n Enter any number. Enter 999
to stop : ");
scanf("%d", &num);
do
{
printf("%d", x);
printf("\n Enter any number. Enter 999
to stop : ");
scanf("%d", &num);
}while(num != 999);
```

41. Write a program that accepts any number and prints the number of digits in that number.

42. Change the following while loop in to a do-while loop. Also convert the while loop into a for loop.

```
int num;
printf("\n Enter any number. Enter 999
to stop : ");
scanf("%d", &num);
while(num != 999)
{
printf("%d", x);
printf("\n Enter any number. Enter 999
to stop : ");
scanf("%d", &num);
}
```

43. The following for loops are written to print numbers from 1 to 10. Are these loops correct? Justify your answer.

```
(a) int i;
for(i=0;i<10;i++)
printf("%d", i);
```

```
(b) int i, num;
for(i=0;i<10;i++)
{
num = i+1;
printf("%d", num);
}
```

```
(c) int i;
for(i=1;i<=10;i++)
{
printf("%d", i);
i++;
}
```

44. Write a program to generate the following pattern.

```
* * * * *
*       *
*       *
*       *
* * * * *
```

45. Write a program to generate the following pattern.

```
$ * * * *
* $       *
*   $   *
*     $ *
* * * * $
```

46. Write a program to generate the following pattern.

```
$ * * * $
* $   $ *
*   $   *
* $   $ *
$ * * * $
```

47. Write programs to implement the following sequence of numbers.

```
1, 8, 27, 64, ...
-5, -2, 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, ...
-2, -4, -6, -8, -10, -12, ...
1, 4, 7, 10, ...
```

48. Write a program that reads integers until the user wants to stop. When the user stops entering numbers, display the largest of all the numbers entered.

49. Write a program to print the sum of the following series.

$$-x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 + \dots$$

$$1 + (1+2) + (1+2+3) + \dots$$

$$1 - x + x^2/2! - x^3/3! + \dots$$

50. Write a program to print the following pattern.

```
*
* *
* * *
* * * *
* * * * *
* * * *
* * *
* *
*
```

51. Write a program to print the following pattern.

```
1
2 1 2
3 2 1 2 3
```

52. Write a program to read a 5 digit number and then display the number in the following formats... for example the user entered 12345, the result should be

12345	1
2345	12
345	123
45	1234
5	12345

### Program Output

Give the output of the following program codes.

1. `include <stdio.h>`

```
main()
{
int a = 2, b = 3, c = 4;
if( c!= 100)
a = 10;
else
b = 10;
if(a + b > 10)
c = 12;
a = 20;
b = ++c;
printf(" \n a = %d \t b = %d \t c = %d"
, a, b, c);
return 0;
}
```

2. `#include <stdio.h>`

```
main()
{
int a = 2, b = 3, c = 4;
if(b==2)
a=10;
else
c=10;
printf("\na = %d \t b = %d \t c = %d",
a, b, c);
return 0;
}
```

3. `#include <stdio.h>`

```
main()
{
int a = 2, b = 3, c = 4;
if(a&&b)
c=10;
else
c=20;
printf("\n a = %d \t b = %d \t c = %d" ,
a, b, c);
return 0;
}
```

4. `#include <stdio.h>`

```
main()
{
int a = 2, b = 3, c = 4;
if(a || b || c)
c=10;
else
c=20;
printf("\n a = %d \t b = %d \t c = %d",
a, b, c);
return 0;
}
```

5. `#include <stdio.h>`

```
main()
{
int a = 2, b = 3, c = 4;
if(a)
if(b)
c=10;
else
c=20;
```

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```
printf(" \n a = %d \t b = %d \t c = %d",
    a, b, c);
return 0;
}
```

6. #include <stdio.h>

```
main()
{
    int a = 2, b = 3, c = 4;
    if(a == 0 || b >= c && c > 0)
    if(a && b)
        c=10;
    else
        c=20;
    printf(" \n a = %d \t b = %d \t c = %d",
        a, b, c);
    return 0;
}
```

7. #include <stdio.h>

```
main()
{
    int a = 2, b = 3, c = 4;
    if( a= b)
        c++;
    printf(" \n a = %d \t b = %d \t c = %d"
        , a, b, c);
    return 0;
}
```

8. #include <stdio.h>

```
main()
{
    int a = 2, b = 3, c = 4;
    if( a= b < c)
    {
        c++;
        a--;
    }
    ++b;
    printf(" \n a = %d \t b = %d \t c = %d",
        a, b, c);
    return 0;
}
```

9. switch(ch)

```
{
    case 'a':
    case 'A':
```

```
    printf("\n A");
    case 'b':
    case 'B':
        printf("\n B");
    default:
        printf("\n DEFAULT");
}
```

10. switch(ch)

```
{
    case 'a':
    case 'A':
        printf("\n A");
    case 'b':
    case 'B':
        printf("\n B");
    break;
    default:
        printf("\n DEFAULT");
}
```

11. switch(ch)

```
{
    case 'a':
    case 'A':
        printf("\n A");
        break;
    case 'b':
    case 'B':
        printf("\n B");
        break;
    default:
        printf("\n DEFAULT");
}
```

12. #include <stdio.h>

```
void main()
{
    int num = 10;
    printf("\n %d", a>100);
}
```

13. #include <stdio.h>

```
main()
{
    printf("HELLO");
    if (-1)
        printf("WORLD");
}
```

```

14.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int a = 3;
    if(a < 10)
        printf("\n LESS");
    if(a < 20)
        printf("\n LESS");
    if(a < 30)
        printf("\n LESS");
}

```

```

15.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int a=10, b=20, c=30, d=40;
    if( c < d)
    if ( c < b)
        printf("\n c");
    else if(a < c)
        printf("\n a");
    if(a > b)
        printf("\n b");
    else
        printf("\n d");
}

```

```

16.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    char ch = 'Y';
    switch(ch)
    {
    default:
        printf("\n YES OR NO");
    case 'Y':
        printf("YES");
        break;
    case 'N':
        printf("NO");
        break;
    }
}

```

```

17.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num=10;
    for (num++;num++;num++)

```

```

    printf(", %d", num);
    return 0;
}

```

```

18.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num=10;
    for(--num;
    printf(" %d", num);
    return 0;
}

```

```

19.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num=10;
    for(!num;num++)
    printf(" %d", num);
    return 0;
}

```

```

20.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    float PI = 3.14, area;
    int r = 7;
    while(r>=0)
    {
        area = PI * r * r;
        printf("\n Area = %f", area);
    }
    return 0;
}

```

```

21.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int i=0, n=10;
    while(i==0)
    {
        if(n<10)
            break;
        n--;
    }
    printf("\n i=%d and n=%d", i,n);
}

```

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```

22.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int i=0;
    do
    {
        printf("\n %d",i);
        i++;
    }while(i<=0);
    printf("\n STOP");
}

```

```

23.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int i, j;
    for(i=0;i<=10;i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=0;j<=i0;j++)
        printf(" ");
        printf("\n %d", j);
    }
}

```

```

24.#include <stdio.h>
void main()
{
    int num = 10;
    printf("\n %d", a>10);
}

```

```

25.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    printf("HELLO");
    if (!1)
        printf("WORLD");
}

```

```

26.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int x=-1;
    unsigned int y=1;
    if(x < y)
        printf("\n SMALL");
    else

```

```

        printf("\n LARGE");
}

```

```

27.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    char ch = -63;
    int num = -36;
    unsigned int unum = -18;
    if(ch > num)
    {
        printf("A");
        if(ch > unum)
            printf("B");
        else
            printf("C");
    }
    else
    {
        printf("D");
        if(num < unum)
            printf("E");
        else
            printf("F");
    }
}

```

```

28.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num=10;
    for(++num;num-=2)
        printf(" %d", num);
    return 0;
}

```

```

29.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num=10;
    for(;;)
        printf("HI!!");
    return 0;
}

```

```

30.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{

```

```
int num=10;
for(num++; num<=100; num=100)
printf(„ %d“, num);
return 0;
}
```

```
31.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
while(1);
printf(“Hi”);
return 0;
}
```

```
32.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
int i=0;
char c = '0';
while(i<10)
{
printf(“%c”, c + i);
i++;
}
return 0;
}
```

```
33.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
int i=0;
do
{
if(i>10)
continue;
i++;
}while(i<20);
printf(“\n i=%d”, i);
}
```

```
34.#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
int i=1;
for(;i<=1;i++) {
printf(“\n %d”, i);
printf(“\n STOP”);
}
```

```
35.#include <stdio.h>
main ()
int i, j;
for(i=10;i>=0;i--)
{
printf(“\n”);
for(j=i;j>=0;j--)
printf(“%d”, j);
}
}
```

Give the functionality of the following loops given.

```
(a) int i=1, sum=0;
while(i!=10)
{
sum +=i;
i = i+2;
}
```

```
(b) int i, sum=0;
for (i=1;i<=10)
sum+=i;
```

```
(c) int i;
for (i=1;i<=10;i++)
i--;
```

```
(d) int i=10;
do
{ printf(“%d”, i);
} while(i>0);
```

```
(e) int i=10;
do
{ printf(“%d”, i);
} while(i<5);
```

```
(f) int i=1, n=10, sum=0;
while(i<=n)
{
sum+=i;
i++;
}
```

```
(g) int i, sum=0;
for (i=1;;i++)
sum+=i;
```

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```
(h) int i=10;
    while(i-->0)
        printf("%d", i);
```

```
(i) int i;
    for (i=10;i>5;i-=2)
        printf("%d", i);
```

```
(j) int i;
    for (i=10;i>5;)
        printf("%d", i);
```

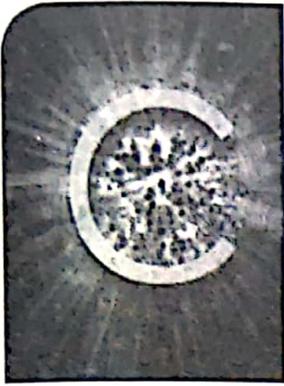
Find errors in the following codes.

```
(a) #include <stdio.h>
    main()
    {
        int i=1;
        while(i<=10)
        {
            i=1;
            printf("%d", i);
            i++;
        }
    }
```

```
(b) include <stdio.h>
    main()
    {
        int i;
        for(i=0,i<=10;i++)
            printf("%d", i);
    }
```

```
(c) #include <stdio.h>
    main()
    {
        int i=1;
        do
        {
            printf("%d", i);
            i++;
        }while(i=10)
    }
```

```
(d) #include <stdio.h>
    main()
    {
        int i,j;
        for(i=1,j=0;i+j<=10;i++)
            printf("%d", i);
        j+=2;
    }
```



# Case Study for Chapters 2 and 3

We have learnt the basics of programming in C language and the concepts to write decision-making programs, let us now apply our learning to write some useful programs.

## Roman Numerals

Roman numerals are written as combinations of the seven letters. These letters include:

I = 1	C = 100
V = 5	D = 500
X = 10	M = 1000
L = 50	

If smaller numbers follow larger numbers, the numbers are added. Otherwise, if a smaller number precedes a larger number, the smaller number is subtracted from the larger. For example, to convert 1,100 in Roman numerals, you would write M for 1000 and then a C after it for 100. Therefore, 1100 = MC in Roman numerals. Some more examples include:

- VII = 5+2 = 7
- IX = 10-1 = 9
- XL = 50-10 = 40
- CX = 100+0 = 11
- MCMLXXXIV = 1000+(1000-100)+50+30+(5-1) = 1984

Roman Numeral Table

1	I	14	XIV	27	XXVII	150	CL
2	II	15	XV	28	XXVIII	200	CC
3	III	16	XVI	29	XXIX	300	CCC
4	IV	17	XVII	30	XXX	400	CD
5	V	18	XVIII	31	XXXI	500	D

6	VI	19	XIX	40	XL	600	DC
7	VII	20	XX	50	L	700	DCC
8	VIII	21	XXI	60	LX	800	DCCC
9	IX	22	XXII	70	LXX	900	CM
10	X	23	XXIII	80	LXXX	1000	M
11	XI	24	XXIV	90	XC	1600	MDC
12	XII	25	XXV	100	C	1700	MDCC
13	XIII	26	XXVI	101	CI	1900	MCM

1. Write a program to show the Roman number representation of a given number.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int number;
    int ones, tens, hundreds, thousand;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any number (1-3000): ");
    scanf("%d", &number);
    if (number == 0 || number > 3000)
        printf ("\n INVALID NUMBER");
    thousand = number / 1000;
    hundreds = ((number / 100) % 10);
    tens = ((number / 10) % 10);
    ones = ((number / 1) % 10);

    if (thousand == 1)
        printf("M");
    else if (thousand == 2)
        printf("MM");
    else if (thousand == 3)
        printf("MMM");

    if (hundreds == 1)
        printf("C");
    else if (hundreds == 2)
        printf("CC");
    else if (hundreds == 3)
        printf("CCC");
    else if (hundreds == 4)
        printf("CD");
    else if (hundreds == 5)
        printf("D");
    else if (hundreds == 6)
        printf("DC");
    else if (hundreds == 7)
        printf("DCC");
```

```
else if (hundreds == 8)
    printf("DCCC");
else if (hundreds == 9)
    printf("CM");
```

```
if (tens == 1)
    printf("X");
else if (tens == 2)
    printf("XX");
else if (tens == 3)
    printf("XXX");
else if (tens == 4)
    printf("XL");
else if (tens == 5)
    printf("L");
else if (tens == 6)
    printf("LX");
else if (tens == 7)
    printf("LXX");
else if (tens == 8)
    printf("LXXX");
else if (tens == 9)
    printf("XC");
```

```
if (ones == 1)
    printf("I");
else if (ones == 2)
    printf("II");
else if (ones == 3)
    printf("III");
else if (ones == 4)
    printf("IV");
else if (ones == 5)
    printf("V");
else if (ones == 6)
    printf("VI");
else if (ones == 7)
    printf("VII");
else if (ones == 8)
    printf("VIII");
else if (ones == 9)
    printf("IX");
getch();
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter any number (1-3000): 139
CXXXIX
```

## Program to Find the Day of a given Date

Given below is an algorithm to calculate the day of the week:

1. **Centuries:** Use the centuries table given below to calculate the century.
2. **Years:** We know that there are 365 days in a year, that is, 52 weeks plus 1 day. Each year starts on the day of the week after that starting the preceding year. Each leap year has one more day than a common year.

If we know on which day a century starts (from above), and we add the number of years elapsed since the start of the century, plus the number of leap years that have elapsed since the start of the century, we get the day of the week on which the year starts. Where *year* is the last two digits of the year

3. **Months:** Use the months table to find the day of the week a month starts.
4. **Day of the month:** Once we know on which day of the week the month starts, we simply add the day of the month to find the final result.

Centuries table

1700 - 1799	4
1800 - 1899	2
1900 - 1999	0
2000 - 2099	6
2100 - 2199	4
2200 - 2299	2
2300 - 2399	0
2400 - 2499	6
2500 - 2599	4
2600 - 2699	2

Months table

January	1 (in leap year 6)
February	4 (in leap year 2)
March	4
April	0
May	2
June	5
July	0
August	3
September	6
October	1
November	4
December	6

Days table

Sunday	1
Monday	2
Tuesday	3
Wednesday	4
Thursday	5
Friday	6
Saturday	7

### Example

Let us calculate the day of April 24, 1982.

1. Find the century value of 1900s from the centuries table: 0
2. Last two digits give the value of year: 82
3. Divide the 82 by 4:  $82/4 = 20.5$  and drop the fractional part: 20
4. Find the value of April in the months table: 6
5. Add all numbers from steps 1-4 to the day of the month (in this case, 24):  $0+82+20+6+24=132$ .
6. Divide the result of step 5 by 7 and find the remainder:  $132/7=18$  remainder 6
7. Look up the day's table for the remainder obtained. 6=Saturday.

That the values in the century table, months table, and days table are pre-determined. We will only be using them to calculate the day of a particular date.

2. Write a program to find out the day for a given date.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int dd,mm,yy,year,month,day,i,n;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the date: ");
    scanf("%d %d %d",&dd,&mm,&yy);
    if( dd>31 || mm>12)
    {
        printf(" INVALID INPUT ");
        getch();
        exit(0);
    }
    year = yy-1900;
    year = year/4;
    year = year+yy-1900;
    switch(mm)
    {
        case 1:
        case 10:
            month = 1;
            break;
        case 2:
        case 3:
        case 11:
            month = 4;
            break;
        case 7:
        case 4:
            month = 0;
            break;
        case 5:
            month = 2;
            break;
        case 6:
            month = 5;
            break;
        case 8:
            month = 3;
            break;
        case 9:
```

```
        case 12:
            month = 6;
            break;
    }
    year = year+month;
    year = year+dd;
    day = year%7;
    switch(day)
    {
        case 0:
            // Since 7%7 = 0, case 0 means it's a Saturday
            printf("\n SATURDAY");
            break;
        case 1:
            printf("\n SUNDAY");
            break;
        case 2:
            printf("\n MONDAY");
            break;
        case 3:
            printf("\n TUESDAY");
            break;
        case 4:
            printf("\n WEDNESDAY");
            break;
        case 5:
            printf("\n THURSDAY");
            break;
        case 6:
            printf("\n FRIDAY");
            break;
    }
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output .**

```
Enter the date: 29 10 1981
THURSDAY
```

# 4

# Functions

## Learning Objective

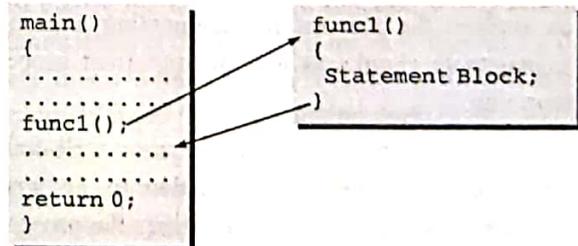
Till now, we have heard the word 'function' several times and we know that `main()`, `printf()`, and `scanf()` are the functions that we have been using in every program. Basically, C supports two types of functions: user-defined functions and library functions. While `main()` is a user-defined function, `printf()` and `scanf()` are library functions.

The difference between a library function and a user-defined function is that we as programmers do not have to write the code to implement the library function whereas we need to code the user-defined function to perform a well-defined task. In this chapter, we will explore in depth functions and their importance.

## 4.1 INTRODUCTION

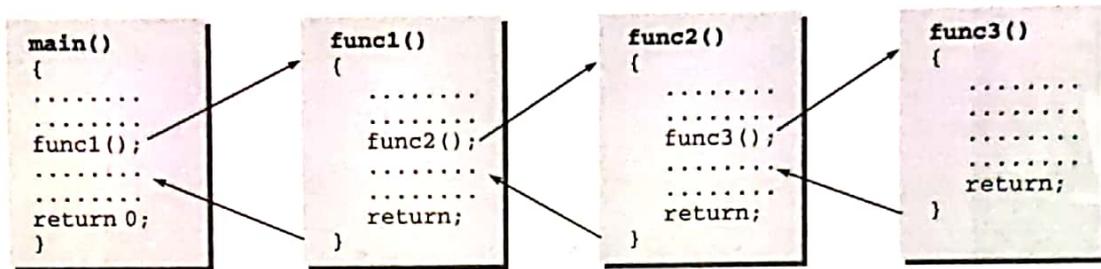
C enables programmers to break up a program into segments commonly known as *functions*, each of which can be written more or less independently of the others. Every function in the program is supposed to perform a well-defined task. Therefore, the program code of one function is completely insulated from the other functions.

Every function interfaces to the outside world in terms of how information is transferred to it and how results generated by the function are transmitted back from it. This interface is basically specified by the function name. For example, look at Figure 4.1 which explains how the `main()` calls another function to perform a well-defined task.



**Figure 4.1** The function `main()` calls `func1()`

From the figure we see that `main()` calls the function named `func1()`. Therefore, `main()` is known as the *calling function* and `func1()` is known as the *called function*. The



**Figure 4.2** Function calling another function

moment the compiler encounters a function call, instead of executing the next statement in the calling function, the control jumps to the statements that are a part of the called function. After the called function is executed, the control is returned back to the calling program.

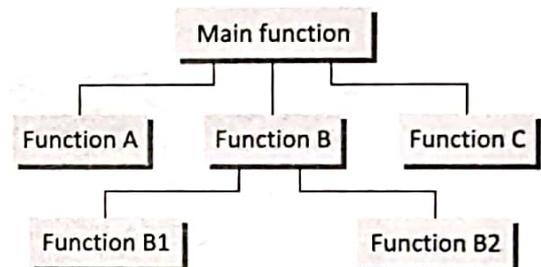
It is not necessary that the `main()` can call only one function, it can call as many functions as it wants and as many times as it wants. For example, a function call placed within a `for` loop, `while` loop, or `do-while` loop may call the same function multiple times until the condition holds true.

Another point is that it is not only the `main()` that can call other functions. A function can call any other function. For example, look at Figure 4.2 which shows one function calling another, and this function in turn calling some other function. From this we see that every function encapsulates a set of operations and when called it returns information to the calling program.

### 4.1.1 Why are Functions Needed?

Let us analyse the reasons for segmenting a program into manageable chunks as it is an important aspect to programming.

- Dividing the program into separate well-defined functions facilitates each function to be written and tested separately. This simplifies the process of getting the total program to work. Figure 4.3 shows that the `main()` calls other functions for dividing the entire code into smaller sections (or functions). This approach is referred to as the *top-down* approach.



**Figure 4.3** Top-down approach of solving a problem

- Understanding, coding, and testing multiple separate functions are far easier than doing the same for one huge function.
- If a big program has to be developed without the use of any function other than `main()`, then there will be countless lines in the `main()` and maintaining this program will be very difficult. A large program size is a serious issue in micro-computers where memory space is limited.
- All the libraries in C contain a set of functions that the programmers are free to use in their programs. These functions have been pre-written and pre-tested, so the programmers can use them without worrying about their code details. This speeds up program development, by allowing the programmer to concentrate only on the code that he has to write.
- When a big program is broken into comparatively smaller functions, then different programmers working on that project can divide the workload by writing different functions.

- Like C libraries, programmers can also write their functions and use them from different points in the main program or any other program that needs its functionalities.

Consider a program that executes a set of instructions repeatedly  $n$  times, though not continuously. In case the instructions had to be repeated continuously for  $n$  times, they can better be placed within a loop. But if these instructions have to be executed abruptly from anywhere within the program code, then instead of writing these instructions wherever they are required, a better idea is to place these instructions in a function and call that function wherever required. Figure 4.4 explains this concept.

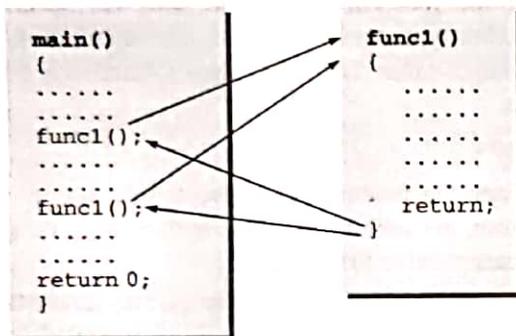


Figure 4.4 Function func1() called twice from main()

### 4.2 USING FUNCTIONS

In the first chapter we have said that when we execute a C program, the operating system calls the `main()` function of the program which marks the entry point for the execution. When the program is executed, the `main()` returns some value to the operating system.

Any function (including `main`) can be compared to a black box that takes in input, processes it, and then produces the result. However, we may also have a function that does not take any inputs at all, or the one that does not return anything at all.

While using functions we will be using the following terminologies:

- ✓ A function  $f$  that uses another function  $g$ , is known as the *calling function* and  $g$  is known as the *called function*.
- ✓ The inputs that the function takes are known as *arguments/parameters*.

- ✓ When a called function returns some result back to the calling function, it is said to *return* that result.
- The calling function may or may not pass *parameters* to the called function. If the called function accepts arguments, the calling function will pass parameters, else it will not do so.
- *Function declaration* is a declaration statement that identifies a function with its name, a list of arguments that it accepts, and the type of data it returns.
- *Function definition* consists of a function header that identifies the function, followed by the body of the function containing the executable code for that function.

### 4.3 FUNCTION DECLARATION/ FUNCTION PROTOTYPE

Before using the function, the compiler must know about the number of parameters and type of parameters that the function expects to receive and the data type of the value that it will return to the calling program. Placing the function declaration statement prior to its use enables the compiler to make a check on the arguments used while calling that function.

The general format for declaring a function that accepts some arguments and returns some value as a result can be given as:

```
return_data_type function_name(data_type variable1, data_type variable2, ...);
```

Here, `function_name` is a valid name for the function. Naming a function follows the same rules as naming variables. A function should have a meaningful name that must clarify the task that the function will perform. The function name is used to call it for execution in a program. Every function must have a different name that indicates the particular job that the function does.

`return_data_type` specifies the data type of the value that will be returned to the calling function as a result of the processing performed by the called function.

`data_type variable1, data_type variable2, ...` is a list of variables of specified data types. These variables are passed from the calling function to the called function. They are also known as *arguments* or *parameters* that the called function accepts to perform its task. Table 4.1 shows examples of valid function declarations in C.

**Table 4.1** Valid function declarations

Function declaration	Use of the function
<p>Return data type ↓ char convert_to_uppercase (char ch);</p>	Converts a character to upper case. The function receives a character as an argument, converts it into upper case and returns the converted character back to the calling program.
<p>Function name ↓ float avg (int a, int b);</p>	Calculates average of two numbers a and b received as arguments. The function returns a floating point value.
<p>int find_largest (int a, int b, int c); ↑ Data type of variable</p>	Finds the largest of three numbers— a, b, and c received as arguments. An integer value which is the largest of the three numbers is returned to the calling function.
<p>double multiply (float a, float b); ↑ Variable 1</p>	Multiplies two floating point numbers a and b that are received as arguments and returns a double value.
void swap (int a, int b);	Swaps or interchanges the value of integer variables a and b received as arguments. The function returns no value, therefore the data type is void.
void print(void);	The function is used to print information on screen. The function neither accepts any value as argument nor returns any value. Therefore, the return type is void and the argument list contains void data type.

**Things to remember about function declaration**

- After the declaration of every function, there should be a semicolon. If the semicolon is missing, the compiler will generate an error message.
- The function is declaration global. Therefore, the declared function can be called from any point in the program.

**Programming Tip:** Though optional, use argument names in the function declaration.

- Use of argument names in the function declaration statement is optional. So both declaration statements are valid in C.

```
int func(int, char, float);
```

or

```
int func(int num, char ch, float fnum);
```

- A function cannot be declared within the body of another function.
- A function having void as its return type cannot return any value.
- A function having void as its parameter list cannot accept any value. So the function declared as

```
void print (void);
```

or

```
void print ();
```

does not accept any input/arguments from the calling function.

- If the function declaration does not specify any return type, then by default, the function returns an integer value. Therefore when a function is declared as

```
sum(int a, int b);
```

Then the function sum accepts two integer values from the calling function and in turn returns an integer value to the caller.

- Some compilers make it compulsory to declare the function before its usage while other compilers make it optional. However, it is good to always declare the function before its usage as it allows error checking on the arguments in the function call.

**4.4 FUNCTION DEFINITION**

When a function is defined, space is allocated for that

**Programming Tip:** It is an error to place a semicolon after the function header in the function definition.

function in the memory. A function definition comprises two parts:

- Function header
- Function body

The syntax of a function definition can be given as:

```
return_data_type function_name (data_type variable1, data_type variable2,...)
{
    .....
    statements
    .....
    return( variable);
}
```

**Programming Tip:**  
The parameter list in the function definition as well as function declaration must match.

The number of arguments and the order of arguments in the function header must be same as that given in the function declaration statement.

While `return_data_type function_name(data_type variable1, data_type variable2,...)`

is known as the function header, the rest of the portion comprising of program statements within `{ }` is the function body which contains the code to perform the specific task.

The function header is same as that of function declaration. The only difference between the two is that a function header is not followed by a semicolon. The list of variables in the function header is known as the *formal parameter list*. The parameter list may have zero or more parameters of any data type. The function body contains instructions to perform the desired computation in a function.

**Programming Tip:**  
A function can be defined either before or after the `main()`.

The function definition itself can act as an implicit function declaration. So the programmer may skip the function declaration statement in case the function is defined before being used.



The argument names in the function declaration and function definition need not be the same. However, the data types of the arguments must match with that specified in function declaration as well as function definition.

## 4.5 FUNCTION CALL

The function call statement invokes the function. When a function is invoked the compiler jumps to the called function to execute the statements that are a part of that function. Once the called function is executed, the program control passes back to the calling function.

Function call statement has the following syntax.

✓ `function_name(variable1, variable2, ...);`

When the function declaration is present before the function call, the compiler can check if the correct number and type of arguments are used in the function call and the returned value, if any, is being used reasonably.

Function definitions are often placed in a separate header file which can be included in other C source files

that wish to use the functions. For example, the header file `stdio.h`, contains the definition of `scanf` and `printf` functions. We simply include this header file and call these functions without worrying about the code to implement their functionality.



List of variables used in function call is known as actual parameter list. The actual parameter list may contain variable names, expressions, or constants.

### 4.5.1 Points to Remember While Calling a Function

The following points are to be kept in mind while calling a function:

- Function name and the number and type of arguments in the function call must be same as that given in the function declaration and function header of the function definition.

**Programming Tip:**  
A logic error will be generated if the arguments in the function call are placed in the wrong order.

- If by mistake the parameters passed to a function are more than what it is specified to accept then the extra arguments will be discarded.

- If by mistake the parameters passed to a function are less than what it is specified to accept then the unmatched argument will be initialized to some garbage value.
- Names (and not the types) of variables in function declaration, function call, and header of function definition may vary.
- If the data type of the argument passed does not match with that specified in the function declaration then either the unmatched argument will be initialized to some garbage value or compile time error will be generated.
- Arguments may be passed in the form of expressions to the called function. In such cases, arguments are first evaluated and converted to the type of formal parameter and then the body of the function gets executed.
- The parameter list must be separated with commas.
- If the return type of the function is not void, then the value returned by the called function may be assigned to some variable as shown in the following statement.

✓ `variable_name = function_name(variable1, variable2, ...);`

Let us now try writing a program using function.

1. Write a program to add two integers using functions.

```
#include <stdio.h>
// FUNCTION DECLARATION
int sum(int a, int b);
int main()
{
    int num1, num2, total = 0;
    printf("\n Enter the first number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num1);
    printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num2);
    total = sum(num1, num2);
    // FUNCTION CALL
    printf("\n Total = %d", total);
    return 0;
}

// FUNCTION DEFINITION
int sum (int a, int b)    // FUNCTION HEADER
{                        // FUNCTION BODY
    int result;
    result = a + b;
    return result;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter the first number: 20
Enter the second number: 30
Total = 50
```

**Programming Tip:**  
It is an error to use void as the return type when the function is expected to return a value to the calling function.

The variables declared within the function and its parameters are local to that function. The programmer may use same names for variables in other functions. This eliminates the need for thinking and keeping unique names for variables declared in all the functions in the program.

In the function `sum()`, we have declared a variable `result` just like any other variable. Variables declared within a function are called *automatic local variables* because of two reasons.

- First, they are local to the function. So, their effect (in terms of scope, lifetime, or accessibility) is limited to the function. Any change made to these variables is visible only in that function.
- Second, they are automatically created whenever the function is called and they cease to exist at the end of the function.



A function cannot be used on the left side of an assignment statement. Therefore writing, `func(10) = 100;` is invalid in C, where `func` is a function that accepts an integer value.

**4.6 RETURN STATEMENT**

The return statement is used to terminate the execution of a function and returns control to the calling function. When the return statement is encountered, the program execution resumes in the calling function at the point immediately following the function call. Refer Figure 4.2 in which the control passes from the called

function to the calling function when the return statement is encountered.

**Programming Tip:**  
It is an error to use a return statement in a function that has void as its return type.

A return statement may or may not return a value to the calling function. The syntax of return statement can be given as

```
return <expression>;
```

Here expression is placed in between angular brackets because specifying an expression is optional. The value of expression, if present, is returned to the calling function. However, in case expression is omitted, the return value of the function is undefined.

The expression, if present, is converted to the type returned by the function. A function that has void as its return type cannot return any value to the calling function. So a function that has been declared with return type void, a return statement containing an expression generates a warning and the expression is not evaluated.

For functions that have no return statement, the control automatically returns to the calling function after the last statement of the called function is executed. In other words an implicit return takes place upon completion of the last statement of the called function, and control automatically returns to the calling function.



The programmer may or may not place the expression in a return statement within parentheses angular brackets. By default, the return type of a function is int.

**Programming Tip:**  
When the value returned by a function is assigned to a variable, then the returned value is converted to the type of the variable receiving it.

A function may have more than one return statement. For example, consider the program given below.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int check_relation(int a,
int b);
// FUNCTION DECLARATION
main()
{
    int a=3, b=5, res;

    clrscr();
    res = check_relation(a, b);
// FUNCTION CALL
    if(res==0) // Test the returned value
        printf("\n EQUAL");
    if(res==1)
        printf("\n a is greater than b");
    if(res==-1)
        printf("\n a is less than b");
    getch();
    return 0;
}

int check_relation(int a, int b)
// FUNCTION DEFINITION
{
    if(a==b)
        return 0;
    if(a>b)
        return 1;
    else if (a<b)
        return -1;
}
```

**Programming Tip:**  
An error is generated when the function does not return data of the specified type.

```
{
    if(a==b)
        return 0;
    if(a>b)
        return 1;
    else if (a<b)
        return -1;
}
```

**Output**

a is less than b

In the above program there are multiple return statements, but only one of them will get executed depending upon the condition. The return statement, like the break statement, is used to cause a premature termination of the function.

**Programming Tip:**  
A function that does not return any value cannot be placed on the right side of the assignment operator.

An expression appearing in a return statement is converted to the return type of the function in which the statement appears. If no implicit conversion is possible, the return statement is invalid. Since the return type of the function check\_relation() is int, so the result either 0, 1, or -1 is evaluated as an integer.

We have mentioned earlier that the variables declared inside the function cease to exist after the last statement of the function is executed. So how can we return the value of sum in the program that adds two integers using a function? The answer to this question is that a copy of the value being returned is made automatically and this copy is available to the return point in the program.

**4.6.1 Using Variable Number of Arguments**

Some functions have a variable number of arguments and data types that cannot be known at the compile time. Typical examples of such functions include the printf() and scanf() functions. ANSI C offers a symbol called ellipsis to handle such functions. The ellipsis consists of three periods (...). It can be used as

```
int func(char ch, ...);
```

The function declaration statement given above states that func is a function that has an arbitrary number and type of argument. However, one must ensure that both the function declaration and function definition should use the ellipsis symbol.

**4.7 PASSING PARAMETERS TO THE FUNCTION**

When a function is called, the calling function may have to pass some values to the called function. We have been doing this in the programming examples given so far. We will now learn the technicalities involved in passing arguments/parameters to the called function.

Basically, there are two ways in which arguments or parameters can be passed to the called function. They include:

- **Call by value** in which values of the variables are passed by the calling function to the called function. The programs that we have written so far all call the function using call by value method of passing parameters.
- **Call by reference** in which address of the variables are passed by the calling function to the called function.

**4.7.1 Call by Value**

Till now, we had been calling functions and passing arguments to them using call by value method. In the call-by-value method, the called function creates new variables

to store the value of the arguments passed to it. Therefore, the called function uses a copy of the actual arguments to perform its intended task.

If the called function is supposed to modify the value of the parameters passed to it, then the change will be reflected only in the called function. In the calling function no change will be made to the value of the variables. This is because all the changes were made to the copy of the variables and not on the actual variables.

**Programming Tip:**  
It is legal to have multiple return statements in C.

To understand this concept, consider the code given below. The function `add()` accepts an integer variable `num` and adds 10 to it. In the calling function, the value of `num = 2`. In `add()`, the value of `num` is modified to 20 but in the calling function the change is not reflected.

```
#include <stdio.h>
void add(int n); // FUNCTION DECLARATION
int main()
{
    int num = 2;

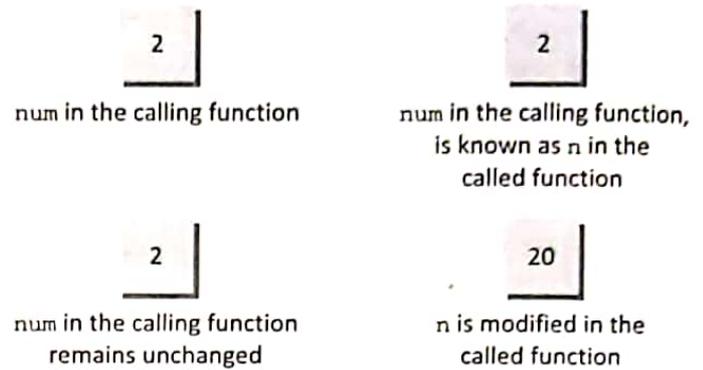
    printf("\n The value of num before
        calling the function = %d", num);
    add(num); // FUNCTION CALL
    printf("\n The value of num after calling
        the function = %d", num);
    return 0;
}

void add(int n) // FUNCTION DEFINITION
{
    n = n + 10;
    printf("\n The value of num in the called
        function = %d", n);
}
```

**Output**

The value of num before calling the function = 2  
 The value of num in the called function = 20  
 The value of num after calling the function = 2

Since the called function uses a copy of `num`, the value of `num` in the calling function remains untouched. This concept can be more clearly understood from Figure 4.5.



**Figure 4.5** Call-by-value method of argument passing

In the above program, the called function could not directly modify the value of the argument that was passed to it. In case the value has to be changed, then the programmer may use the return statement. This is shown in the following code.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int add (int n); // FUNCTION DECLARATION
int main()
{
    int num = 2;
    printf("\n The value of num before
        calling the function = %d", num);
    num = add(num); // FUNCTION CALL
    printf("\n The value of num after calling
        the function = %d", num);
    return 0;
}

int add(int n) // FUNCTION DEFINITION
{
    n = n + 10;
    printf("\n The value of num in the called
        function = %d", n);
    return n;
}
```

**Output**

The value of num before calling the function = 2  
 The value of num in the called function = 12  
 The value of num after calling the function = 12

The following points are to be noted while passing arguments to a function using call-by-value method.

- When arguments are passed by value, the called function creates new variables of the same data type as the arguments passed to it.

- The values of the arguments passed by the function are copied into the newly created variables.
- Arguments are called by value when the function does not need to modify the values of the original variables in the calling program.
- Values of the variables in the calling functions remain unaffected when the arguments are passed using call by value technique.

Therefore, call by value method of passing arguments to a function must be used only in two cases:

- When the called function does not modify the value of the actual parameter. It simply uses the value of the parameters to perform its task.
- When you want that the called function should only temporarily modify the value of the variables and not permanently. So although the called function may modify the value of the variables, but these variables remain unchanged in the calling program.

### Pros and Cons

The biggest advantage of using call by value technique to pass arguments to the called function is that arguments can be variables (e.g., x), literals (e.g., 6), or expressions (e.g., x+1). The disadvantage is that copying data consumes additional storage space. In addition, it can take a lot of time to copy, thereby resulting in performance penalty, especially if the function is called many times.

**Programming Tip:** Using call by value method of passing values must be preferred to avoid inadvertent changes to variables of the calling function in the called function.

### 4.7.2 Call by Reference

When the calling function passes arguments to the called function using call by value method, the only way to return the modified value of the argument to the caller is explicitly using the return statement. The better option when a function wants to modify the value of the argument is to pass arguments using call-by-reference technique. In call by reference, we declare the function parameters as references rather than normal variables. When this is done any changes made by the function to the arguments it receives are visible to the calling program.

To indicate that an argument is passed using call by reference, an ampersand sign (&) is placed after the type in the parameter list. This way, changes made to the

parameter in the called function body will then be reflected in its value in the calling program.

Hence, in call-by-reference method, a function receives an implicit reference to the argument, rather than a copy of its value. Therefore, the function can modify the value of the variable and that change will be reflected in the calling function as well. The following program uses this concept.

To understand this concept, consider the code given below.

```
#include <stdio.h>
void add (int *n);
int main()
{
    int num = 2;
    printf("\n The value of num before
        calling the function = %d", num);
    add(&num);
    printf("\n The value of num after calling
        the function = %d", num);
    return 0;
}

void add( int *n)
{
    *n = *n + 10;
    printf("\n The value of num in the called
        function = %d", n);
}
```

### Output

```
The value of num before calling the function = 2
The value of num in the called function = 20
The value of num after calling the function = 20
```

### Advantages

The advantages of using call-by-reference technique of passing arguments are as follows:

- Since arguments are not copied into new variables, it provides greater time- and space-efficiency.
- The function can change the value of the argument and the change is reflected in the caller.
- A function can return only one value. In case we need to return multiple values, pass those arguments by reference so that modified values are visible in the calling function.

### Disadvantages

However, the side-effect of using this technique is that when an argument is passed using call by address, it

becomes difficult to tell whether that argument is meant for input, output, or both.

Now let us write a few programs that use the call-by-value and the call-by-reference mechanisms.

2. Write a function to swap the value of two variables.

```
#include <stdio.h>
void swap_call_by_val(int, int);
void swap_call_by_ref(int *, int *);
main()
{
    int a=1, b=2, c=3, d=4;
    printf("\n In main(), a = %d and b = %d",
        a, b);
    swap_call_by_val(a, b);
    printf("\n In main(), a = %d and b = %d",
        a, b);
    printf("\n\n In main(), c = %d and d =
        %d", c, d);
    swap_call_by_ref(&c, &d);
    // address of the variables is passed
    printf("\n In main(), c = %d and d =
        %d", c, d);
    return 0;
}
void swap_call_by_val(int a, int b)
{
    int temp;
    temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
    printf("\n In function (Call By Value
        Method) a = %d and b = %d", a, b);
}
void swap_call_by_ref(int *c, int *d)
{
    int temp;
    temp = *c;
    // *operator used to refer to the value
    *c = *d;
    *d = temp;
    printf("\n In function (Call By Reference
        Method) c = %d and d = %d", *c, *d);
}
```

Output

```
In main(), a = 1 and b = 2
In function (Call By Value Method) a = 2
and b = 1
In main(), a = 1 and b = 2

In main(), c = 3 and d = 4
In function (Call By Reference Method) c
= 4 and d = 3
In main(), c = 4 and d = 3
```

3. Write a program to find biggest of three integers using functions.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int greater(int a, int b, int c);

int main()
{
    int num1, num2, num3, large;

    printf("\n Enter the first number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num1);
    printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num2);
    printf("\n Enter the third number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num3);

    large = greater(num1, num2, num3);
    printf("\n Largest number = %d", large);
    return 0;
}

int greater(int a, int b, int c)
{
    if(a>b && a>c)
        return a;
    if(b>a && b>c)
        return b;
    else
        return c;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the first number : 45
Enter the second number: 23
Enter the third number : 34
Largest number = 45
```

4. Write a program to calculate area of a circle using function.

```
#include <stdio.h>
float cal_area(float r);

int main()
{
    float area, radius;
    printf("\n Enter the radius of the
        circle: ");
    scanf("%f", &radius);
    area = cal_area(radius);
    printf("\n Area of the circle with radius
        %f = %f", radius, area);
    return 0;
}
```

```
float cal_area(float radius)
{
    return (3.14 * radius * radius);
}
```

Output

Enter the radius of the circle: 7  
 Area of the circle with radius 7 = 153.83

5. Write a program, using functions, to find whether a number is even or odd.

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

int main()
{
    int num, flag;
    printf("\n Enter the number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    flag = evenodd(num);
    if (flag == 1)
        printf("\n %d is EVEN", num);
    else
        printf("\n %d is ODD", num);
    return 0;
}

int evenodd(int a)
{
    if(a%2 == 0)
        return 1;
    else
        return 0;
}
```

Output

Enter the number : 42  
 EVEN

6. Write a program to convert time to minutes.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int convert_time_in_mins(int hrs, int
    minutes);
main()
{
    int hrs, minutes, total_mins;
    printf("\n Enter hours and minutes: ");
    scanf("%d %d", &hrs, &minutes);
    total_mins = convert_time_in_mins(hrs,
        minutes);
}
```

```
printf("\n Total minutes = %d", total_
    mins);
getch();
return 0;
}
```

```
int convert_time_in_mins(int hrs, int minutes)
{
    int mins;
    mins = hrs*60 + minutes;
    return mins;
}
```

Output

Enter the hours and minutes: 4 30  
 Total minutes = 270

7. Write a program to calculate P(n/r).

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int Fact(int);
main()
{
    int n, r;
    float result;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter the value of r: ");
    scanf("%d", &r);
    result = (float)Fact(n)/Fact(r);
    printf("\n P(n/r): P(%d)/(%) = %f", n,
        r, result);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

int Fact(int num)
{
    int f=1, i;
    for(i=num;i>=1;i--)

        f = f*i;
    return f;
}
```

Output

Enter the value of n: 4  
 Enter the value of r: 2  
 P(n/r): P(12)/(3) = 12.00

```
float cal_area(float radius)
{
    return (3.14 * radius * radius);
}
```

Output

Enter the radius of the circle: 7  
 Area of the circle with radius 7 = 153.83

5. Write a program, using functions, to find whether a number is even or odd.

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

int main()
{
    int num, flag;
    printf("\n Enter the number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    flag = evenodd(num);
    if (flag == 1)
        printf("\n %d is EVEN", num);
    else
        printf("\n %d is ODD", num);
    return 0;
}

int evenodd(int a)
{
    if(a%2 == 0)
        return 1;
    else
        return 0;
}
```

Output

Enter the number : 42  
 EVEN

6. Write a program to convert time to minutes.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int convert_time_in_mins(int hrs, int
    minutes);
main()
{
    int hrs, minutes, total_mins;
    printf("\n Enter hours and minutes: ");
    scanf("%d %d", &hrs, &minutes);
    total_mins = convert_time_in_mins(hrs,
        minutes);
}
```

```
printf("\n Total minutes = %d", total_
    mins);
getch();
return 0;
}

int convert_time_in_mins(int hrs, int minutes)
{
    int mins;
    mins = hrs*60 + minutes;
    return mins;
}
```

Output

Enter the hours and minutes: 4 30  
 Total minutes = 270

7. Write a program to calculate P(n/r).

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int Fact(int);
main()
{
    int n, r;
    float result;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter the value of r: ");
    scanf("%d", &r);
    result = (float)Fact(n)/Fact(r);
    printf("\n P(n/r): P(%d)/(%d) = %f", n,
        r, result);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

int Fact(int num)
{
    int f=1, i;
    for(i=num;i>=1;i--)

        f = f*i;
    return f;
}
```

Output

Enter the value of n: 4  
 Enter the value of r: 2  
 P(n/r): P(12)/(3) = 12.00

8. Write a program to calculate C(n/r).

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int Fact(int);
main()
{
    int n, r;
    float result;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter the value of r: ");
    scanf("%d", &r);
    result = (float)Fact(n)/(Fact(r)*Fact(n-r));
    printf("\n C(n/r) : C(%d/%d) = %.2f", n,
        r, result);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
int Fact(int num)
{
    int f=1, i;
    for(i=num;i>=1;i--)
        f = f*i;
    return f;
}
```

Output

Enter the value of n: 4  
 Enter the value of r: 2  
 C(n/r): C(4/2) = 6.00

9. Write a program to sum the series—1/1! + 1/2! + 1/3! + ..... + 1/n!

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int Fact(int);
main()
{
    int n, f, i;
    float result=0.0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the value of n: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
    {
        f=Fact(i);
        result += 1/(float)f;
    }
    printf("\n The sum of the series 1/1! +
        1/2! + 1/3!... = %f", result);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
int Fact(int num)
{
    int f=1, i;
```

```
for(i=num;i>=1;i--)
    f = f*i;
return f;
}
```

Output

Enter the value of n: 2  
 The sum of the series 1/1! + 1/2! + 1/3!... = 1.5

10. Write a program to sum the series—1/1! + 4/2! + 27/3! + ....

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>
int Fact(int);
main()
{
    int n, i, NUM, DENO;
    float sum=0.0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
    {
        NUM = pow(i, i);
        DENO = Fact(i);
        sum += (float)NUM/DENO;
    }
    printf("\n 1/1! + 4/2! + 27/3! + .... =
        %f", sum);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
int Fact(int n)
{
    int f=1, i;
    for(i=n;i>=1;i--)
        f=f*i;
    return f;
}
```

Output

Enter the value of n: 2  
 1/1! + 4/2! + 27/3! + .... = 3

4.8 SCOPE OF VARIABLES

In C, all constants and variables have a defined scope. By scope we mean the accessibility and visibility of the variables at different points in the program. A variable or a constant in C has four types of scope: block, function, file, and program scope.

### 4.8.1 Block Scope

We have studied that a statement block is a group of statements enclosed within opening and closing curly brackets ( { } ). If a variable is declared within a statement block then, as soon as the control exits that block, the variable will cease to exist. Such a variable also known as a local variable is said to have a *block scope*.

**Programming Tip:**  
It is an error to use the name of a function argument as the name of a local variable.

So far we had been using local variables. For example, if we declare an integer *x* inside a function, then that variable is unknown to the rest of the program outside (that is, outside that function).

Blocks of statements may be placed one after the other in a program; such blocks that are

placed at the same level are known as *parallel blocks*. However, a program may also contain a nested block, like a while loop inside `main()`. If an integer *x* is declared and initialized in the `main()`, and then re-declared and re-initialized in the while loop, then the integer variable *x* will occupy different memory slots and will be considered as different variables. The following code reveals this concept.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int x = 10;
    int i=0;
    printf("\n The value of x outside the
           while loop is %d", x);

    while (i<3)
    {
        int x = i;
        printf("\n The value of x inside the
               while loop is %d", x);
        i++;
    }

    printf("\n The value of x outside the
           while loop is %d", x);
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
The value of x outside the while loop is 10
The value of x inside the while loop is 0
The value of x inside the while loop is 1
The value of x inside the while loop is 2
The value of x outside the while loop is 10
```

**Programming Tip:**  
Try to avoid variable names that hides variables in outer scope.

You may get an error message while executing this code. This is because some C compilers make it mandatory to declare all the variables first before you do anything with i.e., they permit declaration of variables right

after the curly brackets of `main()` starts.

Hence, we can conclude two things:

- Variables declared with same names as those in outer block, masks the outer block variables while executing the inner block.
- In nested blocks, variables declared outside the inner blocks are accessible to the nested blocks, provided these variables are not re-declared within the inner block.



**Note**  
In order to avoid error, a programmer must prefer to use different names for variables not common to inner as well as outer blocks.

### 4.8.2 Function Scope

*Function scope* indicates that a variable is active and visible from the beginning to the end of a function. In C, only the `goto` label has function scope. In other words function scope is applicable only with `goto` label names. This means that the programmer cannot have the same label name inside a function.

Using `goto` statements is not recommended as it is not considered to be a good programming practice. We will not discuss the `goto` statement in detail here but, we will take a look at an example of code that demonstrates the function scope.

```
int main()
{
    .
    .
    loop: /* A goto label has function
           scope */
    .
    .
    goto loop; /* the goto statement */
    .
    .
    return 0;
}
```

In this example, the label loop is visible from the beginning to the end of the main() function. Therefore, there should not be more than one label having the same name within the main() function.

### 4.8.3 Program Scope

Till now we have studied that variables declared within a function are local variables. These local variables (also known as internal variables) are automatically created when they are declared in the function and are usable only within in that function. The local variables are unknown to other functions in the program. Such variables cease to exist after the last statement in the function in which they are declared and are re-created each time the function is called.

**Programming Tip:**  
The value of a global variable can be used from anywhere in the program whereas the local variable cease to exist outside the function in which it is declared.

However, if you want is function to access some variables which are not passed to them as arguments, then declare those variables outside any function blocks. Such variables are commonly known as *global variables* and can be accessed from any point in the program.

**Lifetime** Global variables are created at the beginning of program execution and remain in existence throughout the period

of execution of the program. These variables are known to all the functions in the program and are accessible to them for usage. Global variables are not limited to a particular function so they exist even when a function calls another function. These variables retain their value so that they can be used from every function in the program.

**Place of Declaration** The global variables are declared outside all the functions including main(). Although there is no specific rule that states where the global variables must be declared, it is always recommended to declare them on top of the program code.

**Name Conflict** If we have a variable declared in a function that has same name as that of the global variable, then the function will use the local variable declared within it and ignore the global variable. However, the programmer must not use names of global variables as the names of local variables, as this may lead to confusion and lead to erroneous result.



If a global variable is not initialized during its initialization then it is automatically initialized to zero by default.

Consider the following program.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int x = 10;
void print();
int main()
{
    printf("\n The value of x in the main() = %d", x);
    int x = 2;
    printf("\n The value of local variable x in the main() = %d", x);
    print();
    return 0;
}
void print()
{
    printf("\n The value of x in the print() = %d", x);
}
```

Output

```
The value of x in the main() = 10
The value of local variable x in the main() = 2
The value of x in the print() = 10
```

From the code we see that local variables overwrite the value of global variables. In big programs use of global variables is not recommended until it is very important to use them because there is a big risk of confusing them with any local variables of the same name.



Functions are considered to be self-contained and independent modules. So they need to be isolated from the rest of the code, but using global variables loose this idea behind making functions.

### 4.8.4 File Scope

When a global variable is accessible until the end of the file, the variable is said to have *file scope*. To allow a variable to have file scope, declare that variable with the static keyword before specifying its data type, as shown:

```
static int x = 10;
```

A global static variable can be used anywhere from the file in which it is declared but it is not accessible by any other files. Such variables are useful when the programmer writes his own header files.

## 4.9 STORAGE CLASSES

The *storage class* of a variable defines the scope (visibility) and lifetime of variables and/or functions declared within a C program. In addition to this, the storage class gives the following information about the variable or the function.

- The storage class of a function or a variable determines the part of memory where storage space will be allocated for that variable or function (whether the variable/function will be stored in a register or in RAM).
- It specifies how long the storage allocation will continue to exist for that function or variable.
- It specifies the scope of the variable or function, i.e., the storage class indicates the part of the C program in which the variable name is visible or the part in which it is accessible. In other words, whether the variable/function can be referenced throughout the program or only within the function, block, or source file where it has been defined.
- It specifies whether the variable or function has internal, external, or no linkage.
- It specifies whether the variable will be automatically initialized to zero or to any indeterminate value.

C supports four storage classes: automatic, register, external, and static. The general syntax for specifying the storage class of a variable can be given as

```
<storage_class_specifier> <data type>
    <variable name>
```

### 4.9.1 The auto Storage Class

The auto storage class specifier is used to explicitly declare a variable with *automatic storage*. It is the default storage class for variables declared inside a block. For example, if we write

```
auto int x;
```

then *x* is an integer that has automatic storage. It is deleted when the block in which *x* was declared exits.

The auto storage class can be used to declare variables in a block or the names of function parameters. However, since the variable names or names of function parameters by default have automatic storage, the auto storage class specifier is therefore treated as redundant while declaring data.

Important things to remember about variables declared with auto storage class include:

- All local variables declared within a function belong to automatic storage class by default.
- They should be declared at the start of the program block. (Right after the opening curly bracket { )
- Memory for the variable is automatically allocated upon entry to a block and freed automatically upon exit from that block.
- The scope of the variable is local to the block in which it is declared. These variables may be declared within a nested block.
- Every time the block (in which the automatic variable is declared) is entered, the value of the variable declared with initializers is initialized.
- The auto variables are stored in the primary memory of the computer.
- If auto variables are not initialized at the time of declaration, then they contain some garbage value.

The following code uses an auto integer that is local to the function in which it is defined.

```
#include <stdio.h>
void func1()
{
    int a=10;
    printf("\n a = %d", a);
    // auto integer local to func1()
}
void func2()
{
    int a=20;
    printf("\n a = %d", a);
    // auto integer local to func2()
}
void main()
{
    int a=30 // auto integer local to main()
    func1();
    func2();
    printf("\n a = %d", a);
}
```

Output

```
a = 10
a = 20
a = 30
```

### 4.9.2 The register Storage Class

When a variable is declared using *register* as its storage class, it is stored in a CPU register instead of RAM. Since

the variable is stored in RAM, the maximum size of the variable is equal to the register size. One drawback of using a register variable is that they cannot be operated using the unary '&' operator because it does not have a memory location associated with it. A register variable is declared in the following manner.

```
register int x;
```

Register variables are used when quick access to the variable is needed. It is not always necessary that the register variable will be stored in the register. Rather, the register variable might be stored in a register depending on the hardware and implementation restrictions.

Hence, programmers can only suggest the compiler to store those variables in the registers which are used repeatedly or whose access times are critical. However, for the compiler, it is not an obligation to always accept such requests. In case the compiler rejects the request to store the variable in the register, the variable is treated as having the storage class specifier `auto`.

Like `auto` variables, `register` variables also have automatic storage duration. That is, each time a block is entered, the storage for register variables defined in that block are accessible and the moment that block is exited, the variables becomes no longer accessible for use. Now let us have a look at the following code that uses a `register` variable.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int exp(int a, int b); // FUNCTION DECLARATION
main()
{
    int a=3, b=5, res;
    res = exp(a, b); // FUNCTION CALL
    printf("\n %d to the power of %d = %d",
        a, b, res);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
int exp(int a, int b) // FUNCTION DEFINITION
{
    register int res=1;
    int i;
    for(i=1; i<=b; i++)
        res = res*b;
    return res;
}
```

#### Output

```
3 to the power of 5 = 243
```

### 4.9.3 The extern Storage Class

A large C program can be broken down into smaller programs. When these smaller programs are compiled, they are joined together to form a large program. However, these smaller programs may need to share certain variables for processing. For such situations C language provides an external storage class that is specified using the keyword `extern`.

The storage class `extern` is used to give a reference of a global variable that is visible to all the program files. Such global variables are declared like any other variable in one of the program file. When there are multiple files in a program and you need to use a particular function or variable in a file apart from which it is declared, then use the keyword `extern`. To declare a variable `x` as `extern` write,

```
extern int x;
```

External variables may be declared outside any function in a source code file as any other variable is declared. But usually external variables are declared and defined at the beginning of a source file.

Memory is allocated for external variables when the program begins execution, and remains allocated until the program terminates. External variables may be initialized while they are declared. However, the initializer must be a constant expression. The compiler will initialize its value only once during the compiler time. In case the `extern` variable is not initialized, it will be initialized to zero by default.

External variables have global scope, i.e., these variables are visible and accessible from all the functions in the program. However, if any function has a local variable with the same name and types as that of the global or `extern` variable, then references to the name will access the local variable rather than the `extern` variable. Hence `extern` variables are overwritten by local variables.

Let us now write a program in which we will use the `extern` keyword.

```
// FILE 1.C
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <FILE2.C>
// Programmer's own header file
int x;
void print(void);
int main()
{
    x = 10;
```

```

printf("\n x in FILE1 = %d", x);
print();
return 0;
}
// END OF FILE1.C
// FILE2.C
#include <stdio.h>
extern int x;
void print()
{
printf(«\n x in FILE 2 = %d», x);
}
main()
{
// Statements.
}
// END OF FILE2.C

```

**Output**

```

x in FILE1 = 10
x in FILE2 = 10

```

In the program, we have used two files—File1 and File2. File1 has declared a global variable x. File1 also includes File2 which has a print function that uses the external variable x to print its value on the screen.

**Note** The extern specifier tells the compiler that the variable has already been declared elsewhere and therefore it should not allocate storage space for that variable again. During compilation of the program, the linker will automatically resolve the reference problem.

In a multi-file program, the global variable must be declared only once (in any one of the files) without using the extern keyword. This is because, otherwise the linker will have a conflict as to which variable to use and therefore in such a situation it raises a warning message.

**4.9.4 The static Storage Class**

While auto is the default storage class for all local variables, static is the default storage class for all global variables. Static variables have a lifetime over the entire program, i.e., memory for the static variables is allocated when the program begins running and is freed when the program terminates. To declare an integer x as static, write,

```
static int x = 10;
```

Here x is a local static variable. Static local variables when defined within a function are initialized at the runtime. The difference between an auto variable and a static variable is that the static variable when defined within a function is not re-initialized when the function is called again and again. It is initialized just once and further calls of the function share the value of the static variable. Hence, the static variable inside a function retains its value during various calls.

When a static variable is not explicitly initialized by the programmer then it is automatically initialized to zero when memory is allocated for them. Although static automatic variables exist even after the block in which they are defined terminates, their scope is local to the block in which they are defined.

Static storage class can be specified for auto as well as extern variables. For example we can write,

```
static extern int x;
```

When we declare a variable as external static variable, then that variable is accessible from all the functions in this source file.

**Note** static variables can be initialized while they are being declared. But this initialization is done only once at the compile time when memory is being allocated for the static variable. Also the value with which the static variable is initialized must be a constant expression.

Look at the following code which clearly differentiates between a static variable and a normal variable.

```

#include <stdio.h>
void print(void); // FUNCTION DECLARATION
int main()
{
printf("\n First call of print()");
print(); // FUNCTION CALL
printf("\n\n Second call of print()");
print(); // FUNCTION CALL
printf("\n\n Third call of print()");
print(); // FUNCTION CALL
return 0;
}

void print() // FUNCTION DEFINITION
{
static int x;
int y = 0;

```

```
printf("\n Static integer variable, x =
      %d", x);
printf("\n Integer variable, y = %d", y);
x++;
y++;
}
```

**Output**

First call of print()  
 Static integer variable, x = 0  
 Integer variable, y = 0

Second call of print()  
 Static integer variable, x = 1  
 Integer variable, y = 0

Third call of print()  
 Static integer variable, x = 2  
 Integer variable, y = 0

**4.9.5 Comparison of Storage Classes**

Table 4.2 compares the key features of all the storage classes.

**4.10 RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS**

A *recursive function* is defined as a function that calls itself to solve a smaller version of its task until a final

call is made which does not require a call to itself. Every recursive solution has two major cases, they are

- *Base case*, in which the problem is simple enough to be solved directly without making any further calls to the same function.
- *Recursive case*, in which first the problem at hand is divided into simpler sub parts. Second the function calls itself but with sub parts of the problem obtained in the first step. Third, the result is obtained by combining the solutions of simpler sub-parts.

Therefore, recursion is defining large and complex problems in terms of a smaller and more easily solvable problem. In recursive function, a complex problem is defined in terms of simpler problems and the simplest problem is given explicitly.

To understand recursive functions, let us take an example of calculating factorial of a number. To calculate  $n!$ , what we have to do is multiply the number with factorial of the number that is 1 less than that number. In other words,  $n! = n \times (n-1)!$

Let us say we need to find the value of  $5! \dots$

$$5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$$

This can be written as

$$5! = 5 \times 4! , \text{ where } 4! = 4 \times 3!$$

**Table 4.2** Comparison of storage classes

FEATURE	STORAGE CLASS			
	auto	extern	register	static
<b>Accessibility</b>	Accessible within the function or block in which it is declared.	Accessible within all program files that are a part of the program.	Accessible within the function or block in which it is declared.	Local: Accessible within the function or block in which it is declared. Global: Accessible within the program in which it is declared.
<b>Storage</b>	Main Memory	Main Memory	CPU Register	Main Memory
<b>Existence</b>	Exists when the function or block in which it is declared is entered. Ceases to exist when the control returns from the function or the block in which it was declared.	Exists throughout the execution of the program.	Exists when the function or block in which it is declared is entered. Ceases to exist when the control returns from the function or the block in which it was declared.	Local: Retains value between function calls or block entries. Global: Preserves value in program files.
<b>Default value</b>	Garbage	Zero	Garbage	Zero

Therefore,

$$5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3!$$

Similarly, we can also write,

$$5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2!$$

Expanding further

$$5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1!$$

We know,  $1! = 1$

Therefore, the series of problem and solution can be given as shown in Figure 4.6.

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
5!	$5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1!$
$= 5 \times 4!$	$= 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$
$= 5 \times 4 \times 3!$	$= 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2$
$= 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2!$	$= 5 \times 4 \times 6$
$= 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1!$	$= 5 \times 24$
	$= 120$

**Figure 4.6** Recursive factorial function

Now if you look at the problem carefully, you can see that we can write a recursive function to calculate the factorial of a number. Every recursive function must have a base case and a recursive case. For the factorial function,

**Programming Tip:**

Every recursive function must have at least one base case. Otherwise, the recursive function will generate an infinite sequence of calls thereby resulting in an error condition known as an infinite stack.

- **Base case** is when  $n = 1$ , because if  $n = 1$ , the result will be 1 as  $1! = 1$ .
- **Recursive case** of the factorial function will call itself but with a smaller value of  $n$ , this case can be given as

$$\text{factorial}(n) = n \times \text{factorial}(n-1)$$

Look at the following code which calculates the factorial of a number recursively.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int Fact(int); // FUNCTION DECLARATION
main()
{
    int num;
    printf("\n Enter the number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    printf("\n Factorial of %d = %d", num,
        Fact(num)); // FUNCTION CALL
    return 0;
}
```

```
int Fact( int n) // FUNCTION DEFINITION
{
    if(n==1)
        return 1;
    return (n * Fact(n-1)); // FUNCTION CALL
}
```

From the above example, let us analyse the basic steps of a recursive program.

- Step 1:** Specify the base case which will stop the function from making a call to itself.
- Step 2:** Check to see whether the current value being processed matches with the value of the base case. If yes, process and return the value.
- Step 3:** Divide the problem into a smaller or simpler sub-problem.
- Step 4:** Call the function from the sub-problem.
- Step 5:** Combine the results of the sub-problems.
- Step 6:** Return the result of the entire problem.



The base case of a recursive function acts as the terminating condition. So, in the absence of an explicitly-defined base case, a recursive function would call itself indefinitely.

### 4.10.1 Greatest Common Divisor

The greatest common divisor of two numbers (integers) is the largest integer that divides both the numbers. We can find the GCD of two numbers recursively by using the *Euclid's algorithm* that states

$$\text{GCD}(a, b) = \begin{cases} b, & \text{if } b \text{ divides } a \\ \text{GCD}(b, a \bmod b), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

GCD can be implemented as a recursive function because if  $b$  does not divide  $a$ , then we call the same function (GCD) with another set of parameters that are smaller and simpler than the original ones. Here we assume that  $a > b$ . However if  $a < b$ , then interchange  $a$  and  $b$  in the formula given above.

**Working**

Assume  $a = 62$  and  $b = 8$

```
GCD(62, 8)
rem = 62 % 8 = 6
GCD(8, 6)
```

```

rem = 8 % 6 = 2
GCD(6, 2)
    rem = 6 % 2 = 0
    Return 2
Return 2
Return 2

```

11. Write a program to calculate GCD using recursive functions.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int GCD(int, int); // FUNCTION DECLARATION
main()
{
    int num1, num2, res;
    printf("\n Enter the two numbers: ");
    scanf("%d %d", &num1, &num2);
    res = GCD(num1, num2); // FUNCTION CALL
    printf("\n GCD of %d and %d = %d", num1,
           num2, res);
    return 0;
}

int GCD(int x, int y) // FUNCTION DEFINITION
{
    int rem;
    rem = x%y;
    if(rem==0)
        return y;
    else
        return (GCD(y, rem)); // FUNCTION CALL
}

```

### 4.10.2 Finding Exponents

We can find a solution to find exponent of a number using recursion. To find  $x^y$ , the base case would be when  $y=0$ , as we know that any number raise to the power 0 is 1. Therefore, the general formula to find  $x^y$  can be given as

$$EXP(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } y == 0 \\ x * EXP(x^{y-1}), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### Working

```

exp_rec(2, 4) = 2 * exp_rec( 2, 3)
exp_rec(2, 3) = 2 * exp_rec( 2, 2)
exp_rec(2, 2) = 2 * exp_rec( 2, 1)
exp_rec(2, 1) = 2 * exp_rec( 2, 0)
exp_rec( 2, 0) = 1
exp_rec( 2, 1) = 2 * 1 = 2
exp_rec( 2, 2) = 2 * 2 = 4
exp_rec( 2, 3) = 2 * 4 = 8
exp_rec( 2, 4) = 2 * 8 = 16

```

12. Write a program to calculate  $\exp(x, y)$  using recursive functions.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int exp_rec(int, int);
main()
{
    int num1, num2, res;
    printf("\n Enter the two numbers: ");
    scanf("%d %d", &num1, &num2);
    res = exp_rec(num1, num2);
    printf ("\n RESULT = %d", res);
    return 0;
}

int exp_rec(int x, int y)
{
    if( y==0)
        return 1;
    else
        return ( x * exp_rec( x, y-1));
}

```

### 4.10.3 The Fibonacci Series

The Fibonacci series can be given as

0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 .....

That is, the third term of the series is the sum of the first and second terms. On similar grounds, fourth term is the sum of second and third terms, and so on. Now we will design a recursive solution to find the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the Fibonacci series. The general formula to do so can be given as

$$FIB(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \leq 2 \\ FIB(n - 1) + FIB(n - 2), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

As per the formula,  $FIB(1) = 1$  and  $FIB(2) = 1$ . So we have two base cases. This is necessary because every problem is divided into two smaller problems (Figure 4.7).

13. Write a program to print the Fibonacci series using recursion.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int Fibonacci(int);
main()
{
    int n;
    printf("\n Enter the number of terms in
           the series: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for(int i=0;i<n;i++)
        printf("\n Fibonacci (%d) = %d", i,
               Fibonacci(i));
}

```



### 4.11.3 Tail Recursion

A recursive function is said to be *tail recursive* if no operations are pending to be performed when the recursive function returns to its caller (Figure 4.10). When the called function returns, the returned value is immediately returned from the calling function. Tail recursive functions are highly desirable because they are much more efficient to use as the amount of information that has to be stored on the system stack is independent of the number of recursive calls.

```
int Fact(int n)
{
    if(n==1)
        return 1;
    return (n * Fact(n-1));
}
```

Figure 4.10 Tail recursion

For example, the factorial function that we have written is a non-tail-recursive function, because there is a pending operation of multiplication to be performed on return from each recursive call.

Whenever there is a pending operation to be performed, the function becomes non-tail recursive. In such a non-tail recursive function, information about each pending operation must be stored, so the amount of information directly depends on the number of calls.

However, the same factorial function can be written in a tail-recursive manner as shown in Figure 4.11.

```
int Fact(n)
{
    return Fact1(n, 1);
}

int Fact1(int n, int res)
{
    if (n==1)
        return res;
    return Fact1(n-1, n*res);
}
```

Figure 4.11 Tail-recursive and non-tail-recursive function

In the code, Fact1 function preserves the syntax of the Fact(n). Here the recursion occurs in the Fact1 function and not in Fact function. Carefully observe that Fact1 has no pending operation to be performed on return from recursive calls. The value computed by the recursive call is simply returned without any modification. So in this case, the amount of information to be stored on the system stack is constant (just the value of n and res needs to be stored) and is independent of the number of recursive calls.

### Converting Recursive Functions to Tail Recursive

A non-tail recursive function can be converted into a tail-recursive function by using an *auxiliary parameter* as we did in case of the Factorial function. The auxiliary parameter is used to form the result. When we use such a parameter, the pending operation is incorporated into the auxiliary parameter so that the recursive call no longer has a pending operation. We generally use an auxiliary function while using the auxiliary parameter. This is done to keep the syntax clean and to hide the fact that auxiliary parameters are needed.

### 4.11.4 Linear and Tree Recursion

Recursive functions can also be characterized depending on the way in which the recursion grows in a linear fashion or forming a tree structure (Figure 4.12).

In simple words, a recursive function is said to be *linearly* recursive when the pending operation (if any) does not make another recursive call to the function. For example, observe the last line of recursive factorial function. The factorial function is linearly recursive as the pending operation involves only multiplication to be performed and does not involve another recursive call to Fact.

On the contrary, a recursive function is said to be *tree* recursive (or *non-linearly* recursive) if the pending operation makes another recursive call to the function. For example, the Fibonacci function Fib in which the pending operations recursively calls the Fib function.

## 4.12 TOWER OF HANOI

The tower of Hanoi is one of the main applications of a recursion. It says, 'if you can solve n-1 cases, then you can easily solve the n<sup>th</sup> case'

Look at Figure 4.13 which shows three rings mounted on pole A. The problem is to move all these rings from pole A to pole C while maintaining the same order. The main issue is that the smaller disk must always come above the larger disk.

```

int Fibonacci(int num)
{
    if(num <= 2)
        return 1;
    return ( Fibonacci (num - 1) + Fibonacci(num - 2));
}

```

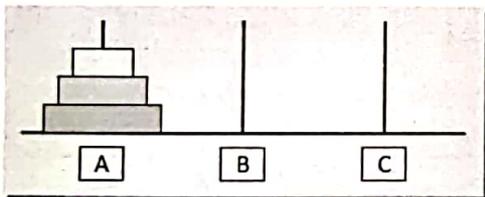
Observe the series of function calls. When the function returns, the pending operations in turn calls the function

$Fibonacci(7) = Fibonacci(6) + Fibonacci(6) = Fibonacci(5) + Fibonacci(4)$   
 $Fibonacci(5) = Fibonacci(4) + Fibonacci(3)$   
 $Fibonacci(4) = Fibonacci(3) + Fibonacci(2)$   
 $Fibonacci(3) = Fibonacci(2) + Fibonacci(1)$

Now we have,  $Fibonacci(3) = 1 + 1 = 2$

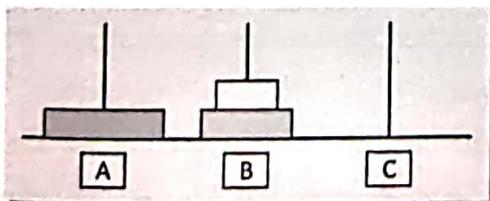
$Fibonacci(4) = 2 + 1 = 3$   
 $Fibonacci(5) = 3 + 2 = 5$   
 $Fibonacci(6) = 3 + 5 = 8$   
 $Fibonacci(7) = 5 + 8 = 13$

**Figure 4.12** Tree recursion



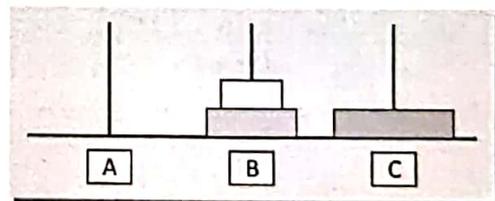
**Figure 4.13** Tower of Hanoi

We will be doing this using a spare pole. In our case, A is the source pole, C is the destination pole, and B is the spare pole. To transfer all the three rings from A to C, we will first shift the upper two rings ( $n-1$  rings) from the source pole to the spare pole. We move the first two rings from pole A to B as shown in Figure 4.14.



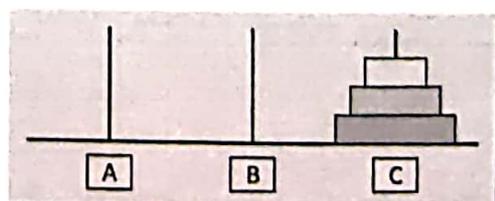
**Figure 4.14** Move rings from A to B

Now that  $n-1$  rings have been removed from pole A, the source pole, the  $n^{\text{th}}$  ring can be easily moved from the source pole (A) to the destination pole (C). Figure 4.15 shows this step.



**Figure 4.15** Move ring from A to C

The final step is to move the  $n-1$  rings from the spare pole (B) to the destination pole (C). This is shown in Figure 4.16.



**Figure 4.16** Move rings from B to C

To summarize, the solution to our problem of moving  $n$  rings from A to C using B as spare can be given as:

**Base case:** if  $n=1$

- Move the ring from A to C using B as spare

**Recursive case:**

- Move  $n-1$  rings from A to B using C as spare
- Move the one ring left on A to C using B as spare
- Move  $n-1$  rings from B to C using A as spare

The following code implements the solution of the Tower of Hanoi problem.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int n;
    printf("\n Enter the number of rings: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
```

```
    move(n, 'A', 'C', 'B');
    return 0;
}

void move(int n, char source, char dest, char spare)
{
    if (n==1)
        printf("\n Move from %c to %c", source, dest);
    else
    {
        move(n-1, source, spare, dest);
        move(1, source, dest, spare);
        move(n-1, spare, dest, source);
    }
}
```

Let us look at the Tower of Hanoi problem in detail using the program given above. Figure 4.17 on the next page explains the working of the program using one, then two, and finally three rings.

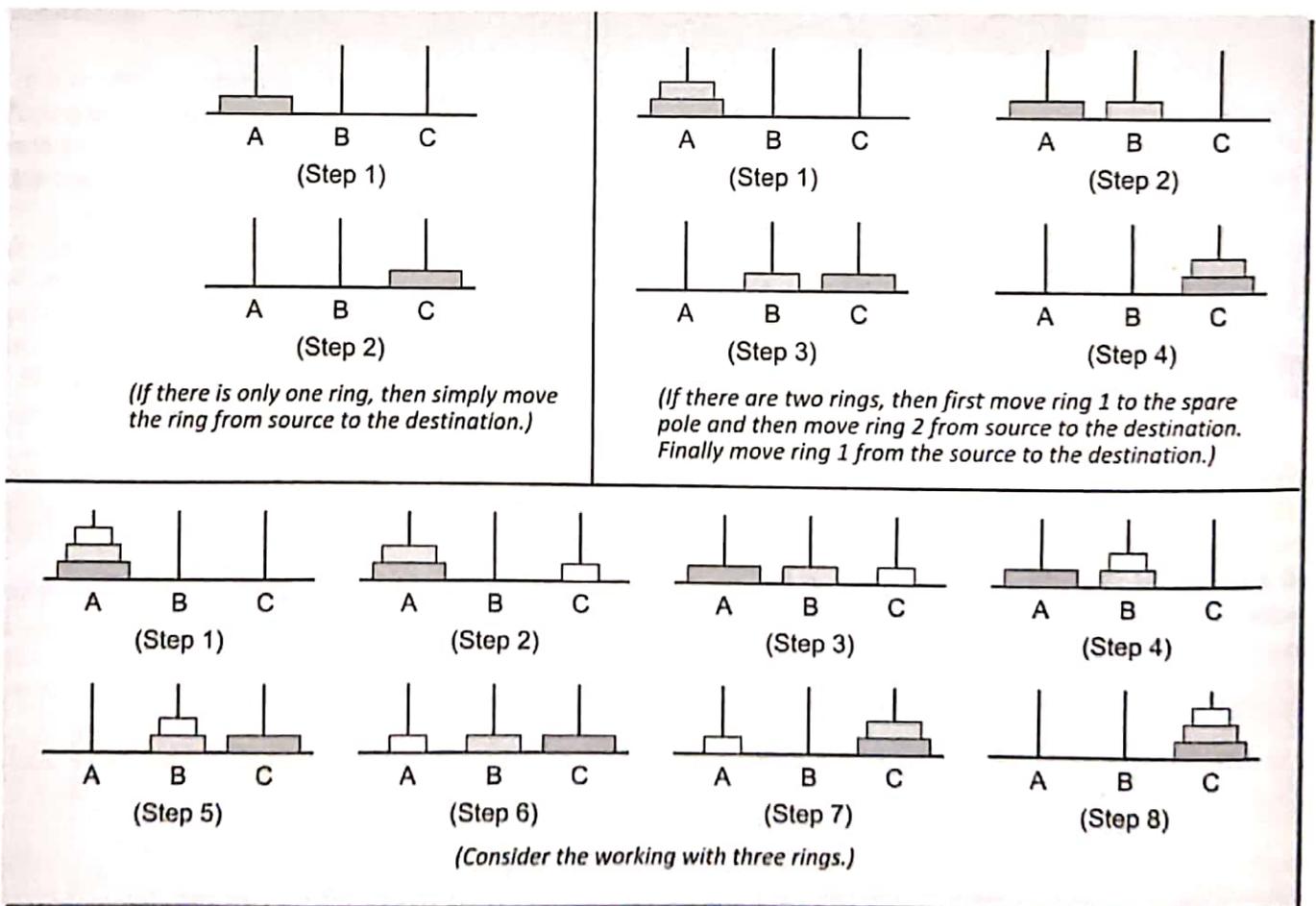


Figure 4.17 Working of Tower of Hanoi with one, two and three rings

### 4.13 RECURSION VERSUS ITERATION

Recursion is more of a top-down approach to problem solving in which the original problem is divided into smaller sub-problems. On the contrary, iteration follows a bottom-up approach that begins with what is known and then constructing the solution step by step.

Recursion is an excellent way of solving complex problems especially when the problem can be defined in recursive terms. For such problems, a recursive code can be written and modified in a much simpler and clearer manner.

However, recursive solutions are not always the best solutions. In some cases, recursive programs may require substantial amount of run-time overhead. Therefore, when implementing a recursive solution, there is a trade-off involved between the time spent in constructing and maintaining the program and the cost incurred in running-time and memory space required for the execution of the program.

Whenever a recursive function is called, some amount of overhead in the form of a run time stack is always involved. Before jumping to the function with a smaller parameter, the original parameters, the local variables, and the return address of the calling function are all stored on the system stack. Therefore, while using recursion a lot of time is needed to first push all the information on the stack when the function is called and then time is again involved in retrieving the information stored on the stack once the control passes back to the calling function.

To conclude, one must use recursion only to find solution to a problem for which no obvious iterative

solution is known. To summarize the concept of recursion let us briefly discuss the pros and cons of recursion.

The advantages of using a recursive program includes the following:

- Recursive solutions often tend to be shorter and simpler than non-recursive ones.
- Code is clearer and easier to use.
- Recursion works similar to the original formula to solve a problem.
- Follows a divide and conquer technique to solve problems.
- In some (limited) instances, recursion may be more efficient.

The drawbacks/disadvantages of using a recursive program includes the following:

- For some programmers and readers, recursion is a difficult concept.
- Recursion is implemented using system stack. If the stack space on the system is limited, recursion to a deeper level will be difficult to implement.
- Aborting a recursive process in midstream is slow and sometimes nasty.
- Using a recursive function takes more memory and time to execute as compared to its non-recursive counter part.
- It is difficult to find bugs, particularly while using global variables.

The advantages of recursion pays off for the extra overhead involved in terms of time and space required.

#### SUMMARY

- Every function in the program is supposed to perform a well defined task. The moment the compiler encounters a function call, the control jumps to the statements that are a part of the called function. After the called function is executed, the control is returned back to the calling program.
- All the libraries in C contain a set of functions that have been prewritten and pre-tested, so the programmers use them without worrying about the code details. This speeds up program development.
- While function declaration statement identifies a function with its name, a list of arguments that it accepts and the type of data it returns, the

function definition, on the other hand, consists of a function header that identifies the function, followed by the body of the function containing the executable code for that function

- `main()` is the function that is called by the operating system and therefore, it is supposed to return the result of its processing to the operating system.
- Placing the function declaration statement prior to its use enables the compiler to make a check on the arguments used while calling that function.
- A function having void as its return type cannot return any value. Similarly, a function having void as its parameter list cannot accept any value.

## SUMMARY

- When a function is defined, space is allocated for that function in the memory. A function definition comprises of two parts: function header and function body.
- Call-by-value method passes values of the variables to the called function. Therefore, the called function uses a copy of the actual arguments to perform its intended task. This method is used when the function does not need to modify the values of the original variables in the calling program.
- In call-by-reference method, address of the variables are passed by the calling function to the called function. Hence, in this method, a function receives an implicit reference to the argument, rather than a copy of its value. This allows the function to modify the value of the variable and that change will be reflected in the calling function as well.
- Scope means the accessibility and visibility of the variables at different points in the program. A variable or a constant in C has four types of scope: block, function, file, and program scope.
- The storage class of a variable defines the scope (visibility) and life time of variables and/or functions declared within a C program.
- The auto storage class is the default storage class for variables declared inside a block. The scope of the variable is local to the block in which it is declared. When a variable is declared using register as its storage class, it is stored in a CPU register instead of RAM. Extern is used to give a reference of a global variable that is visible to all the program files. Static is the default storage class for global variables.
- A recursive function is defined as a function that calls itself to solve a smaller version of its task until a final call is made which does not require a call to itself. They are implemented using system stack.

## GLOSSARY

**Argument** A value passed to the called function by the calling function

**Block** A sequence of definitions, declarations, and statements, enclosed within curly brackets.

**Divide and conquer** Solving a problem by dividing it into two or more smaller instances. Each of these smaller instances is recursively solved, and the solutions are combined to produce a solution for the original problem.

**Iteration** Solving a problem by repeatedly working on successive parts of the problem.

**Recursion** An algorithmic technique where a function calls itself with a smaller of the task in order to solve

that task.

**Recursion termination** The point at which base condition is met and a recursive algorithm stops calling itself and begins to return values.

**Recursion tree** Technique to analyse the complexity of an algorithm by diagramming the recursive function calls.

**Tail recursion** A form of recursion in which the last operation of a function is a recursive call.

**Tower of hanoi** Given three towers or poles and  $n$  disks of decreasing sizes, move the disks from one pole to another one by one without putting a larger disk on a smaller one.

## EXERCISES

## Fill in the Blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ provides an interface to use the function.
2. After the function is executed, the control passes back to the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A function that uses another function is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The inputs that the function takes are known as \_\_\_\_\_.

5. `main()` is called by the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Function definition consists of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. In \_\_\_\_\_ method, address of the variable is passed by the calling function to the called function.
8. Function scope is applicable only with in \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Function that calls itself is known as a \_\_\_\_\_ function.
10. Recursive functions are implemented using \_\_\_\_\_.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ function is defined as a function that calls itself.
12. The function `int func();` takes \_\_\_\_\_ arguments.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ variables can be accessed from all functions in the program.
14. The execution of a program starts at \_\_\_\_\_.
15. By default, the return type of a function is \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Parameters used in function call are called \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Variable declared inside a function is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. The function that is invoked is known as
 

(a) calling function	(b) caller function
(c) called function	(d) invoking function
2. Function declaration statement identifies a function with its
 

(a) name
(b) arguments
(c) data type of return value
(d) all of these
3. Which return type cannot return any value to the caller?
 

(a) int	(b) float
(c) void	(d) double
4. Memory is allocated for a function when the function is
 

(a) declared	(b) defined
(c) called	(d) returned

5. Which keyword allows a variable to have file scope?
 

(a) auto	(b) static
(c) register	(d) extern
6. The default storage class of global variables is
 

(a) auto	(b) static
(c) register	(d) extern
7. Which variable retains its value in-between function calls?
 

(a) auto	(b) static
(c) register	(d) extern
8. The default storage class of a local variable is
 

(a) auto	(b) static
(c) register	(d) extern

**State True or False**

1. The calling function must pass parameters to the called function.
2. Function header is used to identify the function.
3. The name of a function is global
4. No function can be declared within the body of another function.
5. The function call statement invokes the function.
6. Auto variables are stored inside CPU registers.
7. Extern variables are initialized by default.
8. The default storage class of local variables is extern.
9. Recursion follows a divide-and-conquer technique to solve problems.
10. Local variables overwrite the value of global variables.
11. A C function can return only one value.
12. A function must have at least one argument.
13. A function can be declared and defined before the `main()`.
14. A function can be defined in the `main()`.
15. Variable names in the function definition must match with those specified in the function declaration.
16. Specifying variable names in the function declaration is optional.
17. The `main()` is a user-defined function.

## Review Questions

1. Define a function. Why are they needed?
2. Explain the concept of making function calls.
3. Differentiate between function declaration and function definition.
4. Differentiate between formal parameters and actual parameters.
5. How many types of storage classes C language supports? Why do we need different types of such classes?
6. Give the features of each storage class.
7. Explain the concept of recursive functions with example.
8. Differentiate between an iterative function and a recursive function. Which one will you prefer to use and in what circumstances?
9. What will happen when the actual parameters are less than formal parameters in a function?
10. What will happen when data type of a variable in the function declaration does not match with the corresponding variable in the function header?
11. What will happen when a function returns a value that does not match with the return type of the function?
12. Write a program to calculate factorial of a number using recursion. Also write a non recursive procedure to do the same job.
13. Explain the tower of Hanoi problem.
14. Write a program using function that calculates the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle.
15. Write a function that accepts a number  $n$  as input and returns the average of numbers from 1 to  $n$ .
16. Differentiate between call by value and call by reference using suitable examples.
17. What do you understand by scope of a variable? Explain in detail with suitable examples.
18. Why function declaration statement is placed prior to function definition?
19. Write a function to reverse a string using recursion.
20. Write a function `is_prime` that returns a 1 if the argument passed to it is a prime a number and a 0 otherwise.
21. Write a function that accepts an integer between 1-12 to represent the month number and displays the corresponding month of the year (For example if month = 1, then display JANUARY)
22. Write a function `is_leap_year` which takes the year as its argument and checks whether the year is a leap year or not and then displays an appropriate message on the screen.
23. Write a program to concatenate two strings using recursion.
24. Write a program to read an integer number. Print the reverse of this number using recursion
25. Write a program to swap two variables that are defined as global variables.
26. Write a program to compute  $F(x, y)$  where  

$$F(x, y) = F(x-y, y) + 1 \text{ if } y \leq x$$

$$\text{And } F(x, y) = 0 \text{ if } x < y$$
27. Write a program to compute  $F(n, r)$  where  

$$F(n, r) \text{ can be recursively defined as}$$

$$F(n, r) = F(n-1, r) + F(n-1, r-1)$$
28. Write a program to compute  $\text{Lambda}(n)$  for all positive values of  $n$  where  $\text{Lambda}(n)$  can be recursively defined as  

$$\text{Lambda}(n) = \text{Lambda}(n/2) + 1 \text{ if } n > 1$$

$$\text{AND } \text{Lambda}(n) = 0 \text{ if } n = 1$$
29. Write a program to compute  $F(M, N)$  where  

$$F(M, N) \text{ can be recursively defined as}$$

$$F(M, N) = 1 \text{ if } M=0 \text{ or } M \geq N \geq 1$$

$$\text{AND } F(M, N) = F(M-1, N) + F(M-1, N-1)$$

$$\text{otherwise}$$
30. Write a menu driven program to add, subtract, multiply, and divide two integers using functions.
31. Write a program to find the smallest of three integers using functions.
32. Write a program to calculate area of a triangle using function.
33. Write a program to find whether a number is divisible by two or not using functions.
34. Write a program to illustrate call by value technique of passing arguments to a function.
35. Write a program to illustrate call by reference technique of passing arguments to a function.
36. Write a program to swap two integers using call by value method of passing arguments to a function.
37. Write a program using function to calculate  $x$  to the power of  $y$ , where  $y$  can be either negative or positive.

EXERCISES

38. Write a program using function to calculate compound interest given the principal, rate of interest and number of years.
39. Write a program to swap two integers using call by reference method of passing arguments to a function.
40. Write a program to calculate factorial of a number (a) using recursion (b) without using recursion.
41. Write a program to convert the given string "hello world" to "dlrow olleh" without using recursion.
42. Write a program to find HCF of two numbers (a) using recursion (b) without using recursion.
43. Write a program to calculate  $x^y$  (a) using recursion (b) without using recursion.
44. Write a program to print the Fibonacci series (a) using recursion (b) without using recursion.
45. Write a program using functions to perform calculator operations.
46. Write a function that converts temperature given in Celsius into Fahrenheit.
47. Write a function that prints the conversion table of Degrees Fahrenheit into Degrees Celsius ranging from 32-212 degrees Celsius.
48. Write a function to draw the following pattern on the screen

```

*****
!       !
!       !
!       !
*****
    
```

49. Write a function to print a table of binomial coefficients which is given by the formula-  
 $B(m, x) = m! / (x! (m-x)!)$  where  $m > x$   
**Hint:**  $B(m, 0) = 1$ ,  $B(0, 0) = 1$  and  
 $B(m, x) = B(m, x-1) * [(m - x + 1)/x]$
50. Write a program to evaluate  
 $f(x) = x - x^3/3! + x^5/5! - x^7/7! + \dots$

**Program Output**

Find out the output of the following codes.

```

1. #include <stdio.h>
   int func();
   main()
    
```

```

{
   printf("%d", func());
   printf("%d", func());
   printf("%d", func());
   printf("%d", func());
   return 0;
}
    
```

```

int func()
{
   int counter=0;
   return counter;
}
    
```

```

2. #include <stdio.h>
   int func();
   main()
   {
      printf("%d", func());
      printf("%d", func());
      printf("%d", func());
      printf("%d", func());
      return 0;
   }
   int func()
   {
      static int counter=0;
      return counter;
   }
    
```

```

3. #include <stdio.h>
   int func();
   int counter = 5;
   main()
   {
      printf("%d", func());
      printf("%d", func());
      printf("%d", func());
      printf("%d", func());
      return 0;
   }
   int func()
   {
      return counter++;
   }
    
```

```

4. #include <stdio.h>
   int add(int, int);
   main()
    
```

```

{
    int a=2, b=3;
    printf("%d %d %d", a, b, add(a, b));
    return 0;
}
int add(int a, int b)
{
    int c;
    c = a+b;
    return;
}

```

```

5. #include <stdio.h>
int add(int, int);
main()
{
    int a=2, b=3;
    printf("%d %d %d", a, b, add(a, b));
    return 0;
}
int add(int a, int b)
{
    int c;
    c = a+b;
}

```

```

6. #include <stdio.h>
int func(int);
main()
{
    int a=2;
    printf("%d", func(a));
    return 0;
}
int func(int a)
{
    if(a>1)
        return func(--a) + 10;
    else
        return 0;
}

```

```

7. #include <stdio.h>
void func(int);
main()
{
    int a=127;
    printf("%d", a);
    func(a);
}

```

```

return 0;
}
void func(int a)
{
    a++;
    printf("%d", a);
}

```

```

8. #include <stdio.h>
void func(int);
auto int a;
main()
{
    int a=10;
    printf("%d", a);
    func(a);
    return 0;
}
void func(int a)
{
    a++;
    printf("%d", a);
}

```

```

9. #include <stdio.h>
static int add(int val)
(
    static int sum;
    sum += val;
    return sum;
)
main()
{
    int i, n=10;
    for(i=0; i<10; i++)
        add(i);
    printf("\n SUM = %d", func(0));
    return 0;
}

```

```

10. #include <stdio.h>
int func(int);
main()
{
    int a=2;
    printf("%d", func(a));
    return 0;
}
int func(int a)
{

```

```

    {
        ;
    }
    {
        { ;
        }
        return a;
    }
}

```

```

11. #include <stdio.h>
void func(int);
int a=10;
main()
{
    int a=2;
    printf("%d", a);
    func(a);
    printf("%d", a);
    return 0;
}
void func(int a)
{
    a=20;
}

```

```

12. #include <stdio.h>
void func(char);
main()
{
    char ch=256;
    func(ch);
    return 0;
}

```

```

}
void func(char a)
{
    printf("%d", a);
}

```

```

13. #include <stdio.h>
int a;
static int func()
(
    return a++;
}
main()
{
    a=10;
    printf("%d", func());
    a *= 10;
    printf("%d", func());
    return 0;
}

```

```

14. #include <stdio.h>
int prod(int x, int y)
{
    return (x*y);
}
main()
{
    int x=2, y=3, z;
    z = prod(x, prod(x, y));
    printf("%d", z);
    return 0;
}

```

## ANNEXURE 2

**A2.1 USER DEFINED HEADER FILES**

At times the programmer may need a function that provides additional processing capabilities and may want to create a separate source code file to contain that function. This would help to segregate the function from rest of the *main* source code. In such a situation, the user may create a user defined header file so that the compiler knows how to call this function.

For example, if we want the factorial function to be stored in a user defined header file, then write the code of the factorial function in a file and save it as "fact.h". Then in the main program file, we will include the fact.h file and call the function in the same way as we call other functions. Look at the code given below which illustrates this concept.

```
int factorial(int num)
{
    long int f=1;
    for(;num >= 1;num--)
        f = f * num;
    return f;
}

// Contents for the main file
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
```

```
#include"fact.h"
main()
{
    int num, f;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    f = factorial(num);
    printf("\n FACTORIAL of %d = %d", num, f);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

In the above code, a user defined header file—fact.h has been used. The name of the header file has been enclosed within quotes to tell the compiler not to look along the standard library path, but to look in the same path as the source file.

Note that you will compile the file that contains the source code, that is the file contains the main(). The compiler will compile it into object code. As long as the C program is syntactically correct, the object code will be created.

The linker will combine the object code, library files, and create the executable It is the header file that links the definition of the function with the implementation.

# 5

# Arrays

## Learning Objective

Till now we have been storing data in simple variables. Although storing values in a simple variable is useful, we often need a variable that can store multiple values. In this chapter, we will read about arrays. An array is a user-defined data type which stores related information together. However, all the information stored in an array belongs to the same data type.

In this chapter we will learn how arrays are defined, declared, initialized, accessed, etc. This chapter will also discuss different operations that can be performed on array elements and different types of arrays such as two-dimensional arrays, multidimensional arrays, and sparse matrices.

## 5.1 INTRODUCTION

Take a situation in which we have 20 students in a class and we are asked to write a program that reads and prints the marks of all these 20 students. In this program, we will need 20 integer variables with different names, as shown in Figure 5.1.

Now to read values for these 20 different variables, we must have 20 read statements. Similarly, to print the value of these variables, we need 20 write statements. If it is just a matter of 20 variables, then it might be acceptable for the user to follow this approach. But imagine, will it be possible to follow this approach if we had to read and print marks of the students

- in the entire course (say 100 students)
- in the entire college (say 500 students)
- in the entire university (say 10000 students)

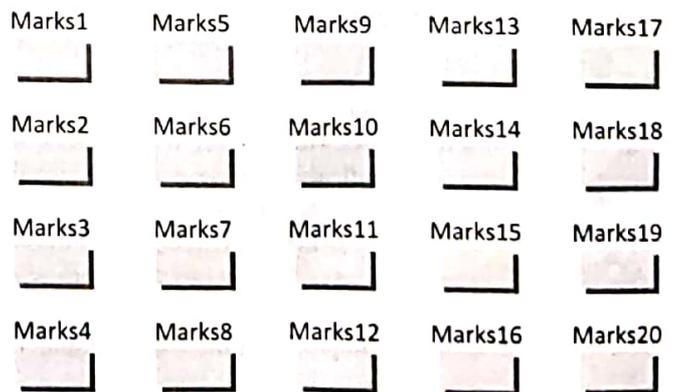


Figure 5.1 Twenty variables with different names

The answer is no, definitely not. To process large amount of data, we need a data structure known as *array*.

**Programming Tip:** In an array of size  $n$ , the index ranges from 0 to  $n-1$ .

An array is a collection of similar data elements. These data elements have the same data type. The elements of the array are stored in consecutive memory

locations and are referenced by an index (also known as the subscript). *Subscript* indicates an ordinal number of the elements counted from the beginning of the array. Some examples where the concept of an array can be used include:

- List of temperatures recorded on every day of the month
- List of employees in a company
- List of students in a class
- List of products sold
- List of customers

## 5.2 DECLARATION OF ARRAYS

We have already seen that every variable must be declared before it is used. The same concept is true in case of array variables also. An array must be declared before being used. Declaring an array means specifying three things:

- Data type—what kind of values it can store, for example `int`, `char`, `float`, `double`.
- Name—to identify the array.
- Size—the maximum number of values that the array can hold.

Arrays are declared using the following syntax:

```
type name[size];
```

Here the type can be either `int`, `float`, `double`, `char` or any other valid data type. The number within brackets indicates the size of the array,

**Programming Tip:** To declare and define an array, you must specify its name, type, and size.

i.e., the maximum number of elements that can be stored in the array. The size of the array is a constant and must have a value at compilation time. For example, if we write,

```
int marks[10];
```

The above statement declares a `marks` variable to be an array containing 10 elements. In C, the array index (also known as subscripts) starts from zero. This means that the array `marks` will contain 10 elements in all. The first

element will be stored in `marks[0]`, the second element in `marks[1]`, and so on. Therefore, the last element, i.e., the 10<sup>th</sup> element will be stored in `marks[9]`. Note that 0, 1, 2, 3 written within square brackets are subscripts/index. In memory, the array will be stored as shown in Figure 5.2. Arrays of different data types and sizes and their memory representation is shown in Figure 5.3.

### Points to Remember

- Note that C does not allow declaring an array whose number of elements is not known at the compile time. Therefore, the following array declarations are illegal in C.

```
int arr[];
int n, arr[n];
```

- Generally it is a good programming practice to define the size of an array as a symbolic constant as shown in the following code.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 100
main()
{
    int arr[N];
    .....
}
```

- The size of the array can be specified using an expression. However, the components of the expression must be available for evaluation of the expression when the program is compiled. Therefore, the following array declarations are valid in C language.

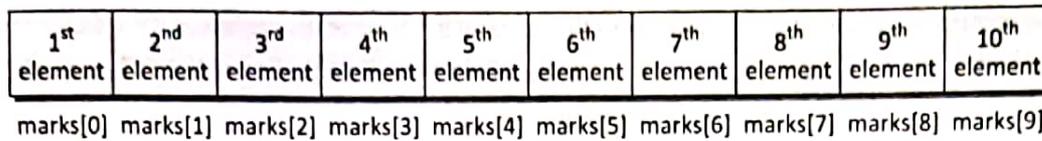
```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 100
main()
{
    int i=10;
    int arr[N+10], my_arr[i-5*10];
    .....
}
```



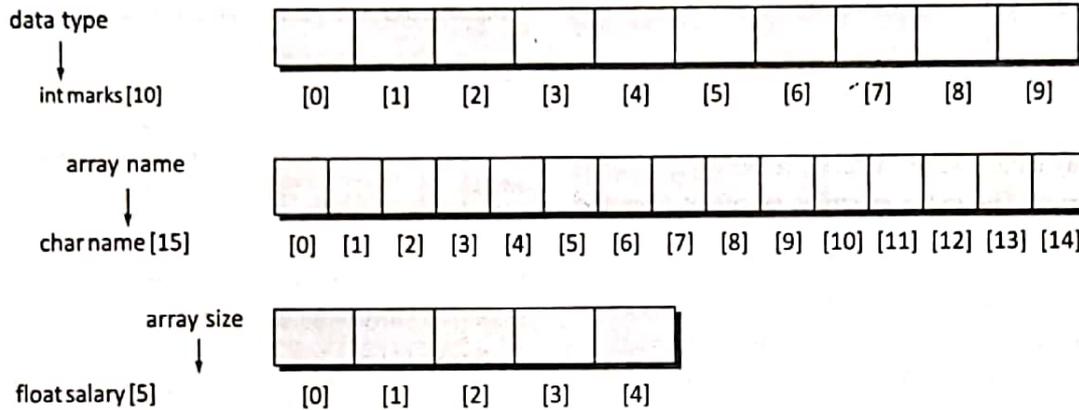
**Note** C array indices start from 0. So for an array with  $N$  elements, the index of the last element is  $N-1$ .

- C never checks the validity of the array index—neither at compile time nor at run time. So even if you declare an array as

```
int arr[N];
```



**Figure 5.2** Memory representation of an array of 10 elements



**Figure 5.3** Declaring arrays of different data types and sizes

The C compiler will not raise any error but the result of running such code is totally unpredictable. Even if you declare an array of 10 elements and later on by mistake try to access the 11th element, no error will be generated. But the results will be unpredictable as the memory occupied by the (so-called) 11th element may be storing data of another object.

To access all the elements of the array, you must use a loop. That is, we can access all the elements of the array by varying the value of the subscript into the array. But note that the subscript must be an integral value or an expression that evaluates to an integral value. As shown in Figure 5.2, the first element of the array marks[0] can be accessed by writing, marks[0]. Now to process all the elements of the array, we will use a loop as shown in Figure 5.4. Figure 5.5 shows the result of the code shown in Figure 5.4.

### 5.3 ACCESSING ELEMENTS OF THE ARRAY

For accessing an individual element of the array, the array subscript must be used. For example, to access the fourth element of the array, you must write arr[3]. The subscript/

index must be an integral value or an expression that evaluates to an integral value.

Although storing the related data items in a single array enables the programmers to develop concise and efficient programs there is no single operation that can operate on all the elements of the array.

**Programming Tip:** To access all the elements of the array, you must use a loop. There is no single statement that can do the work.

```
// Set each element of the array to -1
int i, marks[10];
for(i=0; i<10; i++)
    marks[i] = -1;
```

**Figure 5.4** Code to initialize each element of the array to -1

The code accesses every individual element of the array and sets its value to -1. In the for loop, first the value of marks[0] is set to -1, then the value of the index (i) is

incremented and the next value, i.e., marks [1] is set to -1. The procedure is continued until all the 10 elements of the array are set to -1.

-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]

**Figure 5.5** The array marks after executing the code given in Figure 5.4.

The name of the array is a symbolic reference for the address to the first byte of the array. Therefore, whenever we use the array name, we are actually referring to the first byte of that array. The index specifies an offset from the beginning of the array to the element being referenced.

**Note** There is no single statement that can read, access, or print all the elements of the array. To do this, we have to do it using a for/while/do-while loop to execute the same statement with different index values.

### 5.3.1 Calculating the Address of Array Elements

You must be wondering, how C knows where an individual element of the array is located in the memory? The answer is that the array name is a symbolic reference for the address to the first byte of the array. When we use the array name, we are actually referring to the first byte of the array.

The subscript or the index represents the offset from the beginning of the array to the element being referenced. With just the array name and the index, C can calculate the address of any element in the array.

An array stores all its data elements in consecutive memory locations. So, storing just the base address, i.e., the address of the first element in the array is sufficient. The address of other data elements can simply be calculated using the base address. The formula for doing this calculation is,

$$\text{Address of data element, } A[k] = \text{BA}(A) + w(k - \text{lower\_bound})$$

Here, A is the array, k is the index of the element for which we have to calculate the address, BA is the base address of the array A, w is the word size of one element in memory (for example, size of int is 2), and lower\_bound is the index of the first element in the array.

#### Example 5.1

Given an array int marks[] = {99, 67, 78, 56, 88, 90, 34, 85}. Calculate the address of marks[4] if base address = 1000.

*Solution*

99	67	78	56	88	90	34	85
Marks [0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]
1000	1002	1004	1006	1008	1010	1012	1014

We know that storing an integer value requires 2 bytes, therefore here, word size is 2 bytes.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Marks}[4] &= 1000 + 2(4 - 0) \\ &= 1000 + 2(4) = 1008 \end{aligned}$$

#### Example 5.2

Given an array,

float avg[] = {99.0, 67.0, 78.0, 56.0, 88.0, 90.0, 34.0, 85.0}. Calculate the address of avg [4] if base address = 1000.

99.0	67.0	78.0	56.0	88.0	90.0	34.0	85.0
avg [0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]
1000	1004	1008	1012	1016	1020	1024	1028

We know that storing a floating point number requires 4 bytes, therefore, word size is 4 bytes.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Avg}[4] &= 1000 + 4(4 - 0) \\ &= 1000 + 4(4) = 1016 \end{aligned}$$

**Note** When we write arr[i], the compiler interprets it as the contents of memory slot which is i slots away from the beginning of the array arr.

## 5.4 STORING VALUES IN ARRAYS

When we declare and define an array, we are just allocating space for the elements; no values are stored in the array. To store values in the array, there are three ways—first, to initialize the array elements; second, to input value for every individual element; third to assign values to the elements. This is shown in Figure 5.6.

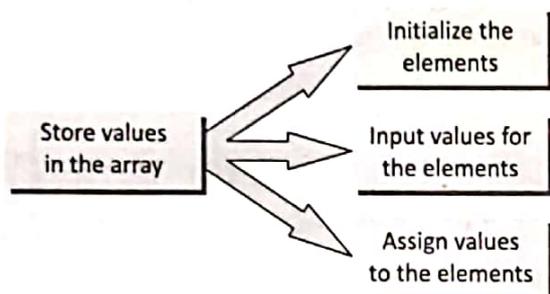


Figure 5.6 Storing values in an array

### 5.4.1 Initialization of Arrays

Elements of the array can also be initialized at the time of declaration as in the case of every other variable. When an array is initialized, we need to provide a value for every element in the array. Arrays are initialized by writing,

```
√ type array_name[size]={list of values};
```

The values are written with curly brackets and every value is separated by a comma. It is a compiler error to specify more number of values than the number of elements in the array. When we write,

```
√ int marks[5]={90, 82, 78, 95, 88};
```

an array with name marks is declared that has space that is enough to store 5 elements. The first element, i.e., marks[0] is assigned with the value 90. Similarly, the second element of the array, i.e., marks[1] has been assigned 82, and so on. This is shown in Figure 5.7.

**Programming Tip:** By default, the elements of the array are not initialized. They may contain some garbage value, so before using the array you must initialize the array or read some meaningful data into it.

marks[0]	90
marks[1]	82
marks[2]	78
marks[3]	95
marks[4]	88

Figure 5.7 Initialization of array marks[5]

While initializing the array at the time of declaration, the programmer may omit to mention the size of the array. For example,

```
int marks[] = {98, 97, 90};
```

The above statement is absolutely legal. Here, the compiler will allocate enough space for all initialized elements. If the number of values provided is less than the number of elements in the array, the un-assigned elements are filled with zeros. Figure 5.8 illustrates initialization of arrays.

```
int marks [5] = (90, 45, 67, 85, 78);
```

90	45	67	85	78
[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]

```
int marks [5] = (90, 45);
```

90	45	0	0	0
[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]

Rest of the elements are filled with 0s

```
int marks [] = (90, 45, 72, 81, 63, 54);
```

90	45	72	81	63	54
[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]

```
int marks [5] = (0);
```

0	0	0	0	0	0
[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]

Figure 5.8 Initialization of array elements



If we have more initializers than the declared size of the array, then a compile time error will be generated. For example, the following statement will result in a compiler error.

```
int marks[3] = {1,2,3,4};
```

### 5.4.2 Inputting Values

An array can be filled by inputting values from the keyboard. In this method, a while/do-while or a for loop is executed to input the value for each element of the array. For example, look at the code shown in Figure 5.9.

```
// Input value of each element of the array
int i, marks[10];
for(i=0; i<10; i++)
    scanf("%d", &marks[i]);
```

**Figure 5.9** Code for inputting each element of the array

In the code, we start with the index *i* at 0 and input the value for the first element of the array. Since the array can have 10 elements, we must input values for elements whose index varies from 0 to 9. Therefore, in the for loop, we test for condition (*i*<10) which means the number of elements in the array.

### 5.4.3 Assigning Values

The third way to assign values to individual elements of the array is by using the assignment operator. Any value that evaluates to an appropriate data type as that of the array can be assigned to the individual array element. A simple assignment statement can be written as,

```
marks[3] = 100;
```

Here, 100 is assigned to the fourth element of the array which is specified as `marks[3]`.

We cannot assign one array to another array, even if the two arrays have the same type and size. To copy an array, you must copy the value of every element of the first array into the element of the second array. Figure 5.10 illustrates the code to copy an array.

```
// Copy an array at the individual element level
int i, arr1[10], arr2[10];
for(i=0; i<10; i++)
    arr2[i] = arr1[i];
```

**Figure 5.10** Code to copy an array at the individual element level

In Figure 5.10, the code accesses each element of the first array and simultaneously assigns its value to the corresponding element of the second array. Finally, the index value *i* is incremented to access the next element in succession. Therefore, when this code is executed, `arr2[0] = arr1[0]`, `arr2[1] = arr1[1]`, `arr2[2] = arr1[2]`, and so on.

We can also use a loop to assign a pattern of values to the array elements. For example, if we want to fill an array with even integers starting (from 0), then we will write the code as shown in Figure 5.11.

```
// Fill an array with even numbers
int i, arr[10];
for(i=0; i<10; i++)
    arr[i] = i*2;
```

**Figure 5.11** Code for filling an array with even numbers

In the code, we assign to each element value equal to twice of its index, where index starts from zero. So after executing this code we will have, `arr[0] = 0`, `arr[1] = 2`, `arr[2] = 4`, and so on.

## 5.5 CALCULATING THE LENGTH OF THE ARRAY

Length of the array is given by the number of elements stored in it. The general formula to calculate the length of the array is,

$$\text{Length} = \text{upper\_bound} - \text{lower\_bound} + 1$$

where `upper_bound` is the index of the last element and `lower_bound` is the index of the first element in the array.

Usually, `lower_bound` is zero but this is not a compulsion as we can have an array whose index may start from any non-zero value.

**Example 5.3** Let Age be an array of integers such that

```
Age[0] = 2   Age[1] = 5   Age[2] = 3
Age[3] = 1   Age[4] = 7
```

**Solution**

Show the memory representation of the array and calculate its length.

Memory representation of the array Age is as given

2	5	3	1	7
Age[0]	Age[1]	Age[2]	Age[3]	Age[4]

Length = upper\_bound - lower\_bound + 1

Here, lower\_bound = 0, upper\_bound = 4

Therefore, length = 4 - 0 + 1 = 5

## 5.6 OPERATIONS THAT CAN BE PERFORMED ON ARRAYS

There are a number of operations that can be performed on arrays. These operations include:

- Traversal
- Insertion
- Search
- Deletion
- Merging
- Sorting

We will study all these operations in detail in this section.

### 5.6.1 Traversal

Traversing the array element means accessing each and every element of the array for a specific purpose. We have already seen this while reading about accessing array elements. This is just a re-visit of the topic.

If A is an array of homogeneous data elements, then traversing the data elements can include printing every element, counting the total number of elements, or performing any processing on these elements. Since an array is a linear data structure (because all its elements forms a sequence), traversing its elements is very simple and straightforward. The algorithm for array traversal is given in Figure 5.12.

```

Step 1: [Initialization] Set I = lower_bound
Step 2: Repeat steps 3 to 4 while I <= upper_bound
Step 3: Apply Process to A[I]
Step 4: Set I = I + 1
        [End of Loop]
Step 5: Exit

```

**Figure 5.12** Algorithm for array traversal

In Step 1, we initialize index to the lower bound of the array. In Step 2, a while loop is executed. Steps 3 and 4 form a part of the loop. Step 3 processes the individual array element as specified by the array name and index value. Step 4 increments the index value so that the next array element could be processed. The while loop in Step 2 is executed until all the elements in the array are processed. In other words, the while loop will be executed until i is less than or equal to the upper bound of the array.

**Example 5.4** Assume that there is an array Marks[], such that the index of the array specifies the roll number of the student and the value of a particular element denotes the marks obtained by the student. For example, if it is given Marks[4] = 78, then the student whose roll number is 4 has obtained 78 marks in the examination. Now, write an algorithm to:

- Find the total number of students who have secured 80 or more marks.
- Print the roll number and marks of all the students who have got distinction.

**Solution**

- Step 1:** [Initialization] Set I = I + 1

**Step 2:** Repeat for I = lower\_bound to upper\_bound

If Marks[I] >= 80, then: Set Count = Count + 1

End of Loop]

**Step 3:** Exit
- Step 1:** [Initialization] Set I = I + 1

**Step 2:** Repeat for I = lower\_bound to upper\_bound

```

    If Marks[I] >= 75, Write: I,
        Marks[I]
    [End of Loop]

```

Step 3: Exit

1. Write a program to read and display n numbers using an array.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i=0, n, arr[20];
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number of elements:");
    scanf("%d", &n);

    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        printf("\n Arr[%d] = ", i);
        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    }

    printf("\n The array elements are ");
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)

        printf("Arr[%d] = %d\t", i, arr[i]);
    return 0;
}

```

Output

```

Enter the number of elements: 5
Arr[0] = 1
Arr[1] = 2
Arr[3] = 3
Arr[4] = 4
Arr[5] = 5
The array elements are
Arr[0] = 1   Arr[1] = 2   Arr[3] = 3
Arr[4] = 4   Arr[5] = 5

```

2. Write a program to read and display n random numbers using an array

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

```

```

#define MAX 10
main()
{
    int arr[MAX], i, RandNo;
    for(i=0;i< MAX;i++)
    {
        /* Scale the random number in the range
           0 to MAX-1 */
        RandNo = rand() % MAX;
        // rand() is a pre-defined function
        arr[i] = RandNo;
    }
    printf("\n The contents of the array are:
           \n");
    for(i=0;i<MAX;i++)
        printf("\t %d", arr[i]);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

```

Output

```

The contents of the array are:
6 0 8 4 7 1 0 2 7 3

```

3. Write a program to find mean of n numbers using arrays.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n, arr[20], sum =0;
    float mean = 0.0;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number of elements in
           the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);

    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        printf("\n Arr[%d] = ", i);
        scanf("%d",&arr[i]);
    }

    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        sum += arr[i];
    mean = sum/n;
    printf("\n The sum of the array elements =
           %d", sum);
    printf("\n The mean of the array elements
           = %f", mean);
    return 0;
}

```

## Output

```
Enter the number of elements in the array: 5
Arr[0] = 1
Arr[1] = 2
Arr[2] = 3
Arr[3] = 4
Arr[4] = 5
The sum of the array elements = 15
The mean of the array elements = 3.00
```

4. Write a program to find the largest of n numbers using arrays.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n, arr[20], large = -1111;
    /* Note we have assigned large with a
    very small value so that any value in the
    array is assured to be greater than this
    value */
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number of elements in
    the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        scanf("%d",&arr[i]);
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        if(arr[i]>large)
            large = arr[i];
    }
    printf("\n The largest number is: %d",
        large);
    return 0;
}
```

## Output

```
Enter the number of elements in the array: 5
1 2 3 4 5
The largest number is: 5
```

5. Write a program to print the position of the smallest of n numbers using arrays.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
```

```
int main()
{
    int i, n, arr[20], small =1234, pos = -1;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number of elements in
    the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        scanf("%d",&arr[i]);
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        if(arr[i]<small)
        {
            small = arr[i];
            pos = i;
        }
    }
    printf("\n The smallest of element is :
    %d", small);
    printf("\n The position of the smallest
    number in the array is: %d", pos);
    return 0;
}
```

## Output

```
Enter the number of elements: 5
1 2 3 4 5
The smallest number is: 1
The position of the smallest number in the
array is: 0
```

6. Write a program to interchange the largest and the smallest number in the array.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n, arr[20], temp;
    int small = 9999, small_pos =0;
    int large = -9999, large_pos = 0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements in
    the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
```

```

for(i=0;i<n;i++)
{
    printf("\n Enter the value of element
           %d: ",i);
    scanf("%d",&arr[i]);
}
for(i=0;i<n;i++)
{
    if(arr[i]<small)
    {
        small = arr[i];
        small_pos = i;
    }
    if(arr[i]>large)
    {
        large = arr[i];
        large_pos = i;
    }
}
printf("\n The smallest of these numbers
       is : %d", small);
printf("\n The position of the smallest
       number in the array is: %d",small_
       pos);
printf("\n The largest of these numbers
       is: %d", large);
printf("\n The position of the largest
       number in the array is: %d",large_
       pos);
temp = arr[large_pos];
arr[large_pos] =arr[small_pos];
arr[small_pos] = temp;
printf("\n The new array is: ");
for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    printf(" \n arr[%d] = %d ", i, arr[i]);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the number of elements: 5
1 2 3 4 5
Enter the value of elements 1:1
Enter the value of elements 2:2
Enter the value of elements 3:3
Enter the value of elements 4:4
Enter the value of elements 5:5
The smallest of these numbers is : 1
The position of the smallest number in the
array is: 0

```

```

The largest of these numbers is: 5
The position of the largest number in the
array is: 4
The new array is:
5 4 3 2 1

```

7. Write a program to find the second biggest number using an array of n numbers.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n, arr[20], large =-1111, second_
    large = -1234;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
           in the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);

    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        printf("\n Enter the number: ");
        scanf("%d",&arr[i]);
    }
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        if(arr[i]>large)
            large = arr[i];
    }
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        if(arr[i] != large)
        {
            if(arr[i]>second_large)
                second_large = arr[i];
        }
    }
    printf("\n The numbers you entered are: ");
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        printf("%d ", arr[i]);
    printf("\n The largest of these numbers
           is: %d",large);
    printf("\n The second largest of these
           numbers is: %d",second_large);
    return 0;
}

```

## Output

```

Enter the number of elements in the array: 5
Enter the number: 1
Enter the number: 2
Enter the number: 3
Enter the number: 4
Enter the number: 5
The numbers you entered are in the array:
1 2 3 4 5
The largest of these numbers is: 5
The second largest of these numbers is: 4

```

8. Write a program to enter n number of digits. Form a number using these digits.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>
int main()
{
    int number=0, digit[10], numofdigits,i;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number of digits: ");
    scanf("%d", &numofdigits);

    for(i=0;i<numofdigits;i++)
    {
        printf("\n Enter the %d th digit: ", i);
        scanf("%d", &digit[i]);
    }
    i=0;
    while(i<numofdigits)
    {
        number = number + digit[i] * pow(10,i);
        i++;
    }
    printf("\n The number is: %d", number);
    return 0;
}

```

## Output

```

Enter the number of digits: 3
Enter the 0th digit: 3
Enter the 1th digit: 4
Enter the 2th digit: 5
The number is: 543

```

9. Write a program to find whether the array of integers contain a duplicate number.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int array1[10], i, n, j, flag=0;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the size of the array:");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        scanf("%d", &array1[i]);
    }
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        for(j= i+1;j<n;j++)
        {
            if(array1[i] == array1[j] && i!=j)
            {
                flag=1;
                printf("\n Duplicate number %d found
                    at location %d and %d", array1[i],
                    i, j);
            }
        }
    }
    if(flag==0)
        printf("\n No Duplicate");
    return 0;
}

```

## Output

```

Enter the size of the array: 5
1 2 3 4 5
No Duplicate

```

10. Write a program to read marks of 10 students in the range of 0-100. Then make 10 groups: 0-10, 10-20, 20-30, etc. Count the number of values that falls in each group and display the result.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int marks[50], i;
    int group[10]={0};
    printf("\n Enter the marks of 10 students
        : \n");
}

```

```

for(i=0;i<10;i++)
{
    printf("\n MARKS[%d] = ", i);
    scanf("%d", &marks[i]);
    ++group[(int)(marks[i])/10];
}
printf("\n\n *****");
printf("\n GROUP \t\t FREQUENCY");
for(i=0;i<10;i++)
    printf("\n   %d \t\t %d", i, group[i]);
getch();
return 0;
}
    
```

Output

Enter the marks of 10 students:

```

MARKS[0] = 95
MARKS[1] = 88
MARKS[2] = 67
MARKS[3] = 78
MARKS[4] = 81
MARKS[5] = 98
MARKS[6] = 55
MARKS[7] = 45
MARKS[8] = 72
MARKS[9] = 90
    
```

\*\*\*\*\*

GROUP	FREQUENCY
0	0
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	1
5	1
6	1
7	2
8	2
9	3

11. Modify the above program to display frequency histograms of each group.

```

#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int marks[10], i;
    int group[10]={0};
    printf("\n Enter the marks of 10 students
    : \n");
    for(i=0;i<10;i++)
    
```

```

{
    printf("\n MARKS[%d] = ", i);
    scanf("%d", &marks[i]);
    ++group[(int)(marks[i])/10];
}
printf("\n\n *****");
printf("\n GROUP \t\t FREQUENCY");
for(i=0;i<10;i++)
    printf("\n %d \t\t %d", i, group[i]);
i=0;
printf("\n\n FREQUENCY HISTOGRAM");
for(index=0;index<10;index++)
{
    printf("\n GROUP %d | ", index);
    for(i=0;i<group[index];i++)
        printf(" *");
}
getch();
return 0;
}
    
```

Output

Enter the marks of 10 students:

```

MARKS[0] = 95
MARKS[1] = 88
MARKS[2] = 67
MARKS[3] = 78
MARKS[4] = 81
MARKS[5] = 98
MARKS[6] = 55
MARKS[7] = 45
MARKS[8] = 72
MARKS[9] = 90
    
```

\*\*\*\*\*

GROUP	FREQUENCY
0	0
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	1
5	1
6	1
7	2
8	2
9	3

```

FREQUENCY HISTOGRAM
GROUP 0 |
GROUP 1 |
GROUP 2 |
GROUP 3 |
    
```

```
GROUP 4 |
GROUP 5 | *
GROUP 6 | *
GROUP 7 | * *
GROUP 8 | * *
GROUP 9 | * * *
```

12. Write a program to read a sorted list of floating point values and then calculate and display the median of the values.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int i, j, n;
    float median, values[10];
    printf("\n Enter the size of the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter the values: ");
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        scanf("%f", &values[i]);
    if(n%2==0)
        median = (values[n/2]+values[n/2+1])/2.0;
    else
        median = values[n/2 + 1];
    printf("\n MEDIAN = %f", median);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the size of the array: 5
Enter the values:
12 34 56 78 89
MEDIAN = 56.00
```

### 5.6.2 Insertion

*Inserting* an element in the array means adding a new data element in an already existing array. If the element has to be inserted at the end of the existing array, then the task of inserting is quite simple. We just have to add 1 to the `upper_bound` and assign the value. Here we assume that the memory space allocated for the array is still available. For example, if an array is declared to contain 10 elements, but currently it is having only 8 elements, then obviously there is space to accommodate two more elements. But if it already has 10 elements, then we will not be able to add another element to it.

Figure 5.13 shows an algorithm to insert a new element to the end of the array.

```
Step 1: Set upper_bound = upper_bound + 1
Step 2: Set A[upper_bound] = VAL
Step 3: EXIT
```

**Figure 5.13** Algorithm to append a new element to an existing array

In Step 1 of the array, we increment the value of the `upper_bound`. In Step 2, the new value is stored at the position pointed by `upper_bound`.

For example, if we have an array that is declared as

```
int marks[60];
```

The array is declared to store marks of all the students in the class. Now suppose there are 54 students and a new student comes and is asked to give the same test. The marks of this new student would be stored in `marks[55]`. Assuming that the student secured 68 marks, we will assign the value as,

```
marks[55] = 68;
```

However, if we have to insert an element in the middle of the array, then this is not a trivial task. On an average, we might have to move as much as half of the elements from its position in order to accommodate space for the new element.

For example, consider an array whose elements are arranged in ascending order. Now, if a new element has to be added, it will have to be added probably somewhere in the middle of the array. To do this, what we will have to do is, first find the location where the new element will be inserted and then move all the elements (that have a value greater than that of the new element) one space to the right so that space can be created to store the new value.

**Example 5.5** `Data[]` is an array that is declared as `int Data[20]`; and contains the following values:

```
Data[] = {12, 23, 34, 45, 56, 67, 78, 89, 90, 100};
```

- Calculate the length of the array.
- Write the upper bound and lower bound.

- (c) Give the memory representation of the array.
- (d) If a new data element with value 75 has to be inserted, find its position.
- (e) Insert the new data element and then give the memory representation of the array.
- (f) length of the array = number of elements  
Therefore, length of the array = 10
- (g) By default, lower\_bound = 0, (it can be set to any value) and upper\_bound = 9

12	23	34	45	56	67	78	89	90	100
----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	-----

Data [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

- (h) Since the elements of the array are stored in ascending order, the new data element will be stored after 67, i.e., at the 6th location. So, all the array elements from the 6th position will be moved one space towards the right to accommodate the new value.

12	23	34	45	56	67	75	78	89	90	100
----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	-----

Data [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]

**Algorithm to insert an element in the middle of the array**

The algorithm INSERT will be declared as INSERT (A, N, POS, VAL) . The arguments are

- (a) A, the array in which the element has to be inserted
- (b) N, the number of elements in the array
- (c) POS, the position at which the element has to be inserted and
- (d) VAL, the value that has to be inserted.

In the algorithm given in Figure 5.14, in Step 1, we first initialize I with the total number of elements in the array.

```

Step 1: [INITIALIZATION] SET I = N
Step 2: Repeat Steps 3 and 4 while I >= POS
Step 3:     SET A[I + 1] = A[I]
Step 4:     SET I = I - 1
           [End of Loop]
Step 5: SET N = N + 1
Step 6: SET A[POS] = VAL
Step 7: EXIT
    
```

**Figure 5.14** Algorithm to insert a new element at a specified position

In Step 2, a while loop is executed which will move all the elements that have index greater than POS one space towards right to create space for the new element. In Step 5, we increment the total number of elements in the array by 1 and finally in Step 6, the new value is inserted at the desired position.

Now, let us visualize this algorithm by taking an example. Initial Data [] is given as shown in Figure 5.15. Calling INSERT (Data, 6, 3, 100) will lead to the following processing in the array:

45	23	34	12	56	20	20
----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Data[0] Data[1] Data[2] Data[3] Data[4] Data[5] Data[6]

45	23	34	12	56	56	20
----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Data[0] Data[1] Data[2] Data[3] Data[4] Data[5] Data[6]

45	23	34	12	12	56	20
----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Data[0] Data[1] Data[2] Data[3] Data[4] Data[5] Data[6]

45	23	34	10	12	56	20
----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Data[0] Data[1] Data[2] Data[3] Data[4] Data[5] Data[6]

**Figure 5.15** Inserting a new value in an existing array

- 13. Write a program to insert a number at a given location in an array.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n, num, pos, arr[10];
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);

    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    
```

```

{
    printf("\n Arr[%d] = : ", i);
    scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
}
printf("\n Enter the number to be
inserted: ");
scanf("%d", &num);
printf("\n Enter the position at which
the number has to be added: ");
scanf("%d", &pos);

for(i=n;i>=pos;i--)
    arr[i+1] = arr[i];
arr[pos] = num;
n++;
printf("\n The array after insertion of
%d is: ", num);

for(i=0;i<n+1;i++)
    printf("\n Arr[%d] = %d", i, arr[i]);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the number of elements in the array: 5
Enter the values:
1 2 3 4 5
Enter the number to be inserted: 7
Enter the position at which the number has
to be added: 3
The array after insertion of 7 is:
1 2 3 7 4 5

```

14. Write a program to insert a number in an array that is already sorted in ascending order

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n, j, num, arr[10];
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);

    printf("\n Enter the array elements:");
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    printf("\n Enter the number to be inserted: ");

```

```

scanf("%d", &num);
for(i=0;i<n;i++)
{
    if(arr[i] > num)
    {
        for(j = n-1; j>=i; j--)
            arr[j+1] = arr[j];
        arr[i] = num;
        break;
    }
}
n++;
printf("\n The array after insertion of
%d is: ", num);
for(i=0;i<n+1;i++)
    printf("\t %d", arr[i]);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the number of elements in the array: 5
1 2 3 4 5
Enter the number to be inserted: 6
The array after insertion of 6 is:
1 2 3 4 5 6

```

**5.6.3 Deletion**

*Deleting* an element from the array means removing a data element from an already existing array. If the element has to be deleted from the end of the existing array, then the task of deletion is quite simple. We just have to subtract 1 from the upper\_bound. Figure 5.16 shows an algorithm to delete an element from the end of the array.

```

wtep 1: wet upper_bound = upper_bound - 1
otep 2: EXIT

```

**Figure 5.16** Algorithm to delete the last element of an array

For example, if we have an array that is declared as

```
int marks[];
```

The array is declared to store marks of all the students in the class. Now suppose there are 54 students and the student with roll number 54 leaves the course. The marks

of this student was therefore stored in `marks[54]`. We just have to decrement the `upper_bound`. Subtracting 1 from the upper bound will indicate that there are 53 valid data in the array.

However, if we have to delete the element from the middle of the array, then this task is not trivial. On an average, we might have to move as much as half of the elements from its position in order to occupy the space of the deleted element.

For example, consider an array whose elements are arranged in ascending order. Now, if an element has to be deleted probably from somewhere middle in the array. To do this, what we will have to do is, first find the location from where the element has to be deleted and then move all the elements (that have a value greater than that of the element) one space towards the left so that space vacated by the deleted element be occupied by rest of the elements.

**Example 5.6** `Data []` is an array that is declared as `int Data [10]` ; and contains the following values:

`Data [] = {12, 23, 34, 45, 56, 67, 78, 89, 90, 100};`

- Calculate the length of the array.
- Write the upper bound and lower bound.
- Give the memory representation of the array.
- If a data element with value 56 has to be deleted, find its position.
- Delete the data element and hence give the memory representation of the array.

**Solution**

- length of the array = number of elements  
Therefore, length of the array = 10

12	23	34	45	56	67	78	89	90	100
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- By default, `lower_bound = 0`, (it can be set to any value) and `upper_bound = 9`
- `Data[0] Data[1] Data[2] Data[3] Data[4] Data[5]  
Data[6] Data[7] Data[8] Data[9]`
- Since the elements of the array are stored in ascending order, we will compare the value that has to be deleted with the value of every element in the array. As soon as `VAL = Data [I]`, where `I` is the index or subscript of the array, we will get the position from which the element has to be deleted. For example, if we see this

array, here `VAL = 56`. `Data [0] = 12` which is not equal to 56. Like this, we will compare and finally get the value of `POS = 4`.

- `Data[0] Data[1] Data[2] Data[3] Data[4] Data[5]  
Data[6] Data[7] Data[8] Data[9]`

12	23	34	45	56	67	78	89	90	100
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Data [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

12	23	34	45	67	67	78	89	90	100
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Data [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

12	23	34	45	67	78	78	89	90	100
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Data [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

12	23	34	45	67	78	89	89	90	100
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Data [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

12	23	34	45	67	78	89	90	90	100
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Data [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

12	23	34	45	67	78	89	90	100	100
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Data [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

12	23	34	45	67	78	89	90	100
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Data [0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]

**Algorithm to delete an element from the middle of the array**

The algorithm DELETE will be declared as `DELETE (A, N, POS)`. The arguments are as follows:

- A, the array from which the element has to be deleted
- N, the number of elements in the array
- POS, the position from which the element has to be deleted

Figure 5.17 shows the algorithm in which we first initialize `I` with the position from which the element has to be deleted. In Step 2, a while loop is executed which will move all the elements that have index greater than

POS one space towards left to occupy the space vacated by the deleted element. When we say that we are deleting an element, actually we are overwriting the element with the value of its successive element. In Step 5, we decrement the total number of elements in the array by 1.

```

Step 1: [INITIALIZATION] SET I = POS
Step 2: Repeat Steps 3 and 4 while I <= N - 1
Step 3: SET A[I] = A[I + 1]
Step 4: SET I = I + 1
        [End of Loop]
Step 5: SET N = N - 1
Step 6: EXIT
    
```

**Figure 5.17** Algorithm to delete an element from the middle of the array

Now, let us visualize this algorithm by taking an example and having a look at Figure 5.17. Initial Data [] is given as shown in Figure 5.18. Calling DELETE (Data, 6, 2) will lead to the following processing in the array:

45	23	34	12	56	20
----	----	----	----	----	----

Data[0] Data[1] Data[2] Data[3] Data[4] Data[5]

(a)

45	23	12	12	56	20
----	----	----	----	----	----

Data[0] Data[1] Data[2] Data[3] Data[4] Data[5]

(b)

45	23	12	56	56	20
----	----	----	----	----	----

Data[0] Data[1] Data[2] Data[3] Data[4] Data[5]

(c)

45	23	12	56	20	20
----	----	----	----	----	----

Data[0] Data[1] Data[2] Data[3] Data[4] Data[5]

(d)

45	23	12	56	20
----	----	----	----	----

Data[0] Data[1] Data[2] Data[3] Data[4]

(e)

**Figure 5.18** Deleting elements from the array

15. Write a program to delete a number from a given location in an array.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n, pos, arr[10];
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the size of the array:");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter the elements of the
    array : ");
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    printf("\n Enter the position from which
    the number has to be deleted: ");
    scanf("%d", &pos);

    for(i= pos; i<n;i++)
        arr[i] = arr [i+1];
    n--;
    printf("\n The array after deletion is:");
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        printf("\n Arr[%d] = %d", i, arr[i]);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
    
```

Output

```

Enter the size of the array: 5
Enter the elements of the array:
1 2 3 4 5
Enter the position from which the number has
to be deleted: 3
The array after deletion is:
Arr[0] = 1
Arr[1] = 2
Arr[2] = 3
Arr[3] = 5
    
```

16. Write a program to delete a number from an array that is already sorted in ascending order.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n, j, num, arr[10];
    clrscr();
    
```

```
printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the array : ");
scanf("%d", &n);

for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
printf("\n Enter the number to be deleted
: ");
scanf("%d", &num);

for(i=0;i<n;j++)
{
    if(arr[i] == num)
    {
        for(j=i; j<n;j++)
            arr[j] = arr[j+1];
    }
}
printf("\n The array after deletion is:
");
for(i=0;i<n-1;i++)
    printf("\t%d", arr[i]);
getch();
return 0;
}
```

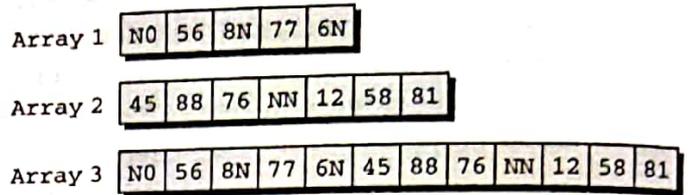
**Output**

```
Enter the number of elements in the array:
5
1 2 3 4 5
Enter the number to be deleted: 3
The array after deletion is: 1 2 4 5
```

**5.6.4 Merging**

Merging two arrays in a third array means first copying the contents of the first array into the third array and then copying the contents of the second array into the third array. Hence, the merged array contains contents of the first array followed by the contents of the second array.

If the arrays are unsorted then merging the arrays is very simple as one just needs to copy the contents of one array into another. But merging is not a trivial task when the two arrays are sorted and the merged array also needs to be sorted. Let us first discuss the merge operation on unsorted arrays. This operation is shown in Figure 5.19.



**Figure 5.19** Merging of two unsorted arrays

17. Write a program to merge two unsorted arrays.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int arr1[10], arr2[10], arr3[20];
    int i, n1, n2, m, index=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in array 1: ");
    scanf("%d", &n1);
    printf("\n\n Enter the Elements of the
first array");
    printf("\n *****");
    for(i=0;i<n1;i++)
        scanf("%d", &arr1[i]);

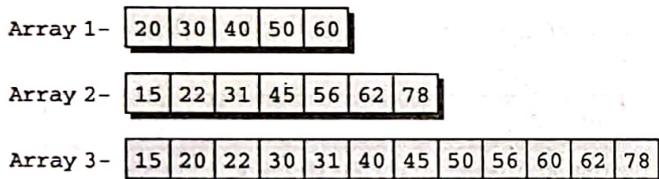
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in array 2: ");
    scanf("%d", &n2);
    printf("\n\n Enter the Elements of the
second array");
    printf("\n *****");
    for(i=0;i<n2;i++)
        scanf("%d", &arr2[i]);
    m = n1+n2;
    for(i=0;i<n1;i++)
    {
        arr3[index] = arr1[i];
        index++;
    }
    for(i=0;i<n2;i++)
    {
        arr3[index] = arr2[i];
        index++;
    }
}
```

```
printf("\n\n The merged array is");
printf("\n *****");
for(i=0;i<m;i++)
    printf("\t Arr[%d] = %d", i, arr3[i]);
getch();
return 0;
}
```

### Output

```
Enter the number of elements in array 1: 3
Enter the Elements of the first array
10 20 30 *****
Enter the number of elements in array 2: 3
Enter the Elements of the second array
15 25 35 *****
The merged array is
*****
Arr[0]= 10   Arr[1] = 20   Arr[3] = 30
Arr[4] = 15   Arr[5] = 25   Arr[6] = 35
```

If we have two sorted arrays and the resultant merged array also needs to be a sorted one, then the task of merging the arrays becomes a little difficult. The task of merging can be explained using Figure 5.20.



**Figure 5.20** Merging of two sorted arrays

The figure shows how the merged array is formed using two sorted arrays. Here, we first compare the 1st element of array 1 with the 1st element of array 2, put the smaller element in the merged array. Since  $20 > 15$ , we put 15 as the first element in the merged array. We then compare the 2nd element of the second array with the 1st element of the first array. Since  $20 < 22$ , now 20 is stored as the second element of the merged array. Next, 2nd element of the first array is compared with the 2nd element of the second array. Since  $30 > 22$ , we store 22 as the third element of the merged array. Now, we will compare the 2nd element of the first array with 3rd element of the second array. As  $30 < 31$ , we store 30 as the 4th element of the merged array. This procedure will be repeated until elements of both the arrays are placed in the right location in the merged array.

### 18. Write a program to merge two sorted arrays.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int arr1[10], arr2[10], arr3[20];
    int i, n1, n2, m, index=0;
    int index_first = 0, index_second = 0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in array1: ");
    scanf("%d", &n1);
    printf("\n\n Enter the elements of the
first array");
    printf("\n *****");
    for(i=0;i<n1;i++)
        scanf("%d", &arr1[i]);

    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in array2 : ");
    scanf("%d", &n2);
    printf("\n\n Enter the elements of the
second array");
    printf("\n *****");
    for(i=0;i<n2;i++)
        scanf("%d", &arr2[i]);

    m = n1+n2;
    while(index_first < n1 && index_second < n2)
    {
        if(arr1[index_first] < arr2[index_second])
        {
            arr3[index] = arr1[index_first];
            index_first++;
        }
        else
        {
            arr3[index] = arr2[index_second];
            index_second++;
        }
        index++;
    }

    /* if elements of the first array is over
and the second array has some elements */

    if(index_first == n1)
    {
        while(index_second < n2)
        {
            arr3[index] = arr2[index_second];
            index_second++;
            index++;
        }
    }
}
```

```

/* if elements of the second array is over
and the first array has some elements */
else if(index_second == n2)
{
    while(index_first < n1)
    {
        arr3[index] = arr1[index_first];
        index_first++;
        index++;
    }
}
printf("\n\n The contents of the merged
array are");
printf("\n *****");
for(i=0; i<m; i++)
    printf("\n Arr[%d] = %d", i, arr3[i]);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

Output

```

Enter the number of elements in array1: 3
Enter the Elements of the first array
*****
10 20 30
Enter the number of elements in array2: 3
Enter the Elements of the second array
*****
15 25 35
The contents of the merged array is
*****
Arr[0]= 10   Arr[1] = 15   Arr[3] = 20
Arr[4] = 25   Arr[5] = 30   Arr[6] = 35

```

5.6.5 Searching the Array Elements

Searching means to find whether a particular value is present in the array or not. If the value is present in the array then searching is said to be successful and the searching process gives the location of that value in the array. Otherwise, if the value is not present in the array, the searching process displays the appropriate message and in this case searching is said to be unsuccessful.

There are two popular methods for searching the array elements. One is *linear search* and the second is *binary search*. The algorithm that should be used depends entirely on how the values are organized in the array. For example, if the elements of the array are arranged in ascending order, then binary search should be used as it is more efficient for sorted list in terms of complexity. We will discuss these two methods in detail in this section.

Linear Search

Linear search, also called sequential search is a very simple method used for searching an array for a particular value. It works by comparing every element of the array one by one in sequence until a match is found. Linear search is mostly used to search an unordered list of elements (array in which data elements are not sorted). For example, if an array A[] is declared and initialized as,

```
int A[] = { 10, 8, 2, 7, 3, 4, 9, 1, 6, 5};
```

and VAL = 7, then searching means to find out whether the value '7' is present in the array or not. If yes, then the search is successful and it returns the position of occurrence of VAL. Here, the POS = 3 (index starting from 0). Figure 5.21 illustrates this concept.

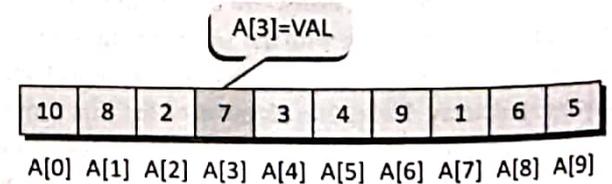
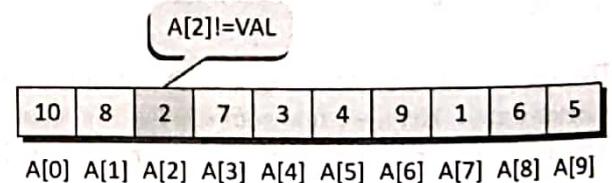
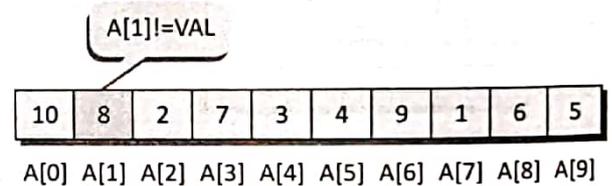
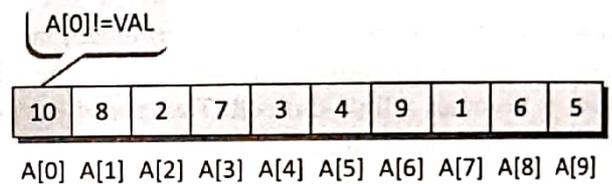


Figure 5.21 Linear search

Thus, we see that linear search executes in O(n) time where n is the number of elements in the array. Obviously, the best case of linear search is when VAL is equal to the

first element of the array. In this case, only one comparison will be made.

Likewise, the worst case will happen when either VAL is not present in the array or it is equal to the last element of the array. In both the cases, n comparisons will have to be made. However, the performance of the linear search algorithm (Figure 5.22) can be improved by using a sorted array.

#### LINEAR\_SEARCH(A, N, VAL, POS)

```

Step 1: [INITIALIZE] SET POS = -1
Step 2: [INITIALIZE] SET I = 0
Step 3: Repeat Step 4 while I < N
Step 4: IF A[I] = VAL, then
        SET POS = I
        PRINT POS
        Go to Step 6
    [END OF IF]
    [END OF while LOOP]
Step 5: PRINT "Value Not Present In The Array"
Step 6: EXIT

```

**Figure 5.22** Algorithm for linear search

In Step 1 and Step 2 of the algorithm, we initialize the value of POS and I. In Step 3, a while loop is executed that would be executed until I is less than N (total number of elements in the array). In Step 4, a check is made to see if a match is found between the current array element and the VAL. If a match is found, then the position of the array element is printed else the value of I is incremented to match the next element with VAL. However, if all the arrays elements have been compared with VAL, and no match is found then it means that the VAL is not present in the array.

#### 19. Write a program to implement linear search.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int arr[10], num, i, n, found = 0, pos = -1;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the array : ");
    scanf("%d", &n);

    printf("\n Enter the elements -");
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)

```

```

        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);

    printf("\n Enter the number that has to
be searched : ");
    scanf("%d", &num);

    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
    {
        if(arr[i] == num)
        {
            found = 1;
            pos = i;
            printf("\n %d is found in the array
at position = %d", num, i);
            break;
        }
    }
    if (found == 0)
        printf("\n %d DOES NOT EXIST in the
array", num);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

```

#### Output

```

Enter the number of elements in the array:
5
Enter the elements: 1 2 3 4 5
Enter the number that has to be searched: 7
7 DOES NOT EXIST in the array

```

#### Binary Search

We have seen that the linear search algorithm is very slow. If we have an array with 1 million entries then to search a value from that array, we would need to make 1 million comparisons in the worst case. However, if the array is sorted, we have a better and efficient alternative, known as binary search.

Binary search is a searching algorithm that works efficiently with a *sorted list*. The algorithm finds out the position of a particular element in the array. The mechanism of binary search can be better understood by using the analogy of a telephone directory. When we are searching for a particular name in the directory, we will first open the directory from the middle and then decide whether to look for the name in the first part of the directory or in the second part of the directory. Again we will open some page in the middle and the whole process will be repeated until we finally find the name.

Take another analogy. How do we find words in a dictionary? We first open the dictionary somewhere in the middle. Then we compare the first word on that page with the desired word whose meaning has to be found. If the word comes before the word that appear on the page we will look in the first half of the dictionary else we will look in the second half. Again, we will open up some page in the first half of the dictionary pages. Compare the first word on that page with the desired word and repeat the same procedure until we finally get the word. The same mechanism is applied in binary search.

Now let us consider how this mechanism will be applied to search for a value in a sorted array. Given an array that is declared and initialized as,

```
int A[] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};
```

and VAL = 9, the algorithm (Figure 5.23) will proceed in the following manner.

BEG = 0, END = 10, MID = (0 + 10)/2 = 5

Now, VAL = 9 and A[MID] = A[5] = 5

A[5] is less than VAL, therefore, we will now search for the value in the later half of the array. So, we change the values of BEG and MID.

Now, BEG = MID + 1 = 6, END = 10, MID = (6 + 10)/2 = 16/2 = 8

Now, VAL = 9 and A[MID] = A[8] = 8

A[8] is less than VAL, therefore, we will now search for the value in the later half of the array. So, again we change the values of BEG and MID.

Now, BEG = MID + 1 = 9, END = 10, MID = (9 + 10)/2 = 9

Now VAL = 9 and A[MID] = 9.

Now VAL = 9 and A[MID] = 9.

In this algorithm we see that BEG and END are the beginning and ending positions of the segment that we are looking to search for the element. MID is calculated as (BEG + END)/2. Initially, BEG = lower\_bound and END = upper\_bound. The algorithm will terminate when A[MID] = VAL. When the algorithm ends, we will set POS = MID. POS is the position at which the value is present in the array.

However, if VAL is not equal to A[MID], then the values of BEG, END, and MID will be changed depending on whether VAL is smaller or greater than A[MID].

- (a) If VAL < A[MID], then VAL will be present in the left segment of the array. So, the value of END will be changed as, END = MID - 1
- (b) If VAL > A[MID], then VAL will be present in the right segment of the array. So, the value of BEG will be changed as, BEG = MID + 1

Finally, if that VAL is not present in the array, then eventually, END will be less than BEG. When this happens,

```

BINARY_SEARCH(A, lower_bound, upper_bound, VAL, POS)

Step 1: [INITIALIZE] SET BEG = lower_bound, END = upper_bound, POS = -1
Step 2: Repeat Step 3 and Step 4 while BEG <= END
Step 3:     SET MID = (BEG + END)/2
Step 4:     IF A[MID] = VAL, then
                POS = MID
                PRINT POS
                Go to Step 6
            IF A[MID] > VAL then;
                SET END = MID - 1
            ELSE
                SET BEG = MID + 1
            [END OF IF]
        [END OF while LOOP]
Step 5: IF POS = -1, then
        PRINTF "VAL IS NOT PRESENT IN THE ARRAY"
    [END OF IF]
Step 6: EXIT
    
```

Figure 5.23 Algorithm for binary search

the algorithm should terminate as it will indicate that the element is not present in the array and the search will be unsuccessful.

Let us consider another example.

```
int A[] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
10}; and VAL = 2
```

Step 1: BEG = 0, END = 10, MID = 5

A[MID] > VAL

Step 2: BEG = 0, END = MID - 1 = 4, MID = 2

A[MID] = VAL

Figure 5.23 shows an algorithm for binary search.

In Step 1, we initialize the value of variables—BEG, END and POS. In Step 2, a while loop is executed until BEG is less than or equal to END. In Step 3, value of MID is calculated. In Step 4, we check if the value of MID is equal to VAL (item to be searched in the array). If a match is found then value of the POS is printed and the algorithm exits. However, if a match is not found then if the value of A[MID] is greater than VAL, then the value of END is modified otherwise if A[MID] is less than VAL, then value of BEG is altered. In Step 5, if the value of POS = -1, then it means VAL is not present in the array and an appropriate message is printed on the screen before the algorithm exits.

The complexity of the binary search algorithm can be expressed as  $f(n)$ , where  $n$  is the number of elements in the array. The complexity of the algorithm is calculated depending on the number of comparisons that are made. In binary search algorithm, we see that with each comparison, the size of the segment where search has to be made is reduced to half. Thus, we can say that, in order to locate a particular VAL in the array, total number of comparisons that will be made is given by,

$$2^{f(n)} > n \text{ or } f(n) = \log_2 n$$

20. Write a program to implement binary search.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int arr[10], num, i, n, pos = -1, beg, end,
    mid, found = 0;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
```

```
printf("\n Enter the elements: ");
for(i=0;i<n;i++)
{
    scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
}
printf("\n Enter the number that has to
be searched: ");
scanf("%d", &num);

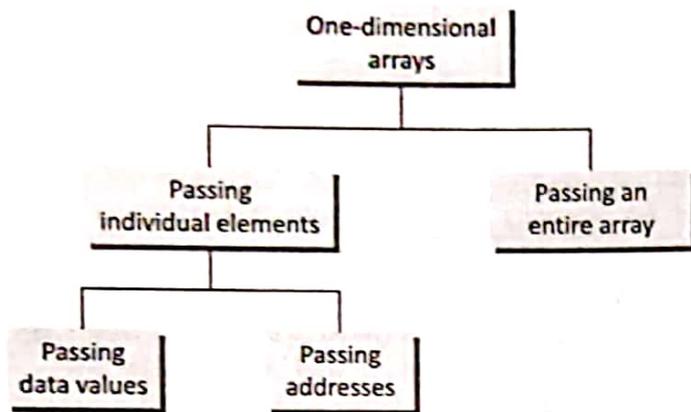
beg = 0, end = n-1;
while(beg <= end)
{
    mid = (beg + end)/2;
    if (arr[mid] == num)
    {
        printf("\n %d is present in the array
at position = %d", num, mid);
        found=1;
        break;
    }
    if (arr[mid]>num)
        end = mid-1;
    else if (arr[mid] < num)
        beg = mid+1;
}
if ( beg > end && found == 0)
    printf("\n %d DOES NOT EXIST IN THE
ARRAY", num);
getch();
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the number of elements in the array: 5
Enter the elements: 1 2 3 4 5
Enter the number that has to be searched: 7
7 DOES NOT EXIST in the array
```

## 5.7 ONE-DIMENSIONAL ARRAYS FOR INTER-FUNCTION COMMUNICATION

Like variables of other data types, we can also pass an array to a function. While in some situations, you may want to pass individual elements of the array, and in other situations you may want to pass the entire array. In this section, we will discuss both these cases. Look at Figure 5.24 which will make the concept easier to understand.



**Figure 5.24** One-dimensional arrays for inter-function communication

### Passing Individual Elements

The individual elements of an array can be passed to a function either by passing their addresses or their data values.

#### Passing Data Values

The individual elements can be passed in the same manner as we pass variables of any other data type. The condition is just that the data type of the array element must match the type of the function parameter. Figure 5.25 shows the code to pass an individual array element by passing data value.

```

Calling function
main()
{
    int arr[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
    func(arr[3]);
}

Called function
void func(int num)
{
    printf("%d", num);
}
    
```

**Figure 5.25** Passing individual array elements to a function

In the above example, only one element of the array is passed to the called function. This is done by using the index expression. So `arr[3]` actually evaluates to a single integer value. The called function hardly bothers whether a normal integer variable is passed to it or an array value is passed.

#### Passing Addresses

Now again like ordinary variables, we can pass the address of an individual array element by preceding the address operator (&) to the element's indexed reference. Therefore, to pass the address of the fourth element of the array to the called function, we will write `&arr[3]`.

However, in the called function the value of the array element must be accessed using the indirection (\*) operator (Figure 5.26). We will read more about this technique later in this chapter.

```

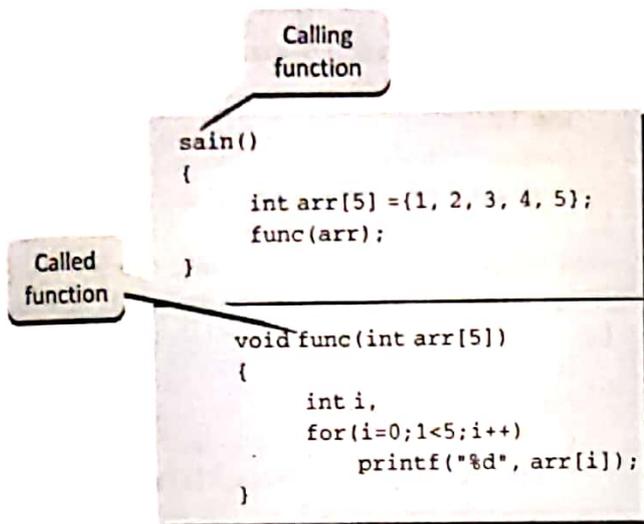
Calling function
main()
{
    int arr[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
    func(&arr[3]);
}

Called function
void func(int *num)
{
    printf("%d", *num);
}
    
```

**Figure 5.26** Passing individual array elements to function

#### Passing the Entire Array

We have studied that in C, the array name refers to the first byte of the array in memory. The address of rest of the elements in the array can be calculated using the array name and the index value of the element. Therefore, when we need to pass an entire array to a function, we can simply pass the name of the array. Figure 5.27 illustrates the code which passes the entire array to the called function.



**Figure 5.27** Passing entire array to function

In cases where we do not want the called function to make any changes to the array, the array must be received as a constant array by the called function. This prevents any type of un-intentional modifications of the array elements. To declare the array as a constant array, simply add the keyword `const` before the data type of the array.

**Programming Tip:** When an entire array is to be sent to the called function, the calling function just needs to pass the name of the array.

21. Write a program to read and print an array of n numbers.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
void read_array( int arr[], int);
void display_array( int arr[], int);

int main()
{
    int num[10], n;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the size of the array:");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    read_array(num, n);
    display_array(num, n);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

void read_array( int arr[10], int n)
{
    
```

```

int i;
for(i=0; i<n; i++)
{
    printf("\n array[%d] = ", i);
    scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
}
}

void display_array( int arr[10], int n)
{
    for(int i=0; i<n; i++)
        printf("\n array[%d] = %d", i, arr[i]);
}
    
```

Output

```

Enter the size of the array: 5
1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5
    
```

22. Write a program to read an array of n numbers, then find out the smallest number.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
void read_array(int arr[], int);
int find_small(int arr[], int n);
int main()
{
    int num[10], n, smallest;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the size of the array:");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    read_array(num, n);
    smallest = find_small(num, n);
    printf("\n The smallest number in the array is = %d", smallest);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

void read_array( int arr[10], int n)
{
    int i;
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
}
    
```

**Programming Tip:** While using arrays, we must check for validity of the index because such checks are not made by the compiler. An invalid index when used with an assignment operator may destroy the data of another part of the program and thus cause it to fail later. While initializing the array, if we provide more initializers than the number of elements in the array, a compiler error will be generated.

```
int find_small(int arr[10], int n)
{
    int i, small = 12345;
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        if(arr[i] < small)
            small = arr[i];
    }
    return small;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the size of the array: 5
1 2 3 4 5
The smallest number in the array is = 1
```

23. Write a program to merge two integer arrays. Also display the merged array in reverse order.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
void read_array(int my_array[], int);
void display_array(int my_array[], int);
void merge_array(int my_array3[], int, int
    my_array1[], int, int my_array2[], int);
void reverse_array(int my_array[], int);
int main()
{
    int arr1[10], arr2[10], arr3[20], n, m, t;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the first array: ");
    scanf("%d", &m);
    read_array(arr1, m);
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the second array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    read_array(arr2, n);
    t = m + n;
    merge_array(arr3, t, arr1, m, arr2, n);

    printf("\n The merged array is : ");
    display_array(arr3, t);

    printf("\n The merged array in reverse
order is: ");
    reverse_array(arr3, t);
    getch();
}
```

```
return 0;
}
void read_array(int my_array[10], int n)
{
    int i;
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        scanf("%d", &my_array[i]);
}
void merge_array(int my_array3[], int t, int
    my_array1[], int m, int my_array2[], int n)
{
    int i, j=0;
    for(i=0; i<m; i++)
    {
        my_array3[j] = my_array1[i];
        j++;
    }
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
    {
        my_array3[j] = my_array2[i];
        j++;
    }
}
void display_array(int my_array[], int n)
{
    int i;
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        printf("\n arr[%d] = %d", i,
            my_array[i]);
}
void reverse_array(int my_array[], int m)
{
    int i, j;
    for(i=m-1, j=0;i>=0;i--, j++)
        printf("\n arr[%d] = %d", j,
            my_array[i]);
}
```

Output

```
Enter the number of elements in the first
array: 3
10 20 30
Enter the number of elements in the second
array: 3
15 25 35
The merged array is:
Arr[0] = 10   Arr[1] = 20   Arr[2] = 30
Arr[3] = 15   Arr[4] = 25   Arr[5] = 35
The merged array in reverse order is:
Arr[0] = 35   Arr[1] = 25   Arr[2] = 15
Arr[3] = 30   Arr[4] = 20   Arr[5] = 10
```

24. Write a program to interchange the biggest and the smallest number in the array.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>

void read_array(int my_array[], int);
void display_array(int my_array[], int);
void interchange(int arr[], int);
int find_biggest_pos(int my_array[10], int n);
int find_smallest_pos(int my_array[10], int n);

int main()
{
    int arr[10], n;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the size of the array:");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    read_array(arr, n);
    display_array(arr, n);
    interchange(arr, n);
    display_array(arr, n);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

void read_array(int my_array[10], int n)
{
    int i;
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        scanf("%d", &my_array[i]);
}

void display_array(int my_array[10], int n)
{
    int i;
    printf("\n");
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        printf("\t array[%d] = %d", i, my_array[i]);
}

void interchange(int my_array[10], int n)
{
    int temp, big_pos, small_pos;
    big_pos = find_biggest_pos(my_arr, n);
    small_pos = find_smallest_pos(my_arr,n);
    temp = my_array[big_pos];
    my_array[big_pos] = my_array[small_pos];
    my_array[small_pos] = temp;
}

int find_biggest_pos(int my_array[10], int n)
```

```
{
    int i, large = -123456, pos=-1;
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        if (my_array[i] > large)
        {
            large = my_array[i];
            pos=i;
        }
    }
    return pos;
}

int find_smallest_pos(int my_array[10], int n)
{
    int i, small = 123456, pos=-1;
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        if (my_array[i] < small)
        {
            small = my_array[i];
            pos=i;
        }
    }
    return pos;
}
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the size of the array: 5
1 2 3 4 5
Arr[0] = 1   Arr[1] = 2   Arr[2] = 3
Arr[3] = 4   Arr[4] = 5
Arr[0] = 5   Arr[1] = 2   Arr[2] = 3
Arr[3] = 4   Arr[4] = 1
```



If a function receives an array that does not change it, then the array should be received as a constant array. This would ensure that the contents of the array are not accidentally changed. To declare an array as constant, prefix its type with the const keyword, as shown below.

```
int sum(const int arr[], int n);
```

## 5.8 TWO-DIMENSIONAL ARRAYS

Till now we have read only about one-dimensional arrays. A one-dimensional array is organized linearly and only in one direction. But at times, we need to store data in the form

of matrices or tables. Here the concept of one-dimension array is extended to incorporate two-dimensional data structures. A two-dimensional array is specified using two subscripts where one subscript denotes row and the other denotes column. C considers the two-dimensional array as an array of a one-dimensional array. Figure 5.28 shows a two-dimensional array which can be viewed as an array of arrays.

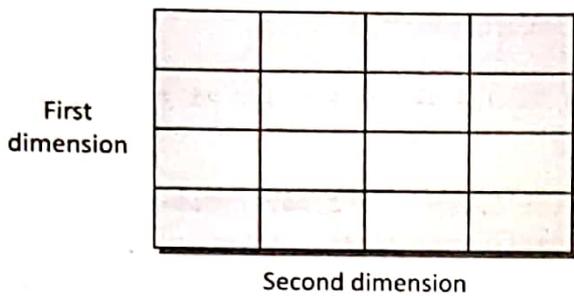


Figure 5.28 Two-dimensional array

### 5.8.1 Declaration of Two-dimensional Arrays

Similar to one-dimensional arrays, two-dimensional arrays must be declared before being used. The declaration statement tells the compiler the name of the array, the data type of each element in the array, and the size of each dimension. A two-dimensional array is declared as:

```
data_type array_name[row_size][column_size];
```

Therefore, a two-dimensional  $m \times n$  array is an array that contains  $m \times n$  data elements and each element is accessed using two subscripts,  $i$  and  $j$  where  $i \leq m$  and  $j \leq n$ .

For example, if we want to store the marks obtained by 3 students in 5 different subjects, then we can declare a two-dimensional array as

```
int marks[3][5]
```

A two-dimensional array called `marks` is declared that has  $m(3)$  rows and  $n(5)$  columns. The first element of the array is denoted by `marks[0][0]`, the second element as `marks[0][1]`, and so 4<sup>th</sup>. Here, `marks[0][0]` stores the marks obtained by the first student in the first subject, `marks[1][0]` stores the marks obtained by the second student in the first subject, and so on.

**Note** Each dimension of the two-dimensional array is indexed from zero to its maximum size minus one. The first index selects the row and the second selects the column.

The pictorial form of a two-dimensional array is given in Figure 5.29.

Hence, we see that a 2D array is treated as a collection of 1D arrays. The elements of the 2D array comprises 1D array (the rows). To understand this, we can also see the representation of a two-dimensional array as shown in Figure 5.30.

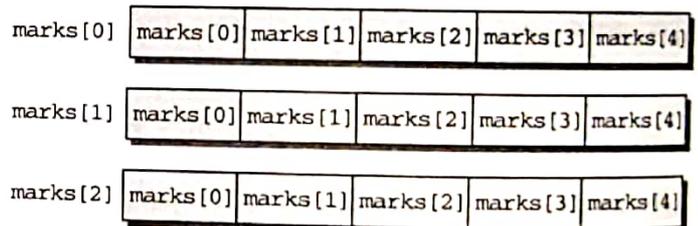


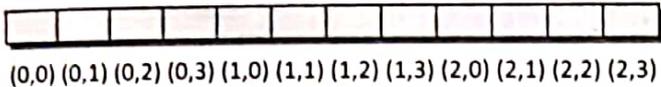
Figure 5.30 Representation of two-dimensional array marks[3][5] as individual 1D arrays

Although Figure 5.30 shows a rectangular picture of a two-dimensional array, these elements will be actually stored sequentially in memory. Since computer memory is basically one-dimensional, a multidimensional array cannot be stored in memory as a grid.

Row/Columns	Column 0	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Row 0	marks[0][0]	marks[0][1]	marks[0][2]	marks[0][3]	marks[0][4]
Row 1	marks[1][0]	marks[1][1]	marks[1][2]	marks[1][3]	marks[1][4]
Row 2	marks[2][0]	marks[2][1]	marks[2][2]	marks[2][3]	marks[2][4]

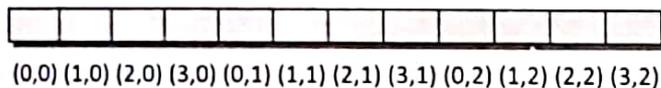
Figure 5.29 Two-dimensional array

Basically, there are two ways of storing a two-dimensional array in memory. The first way is *row major order* and the second is *column major order*. Let us see how the elements of a 2D array are stored in a row major order. Here, the elements of the first row are stored before the elements of the second and third row, i.e., the elements of the array are stored row by row where n elements of the first row will occupy the first nth locations. This is illustrated in Figure 5.31.



**Figure 5.31** Elements of 2D array in row major order

When we store the elements in a column major order, the elements of the first column are stored before the elements of the second and third column, i.e., the elements of the array are stored column by column where n elements of the first column will occupy the first nth locations. This is illustrated in Figure 5.32.



**Figure 5.32** Elements of 2D array in column major order

In one-dimensional arrays, we have seen that computer does not keep track of the address of every element in the array. It stores only the address of the first element and calculates the addresses of other elements from the base address (address of the first element). Same is the case with a two-dimensional array. Here also, the computer stores the base address and the address of the other elements is calculated using the following formula.

$Address(A[I][J]) = B\_A + w\{M(J - 1) + (I - 1)\}$ , if the array elements are stored in column major order, and

$Address(A[I][J]) = B\_A + w\{N(I - 1) + (J - 1)\}$ , if the array elements are stored in row major order.

where, w is the number of words stored per memory location, m is the number of columns, n is the number of rows, I and J are the subscripts of the array element, and B\_A is the base address.

**Example 5.7** Consider a  $20 \times 5$  two-dimensional array Marks which has base address = 1000 and number of

words per memory location of the array = 2. Now compute the address of the element Marks[18, 4] assuming that the elements are stored in row major order.

$$\begin{aligned} Address(A[I][J]) &= Base\_Address + w\{N(I - 1) + (J - 1)\} \\ Address(Marks[18,4]) &= 1000 + 2\{5(18 - 1) + (4 - 1)\} \\ &= 1000 + 2\{5(17) + 3\} \\ &= 1000 + 2(88) \\ &= 1000 + 176 = 1176 \end{aligned}$$

### 5.8.2 Initialization of Two-dimensional Arrays

Like in case of other variables, declaring a two-dimensional array only reserves space for the array in the memory. No values are stored in it. A two-dimensional array is initialized in the same way as a one-dimensional array. For example,

```
int marks[2][3] = {90, 87, 78, 68, 62, 71};
```

The initialization of a two-dimensional array is done row by row. The above statement can also be written as

```
int marks[2][3] = {{90, 87, 78}, {68, 62, 71}};
```

The given two-dimensional array has 2 rows and 3 columns. Here, the elements in the first row are initialized first and then the elements of the second row are initialized.

Therefore,

```
marks[0][0] = 90    marks[0][1] = 87
marks[0][2] = 78    marks[1][0] = 68
marks[1][1] = 62    marks[1][2] = 71
```

Therefore, in the above example, each row is defined as a one-dimensional array of three elements that are enclosed in braces. Commas are used to separate the elements in the row as well as to separate the elements of two rows.

In case of one-dimensional array, if the array is completely initialized, we may omit the size of the array. Same concept can be applied to a two-dimensional array, except that only the size of the first dimension can be omitted. Therefore, the declaration statement given below is valid.

```
int marks[2][3] = {{90, 87, 78}, {68, 62, 71}};
```

In order to initialize the entire two-dimensional array to zero, simply specify the first value as zero, i.e., simply write

```
int marks[2][3] = {0};
```

If some values are missing in the initializer then it is automatically set to zero. For example, the statement given below will initialize the values in the first row but the elements of the second row will be initialized to zero.

```
int marks[2][3] = { {50, 60, 70}};
```



An un-initialized array contains unpredictable contents.

### 5.8.3 Accessing the Elements

The elements in a multidimensional array are stored in contiguous memory locations. While accessing the elements, remember that the last subscript varies most rapidly whereas the first varies least rapidly.

In case of one-dimensional arrays we used a single for loop to vary the index *i* in every pass, so that all the elements could be scanned. Similarly, since a two-dimensional array contains two subscripts, we will use two for loops to scan the elements. The first for loop will loop for each row in the 2D array and the second for loop will scan individual columns for every row in the array.

However, individual elements of a two-dimensional array can be initialized using the assignment operator as shown below.

```
marks[1][2] = 79; or
marks[1][2] = marks[1][1] + 10;
```

In order to input the values from the keyboard, you must use the following code.

```
for(i=0; i<2; i++)
    for(j=0; j<2; j++)
        scanf("%d", &arr[i][j]);
```

Look at the code given below which prints the elements of a 2D array on the screen.

25. Write a program to print the elements of a 2D array.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
```

```
{
    int arr[2][2] = {12, 34, 56, 32};
    int i, j;
    for(i=0; i<2; i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=0; j<2; j++)
            printf("%d\t", arr[i][j]);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
12 34
56 32
```

26. Write a program to generate Pascal's triangle.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int arr[7][7] = {0};
    int row=2, col, i, j;
    arr[0][0] = arr[1][0] = arr[1][1] = 1;
    while(row <= 7)
    {
        arr[row][0] = 1;
        for(col = 1; col <= row; col++)
            arr[row][col] = arr[row-1][col-1] +
                arr[row-1][col];
        row++;
    }
    for(i=0; i<7; i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=0; j<=i; j++)
            printf("\t %d", arr[i][j]);
    }
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
1
1 1
1 2 1
1 3 3 1
1 4 6 4 1
1 5 10 10 5 1
1 6 15 20 15 6 1
```

27. In a small company there are 5 salesmen. Each salesman is supposed to sell 3 products. Write a program using two-dimensional array to print (i) the total sales by each salesman and (ii) total sales of each item.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int sales[5][3], i, j, total_sales=0;
    //INPUT DATA
    printf("\n ENTER THE DATA");
    printf("\n *****");
    for(i=0;i<5;i++)
    {
        printf("\n Enter the sales of 3 items
            sold by salesman %d: ", i);
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
            scanf("%d", &sales[i][j]);
    }
    // PRINT TOTAL SALES BY EACH SALESMAN
    for(i=0;i<5;i++)
    {
        total_sales = 0;
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
            total_sales += sales[i][j];
        printf("\n Total Sales By Salesman %d
            = %d", i, total_sales);
    }
    // TOTAL SALES OF EACH ITEM
    for(i=0;i<3;i++) // for each item
    {
        total_sales=0;
        for(j=0;j<5;j++) // for each salesman
            total_sales += sales[j][i];
        printf("\n Total sales of item %d
            = %d", i, total_sales);
    }
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
ENTER THE DATA
*****
Enter the sales of 3 items sold by salesman
0: 23 23 45
Enter the sales of 3 items sold by salesman
1: 34 45 63
```

```
Enter the sales of 3 items sold by salesman
2: 36 33 43
Enter the sales of 3 items sold by salesman
3: 33 52 35
Enter the sales of 3 items sold by salesman
4: 32 45 64
Total Sales By Salesman 0 = 91
Total Sales By Salesman 1 = 142
Total Sales By Salesman 2 = 112
Total Sales By Salesman 3 = 120
Total Sales By Salesman 4 = 141
Total sales of item 0 = 158
Total sales of item 1 = 198
Total sales of item 2 = 250
```

28. In a class there are 10 students. Each student is supposed to appear in 3 tests. Write a program using two-dimensional arrays to print

- (i) the marks obtained by each student in different subjects
- (ii) total marks and average obtained by each student
- (iii) store the average of each student in a separate 1D array so that it can be used to calculate the class average.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int marks[10][3], i, j;
    int total_marks[10]={0};;
    float class_avg=0.0, total_avg = 0.0;
    float avg[10];

    //INPUT DATA
    printf("\n ENTER THE DATA");
    printf("\n *****");
    for(i=0;i<10;i++)
    {
        printf("\n Enter the marks of student %d
            in 3 subjects : ", i);
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
            scanf("%d", &marks[i][j]);
    }

    // CALCULATE TOTAL MARKS OF EACH STUDENT
    for(i=0;i<10;i++)
    {
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
```

```

        total_marks[i] += marks[i][j];
    }
    // CALCULATE AVERAGE OF EACH STUDENT
    for(i=0;i<10;i++)
    {
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
            avg[i] = (float)total_marks[i]/3.0;
    }
    // CALCULATE CLASS AVERAGE
    for(i=0;i<10;i++)
        total_avg += avg[i];
    class_avg = (float)total_avg/10;
    // DISPLAY RESULTS
    printf("\n\n STUD NO. MARKS OBTAINED IN
    THREE SUBJECTS TOTAL MARKS \t AVERAGE");
    printf("\n*****
    *****");
    for(i=0;i<10;i++)
    { printf("\n %4d", i);
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
            printf("   %d", marks[i][j]);
        printf("%4d \t%2.2f", total_marks[i],
            avg[i]);
    }
    printf("\n\n CLASS AVERAGE = %f", class_avg);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

ENTER THE DATA
*****
Enter the marks of student 0 in 3 subjects:
78 89 90
Enter the marks of student 1 in 3 subjects:
98 87 76
Enter the marks of student 2 in 3 subjects:
67 78 89
Enter the marks of student 3 in 3 subjects:
90 87 65
Enter the marks of student 4 in 3 subjects:
56 87 97
Enter the marks of student 5 in 3 subjects:
45 67 89
Enter the marks of student 6 in 3 subjects:
66 77 88
Enter the marks of student 7 in 3 subjects:
76 87 98
Enter the marks of student 8 in 3 subjects:
67 88 66

```

```

Enter the marks of student 9 in 3 subjects:
66 75 78
STUD NO. MARKS OBTAINED IN THREE SUBJECTS
TOTAL MARKS   AVERAGE
*****
0   78   89   90   257  85.67
1   98   87   76   261  87.00
2   67   78   89   234  78.00
3   90   87   65   242  80.67
4   56   87   97   240  80.00
5   45   67   89   201  67.00
6   66   77   88   231  77.00
7   76   87   98   261  87.00
8   67   88   66   221  73.67
9   66   75   78   210  73.00
CLASS AVERAGE = 78.90

```

29. Write a program to read a two-dimensional array marks which stores marks of 5 students in 3 subjects. Write a program to display the highest marks in each subject.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int marks[5][3], i, j, max_marks;
    for(i=0;i<5;i++)
    {
        printf("\n Enter the marks obtained by
        student %d", i);
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
        {
            printf("\n marks[%d][%d] = ", i, j);
            scanf("%d", &marks[i][j]);
        }
    }
    for(j=0;j<3;j++)
    {
        max_marks = -999;
        for(i=0;i<5;i++)
        {
            if(marks[i][j]>max_marks)
                max_marks = marks[i][j];
        }
        printf("\n The highest marks obtained
        in the subject %d= %d", j,
            max_marks);
    }
    getch();
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the marks obtained by student 0
marks[0][0] = 89
marks[0][1] = 76
marks[0][2] = 100
Enter the marks obtained by student 1
marks[1][0] = 99
marks[1][1] = 90
marks[1][2] = 89
Enter the marks obtained by student 2
marks[2][0] = 67
marks[2][1] = 76
marks[2][2] = 56
Enter the marks obtained by student 3
marks[3][0] = 88
marks[3][1] = 77
marks[3][2] = 66
Enter the marks obtained by student 4
marks[4][0] = 67
marks[4][1] = 78
marks[4][2] = 89
The highest marks obtained in the subject 0
= 99
The highest marks obtained in the subject 1
= 90
The highest marks obtained in the subject 2
= 100
    
```

**5.9 OPERATIONS ON TWO-DIMENSIONAL(2D) ARRAYS**

We can perform the following operations on a two-dimensional array:

**Transpose:** Transpose of a  $m \times n$  matrix A is given as a  $n \times m$  matrix B where,

$$B_{i,j} = A_{j,i}$$

**Sum:** Two matrices that are compatible with each other can be added together thereby storing the result in the third matrix. Two matrices are said to be compatible when they have the same number of rows and columns. Elements of the matrices can be added by writing:

$$C_{i,j} = A_{i,j} + B_{i,j}$$

**Difference:** Two matrices that are compatible with each other can be subtracted thereby storing the result in the third matrix. Two matrices are said to be compatible when

they have the same number of rows and columns. Elements of the matrices can be subtracted by writing:

$$C_{i,j} = A_{i,j} - B_{i,j}$$

**Product:** Two matrices can be multiplied with each other if the number of columns in the first matrix is equal to the number of rows in the second matrix. Therefore,  $m \times n$  matrix A can be multiplied with a  $p \times q$  matrix if  $n = p$ . Elements of the matrices can be multiplied by writing:

$$C_{i,j} = \sum A_{i,k}B_{j,k} \text{ for } k=1 \text{ to } k < n$$

30. Write a program to read and display a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, j, mat[3][3];
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the elements of the
matrix ");
    printf("\n *****");

    for(i=0;i<3;i++)
    {
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
            scanf("%d",&mat[i][j]);
    }
    printf("\n The elements of the matrix are ");
    printf("\n *****");

    for(i=0;i<3;i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
            printf("\t %d%d%d",i, j, mat[i][j]);
    }
    return 0;
}
    
```

**Output**

```

Enter the elements of the matrix
*****
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
The elements of the matrix are
*****
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
    
```

31. Write a program to transpose a 3 × 3 matrix.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, j, mat[3][3], transposed_mat[3][3];
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the elements of the
matrix");
    printf("\n *****");

    for(i=0;i<3;i++)
    {
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
        {
            printf("\n mat[%d][%d] = ",i, j);
            scanf("%d", &mat[i][j]);
        }
    }
    printf("\n The elements of the matrix are ");
    printf("\n *****");

    for(i=0;i<3;i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
            printf("\t mat[%d][%d] = %d", i, j,
                mat[i][j]);
    }
    for(i=0;i<3;i++)
    {
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
            transposed_mat[i][j] = mat[j][i];
    }
    printf("\n The elements of the transposed
matrix are ");
    printf("\n *****");

    for(i=0;i<3;i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
            printf("\t transposed_mat[%d][%d]
= %d",i, j, transposed_mat[i]
[j]);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the elements of the matrix
*****
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
The elements of the matrix are
*****
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
The elements of the transposed matrix are
*****
1 4 7
2 5 8
7 8 9
```

32. Write a program to input two m × n matrices and then calculate the sum of their corresponding elements and store it in a third m × n matrix.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, j;
    int rows1, cols1, rows2, cols2, rows_sum,
    cols_sum;
    int mat1[5][5], mat2[5][5], sum[5][5];
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the numbers of rows in
the first matrix: ");
    scanf("%d",&rows1);

    printf("\n Enter the numbers of columns
in the first matrix: ");
    scanf("%d",&cols1);

    printf("\n Enter the numbers of rows in
the second matrix: ");
    scanf("%d",&rows2);

    printf("\n Enter the numbers of columns
in the second matrix:");
    scanf("%d",&cols2);
```

```

if(rows1 != rows2 || cols1 != cols2)
{
    printf("\n The number of rows and
           columns of both the matrices must
           be equal");
    getch();
    exit();
}
rows_sum = rows1;
cols_sum = cols1;

printf("\n Enter the elements of the
first matrix");
printf("\n *****");

for(i=0;i<rows1;i++)
{
    for(j=0;j<cols1;j++)
        scanf("%d",&mat1[i][j]);
}
printf("\n Enter the elements of the
second matrix");
printf("\n *****");

for(i=0;i<rows2;i++)
{
    for(j=0;j<cols2;j++)
        scanf("%d",&mat2[i][j]);
}
for(i=0;i<rows_sum;i++)
{
    for(j=0;j<cols_sum;j++)
        sum[i][j] = mat1[i][j] + mat2[i][j];
}
printf("\n The elements of the resultant
matrix are");
printf("\n *****");

for(i=0;i<rows_sum;i++)
{
    printf("\n");
    for(j=0;j<cols_sum;j++)
        printf("\t %d", sum[i][j]);
}
return 0;
}

```

### Output

```

Enter the numbers of rows in the first
matrix: 2
Enter the numbers of columns in the first
matrix: 2
Enter the numbers of rows in the second
matrix: 2
Enter the numbers of columns in the second
matrix: 2
Enter the elements of the first matrix
*****
1 2 3 4
Enter the elements of the second matrix
*****
5 6 7 8
The elements of the resultant matrix are
*****
6 8
10 12

```

### 33. Write a program to multiply two $m \times n$ matrices.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, j, k;
    int rows1, cols1, rows2, cols2, res_
rows, res_cols;
    int mat1[5][5], mat2[5][5], res[5][5];
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the number of rows in
the first matrix: ");
    scanf("%d",&rows1);

    printf("\n Enter the number of columns
in the first matrix: ");
    scanf("%d",&cols1);

    printf("\n Enter the number of rows in
the second matrix: ");
    scanf("%d",&rows2);

    printf("\n Enter the number of columns in
the second matrix:");
    scanf("%d",&cols2);

    if(cols1 != rows2)
    {
        printf("\n The number of columns in
the first matrix must be equal
to the number of rows in the
second matrix");
    }
}

```

```

    getch();
    exit();
}
res_rows = rows1;
res_cols = cols2;

printf("\n Enter the elements of the
first matrix");
printf("\n *****");

for(i=0;i<rows1;i++)
{
    for(j=0;j<cols1;j++)
        scanf("%d",&mat1[i][j]);
}
printf("\n Enter the elements of the
second matrix");
printf("\n *****");

for(i = 0; i < rows2;i++)
{
    for(j = 0; j < cols2;j++)
        scanf("%d",&mat2[i][j]);
}
for(i = 0; i < res_rows;i++)
{
    j=0;
    for(j= 0; j < res_cols;j++)
    {
        res[i][j]=0;
        for(k= 0; k < res_cols; k++)
            res[i][j] += mat1[i][k] * mat2[k]
                [j];
    }
}
printf("\n The elements of the product
matrix are");
printf("\n *****");

for(i=0;i<res_rows;i++)
{
    printf("\n");
    for(j = 0; j < res_cols;j++)
        printf("\t %d",res[i][j]);
}
return 0;
}

```

Output

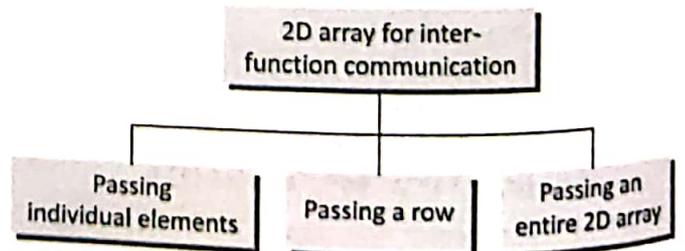
```

Enter the numbers of rows in the first
matrix: 2
Enter the numbers of columns in the first
matrix: 2
Enter the numbers of rows in the second
matrix: 2
Enter the numbers of columns in the second
matrix: 2
Enter the elements of the first matrix
*****
1 2 3 4
Enter the elements of the second matrix
*****
5 6 7 8
The elements of the product matrix are
*****
19    22
43    50

```

**5.10 TWO-DIMENSIONAL ARRAYS FOR INTER-FUNCTION COMMUNICATION**

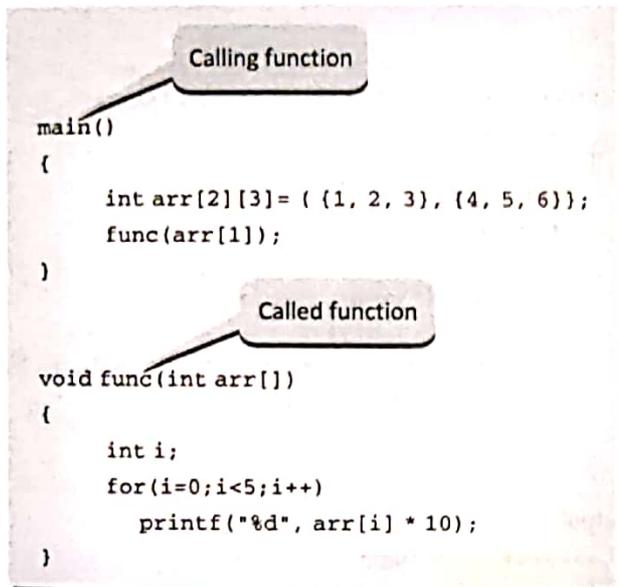
There are three ways of passing parts of the two-dimensional array to a function (process). First, we can pass individual elements of the array. This is exactly same as we passed element of a one-dimensional array. Second, we can pass a single row of the two-dimensional array. This is equivalent to passing the entire one-dimensional array to a function. This has already been discussed in the previous section. Third, we can pass the entire two-dimensional array to the function. Refer Figure 5.33 which shows the three ways of using two-dimensional arrays for inter-function, interprocess communication.



**Figure 5.33** Two-dimensional arrays for inter-function communication

### 5.10.1 Passing a Row

A row of a two-dimensional array can be passed by indexing the array name with the row number. When we send a single row of a two-dimensional array, then the called function receives a one-dimensional array. Figure 5.34 illustrates how a single row of a two-dimensional array is passed to the called function.



**Figure 5.34** Passing two-dimensional arrays for inter-function communication

### 5.10.2 Passing an Entire 2D Array

**Programming Tip:** A compiler error will be generated if you omit the array size in the parameter declaration for any array dimension other than the first.

To pass a two-dimensional array to a function, we use the array name as the actual parameter. (The same we did in case of a 1D array). However, the parameter in the called function must indicate that the array has two dimensions.

34. Write a menu-driven program to read and display an  $m \times n$  matrix. Also find the sum, transpose, and product of two  $m \times n$  matrices.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
void read_matrix(int mat[2][2], int, int);

```

```

void sum_matrix(int mat1[2][2], int mat2[2][2], int, int);
void mul_matrix(int mat1[2][2], int mat2[2][2], int, int);
void transpose_matrix(int mat2[2][2], int, int);
void display_matrix(int mat[2][2], int r, int c);
int main()
{
    int option, row, col;
    int mat1[2][2], mat2[2][2];
    clrscr();

    do
    {
        printf("\n ***** MAIN MENU *****");
        printf("\n 1. Read the two matrices");
        printf("\n 2. Add the matrices");
        printf("\n 3. Multiply the matrices");
        printf("\n 4. Transpose the matrix");
        printf("\n 5. EXIT");

        printf("\n\n Enter your option: ");
        scanf("%d", &option);
        switch(option)
        {
            case 1:
                printf("\n Enter the number of rows and columns of the matrix: ");
                scanf("%d %d", &row, &col);
                printf("\n Enter the first matrix: ");
                read_matrix(mat1, row, col);
                printf("\n Enter the second matrix: ");
                read_matrix(mat2, row, col);
                break;
            case 2:
                sum_matrix(mat1, mat2, row, col);
                break;
            case 3:
                mul_matrix(mat1, mat2, row, col);
                break;
            case 4:
                transpose_matrix(mat1, row, col);
                break;
            case 5:
                printf("\n To multiply two matrices, number of columns in the first

```

```

        matrix must be equal to
        number of rows in the
        second matrix");
        break;
    case 4:
        transpose_matrix(mat1, row, col);
        break;
    }
}while(option != 5);
getch();
return 0;
}
void read_matrix(int mat[2][2], int r, int c)
{
    int i, j;
    for(i = 0; i < r; i++)
    { printf("\n");
      for(j = 0; j < c; j++)
      {
          printf("\t mat[%d][%d] = ", i, j);
          scanf("%d", &mat[i][j]);
      }
    }
}
void sum_matrix(int mat1[2][2], int mat2[2][2], int r, int c)
{
    int i, j, sum[2][2];
    for(i=0;i<r;i++)
    {
        for(j=0;j<c;j++)
            sum[i][j] = mat1[i][j] + mat2[i][j];
    }
    display_matrix(sum, r, c);
}
void mul_matrix(int mat1[2][2], int mat2[2][2], int r, int c)
{
    int i, j, k, prod[2][2];
    for(i=0;i<r;i++)
    {
        for(j=0;j<c;j++)
        {
            prod[i][j] = 0;
            for(k=0;k<c;k++)
                prod[i][j] += mat1[i][k] * mat2[k][j];
        }
    }
    display_matrix(prod, r, c);
}

```

```

void transpose_matrix(int mat[2][2], int r,
    int c)
{
    int i, j, tp_mat[2][2];
    for(i=0;i<r;i++)
    {
        for(j=0;j<c;j++)
            tp_mat[j][i] = mat[i][j];
    }
    display_matrix(tp_mat, r, c);
}

void display_matrix(int mat[2][2], int r,
    int c)
{
    int i, j;
    for(i=0;i<r;i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=0;j<c;j++)
            printf("\t mat[%d][%d] = %d", i, j,
                mat[i][j]);
    }
}

```

Output

```

***** MAIN MENU *****
1. Read the two matrices
2. Add the matrices
3. Multiply the matrices
4. Transpose the matrix
5. EXIT
Enter your option: 1
Enter the number of rows and columns of the
matrix: 2 2
Enter the first matrix:
mat[0][0] = 1    mat[0][1] = 2
mat[1][0] = 3    mat[1][1] = 4
Enter the second matrix :
mat[0][0] = 2    mat[0][1] = 3
mat[1][0] = 4    mat[1][1] = 5
***** MAIN MENU *****
1. Read the two matrices
2. Add the matrices
3. Multiply the matrices
4. Transpose the matrix
5. EXIT
Enter your option: 2
mat[0][0] = 3    mat[0][1] = 5
mat[1][0] = 7    mat[1][1] = 9
.....

```

35. Write a program to fill a square matrix with value zero on the diagonals, 1 on the upper right triangle, and -1 on the lower left triangle.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
void read_matrix(int mat[5][5], int);
void display_matrix(int mat[5][5], int);
int main()
{
    int row;
    int mat1[5][5], mat2[5][5];
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of rows and
    columns of the matrix ");
    scanf("%d", &row);
    read_matrix(mat1, row);
    display_matrix(mat1, row);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

void read_matrix(int mat[5][5], int r)
{
    int i, j;
    for(i = 0; i < r; i++)
    {
        for(j = 0; j < r; j++)
        {
            if(i==j)
                mat[i][j] = 0;
            if(i>j)
                mat[i][j] = -1;
            else
                mat[i][j] = 1;
        }
    }
}

void display_matrix(int mat[5][5], int r)
{
    int i, j;
    for(i=0; i<r; i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j=0; j<r; j++)
```

```
printf("\t mat[%d][%d] = %d", i, j,
        mat[i][j]);
    }
}
```

Output

```
Enter the number of rows and columns of
the matrix: 2
1 0
-1 1
```

### 5.11 MULTIDIMENSIONAL ARRAYS

A multidimensional array in simple terms is an array of arrays. Like we have one index in a one-dimensional array, two indices in a two-dimensional array, in the same way we have n indices in a, n-dimensional array or multi dimensional array. Conversely, an n-dimensional array is specified using n indices. An n-dimensional  $m_1 \times m_2 \times m_3 \times \dots \times m_n$  array is a collection  $m_1 * m_2 * m_3 * \dots * m_n$  elements. In a multidimensional array, a particular element is specified by using n subscripts as  $A[I_1][I_2][I_3] \dots [I_n]$ , where,

$$I_1 \leq M_1 \quad I_2 \leq M_2 \quad I_3 \leq M_3 \quad \dots \quad I_n \leq M_n$$

A multidimensional array can contain as many indices as needed and the requirement of the memory increases with the number of indices used. However, practically speaking we will hardly use more than three indices in any program. Figure 5.35 shows a three-dimensional array. The array has three pages, four rows, and two columns.

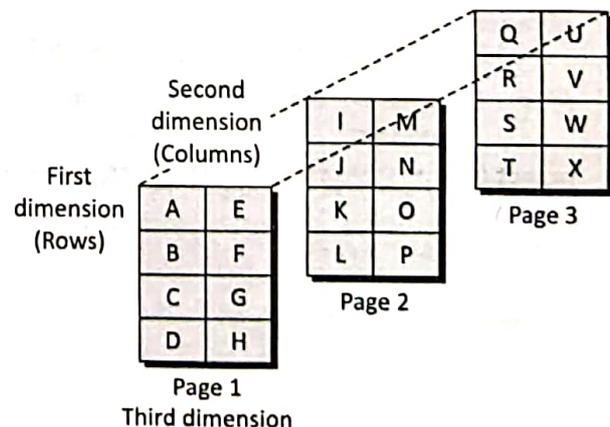


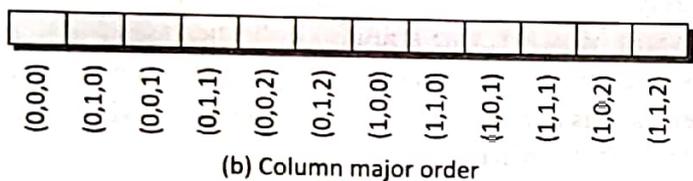
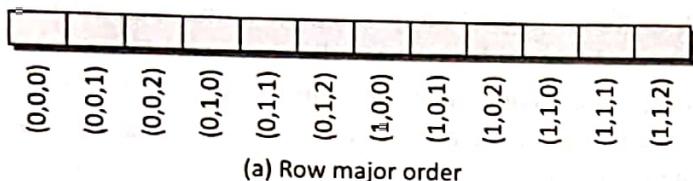
Figure 5.35 Three-dimensional array

A multidimensional array is declared and initialized similar to one- and two-dimensional arrays.

**Example 5.8** Consider a three dimensional array defined as `int A[2][3][2]`. Calculate the number of elements in the array. Also give the memory representation of the array in row major order and column major order.



A three-dimensional array consists of pages. Each page in turn contains m rows and n columns.



The three dimensional array will contain  $2 \times 3 \times 2 = 12$  elements.

36. Write a program to read and display a  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  array.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int array1[3][3][3], i, j, k;
    clrscr();

    printf("\n Enter the elements of the
           matrix");
    printf("\n *****");

    for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for(j = 0; j < 2; j++)
        {
            for(k = 0; k < 2; k++)
            {
                printf("\n array[%d][ %d][ %d]
                       = ", i, j, k);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
scanf("%d", &array1[i][j][k]);
    }
}
}
printf("\n The matrix is: ");
printf("\n *****");
for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)
{
    printf("\n\n");
    for(j = 0; j < 2; j++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(k = 0; k < 2; k++)
            printf("\tarray[%d][%d] %d = %d", i, j,
                  k, array1[i][j][k]);
    }
}
getch();
return 0;
}
```

Output

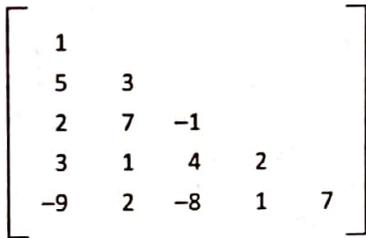
```
Enter the elements of the matrix
*****
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
arr[0][0][0] = 1           arr[0][0][1] = 2
arr[0][1][0] = 3           arr[0][1][1] = 4
arr[1][0][0] = 5           arr[1][0][1] = 6
arr[1][1][0] = 7           arr[1][1][1] = 8
```

### 5.12 SPARSE MATRICES

Sparse matrix is a matrix that has many elements with a value zero. In order to efficiently utilize the memory, specialized algorithms and data structures that take advantage of the sparse structure of the matrix should be used. If we apply operations using standard matrix structures and algorithms to sparse matrices, then execution will slow down and the matrix will consume large amounts of memory. Sparse data can be easily compressed which in turn can significantly reduce memory usage.

Basically, there are two types of sparse matrices. In the first type of sparse matrix, all elements above the main diagonal have a value zero. This type of sparse matrix is also called a *lower triangular matrix* because if you see it

pictorially, all the elements with a non-zero value appear below the diagonal. In a lower triangular matrix,  $A_{i,j} = 0$  where  $i > j$ . An  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrix A has one non zero element in the first row, two non-zero element, in the second row and likewise, n non-zero elements in the  $n^{th}$  row. Figure 5.36 shows a lower triangular matrix.

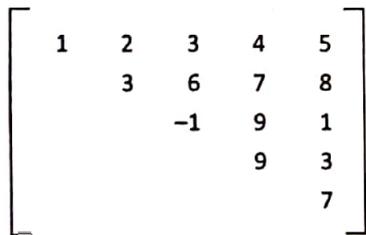


**Figure 5.36** Lower triangular matrix

To store the lower triangular matrix efficiently in memory, we can use a one-dimensional array which stores only the non-zero elements. The mapping between a two-dimensional matrix and a one-dimensional array can be done in any one of the following ways:

- (a) Row wise mapping—here the contents of array A[] will be {1, 5, 3, 2, 7, -1, 3, 1, 4, 2, -9, 2, -8, 1, 7}
- (b) Column wise mapping—here the contents of array A[] will be {1, 5, 2, 3, -9, 3, 7, 1, 2, -1, 4, -8, 2, 1, 7}

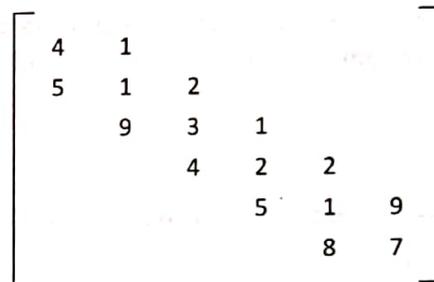
Like a lower triangular matrix, we also have an *upper triangular matrix* in which  $A_{i,j} = 0$  where  $i < j$ . An  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix A has n non zero element in the first row, n-1 non zero element in the second row and likewise, 1 non zero elements in the nth row. Figure 5.37 shows an upper triangular matrix.



**Figure 5.37** Upper triangular matrix

In the second variant of a sparse matrix, elements with a non-zero value can appear only on the diagonal or immediately above or below the diagonal. This type of matrix is also called a *tridiagonal matrix*. Hence in a tridiagonal matrix,  $A_{i,j} = 0$  where  $|i - j| > 1$ . Mathematically, in a tridiagonal matrix, if elements are present on the main diagonal, then it contains non-zero elements for  $i = j$ . In all there will be n elements diagonal by below the main diagonal, it contains non-zero elements for  $i = j + 1$ . In all there will be n - 1 elements diagonal above the main diagonal, it contains non zero elements for  $i = j - 1$ . In all there will be n - 1 elements

Figure 5.38 shows a tridiagonal matrix.



**Figure 5.38** Tridiagonal matrix

To store the tridiagonal matrix efficiently in memory, we can use a one-dimensional array which stores only the non-zero elements. The mapping between a two-dimensional matrix and a one-dimensional array can be done in any one of the following ways:

- (a) Row wise mapping—here the contents of array A[] will be {4, 1, 5, 1, 2, 9, 3, 1, 4, 2, 2, 5, 1, 9, 8, 7}
- (b) Column wise mapping—here the contents of array A[] will be {4, 5, 1, 1, 9, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 2, 1, 8, 9, 7}
- (c) Diagonal wise mapping—here the contents of array A[] will be {5, 9, 4, 5, 8, 4, 1, 3, 2, 1, 7, 1, 2, 1, 2, 9}

**SUMMARY**

- An array is a collection of similar data elements of the same data type.
- The elements of the array are stored in consecutive memory locations and are referenced by an index (also known as the subscript). Subscript indicates an ordinal number of the elements counted from the beginning of the array.
- Declaring an array means specifying three things: data type, name, and its size.
- The name of the array is a symbolic reference for the address of the first byte of the array. Therefore, whenever we use the array name, we are actually referring to the first byte of that array. The index specifies an offset from the beginning of the array to the element being referenced.
- A two-dimensional array is specified using two subscripts where one subscript denotes row and the other denotes column. C considers the two-

dimensional array as an array of a one-dimensional array.

- A multidimensional array in simple terms is an array of arrays. Like we have one index in a one-dimensional array, two indices in a two-dimensional array, in the same way we have  $n$  indices in an  $n$ -dimensional or multidimensional array. Conversely, an  $n$ -dimensional array is specified using  $n$  indices.
- Sparse matrix is a matrix that has many elements with a value zero. Basically, there are two types of sparse matrices. In the first type of sparse matrix, all elements above the main diagonal have a value zero. This type of sparse matrix is called a lower triangular matrix.
- In the second variant of a sparse matrix, elements with a non-zero value can appear only on the diagonal or immediately above or below the diagonal. This type of sparse matrix is called a tridiagonal matrix.

**GLOSSARY**

**Array** An array is a collection of similar data elements.

**Array index** Location of an item in an array.

**Binary search** Search a sorted array by repeatedly dividing the search interval in half. Begin with an interval covering the whole array. If the value of the search key is less than the item in the middle of the interval, narrow the interval to the lower half. Otherwise narrow it to the upper half. Repeatedly check until the value is found or the interval is empty.

**k-dimensional array** An array with exactly  $k$  orthogonal axes or  $k$  dimensions.

**Linear search** Search an array by checking elements one at a time.

**Lower triangular matrix** A matrix  $A_{ij}$  forms a lower triangular when  $i \geq j$ .

**Matrix** A two-dimensional array in which the first index is the row and the second index is the column.

**One-dimensional array** An array with one dimension or one subscript/index.

**Rectangular matrix** An  $n \times m$  matrix whose size may not be the same in both dimensions.

**Sparse matrix** A matrix that has relatively few non-zero elements.

**Three-dimensional array** An array with three dimensions or three subscripts/indices.

**Two-dimensional array** An array with two dimensions or two subscripts/indices.

**Upper triangular matrix** A matrix  $A_{ij}$  forms an upper triangular when  $i \leq j$ .

**EXERCISES**

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. An array is a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Every element is accessed using a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. An expression that evaluates to an \_\_\_\_\_ value may be used as an index.
4. The elements of an array are stored in \_\_\_\_\_ memory locations.
5. An  $n$ -dimensional array contains \_\_\_\_\_ subscripts.

6. Name of the array acts as a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Declaring an array means specifying the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The subscript or the index represents the offset from the beginning of the array to \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is used to access an element in the array.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ is the address of the first element in the array.
11. Length of the array is given by the number of \_\_\_\_\_.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ means accessing each element of the array for a specific purpose.
13. Performance of the linear search algorithm can be improved by using a \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The complexity of linear search algorithm is \_\_\_\_\_.
15. An array occupies \_\_\_\_\_ memory locations.
16. An array name is often known to be a \_\_\_\_\_ pointer.
17. A multi-dimensional array in simple terms is an \_\_\_\_\_.
18. `arr[3] = 10;` initializes the \_\_\_\_\_ element of the array with value 10.
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ search locates the value by starting at the beginning of the array and moving towards its end.

### Multiple Choice Questions

1. If an array is declared as `arr[] = {1,3,5,7,9};` then what is the value of `sizeof(arr[3])`?  
(a) 10 (b) 20  
(c) 30 (d) 40
2. If an array is declared as `arr[] = {1,3,5,7,9};` then what is the value of `arr[3]`?  
(a) 1 (b) 7  
(c) 9 (d) 5
3. If an array is declared as `double arr[50]`, how many bytes will be allocated to it?  
(a) 50 (b) 100  
(c) 200 (d) 400
4. If an array is declared as `int arr[50]`, how many elements can it hold?  
(a) 49 (b) 50  
(c) 51 (d) 0
5. If an array is declared as `int arr[5][5]`, how many elements can it store?  
(a) 5 (b) 25  
(c) 10 (d) 0
6. The worst case complexity is \_\_\_\_\_ when compared with the average case complexity of a binary search algorithm.  
(a) equal (b) greater  
(c) less (d) none of these
7. The complexity of binary search algorithm is  
(a)  $O(n)$  (b)  $O(n^2)$   
(c)  $O(n \log n)$  (d)  $O(\log n)$
8. In linear search, when VAL is equal to the first element of the array, which case is it?  
(a) worst case (b) average case  
(c) best case (d) amortized case
9. Given an integer array, `arr[]`; the *i*th element can be accessed by writing  
(a) `arr+i` (b) `*(i + arr)`  
(c) `arr[i]` (d) all of these

### State True or False

1. An array is used to refer to multiple memory locations having the same name.
2. An array need not be declared before being used.
3. An array contains elements of the same data type.
4. A loop is used to access all the elements of the array.
5. All the elements of the array are automatically initialized to zero when the array is defined.
6. An array stores all its data elements in non-consecutive memory location.
7. To copy an array, you must copy the value of every element of the first array into the element of the second array.
8. Lower bound is the index of the last element in the array.
9. Merged array contains contents of the first array followed by the contents of the second array.
10. Binary search is also called sequential search.
11. Linear Search is performed on a sorted array.
12. Binary search is the best searching algorithm for all types of arrays.

9. Merged array contains contents of the first array followed by the contents of the second array.
10. Binary search is also called sequential search.
11. Linear Search is performed on a sorted array.
12. Binary search is the best searching algorithm for all types of arrays.
13. It is possible to pass entire array as a function argument.
14. `arr[i]` is equivalent to writing `*(arr+i)`.
15. Array name is equivalent to the address of its last element.
16. When an array is passed to a function, C passes the value for each element.
17. When an array is passed to a function, it is always passed by call-by-reference method.
18. Linear search can be used to search a value in any array.
19. Linear search is recommended for small arrays.
20. A two-dimensional array is nothing but an array of one-dimensional arrays.
21. A two-dimensional array contains data of two different types.
22. When an array is declared, all its elements are automatically initialized to zero.
23. A char type variable can be used as a subscript in an array.
24. By default, the first subscript of the array is zero.
25. A long int value can be used as an array subscript.
26. The maximum number of dimensions that an array can have is 4.

### Review Questions

1. Why are arrays needed?
2. What does array name signify?
3. How is an array represented in memory?
4. How is a two-dimensional array represented in memory?
5. How can arrays be used for inter-function communication?
6. How are multi-dimensional arrays useful?
7. What happens when an array is initialized with
  - (a) fewer initializers as compared to its size?
  - (b) more initializers as compared to its size?
8. Explain sparse matrix.
9. Why does storing of sparse matrices need extra consideration? How are sparse matrices stored efficiently in the computer's memory?
10. For an array declared as `int arr[50]`, calculate the address of `arr[35]`, if `Base(arr) = 1000` and `w=2`.
11. Consider a 10 X 5 two dimensional array `Marks` which has base address = 2000 and the number of words per memory location of the array = 2. Now compute the address of the element- `Marks[8, 5]` assuming that the elements are stored in row major order.
12. Given an array, `int arr[] = {9, 18, 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, 81, 90, 99}`; Trace the steps of binary search algorithm to find value 90 and 17 from the array.
13. Which technique of searching an element in the array do you prefer to use and in which situation?
14. Write a program which deletes all duplicate elements from the array.
15. Write a program that tests the equality of two one-dimensional arrays.
16. Write a program that reads an array of 100 integers. Display all pairs of elements whose sum is 50.
17. Write a program to input an array of 10 numbers and swap the value of the largest and smallest number.
18. Write a program to interchange second element with the second last element.
19. Write a program that calculates the sum of squares of the elements.
20. Write a program to calculate the number of duplicate entries in the array.
21. Write a program to arrange the values of an array in such a way that even numbers precede the odd numbers.
22. Given a sorted array of integers; calculate the sum, mean, variance and standard deviation of the numbers in the array.
23. Write a program to compute the sum and mean of the elements of a two dimensional array.
24. Write a program to read and display a 3X3 matrix.
25. Write a program to transpose a 3X3 matrix.

## EXERCISES

26. Write a program that computes the sum of elements that are stored on the main diagonal of a matrix using pointers.
27. Write a program to count the total number of non-zero elements in a two dimensional array.
28. Write a program to read and display an array of 10 floating point numbers.
29. Write a program to read and display an array of 10 floating point numbers using functions.
30. Write a program to read an array of 10 floating point numbers. Display the mean of these numbers till two decimal places.
31. Write a program to read an array of 10 floating point numbers. Display the position of the largest number.
32. Write a program to read an array of 10 floating point numbers. Display the smallest number and its position in the array.
33. Write a program to input the elements of a two-dimensional array. Then from this array make two arrays- one that stores all odd elements of the two dimensional array and the other stores all even elements of the array.
34. Write a program to merge two integer arrays. Also display the merged array in reverse order
35. Write a program to transpose a 3X3X3 matrix.
36. Write a program to multiply two mXn matrices.
37. Write a menu driven program to add, subtract, and transpose two matrices.
38. Write a program that reads a matrix and displays the sum of its diagonal elements.
39. Write a program that reads a matrix and displays the sum of the elements above the main diagonal.  
*Hint: Calculate sum of elements of array A, where  $A_{ij}$  and  $i < j$*
40. Write a program that reads a matrix and displays the sum of the elements below the main diagonal.  
*Hint: Calculate sum of elements of array A, where  $A_{ij}$  and  $i > j$*   
*Hint: Calculate sum of elements of array A where  $A_{ij}$  and  $i > j$*
41. Write a program that reads a square matrix of size n. Write a function `int isUpperTriangular(int a[][], int n)` that returns 1 if the matrix is upper triangular.  
*Hint: Array A is upper triangular if  $A_{ij} = 0$  for  $i > j$*
42. Write a program that reads a square matrix of size n. Write a function `int isLowerTriangular(int a[][], int n)` that returns 1 if the matrix is lower triangular.  
*Hint: Array A is lower triangular if  $A_{ij} = 0$  for  $i < j$*
43. Write a program that reads a square matrix of size n. Write a function `int isSymmetric(int a[][], int n)` that returns 1 if the matrix is upper triangular.  
*Hint: Array A is symmetric if  $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$  for all values of  $i$  and  $j$*
44. Write a program to calculate  $XA + YB$  where A and B are matrices and  $X = 2$ , and  $Y = 3$ .
45. Write a program to find a given number from an unsorted array.
46. Write a program to find a given number from a sorted array.
47. Write a program to read an array of 10 floating point numbers. Display the position of the second largest number.
48. Write a program to enter five single digit numbers in an array. Form a number using the array elements.
49. Write a program to find whether number 3 is present in the array "arr[]={1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}.
50. Write a program to read a floating point array. Update the array to insert a new number at the specified location.
51. Write a program to read a sorted floating point array. Update the array to insert a new number.
52. Write a program to read a floating point array. Update the array to delete the number from the specified location.
53. Write a program to read a sorted floating point array. Update the array to delete the given number.
54. Modify the linear search program so that it operates on a sorted array.
55. Write a program to build an array of 100 random numbers in the range 1 to 100. Perform the following operations on the array.

53. Write a program to read a sorted floating point array. Update the array to delete the given number.
54. Modify the linear search program so that it operates on a sorted array.
55. Write a program to build an array of 100 random numbers in the range 1 to 100. Perform the following operations on the array.
- Count the number of elements that are completely divisible by 3.
  - Display the elements of the array by displaying a maximum of ten elements in one line.
  - Display only the even elements of the array by displaying a maximum of ten elements in one line.
  - Count the number of odd elements.
  - Find the smallest element in the array.
  - Find the position of the largest value in the array.
56. Write a program to read two floating point arrays. Merge these arrays and display the resultant array.
57. Write a program to read two sorted floating point arrays. Merge these arrays and display the resultant array.
58. How can one dimensional array be used for inter-process communication?
59. Write a program to read and display a p\*q\*r array.
60. Write a program to initialize all diagonal elements of a two-dimensional array to zero.
61. Consider a 10 X 10 two dimensional array which has base address = 1000 and the number of words per memory location of the array = 2. Now compute the address of the element arr[8][5] assuming that the elements are stored in row major order. Then calculate the same assuming the elements are stored in column major order.
62. Consider an array MARKS[20][5] which stores the marks obtained by 20 students in 5 subjects. Now

write a program to

- find the average marks obtained in each subject
- find the average marks obtained by every student
- find the number of students who have scored below 50 in their average
- display the scores obtained by every student

### Program Output

Identify errors, if any, in the following declaration statements.

- int marks(10);
- int marks[10, 5];
- int marks[10],[5];
- int marks[10];
- int marks[ ];
- int marks[10] [5];
- int marks[9+1][6-1];

Identify errors, if any, in the following initialization statements.

- int marks[ ] = {0,0,0,0};
- int marks[2][3] = {10,20,30,40};
- int marks[2,3] = {10, 20,30},{40,50,60};
- int marks[10]={0};

Find out the output of the following codes.

- ```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int i, arr[10];
    for(i=0;i<10;i++)
        arr[i*2] = 1;
    for(i=0;i<10;i++)
        arr[i*2+1] = -1;
    for(i=0;i<10;i++)
        printf("\t %d", arr[i]);
    return 0;
}
```
- ```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
```

```
int arr[]={0,1,2,0,1,2,0,1,2};
printf("\n %d",arr[3]);
printf("\n %d",arr[arr[3]]);
printf("\n %d",arr[arr[3]+arr[1]]);
printf("\n %d",
arr[arr[arr[arr[1]]]);
return 0;
}

3. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
int arr1[]={0,1,2,0,1,2,0,1,2,0};
int i, arr2[10];
for(i=0;i<10;i++)
arr2[i] = arr1[9-i];
for(i=0;i<10;i++)
printf("\t %d", arr2[i]);
return 0;
}
```

## ANNEXURE 3

**A3.1 INTRODUCTION TO SORTING**

The term *sorting* means arranging the elements of the array in some relevant order which may either be ascending or descending, i.e., if A is an array, then the elements of A are arranged in sorted order (ascending order) in such a way that,  $A[0] < A[1] < A[2] < \dots < A[N]$ .

For example, if we have an array that is declared and initialized as,

```
int A[] = {21, 34, 11, 9, 1, 0, 22};
```

Then the sorted array (ascending order) can be given as,  $A[] = \{0, 1, 9, 11, 21, 22, 34\}$ .

A *sorting algorithm* is defined as an algorithm that puts elements of a list in a certain order (that can either be numerical, lexicographical, or any user-defined order). Efficient sorting algorithms are widely used to optimize the use of other algorithms like search and merge algorithms which require sorted lists to work correctly. There are two types of sorting:

- *Internal sorting* which deals with sorting the data stored in computer's memory.
- *External sorting* which deals with sorting the data stored in files. External sorting is applied when there is voluminous data that cannot be stored in computer's memory.

In this section we will discuss only about internal sorting.

**A3.2 BUBBLE SORT**

Bubble sort is a very simple method that sorts the array elements by repeatedly moving the largest element to the highest index position of the array (case of arranging elements in ascending order). In bubble sorting, consecutive adjacent pairs of elements in the array are compared with each other. If the element at the lower index is greater than the element at the higher index, the two elements are interchanged so that the smaller element is placed before the bigger one. This process is continued till the list of unsorted elements gets exhausted.

This procedure of sorting is called bubble sorting because the smaller elements 'bubble' to the top of the list. At the end of the first pass, the largest element in the list

will be placed at the end of the list. Bubble sort is also referred to as sinking sort.



If the elements are to be sorted in descending order, then with each pass the smallest element is moved to the lowest index of the array.

**Bubble Sort Example**

To discuss the bubble sort let us consider an array that has the following elements:

```
A[] = {30, 52, 29, 87, 63, 27, 18, 54}
```

**Pass 1:**

- Compare 30 and 52. Since  $30 < 52$ , then no swapping is done.
- Compare 52 and 29. Since  $52 > 29$ , swapping is done. 30, 29, 52, 87, 63, 27, 19, 54
- Compare 52 and 87. Since  $52 < 87$ , no swapping is done.
- Compare, 87 and 63. Since,  $87 > 63$ , swapping is done. 30, 29, 52, 63, 87, 27, 19, 54
- Compare 87 and 27. Since  $87 > 27$ , swapping is done. 30, 29, 52, 63, 27, 87, 19, 54
- Compare 87 and 19. Since  $87 > 19$ , swapping is done. 30, 29, 52, 63, 27, 19, 87, 54
- Compare 87 and 54. Since  $87 > 54$ , swapping is done. 30, 29, 52, 63, 27, 19, 54, 87

Observe that after the end of the first pass, the largest element is placed at the highest index of the array. All the other elements are still unsorted.

**Pass 2:**

- Compare 30 and 29. Since  $30 > 29$ , swapping is done. 29, 30, 52, 63, 27, 19, 54, 87
- Compare 30 and 52. Since  $30 < 52$ , no swapping is done.
- Compare 52 and 63. Since  $52 < 63$ , no swapping is done.
- Compare 63 and 27. Since  $63 > 27$ , swapping is done. 29, 30, 52, 27, 63, 19, 54, 87

- (e) Compare 63 and 19. Since  $63 > 19$ , swapping is done.  
29, 30, 52, 27, 19, 63, 54, 87
- (f) Compare 63 and 54. Since  $63 > 54$ , swapping is done.  
29, 30, 52, 27, 19, 54, 63, 87

Observe that after the end of the second pass, the second largest element is placed at the second highest index of the array. All the other elements are still unsorted.

#### Pass 3:

- (a) Compare 29 and 30. Since  $29 < 30$ , no swapping is done.
- (b) Compare 30 and 52. Since  $30 < 52$ , no swapping is done.
- (c) Compare 52 and 27. Since  $52 > 27$ , swapping is done.  
29, 30, 27, 52, 19, 54, 63, 87
- (d) Compare 52 and 19. Since  $52 > 19$ , swapping is done.  
29, 30, 27, 19, 52, 54, 63, 87
- (e) Compare 52 and 54. Since  $52 < 54$ , no swapping is done.

Observe that after the end of the third pass, the third largest element is placed at the third highest index of the array. All the other elements are still unsorted.

#### Pass 4:

- (a) Compare 29 and 30. Since  $29 < 30$ , no swapping is done.
- (b) Compare 30 and 27. Since  $30 > 27$ , swapping is done.  
29, 27, 30, 19, 52, 54, 63, 87
- (c) Compare 30 and 19. Since  $30 > 19$ , swapping is done.  
29, 27, 19, 30, 52, 54, 63, 87
- (d) Compare 30 and 52. Since  $30 < 52$ , no swapping is done.

Observe that after the end of the fourth pass, the fourth largest element is placed at the fourth highest index of the array. All the other elements are still unsorted.

#### Pass 5:

- (a) Compare 29 and 27. Since  $29 > 27$ , swapping is done.  
27, 29, 19, 30, 52, 54, 63, 87
- (b) Compare 29 and 19. Since  $29 > 19$ , swapping is done.  
27, 19, 29, 30, 52, 54, 63, 87
- (c) Compare 29 and 30. Since  $29 < 30$ , no swapping is done.

Observe that after the end of the fifth pass, the fifth largest element is placed at the fifth highest index of the array. All the other elements are still unsorted.

#### Pass 6:

- (a) Compare 27 and 19. Since  $27 > 19$ , swapping is done.  
19, 27, 29, 30, 52, 54, 63, 87
- (b) Compare 27 and 29. Since  $27 < 29$ , no swapping is done.

Observe that after the end of the sixth pass, the sixth largest element is placed at the sixth largest index of the array. All the other elements are still unsorted.

#### Pass 7:

- (a) Compare 19 and 27. Since  $19 < 27$ , no swapping is done.

Observe that the entire list is sorted now.

### Algorithm for Bubble Sort

If we see the basic methodology of the working of bubble sort, we can generalize the working as follows:

1. In Pass 1,  $A[1]$  and  $A[2]$  are compared, then  $A[2]$  is compared with  $A[3]$ ,  $A[3]$  is compared with  $A[4]$ , and so on. Finally,  $A[N-1]$  is compared with  $A[N]$ . Pass 1 involves  $N-1$  comparisons and places the biggest element at the highest index of the array.
2. In Pass 2,  $A[1]$  and  $A[2]$  are compared, then  $A[2]$  is compared with  $A[3]$ ,  $A[3]$  is compared with  $A[4]$ , and so on. Finally,  $A[N-2]$  is compared with  $A[N-1]$ . Pass 2 involves  $N-2$  comparisons and places the second biggest element at the second highest index of the array.
3. In Pass 3,  $A[1]$  and  $A[2]$  are compared, then  $A[2]$  is compared with  $A[3]$ ,  $A[3]$  is compared with  $A[4]$ , and so on. Finally,  $A[N-3]$  is compared with  $A[N-2]$ . Pass 3 involves  $N-3$  comparisons and places the third biggest element at the second highest index of the array  $(N-1)$ . In Pass  $N-1$ ,  $A[1]$  and  $A[2]$  are compared so that  $A[1] < A[2]$ . After this step, all the elements of the array are arranged in ascending order.

Figure A3.1 shows the algorithm for bubble sort. In this algorithm, the outer loop is for the total number of passes which is  $N-1$ . The inner loop will be executed for

every pass. However, the frequency of the inner loop will decrease with every pass because after every pass one element will be in its correct position. So, for every pass, the inner loop will be executed  $N-I$  times, where  $N$  is the number of elements in the array and  $I$  is the count of the pass.

**BUBBLE\_SORT(A, N)**

```

Step 1: Repeat steps 2 For I = 0 to N-1
Step 2: Repeat For J = 0 to N - I
Step 3: If A[J] > A[J + 1], then
        SWAP A[J] and A[J+1]
        [End of Inner Loop]
        [End of Outer Loop]
Step 4: EXIT
    
```

**Figure A3.1** Algorithm for bubble sort

1. Write a program to enter  $n$  numbers in an array. Redisplay the array with elements being sorted in ascending order.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n, temp, j, arr [10];
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter the elements ");
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
        scanf("%d", &arr [i]);
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        for(j = 0; j < n-i; j++)
        {
            if(arr [j] > arr [j+1])
            {
                temp = arr [j];
                arr [j] = arr [j+1];
                arr [j+1] = temp;
            }
        }
    }
    printf("\n The array sorted in ascending
order is: \n");
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
        printf("\t %d", i, arr[i]);
    
```

```

getch();
return 0;
}
    
```

**Output**

```

Enter the number of elements in the
array: 6
Enter the elements 27 72 36 63 45 54
The array sorted in ascending order is:
27 36 45 54 63 72
    
```

2. Write a program to enter  $n$  numbers in an array. Redisplay the array with elements being sorted in descending order.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n, j, temp, arr[10];
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter the elements ");
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        for(j= 0; j<n-i-1; j++)
        {
            if(arr[j] < arr[j+1])
            {
                temp = arr[j];
                arr[j] = arr[j+1];
                arr[j+1] = temp;
            }
        }
    }
    printf("\n The array sorted in descending
order is:");
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
        printf("\n Arr[%d] = %d", i, arr[i]);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
    
```

**Output**

```

Enter the number of elements in the array: 6
Enter the elements 27 72 36 63 45 54
The array sorted in descending order is:
72 63 54 45 36 27
    
```

### A3.3 INSERTION SORT

Insertion sort is a very simple sorting algorithm, in which the sorted array (or list) is built one element at a time. We all are familiar with this technique of sorting as we usually use it for ordering a deck of cards while playing bridge.

The main idea behind insertion sort is that it inserts each item into its proper place in the final list. To save memory, most implementations of the insertion sort algorithm work by moving the current data element past the already sorted values and repeatedly interchanging it with the preceding value until it is in its correct place.

Although insertion sort is less efficient when compared with other more advanced algorithms such as quick sort, heap sort, and merge sort, we will still read about its technique to gain an understanding of the subject.

#### The Technique

Insertion sort works as follows:

- The array of values to be sorted is divided into two sets. One that stores sorted values and the other contains unsorted values.
- The sorting algorithm will proceed until there are elements in the unsorted set.
- Suppose there are  $n$  elements in the array. Initially the element with index 0 (assuming LB, Lower Bound = 0) is in the sorted set, rest of the elements are in the unsorted set.
- The first element of the unsorted partition has array index 1 (if LB = 0).
- During each iteration of the algorithm, the first element in the unsorted set is picked up and inserted into the correct position in the sorted set.

**Example A 3.1** Consider an array of integers given below. Sort the values in the array using insertion sort.

	39	9	45	63	18	81	108	54	72	36
Pass 1:	39	9	45	63	18	81	108	54	72	36
Pass 2:	9	39	45	63	18	81	108	54	72	36

Pass 3:	9	39	45	63	18	81	108	54	72	36
Pass 4:	9	39	45	63	18	81	108	54	72	36
Pass 5:	9	18	39	45	63	81	108	54	72	36
Pass 6:	9	18	39	45	63	81	108	54	72	36
Pass 7:	9	18	39	45	63	81	108	54	72	36
Pass 8:	9	18	39	45	54	63	81	108	72	36
Pass 9:	9	18	39	45	54	63	73	81	108	36
Pass 10:	9	18	36	39	45	54	63	72	81	108

In Pass 1, A[0] is the only element in the sorted set. In Pass 2, A[1] will be placed either before or after A[0], so that the array A is sorted. In Pass 3, A[2] will be placed either before A[0], in-between A[0] and A[1] or after A[1], so that the array is sorted. In Pass 4, A[4] will be placed in its proper place so that the array A is sorted. In Pass N, A[N-1] will be placed in its proper place so that the array A is sorted.

Therefore, to insert the element A[K] in the sorted list A[0], A[1], ..., A[K-1], we need to compare A[K] with A[K-1], then with A[K-2], then with A[K-3] until we meet an element A[J] such that A[J] ≤ A[K].

In order to insert A[K] in its correct position, we need to move each element A[K-1], A[K-2], ..., A[J] by one position and then A[K] is inserted at the (J+1)<sup>th</sup> location. The algorithm for insertion sort is given in Figure A 3.2.

```

Insertion sort (ARR, N); where ARR is an array of N elements

Step 1: Repeat Steps 2 to 5 for K = 1 to N
Step 2:   SET TEMP = ARR[K]
Step 3:   SET J = K - 1
Step 4:   Repeat while TEMP <= ARR[J]
           SET ARR[J + 1] = ARR[J]
           SET J = J - 1
           [END OF INNER LOOP]
Step 5:   SET ARR[J + 1] = TEMP
           [END OF LOOP]
Step 6:   EXIT
    
```

**Figure A3.2** Algorithm for insertion sort

In the algorithm, Step 1 executes a for loop which will be repeated for each element in the array. In Step 2, we store the value of  $K^{\text{th}}$  element in TEMP. In step 3, we set the  $J^{\text{th}}$  index in array. In Step 4, a for loop is executed that will create space for the new element from the unsorted list to be stored in the list of sorted elements. Finally, in Step 5, the element is stored at the  $J^{\text{th}}$  location.

### Advantages of Insertion Sort

The advantages of this sorting algorithm are as follows:

- Easy to implement
  - Efficient to use on small sets of data
  - Efficient implementation on data sets that are already substantially sorted
  - Performs better than algorithms such as selection sort and bubble sort. Insertion sort algorithm is much simpler than the shell sort, with only a small trade-off in efficiency. While, the insertion sort is twice as fast as the bubble sort, it is almost 40% faster than the selection sort.
  - Requires less memory space
  - Considered to be online as it can sort a list as and when it receives new elements
3. Write a program to sort an array ARR using insertion sort algorithm.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
void insertion_sort(int arr[],int n);
void main()
{
    int arr[10], i, n, j, k;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter the elements of the
array");
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        printf("\n arr[%d] = ", i);
        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    }
    insertion_sort(arr,n);
    printf("\n The sorted array is: \n");
    for(i = 0; i < 10; i++)
```

```
        printf("%d\t", arr[i]);
        getch();
    }
void insertion_sort(int arr[], int n)
{
    int i, j, temp;
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        temp = arr[i];
        j = i-1;
        while((temp < arr[j]) && (j>=0))
        {
            arr[j+1] = arr[j];
            j--;
        }
        arr[j+1] = temp;
    }
}
```

### Output

```
Enter the number of elements in the array: 6
Enter the elements of the array 27 72 36 63
45 54
The sorted array is:
27 36 45 54 63 72
```

## A3.4 SELECTION SORT

Selection sort is a sorting algorithm that has quadratic running time complexity given as  $O(n^2)$  thereby making it inefficient to be used on large lists. Although, selection sort performs worse than insertion sort algorithm it is noted for its simplicity, and also has performance advantages over more complicated algorithms in certain situations. Selection sort is generally the preferred choice for sorting files with very large objects (records) and small keys.

### The Technique

Consider an array ARR with N elements. The selection sort takes N-1 passes to sort the entire array and works as follows. First find the smallest value in the array and place it in the first position. Then find the second smallest value in the array and place it in the second position. Repeat this procedure until the entire array is sorted. Therefore,

In Pass 1, find the position POS of the smallest value in the array and then swap ARR[POS] and ARR[0]. Thus, ARR[0] is sorted.

In pass 2, find the position POS of the smallest value in sub-array of N-1 elements. Swap ARR[POS] with ARR[1]. Now, A[0] and A[1] is sorted.

In pass 3, find the position POS of the smallest value in sub-array of N-2 elements. Swap ARR[POS] with ARR[2]. Now ARR[0], ARR[1] and ARR[2] is sorted.

In pass N-1, find the position POS of the smaller of the elements ARR[N-2] and ARR[N-1]. Swap ARR[POS] and ARR[N-2] so that ARR[0], ARR[1], ..., ARR[N-1] is sorted.

The algorithm for selection sort is shown in Figure A 3.3. In the algorithm, during the K<sup>th</sup> pass we need to find the position POS of the smallest elements from ARR[K], ARR[K+1], ..., ARR[N]. To find the smallest element we will use a variable SMALL to hold the smallest value in the subarray ranging from ARR[K] to ARR[N]. Then swap ARR[K] with ARR[POS]. This procedure is repeated until all the elements in the array are sorted.

**SMALLEST (ARR, K, N, POS)**

```

Step 1: [Initialize] SET SMALL = ARR[K]
Step 2: [Initialize] SET POS = K
Step 3: Repeat for J = K+1 to N
        IF SMALL > ARR[J], then
            SET SMALL = ARR[J]
            SET POS = J
        [END OF IF]
    [END OF LOOP]
Step 4: Exit
    
```

**Selection Sort to sort an array ARR with N elements**

```

Step 1: Repeat Steps 2 and 3 for K =1 to N-1
Step 2: CALL SMALLEST(ARR, K, N, POS)
Step 3: SWAP A[K] with ARR[POS]
        [END OF LOOP]
Step 4: Exit
    
```

**Figure A3.3** Algorithm for selection sort

The advantages of the selection sort algorithm are as follows:

- simple and easy to implement
- can be used for small data sets
- 60% more efficient than bubble sort algorithm

The disadvantage is that it is inefficient for large data sets. Insertion sort is considered to be better than selection sort and bubble sort.

4. Write a program to sort an array using selection sort algorithm.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int smallest(int arr[], int k, int n);
void selection_sort(int arr[], int n);
void main()
{
    int arr[10], i, n, j, k;
    clrscr();
    
```

**Example A 3.2** Sort the array given below using selection sort

39	9	81	45	90	27	72	18
----	---	----	----	----	----	----	----

PASS	LOC	ARR[0]	ARR[1]	ARR[2]	ARR[3]	ARR[4]	ARR[5]	ARR[6]	ARR[7]
1	1	9	39	81	45	90	27	72	18
2	7	9	18	81	45	90	27	72	39
3	5	9	18	27	45	90	81	72	39
4	7	9	18	27	39	90	81	72	45
5	7	9	18	27	39	45	81	72	90
6	6	9	18	27	39	45	72	81	90

```

printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the array: ");
scanf("%d", &n);
printf("\n Enter the elements of the
array");
for(i = 0;i < n;i++)
{
    printf("\n arr[%d] = ", i);
    scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
}
selection_sort(arr, n);
printf("\n The sorted array is: \n");
for(i = 0;i<n;i++)
    printf("%d\t", arr[i]);
getch();
}
int smallest(int arr[], int k, int n)
{
    int pos = k, small=arr[k], i;
    for(i = k+1;i < n;i++)
    {
        if(arr[i]< small)
        {
            small = arr[i];
            pos = i;
        }
    }
    return pos;
}
void selection_sort(int arr[],int n)
{
    int k, pos, temp;
    for(k = 0;k < n;k++)
    {
        pos = smallest(arr, k, n);
        temp = arr[k];
        arr[k] = arr[pos];
        arr[pos] = temp;
    }
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the number of elements in the array: 6
Enter the elements of the array 27 72 36 63
45 54
The sorted array is:
27 36 45 54 63 72

```

**A3.5 RADIX/BUCKET SORT**

Radix sort is a linear sorting algorithm for integers that uses the concept of sorting names in alphabetical order. When we have a list of sorted names, the radix is 26 (or 26 buckets) because there are 26 letters of the alphabet. Observe that words are first sorted according to the first letter of the name, i.e., 26 classes are used to arrange the names, where the first class stores the names that begins with 'A', the second class contains names with 'B', and so on.

During the second pass, names are grouped according to the second letter. After the second pass, the names are sorted on the first two letters. This process is continued till the n<sup>th</sup> pass, where n is the length of the names with maximum letters.

After every pass, all the names are collected in order of buckets, i.e., first pick up the names in the first bucket that contains names beginning with 'A'. In the second pass collect the names from the second bucket, and so on.

When radix sort is used on integers, sorting is done on each of the digits in the number. The sorting procedure proceeds by sorting the least significant to most significant digit. When sorting numbers 0–9, we will have ten buckets, each for one digit (0, 1, 2,..., 9) and the number of passes will depend on the length of the number having maximum digits.

**Example A3.3** Sort the numbers given below using radix sort.

345, 654, 924, 123, 567, 472, 555, 808, 911  
 In the first pass the numbers are sorted according to the digit in the ones place. The buckets are pictured upside down as shown.

Number	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
345						345				
654					654					
924					924					
123				123						
567								567		
472			472							
555						555				
808									808	
911		911								

After this pass, the numbers are collected bucket by bucket. The new list thus formed is used as an input for the next pass. In the second pass, the numbers are sorted according to the digit in the tens place. The buckets are pictured upside down.

Number	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
911		911								
472								472		
123			123							
654						654				
924			924							
345					345					
555						555				
567							567			
808	808									

After this pass, the numbers are collected bucket by bucket. The new list thus formed is used as an input for the next pass. In the third pass the numbers are sorted according to the digit at the hundreds place. The buckets are pictured upside down.

Number	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
808									808	
911										911
123		123								
924										924
345				345						
654							654			
555						555				
567						567				
472					472					

After this pass, the numbers are collected bucket by bucket. The new list thus formed is the final sorted result. After the third pass, the list can be given as,

123, 345, 472, 555, 567, 654, 808, 911, 924.

### Pros and Cons

Radix sort is a very simple algorithm. When programmed properly, it is one of the fastest sorting algorithms for numbers or strings of letters (Figure A3.4).

#### Algorithm for RadixSort (ARR, N)

- Step 1: Find the largest number in ARR as LARGE
- Step 2: [Initialize] SET NOP = Number of digits in LARGE
- Step 3: SET PASS = 0
- Step 4: Repeat Step 5 while PASS <= NOP - 1
- Step 5: SET I = 0 AND Initialize buckets
- Step 6: Repeat Step 7 to Step 9 while I < N-1
- Step 7: SET DIGIT = digit at PASSth place in A[I]
- Step 8: Add A[I] to the bucket numbered DIGIT
- Step 9: INCEREMENT bucket count for bucket numbered DIGIT  
[END OF LOOP]
- Step 10: Collect the numbers in the bucket  
[END OF LOOP]
- Step 11: END

Figure A3.4 Algorithm for radix sort

But there are certain tradeoffs for radix sort that makes it less preferable than other sorting algorithms. Radix sort takes more space than other sorting algorithms, since besides the array of numbers, we need 10 buckets to sort numbers, 26 buckets to sort strings containing only alphabets, and at least 40 buckets to sort a string containing alphanumeric characters.

Another drawback of the radix sort is that the algorithm is dependent on the digits or letters. This feature compromises with the flexibility to sort input of any data type. For every different data type, radix sort algorithm has to be rewritten. Even if the sorting order changes, the algorithm has to be rewritten again. Thus, radix sort takes more time to write and writing a general purpose radix sort algorithm that can handle all kinds of data is not a trivial task.

Although radix sort is a good choice for many programs that need a fast sort, there are faster sorting algorithms. This is the main reason why radix Sort is not as widely used as other sorting algorithms.

**5. Write a program to implement radix sort algorithm.**

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int largest(int arr[], int n);
void radix_sort(int arr[], int n);
void main()
{
    int arr[10], i, n, j, k;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the array : ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter the elements of the
array");
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        printf("\n arr[%d] = ", i);
        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    }
    radix_sort(arr, n);
    printf("\n The sorted array is: \n");
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
        printf("%d\t", arr[i]);
    getch();
}
int largest(int arr[], int n)
```

```
{
    int large=arr[0], i;
    for(i = 1; i < n; i++)
    {
        if(arr[i] > large)
            large = arr[i];
    }
    return large;
}
void radix_sort(int arr[], int n)
{
    int bucket[10][10], bucket_count[10];
    int i, j, k, remainder, NOP=0, divisor=1,
    large, pass;
    large = largest(arr, n);
    while(large > 0)
    {
        NOP++;
        large/=10;
    }
    for(pass = 0; pass < NOP; pass++) //
    Initialize the buckets
    {
        for(i = 0; i < 10; i++)
            bucket_count[i]=0;
        for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
        {
            // sort the numbers according to the
            digit at the place specified by pass
            remainder = (arr[i]/divisor)%10;
            bucket[remainder][bucket_
            count[remainder]] = arr[i];
            bucket_count[remainder] += 1;
        }
        // collect the numbers after PASS pass
        i=0;
        for(k = 0; k < 10; k++)
        {
            for(j = 0; j < bucket_count[k]; j++)
            {
                arr[i] = bucket[k][j];
                i++;
            }
        }
        divisor *= 10;
    }
}
```

**Output**

Enter the number of elements in the array: 5  
 Enter the elements of the array: 54 39 63 44 27  
 The sorted array is: 27 39 44 54 63

**A3.6 SHELL SORT**

Shell sort, invented by Donald Shell, is a sorting algorithm that is a generalization of insertion sort. While reading about insertion sort you must have observed two things.

- Insertion sort works well when the input data is 'almost sorted'
- It is quite inefficient to use as it moves values just one position at a time.

Shell sort is considered as an improvement over insertion sort as it compares elements separated by a gap of several positions. This enables the element to take bigger steps towards its expected position. In shell sort, the elements are sorted in multiple passes and in each pass data are taken with smaller and smaller gap sizes. However, the last step of shell sort is a plain insertion sort. But by the time we reach the last step, the elements are already 'almost sorted', and hence provides good performance.

If we take a scenario in which the smallest element is stored in the other end of the array then sorting such an array with either bubble sort or insertion sort will take  $O(n^2)$  time and roughly  $n$  comparisons and exchanges to move this value all the way to its correct position. On the other hand, shell sort first moves small values using giant step sizes, so a small value will move a long way towards its final position, with just a few comparisons and exchanges.

**The Technique**

To visualize the way in which shell sort works, perform the following steps:

**Step 1:** Arrange the elements of the array in the form of a table and sort the columns (using an insertion sort).

**Step 2:** Repeat Step 1, each time with smaller number of longer columns in such a way that at the end there is only one column of data to be sorted.

We are only visualizing the elements being arranged in a table, the algorithm does its sorting in-place.

**Example A3.4** Sort the elements given below using shell sort.

63, 19, 7, 90, 81, 36, 54, 45, 72, 27, 22, 9, 41, 59, 33  
 Arrange the elements of the array in the form of a table and sort the columns.

63	19	7	90	81	36	54	45
72	27	22	9	41	59	33	

**Result**

63	19	7	9	41	36	33	45
72	27	22	90	81	59	54	

The elements of the array can be given as: 63, 19, 7, 9, 41, 36, 33, 45, 72, 27, 22, 90, 81, 59, 54.

Now again, arrange the elements of the array in the form of a table and sort the columns with smaller number of long columns.

63	19	7	9	41
36	33	45	72	27
22	90	81	59	54

**Result**

22	19	7	9	27
36	33	45	59	41
63	90	81	72	54

Again arrange the elements of the array in the form of a table and sort the columns with smaller number of long columns.

22	19	7
9	27	36
33	45	59
41	63	90
81	72	54

Result

9	19	7
22	27	36
33	45	54
41	63	59
81	72	90

Again arrange the elements of the array in the form of a table and sort the columns with smaller number of long columns

9	19
7	22
27	36
33	45
54	41
63	59
81	72
90	

Result

7	19
9	22
27	36
33	41
54	45
63	59
81	72
90	

Finally arrange the elements of the array in a single column and sort the column

7
19
9
22

27
36
33
41
54
45
63
59
81
72
90

Result

The final list of the array is sorted using insertion sort and the sorted list can be given as:

7, 9, 19, 22, 27, 33, 36, 41, 45, 54, 59, 63, 72, 81, 90

Algorithm

The algorithm to sort an array of elements using shell sort can be given as shown in Figure A3.5.

```

Shell_Sort ( Arr, n)
Step 1: SET Flag = 1, gap_size = n
Step 2: Repeat Steps 3 to 6 while Flag = 1 OR gap_size > 1
Step 3:     SET Flag = 0
Step 4:     SET gap_size = (gap_size + 1) / 2
Step 5:     Repeat Step 6 FOR i = 0 to i < (n - gap_size)
Step 6:         IF Arr[i + gap_size] > Arr[i], then
                   SWAP Arr[i + gap_size], Arr[i]
                   SET Flag = 0
Step 7: END
    
```

Figure A3.5 Algorithm for shell sort

In the algorithm, we sort the elements of the array Arr in multiple passes. In each pass, we reduce the gap\_size (visualize it as number of columns) by a factor of half as done in Step 4. In each iteration of the for loop in Step 5, we compare the values of the array and interchange them if we have a larger value preceding the smaller one.

## 6. Write a program to implement shell sort.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int arr[10];
    int i, j, n, flag = 1, gap_size, temp;
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
    in the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter %d numbers: ");
    for(i= 0;i< n;i++)
    scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    while(flag == 1 || gap_size > 1)
    {
        flag = 0;
        gap_size = (gap_size + 1)/2;
        for(i=0; i< (n - gap_size); i++)
```

```
{
    if( arr[i+gap_size] > arr[i])
    {
        temp = arr[i+gap_size];
        arr[i+gap_size] = arr[i];
        arr[i] = temp;
    }
}
printf("\n The sorted array is: \n");
for(i = 0;i < n;i++)
printf("%d", arr[i]);
}
```

## Output

```
Enter the number of elements in the array: 5
Enter 5 numbers: 54 27 36 63 45 54
The sorted array is: 27 36 45 54 63
```



# Case Study for Chapters 4 and 5

In this case study, we will apply the concepts of functions and arrays to implement merge sort and quick sort. Both these sorting techniques use divide and conquer technique to sort the elements. Merge sort and quick sort are widely used for online sorting where data may not be present as one big chunk in the beginning but may be available in pieces.

## Merge Sort

Merge sort is a sorting algorithm that uses the divide, conquer, and combine algorithmic paradigm, where

- **Divide** means partitioning the  $n$ -element array to be sorted into two sub-arrays with  $n/2$  elements in each. (If  $A$  is an array containing zero or one element, then it is already sorted. However, if there are more elements in the array, divide  $A$  into two sub-arrays,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , each containing about half of the elements of  $A$ ).
- **Conquer** means sorting the two sub-arrays recursively using merge sort.
- **Combine** means merging the two sorted sub-arrays of size  $n/2$  each to produce the sorted array of  $n$  elements.

Merge sort algorithm focuses on two main concepts to improve its performance (running time):

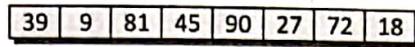
1. A smaller list takes few steps and thus less time to sort than a large list.
2. Less steps, thus less time is needed to create a sorted list from two sorted lists rather than creating it using two unsorted lists.

The basic steps of a merge sort algorithm are as follows:

1. If the array is of length 0 or 1, then it is already sorted. Otherwise:
2. (Conceptually) Divide the unsorted array into two sub-arrays of about half the size.
3. Use merge sort algorithm recursively to sort each sub-array.
4. Merge the two sub-arrays to form a single sorted list.

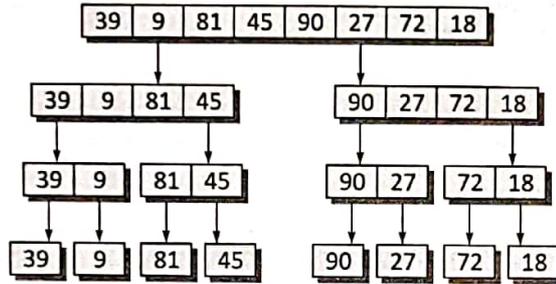
**Example I**

Sort the array given in Figure I using merge sort.



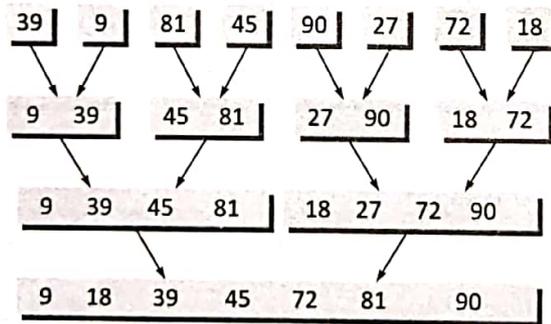
**Figure I** Unsorted array

Divide and conquer the array [Figure II (a)].



(a)

Combine the elements to form a sorted array [Figure II (b)].



(b)

**Figure II** Divide and Conquer technique to sort the elements

The merge sort algorithm (Figure III) uses a function merge which combines the sub-arrays to form a sorted array. While the merge sort algorithm recursively divides the list into smaller lists, the merge algorithm conquers the list to sort the elements in the individual lists. Finally, the smaller lists are merged to form one list.

```

MERGE_SORT( ARR, BEG, END)

Step 1: IF BEG < END, then
    SET MID = (BEG + END) / 2
    CALL MERGE_SORT( ARR, BEG, MID)
    CALL MERGE_SORT( ARR, MID + 1, END)
    MERGE (ARR, BEG, MID, END)
[END OF IF]
Step 2: END
    
```

**Figure III** Algorithm for merge sort

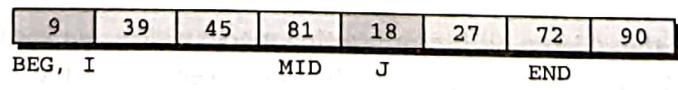
The merge algorithm is shown in Figure IV. For the sake of understanding we have taken two sub-lists each containing four elements (Figure V). To understand the merge algorithm, consider Figure VI which shows how we merge two lists to form one list. The same concept can be utilized to merge 4 sub-lists containing two elements, and eight sub-lists having just one element.

```

MERGE (ARR, BEG, MID, END)

Step 1: [Initialize] SET I = BEG, J = MID + 1, INDEX = 0
Step 2: Repeat while (I <= MID) AND (J<=END)
        IF ARR[I] < ARR[J], then
            SET TEMP[INDEX] = ARR[I]
            SET I = I + 1
        ELSE
            SET TEMP[INDEX] = ARR[J]
            SET J = J + 1
        [END OF IF]
        SET INDEX = INDEX + 1
    [END OF LOOP]
Step 3: [ Copy the remaining elements of right sub-array, if any] IF I > MID, then
        Repeat while J <= END
            SET TEMP[INDEX] = ARR[J]
            SET INDEX = INDEX + 1, SET J = J + 1
        [END OF LOOP]
        [Copy the remaining elements of left sub-array, if any] Else
            Repeat while I <= MID
                SET TEMP[INDEX] = ARR[I]
                SET INDEX = INDEX + 1, SET I = I + 1
            [END OF LOOP]
        [END OF IF]
Step 4: [Copy the contents of TEMP back to ARR] SET K=0
Step 5: Repeat while K < INDEX
        a. SET ARR[K] = TEMP[K]
        b. SET K = K + 1
    [END OF LOOP]
Step 6: END
    
```

**Figure IV** Merge algorithm

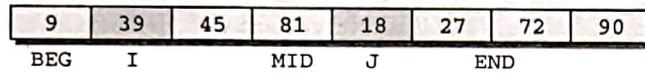


**Figure V** Merging of two sub-lists containing 4 element each

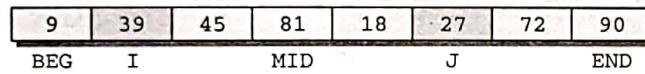
Compare ARR[I] and ARR[J], the smaller of the two is placed in TEMP at the location specified by INDEX and subsequently the value I or J is incremented (Figure VI).



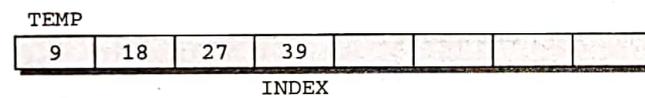
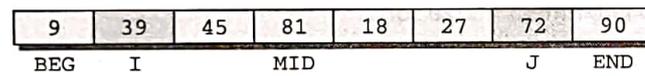
(a)



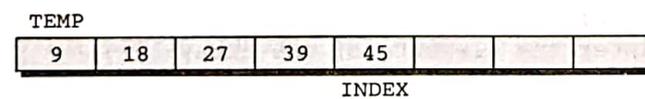
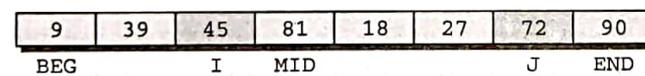
(b)



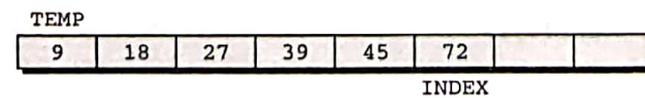
(c)



(d)



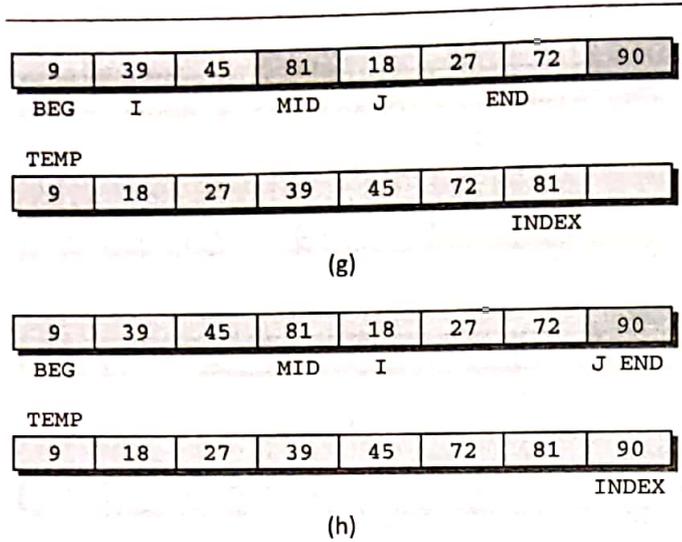
(e)



(f)

**Figure VI** Merging of two sub-lists to form one sorted list (contd)

When I is greater than MID copy the remaining elements of the right sub-array in TEMP



**Figure VI** Merging of two sub-lists to form one sorted list

Figures VI(g) and (h) show the merging of two sorted sub-lists to form sorted list.

1. Write a program to implement merge sort.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
void merge(int a[], int, int, int);
void merge_sort(int a[], int, int);
void main()
{
    int arr[10], i, n, j, k;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements in the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter the elements of the array: ");

    scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    merge_sort(arr, 0, n-1);
    printf("\n The sorted array is: \n");
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)

    printf("%d\t", arr[i]);
    getch();
}

void merge(int arr[], int beg, int mid, int end)
{
    int i = beg, j = mid + 1, index = beg, temp[10], k;
    while((i <= mid) && (j <= end))
    {
        if(arr[i] < arr[j])
    
```

```

        {
            temp[index] = arr[i];
            i++;
        }
        else
        {
            temp[index] = arr[j];
            j++;
        }
        index++;
    }
    if(i > mid)
    {
        while(j <= end)
        {
            temp[index] = arr[j];
            j++;
            index++;
        }
    }
    else
    {
        while(i <= mid)
        {
            temp[index] = arr[i];
            i++;
            index++;
        }
    }
    for(k=beg;k<index;k++)
        arr[k] = temp[k];
}
void merge_sort(int arr[], int beg, int end)
{
    int mid;
    if(beg < end)
    {
        mid = (beg + end) / 2;
        merge_sort(arr, beg, mid);
        merge_sort(arr, mid + 1, end);
        merge(arr, beg, mid, end);
    }
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the number of elements in the array: 10
Enter the elements of the array:
9 99 18 36 27 45 90 54 63 72
The sorted array is:
9 18 27 36 45 54 63 72 90 99

```

## Quick Sort

Like merge sort, quick sort algorithm (also known as partition exchange sort) works by using a divide and conquer strategy to divide a single unsorted array into two smaller sub-arrays.

The quick sort algorithm works as follows:

1. Select an element pivot from the array elements
2. Rearrange the elements in the array in such a way that all elements that are less than the pivot appear before the pivot and all elements greater than the pivot element come after it (equal values can go either way). After such a partitioning, the pivot is placed in its final position. This is called the **partition** operation.
3. Recursively sort the two sub-arrays thus obtained. (One with sub-list of lesser value than that of the pivot element and the other having higher value elements).

Like merge sort, the base case of the recursion occurs when array has zero or one element because in that case, the array is already sorted. After each iteration of the algorithm, one element (pivot) is always in its final position. Hence, with every iteration, there is one element less to be sorted in the array.

Thus, the main task in the quick sort algorithm is to find the pivot element, which will partition the array into two halves. To understand how we find the pivot element follow the steps given below. (we will take the first element in the array as pivot)

**Step 1:** Set the index of the first element in the array to *loc* and *left* variables. Also set the index of the last element of the array to the *right* variable, i.e.,  $loc = 0$ ,  $left = 0$ , and  $right = n - 1$  (where  $n$  is the number of elements in the array).

**Step 2:** Start from the element pointed by *right* and scan the array from right to left, comparing each element on the way with the element pointed by variable *loc*, i.e.,  $a[loc]$  should be less than  $a[right]$ .

- (a) If that is the case then simply continue comparing until *right* becomes equal to *loc*. Once  $right = loc$ , then it means the pivot has been placed in its correct position.
- (b) However, if at any point we have  $a[loc] > a[right]$  then, interchange the two values and jump to Step 3.
- (c) Set  $loc = right$ .

**Step 3:** Start from the element pointed by *left* and scan the array from left to right, comparing each element on the way with the element pointed by variable *loc*, i.e.,  $a[loc]$  should be greater than  $a[left]$ .

- (a) If that is the case then simply continue comparing until *left* becomes equal to *loc*. when  $left = loc$ , then it means the pivot has been placed in its correct position.
- (b) However, if at any point we have  $a[loc] < a[left]$ , then interchange the two values and jump to Step 2.
- (c) Set  $loc = left$ .

**Example II** Consider the array given in Figure VII and sort the elements using quick sort algorithm.

27	10	36	18	25	45
loc			right		
left					

**Figure VII** Unsorted Array

We choose the first element as the pivot. Set  $loc = 0$ ,  $left = 0$ ,  $right = 5$  as,

(a)

27	10	36	18	25	45
loc			right		
left					

Scan from right to left. Since  $a[loc] < a[right]$ , decrease the value of  $right$ .

(b)

27	10	36	18	25	45
loc			right		
left					

Since,  $a[loc] > a[right]$ , interchange the two values and set  $loc = right$ .

(c)

25	10	36	18	27	45
left		right		loc	

(d)

25	10	36	18	27	45
left			right		
			loc		

Start scanning from left to right. Since,  $a[loc] > a[right]$ , increment the value of left.

(e)

25	10	36	18	27	45
left			right		
			loc		

Now since,  $a[loc] < a[right]$ , interchange the values and set  $loc = left$

(f)

25	10	27	18	36	45
left			right		
loc					

Scan from right to left. Since  $a[loc] < a[right]$ , decrement the value of  $right$ .

(g)

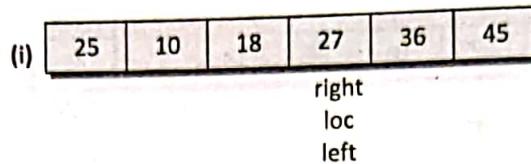
25	10	27	18	36	45
left		right		loc	

Since,  $a[loc] > a[right]$ , interchange the two values and set  $loc = right$ .

(h)

25	10	18	27	36	45
left		right		loc	

Start scanning from left to right. Since,  $a[loc] > a[right]$ , increment the value of left.



Now  $left = loc$ , so the procedure terminates as the pivot element (the first element of the array, i.e., 27) is placed in its correct position. Now all elements that are less than 27 are placed before it and elements greater than 27 are placed after it.

Now the left sub-array containing elements 25, 10, 18 and right sub-array containing elements 36 and 45 are sorted in the same manner.

A function partition (Figure VIII) is used, by the quick sort algorithm (Figure IX), to divide the array into two sub-arrays.

**Pros:** Faster than other algorithms like bubble sort, selection sort, and insertion sort. It is one of the most favourable algorithm when speed is a big concern. Quick sort can be used to sort arrays of small size, medium, or large size.

**Cons:** Complex and massively recursive.

```

PARTITION ( ARR, BEG, END, LOC)

Step 1: [Initialize] SET LEFT = BEG, RIGHT = END, LOC = BEG, FLAG = 0
Step 2: Repeat Steps 3 to while FLAG = 0
Step 3:         Repeat while ARR[LOC] <= ARR[RIGHT] AND LOC != RIGHT
                SET RIGHT = RIGHT - 1
                [END OF LOOP]
Step 4:         IF LOC == RIGHT, then
                SET FLAG = 1
                ELSE IF ARR[LOC] > ARR[RIGHT], then
                SWAP ARR[LOC] with ARR[RIGHT]
                SET LOC = RIGHT
                [END OF IF]
Step 5:         IF FLAG = 0, then
                Repeat while ARR[LOC] >= ARR[LEFT] AND LOC != LEFT
                SET LEFT = LEFT + 1
                [END OF LOOP]
Step 6:         IF LOC == LEFT, then
                SET FLAG = 1
                ELSE IF ARR[LOC] < ARR[LEFT], then
                SWAP ARR[LOC] with ARR[LEFT]
                SET LOC = LEFT
                [END OF IF]
                [END OF IF]
Step 7: [END OF LOOP]
Step 8: END
    
```

**Figure VIII** Partition function

```

QUICK_SORT ( ARR, BEG, END)

Step 1: IF (BEG < END), then
        CALL PARTITION ( ARR, BEG, END, LOC)
        CALL QUICKSORT(ARR, BEG, LOC - 1)
        CALL QUICKSORT(ARR, LOC + 1, END)
    [END OF IF]
Step 2: END

```

**Figure IX** Quick sort algorithm

2. Write a program to implement quick sort algorithm.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int partition(int a[], int beg, int end);
void quick_sort(int a[], int beg, int end);
void main()
{
    int arr[10], i, n, j, k;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements in the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter the elements of the array: ");
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    quick_sort(arr, 0, n-1);
    printf("\n The sorted array is: \n");
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
        printf("%d\t", arr[i]);
    getch();
}

int partition(int a[], int beg, int end)
{
    int left, right, temp, loc, flag;
    loc = left = beg;
    right = end;
    flag = 0;
    while(flag != 1)
    {
        while((a[loc] <= a[right]) && (loc!=right))
            right--;
        if(loc==right)
            flag =1;
        else if(a[loc]>a[right])

```

```

        {
            temp = a[loc];
            a[loc] = a[right];
            a[right] = temp;
            loc = right;
        }
    if(flag!=1)
    {
        while((a[loc] >= a[left]) && (loc!=left))
            left++;
        if(loc==left)
            flag =1;
        else if(a[loc] <a[left])
        {
            temp = a[loc];
            a[loc] = a[left];
            a[left] = temp;
            loc = left;
        }
    }
}
return loc;
}
void quick_sort(int a[], int beg, int end)
{
    int loc;
    if(beg<end)
    {
        loc = partition(a, beg, end);
        quick_sort(a, beg, loc-1);
        quick_sort(a, loc+1, end);
    }
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the number of elements in the array: 10
Enter the elements of the array:
9 99 18 36 27 45 90 54 63 72
The sorted array is:
9 18 27 36 45 54 63 72 90 99

```

# 6

## Strings

### Learning Objective

In the last chapter we have seen that we can have arrays of integers, floating point numbers, double values, etc. Taking a step further, in this chapter, we will read about array of characters commonly known as strings. We will see how strings are stored, declared, initialized, and accessed. We will learn about different operations that can be performed on strings and learn about array of strings.

### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, computers are widely used for word processing applications such as creating, inserting, updating, and modifying textual data. Besides this we need to search for a particular pattern within a text, delete it, or replace it with another pattern. So there are actually a lot we as users do to manipulate the textual data.

**Programming Tip:**  
Character constants are enclosed in single quotes.  
String constants are enclosed in double quotes.

In C language, a string is nothing but a null-terminated character array. This means that after the last character, a null character (`'\0'`) is stored to signify the end of the character array. For example, if we write,

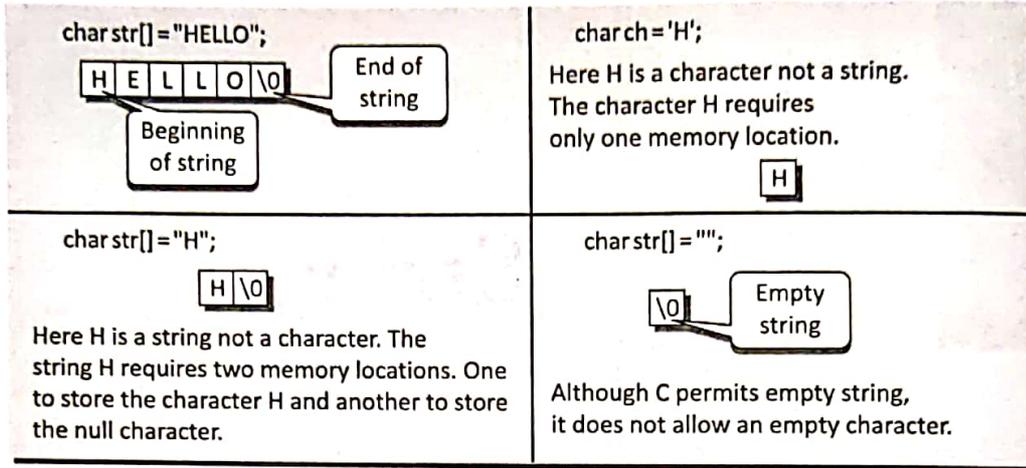
```
char str[] = "HELLO";
```

We are declaring a character array that has five usable characters namely, H, E, L, L, and O. Apart from these characters, a null character (`'\0'`) is stored at the end of the string. So, the internal representation of the string becomes `HELLO'\0'`. To store a string of length 5, we need 5 + 1 locations (1 extra for the null character). The name of the character array (or the string) is a pointer to the beginning of the string. Figure 6.1 shows the difference between character storage and string storage.

If we had declared `str` as,

```
char str[5] = "HELLO";
```

Then the null character will not be appended automatically to the character array. This is because, `str` can hold only 5 characters and the characters in `HELLO` have already filled the space allocated to it.



**Figure 6.1** Difference between character storage and string storage



When the compiler assigns a character string to a character array, it automatically appends a null character to the end of the string. Therefore, the size of the string should be equal to maximum number of characters in the string plus one.

Like we use subscripts (also known as index) to access the elements of an array, the same subscripts are also used to access the elements of the character array. The subscript starts with a zero (0). All the characters of a string array are stored in successive memory locations. Figure 6.2 shows how `str[]` is stored in memory.

**Programming Tip:** When allocating memory space for a character array, reserve space to hold the null character also.

<code>str[0]</code>	1000	H
<code>str[1]</code>	1001	E
<code>str[2]</code>	1002	L
<code>str[3]</code>	1003	L
<code>str[4]</code>	1004	O
<code>str[5]</code>	1005	\0

**Figure 6.2** Memory representation of a character array

Thus we see that in simple terms a string is a sequence of characters. In Figure 6.2, 1000, 1001, 1002, and so on are the memory addresses of individual characters. From the figure, we see that H is stored at memory location 1000 but in reality the ASCII codes of characters are stored in memory and not the character itself, i.e., at address 1000, 72 will be stored the ASCII code for H is 72.

```
char str[] = "HELLO";
```

The above statement declares a constant string as we have assigned value to it while declaring the string. However, the general form of declaring a string is,

```
char str[size];
```

When we declare the string in this way, we can store `size - 1` characters in the array because the last character would be the null character. For example, `char msg[100];` can store maximum 99 usable characters.

Till now we have seen one way of initializing strings. The other way to initialize a string is to initialize it as an array of characters, like

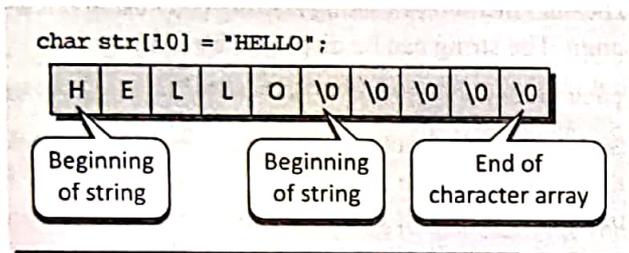
```
char str[] = {'H', 'E', 'L', 'L', 'O', '\0'};
```

In this example, we have explicitly added the null character. Also observe that we have not mentioned the size of the string (or the character array). Here, the compiler will automatically calculate the size based on the number of elements initialized. So, in this example 6 memory slots will be reserved to store the string variable, `str`.

We can also declare a string with size much larger than the number of elements that are initialized. For example, consider the statement below.

```
char str[10] = "HELLO";
```

In such cases, the compiler creates a character array of size 10; stores the value "HELLO" in it and finally terminates the value with a null character. Rest of the elements in the array are automatically initialized to NULL. Figure 6.3 shows the memory representation of such a string.



**Figure 6.3** Memory representation of a string

However, the following declaration is illegal in C and would generate a compile time error because of two reasons. First, the array is initialized with more elements than it can store. Second, initialization cannot be separated from declaration.

```
char str[3];
str = "HELLO";
```



An array name cannot be used as the left operand of an assignment operator. Therefore, the following statement is illegal in C.

```
char str2, str1[]="HI";
str2 = str1;
```

### 6.1.1 Reading Strings

If we declare a string by writing

```
char str[100];
```

Then `str` can be read from the user by using three ways:

1. using `scanf` function
2. using `gets()` function

3. using `getchar()`, `getch()` or `getche()` function repeatedly

The string can be read using `scanf()` by writing

```
scanf("%s", str);
```

Although the syntax of `scanf()` function is well known and easy to use, the main pitfall with this function is that the function terminates as soon as it finds a blank space. For example, if the user enters `Hello World`, then `str` will contain only `Hello`. This is because the moment a blank space is encountered, the string is terminated by the `scanf()` function. You may also specify a field width to indicate the maximum number of characters that can

be read in. Remember that extra characters are left unconsumed in the input buffer.

Unlike integer, float, and characters, `%s` format does not require the ampersand before the variable `str`.

**Programming Tip:** Using `&` operand with a string variable in the `scanf` statement generates an error.



When `scanf()` encounters a white space character, it terminates reading further and appends a null character to the string that has been read. The white space character is left in the input stream and might be mistakenly read by the next `scanf()` statement. So in order to delete the white space character from the input stream, either use a space in the format string before the next conversion code or FLUSH the input stream by using the `flush` function by writing `fflush(stdin);`.

The next method of reading a string is by using `gets()` function. The string can be read by writing

```
gets(str);
```

`gets()` is a simple function that overcomes the drawbacks of the `scanf()`. The `gets()` takes the starting address of the string which will hold the input. The string inputted using `gets()` is automatically terminated with a null character.

Last but not the least, the string can also be read by calling the `getchar()` repeatedly to read a sequence of

single characters (unless a terminating character is entered) and simultaneously storing it in a character array as shown below.

```
i=0;
getchar(ch); // Get a character
while(ch != '\n')
{
    str[i] = ch;
    // Store the read character in str
    i++;
    getchar(ch); // Get another character
}
str[i] = '\0';
// terminate str with null character
str[i] = '\0';
```

#### Programming Tip:

A compile time error will be generated if a string is assigned to a character variable.

Note that in this method, you have to deliberately append the characters with a null character. The other two functions automatically do this.

### 6.1.2 Writing Strings

The string can be displayed on screen using three ways:

1. using `printf()` function
2. using `puts()` function
3. using `putchar()` function repeatedly

The string can be displayed using `printf()` by writing

```
printf("%s", str);
```

We use the conversion character 's' to output a string. Observe carefully that there is no & character used with the string variable. We may also use width and precision specifications along with %s (as discussed in Chapter 1). The width specifies the minimum output field width. If the string is short, extra space is either left padded or right padded. The precision specifies the maximum number of characters to be displayed. A negative width left pads short string rather than the default right justification. If the string is long, the extra characters are truncated. For example,

```
printf("%5.3s", str);
```

The above statement would print only the first three characters in a total field of five characters. Also these three characters are right justified in the allocated width.

To make the string left justified, we must use a minus sign. For example,

```
printf("%-5.3s", str);
```



When the field width is less than the length of the string, the entire string will be printed. Also if the number of characters to be printed is specified as zero, then nothing is printed on the screen.

The next method of writing a string is by using `puts()` function. The string can be displayed by writing

```
puts(str);
```

`puts()` is a simple function that overcomes the drawbacks of the `printf()`. The function `puts()` writes a line of output on the screen. It terminates the line with a newline character ('\n'). It returns an EOF (-1) if an error occurs and returns a positive number on success.

Last but not the least, the string can also be written by calling the `putchar()` repeatedly to print a sequence of single characters.

```
i=0;
while(str[i] != '\0')
{
    putchar(str[i]);
    // Print the character on the screen
    i++;
}
```



Note one interesting point from the given fragment.

```
char str = "Hello";
printf("\n %s", str); // prints Hello
printf("\n %s", &str); // prints Hello
printf("\n %s", &str[2]); // prints llo
```

This is possible because a string is an array of characters.

### 6.1.3 Summary of Functions Used to Read and Write Characters

Table 6.1 contains a list of functions that are used to read characters from the keyboard and write characters to the screen.

**Table 6.1** Function to read and write characters

Function	Operation
getchar()	Used to read a character from the keyboard; waits for carriage return (enter key). It returns an integer, in which the low-order byte contains the character. The getchar() can be used to input any key, including RETURN, TAB, and ESC.
getch()	Getch() is an alternative for the getchar(). Unlike getchar(), the getch() waits for a keypress, after which it returns immediately.
getche()	Similar to getch(). The only difference is that getche() echoes the character on screen.
putchar()	Used to write a character to the screen. It accepts an integer parameter of which only the low-order byte is output to the screen. Putchar() returns the character written, or EOF (-1) if an error occurs.

**1. Write a program to display a string using printf().**

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    char str[] = "Introduction to C";
    clrscr();
    printf("\n |%s|", str);
    printf("\n |%20s|", str);
    printf("\n |%-20s|", str);
    printf("\n |%.4s|", str);
    printf("\n |%20.4s|", str);
    printf("\n |%-20.4s|", str);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
|Introduction to C|
|  Introduction to C|
|Introduction to C  |
|Intr|
|                Intr |
|Intr                |
```

**2. Write a program to read and display a string.**

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
```

```
main()
{
    char str[50];
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    scanf("%s", str);
    clrscr();
    printf("\n |%s|", str);
    printf("\n |%20s|", str);
    printf("\n |%-20s|", str);
    printf("\n |%.4s|", str);
    printf("\n |%20.4s|", str);
    printf("\n |%-20.4s|", str);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

Enter the string:

```
|Introduction|
|      Introduction|
|Introduction  |
|Intr|
|                Intr|
|Intr                |
```

The printf function in UNIX supports specification of variable field width or precision, i.e., if we write,

```
printf("\n %*.s", w, p, str);
```

the printf statement will print first p characters of str in the field width of w.

**3. Write a program to print the following pattern.**

```
H
H E
H E L
H E L L
H E L L O
H E L L O
H E L L
H E L
H E
H
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int i, w, p;
```

```

char str[] = "HELLO";
printf("\n");
for(i=0;i<=5;i++)
{
    p = i+1;
    printf("\n %-5.*s", p, str);
}
printf("\n");
for(i=5;i>=0;i--)
{
    p = i+1;
    printf("\n %-5.*s", p, str);
}
getch();
return 0;
}

```

4. Write a program to print the following pattern.

```

      H
     H E
    H E L
   H E L L
  H E L L O
 H E L L O
H E L L
 E L
  H E
   H

```

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int i, w, p;
    char str[] = "HELLO";
    printf("\n");
    for(i = 0; i <= 5; i++)
    {
        p = i+1;
        printf("\n %-5.*s", p, str);
    }
    printf("\n");
    for(i = 5; i >= 0; i--)
    {
        p = i+1;
        printf("\n %-5.*s", p, str);
    }
    getch();
    return 0;
}

```

### The sprintf() Function

The library function `sprintf()` is similar to `printf()`. The only difference is that the formatted output is written to a memory area rather than directly to a standard output (screen). The `sprintf()` is useful in situation when formatted strings in memory has to be transmitted over a communication channel or to a special device.

The syntax of `sprintf()` can be given as

```

int sprintf(char * buffer, const char *
            format [ , argument , ...] );

```

Here, `buffer` is the place to store the resulting string from using the function. The arguments command is an ellipsis so you can put as many types of arguments as you want. Finally, the `Format` is the string that contains the text to be printed. The string may contain format tags.

```

#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    char buf[100];
    int num = 10;
    sprintf(buf, "num = %3d", num);
}

```

## 6.2 SUPPRESSING INPUT

The function `scanf()` can be used to read a field without assigning it to any variable. This is done by preceding that field's format code with a `*`. For example, given:

```
scanf("%d*c%d", &hr, &min);
```

The time can be read as 9:05 as a pair. Here the colon would be read but not assigned to anything. Therefore, assignment suppression is particularly useful when part of what is input needs to be suppressed.

### 6.2.1 Using a Scanset

The ANSI standard added the new `scanset` feature to the C language. A `scanset` is used to define a set of characters which may be read and assigned to the corresponding string. A `scanset` is defined by placing the characters inside square brackets prefixed with a `%`, as shown in the example:

```
%["aeiou"]
```

When we use the above `scanf()` will continue to read characters and put them into the string until it encounters a character that is not specified in the `scanf()`. For example, consider the code given below.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[10];
    printf("\n Enter string: " );
    scanf("%[aeiou]", str );
    printf( "The string is: %s", str);
    return 0;
}
```

The code will stop accepting a character as soon as the user enters a character that is not a vowel.

However, if the first character in the set is a `^` (caret symbol), then `scanf()` will accept any character that is not defined by the `scanf()`. For example, if you write

```
scanf("%[^aeiou]", str);
```

Then, `str` can contain characters other than those specified in the `scanf()`, i.e., it will accept any non-vowel character. However, the caret and the closing bracket can be included in the `scanf()` anywhere. They have a predefined meaning only when they are included as the first character of the `scanf()`. So if you want to accept a text from the user that contain caret and opening bracket then make sure that they are not the first characters in the `scanf()`. This is shown in the following example.

```
scanf("%[0123456789.^[]()_+-$%&*]", str );
```

In the given example, `str` can accept any character enclosed in the opening and closing square brackets (including `^` and `[]`).

The user can also specify a range of acceptable characters using a hyphen. This is shown in the statement given below.

```
scanf("%[a-z]", str );
```

Here, `str` will accept any character from small `a` to small `z`. Always remember that `scanf()` are case sensitive. However, if you want to accept a hyphen then it must either be the first or the last character in the set.

**Example 6.1** To better understand the `scanf()` try the following code with different inputs

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
```

```
{
    char str[10];
    printf("\n Enter string: " );
    scanf("%[A-Z]", str );
    // Reads only upper case characters
    printf( "The string is: %s", str);
    return 0;
}
```

A major difference between the `scanf()` and the string conversion codes is that `scanf()` does not skip leading white spaces. If the white space is a part of the `scanf()`, then `scanf()` accepts any white space character otherwise, it terminates if a white space character is entered without being specified in the `scanf()`.

The `scanf()` may also terminate if a field width specification is included and the maximum number of characters that can be read has been reached. For example, the statement given below will read maximum 10 vowels. So the `scanf()` statement will terminate if 10 characters has been read or if a non-vowel character is entered.

```
scanf("%10[aeiou]", str );
```

## The `sscanf()` Function

The `sscanf()` function accepts a string from which to read input. It accepts a template string and a series of related arguments. The `sscanf()` function is similar to `scanf()` function except that the first argument of `sscanf()` specifies a string from which to read, whereas `scanf()` can only read from standard input. Its syntax is given as

```
sscanf(const char *str, const char *format, [p1, p2, ...]);
```

Here the `sscanf()` reads data from `str` and stores them according to the parameter `format` into the locations given by the additional arguments. Locations pointed by each additional argument are filled with their corresponding type of value specified in the `format` string.

Consider the `sscanf()` example given below.

```
sscanf(str, "%d", &num);
```

Here, `sscanf()` takes three arguments. The first is `str` that contains data to be converted. The second is a string containing a format specifier that determines how the string is converted. Finally, the third is a memory location

to place the result of the conversion. When the `sscanf` function completes successfully it returns the number of items successfully read.

Similar `scanf()`, the `sscanf()` will terminate as soon as it encounters a space, i.e, if data continues till it comes across a blank space.

### 6.3 STRING TAXONOMY

In C, we can store a string either in fixed-length format or in variable-length format as shown in Figure 6.4.

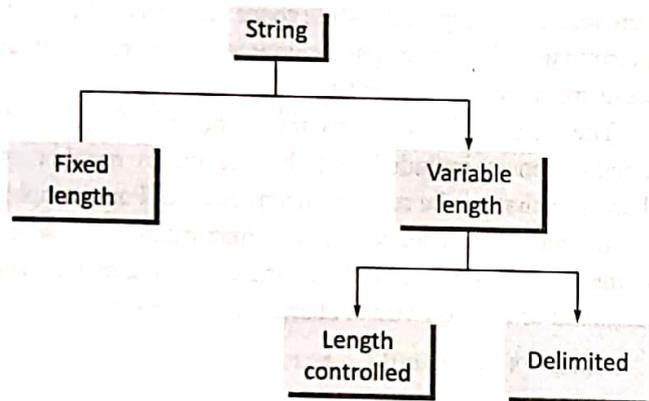


Figure 6.4 String taxonomy

**Fixed-length string** When storing a string in a fixed length format, you need to specify an appropriate size for the string variable. If the size is too small, then you will not be able to store all the elements in the string. On the other hand, if the string size is large, then unnecessarily memory space will be wasted.

**Variable-length string** A better option is to use a variable length format in which the string can be expanded or contracted to accommodate the elements in it. For example, if you declare a string variable to store the name of a student. If a student has a long name of say 20 characters, then the string can be expanded to accommodate 20 characters. On the other hand, a student name has only 5 characters, then the string variable can be contracted to store only 5 characters. However, to use a variable length string format you need a technique to indicate the end of elements that are a part of the string. This can be done either by using length-controlled string or a delimiter.

**Length-controlled string** In length-controlled string, you need to specify the number of characters in the string. This count is used by string manipulation functions to determine the actual length of the string variable.

**Delimited string** In this format, the string is ended with a delimiter. The delimiter is then used to identify the end of the string. For example, in English language every sentence is ended with a full-stop (.). Similarly, in C we can use any character such as comma, semicolon, colon, dash, null character, etc. as the delimiter of a string. However, null character is the most commonly used string delimiter in the C language.

You must be having some confusion when we use the term string and character array. Basically a string is stored in an array of characters. If we are using the null character as the string delimiting character then we treat the part of the array from the beginning to the null character as the string and ignore the rest. Figure 6.5 illustrates this concept.

```
char str[10];
gets(str);
```

If the user enters HELLO, then array of characters can be given as



Although the array has 10 locations, only the first 6 locations will be treated as a string.

Figure 6.5 Delimited string



**Note** In C, a string is a variable length array of characters that is delimited by the null character.

### 6.4 STRING OPERATIONS

In this section, we will learn about different operations that are performed on character arrays. But before we start with these operations, we must understand the way arithmetic operators can be applied to characters.

In C, characters can be manipulated in the same way as we do with numbers. When we use a character constant or a character variable in an expression, it is automatically

converted into an integer value, where the value depends on the local character set of the system. For example, if we write,

```
int i;
char ch = 'A';
i = ch;
printf("%d", i);

// Prints 65, ASCII value of ch that is 'A'
```

C also enables programmers to perform arithmetic operations on character variables and character constants. So, if we write,

```
int i;
char ch = 'A';
i = ch + 10;
printf("%d", i);

// Prints 75, ASCII value of ch that is 'A' + 10
```

Character variables and character constants can be used with relational operators as shown in the example,

```
char ch = 'C';
if(ch >= 'A' && ch <= 'Z')
printf("The character is in upper case");
```

### 6.4.1 Length

The number of characters in the string constitutes the length of the string. For example, `LENGTH("C PROGRAMMING IS FUN")` will return 20. Note that even blank spaces are counted as characters in the string.

`LENGTH('\0') = 0` and `LENGTH('') = 0` because both the strings do not contain any character and the ASCII code of `'\0'` is zero. Therefore, both the strings are empty and of zero length. Figure 6.6 shows an algorithm that calculates the length of a string.

```
step 1: [INITIALIZE] uET I = 0
step 2: Repeat utep 3 while uTR[I] != '\0'
step 3:          uET I = I + 1
          [END OF LOOP]
step 4: uET LENGTH = I
step 5: END
```

**Figure 6.6** Algorithm to calculate the length of a string

In this algorithm, `I` is used as an index of the string `STR`. To traverse each and every character of `STR` we increment

the value of `I`. Once the null character is encountered, the control jumps out of the `while` loop and initialize length with the value of `I`. This is because the number of characters in the string constitutes its length.



There is a library function `strlen(s1)` that returns the length of `s1`. It is defined in `string.h`.

5. Write a program to find the length of a string.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], i = 0, length;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the string :");
    gets(str);
    while(str[i] != '\0')
        i++;
    length = i;
    printf("\n The length of the string is :
    %d", length);
    getch();
}
```

Output

```
Enter the string : HELLO
The length of the string is : 5
```

### 6.4.2 Converting Characters of a String into Upper Case

We have already seen that in memory the ASCII codes are stored instead of the real value. The ASCII code for A-Z varies from 65 to 91 and the ASCII code for a-z ranges from 97 to 123. So if we have to convert a lower case character to upper case, then we just need to subtract 32 from the ASCII value of the character. Figure 6.7 shows an algorithm that converts characters of a string into upper case.



There is a library function `toupper()` that converts a character into upper case. It is defined in `ctype.h`

```

Step 1: [Initialize] SET I=0
Step 2: Repeat Step 3 while STR[I] != '\0'
Step 3:     IF STR[I] > 'a' AND STR[I] < 'z'
                SET Upperstr[I] = STR[I] - 32
            ELSE
                SET Upperstr[I] = STR[I]
            [END OF IF]
        [END OF while LOOP]
Step 4: SET Upperstr[I] = '\0'
Step 5: EXIT

```

**Figure 6.7** Algorithm to convert characters of a string into upper case.

In the algorithm, we initialize *I* to zero. Using *I* as the index of *STR*, we traverse each character from step 2 to 3. If the character is already in upper case, then it is copied in the *Upperstr* string else the lower case character is converted into upper case by subtracting 32 from its ASCII value. The upper case character is then stored in *Upperstr*. Finally, when all the characters have been traversed a null character is appended to the *Upperstr* (as done in Step 4).

6. Write a program to convert characters of a string to upper case.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], upper_str [100];
    int i=0, j=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the string:");
    gets(str);
    while(str[i] != '\0')
    {
        if(str[i]>='a' && str[i]<='z')
            upper_str[j] = str[i] -32;
        else
            upper_str[i] = str[i];
        i++; j++;
    }
    upper_str[j] = '\0';
    printf("\n The string converted into
    upper case is : ");
    puts(upper_str);
    return 0;
}

```

### Output

```

Enter the string: hello
The string converted into upper case
is: HELLO

```

### 6.4.3 Converting Characters of a String Into Lower Case

The ASCII code for A-Z varies from 65 to 91 and the ASCII code for a-z ranges from 97 to 123. So if we have to convert an upper case character into lower case, then we just need to add 32 to its ASCII value. Figure 6.8 shows an algorithm that converts characters of a string into lower case.



In C, there is a library function `tolower()` that converts a character into lower case. It is defined in `ctype.h`

```

Step 1: [Initialize] SET I=0
Step 2: Repeat Step 3 while STR[I] != '\0'
Step 3: IF STR[I] > 'A' AND STR[I] < 'Z'
                SET Lowerstr[I] = STR[I] + 32
            ELSE
                SET Lowerstr[I] = STR[I]
            [END OF IF]
        [END OF while LOOP]
Step 4: SET Lowerstr[I] = '\0'
Step 5: EXIT

```

**Figure 6.8** Algorithm to convert characters of a string into lower case.

In the algorithm, we initialize *I* to zero. Using *I* as the index of *STR*, we traverse each character from Steps 2 to 3. If the character is already in lower case, then it is copied in the *Lowerstr* string else the upper case character is converted into lower case by adding 32 to its ASCII value. The lower case character is then stored in *Lowerstr*. Finally, when all the characters have been traversed a null character is appended to the *Lowerstr* (as done in Step 4).

7. Write a program to convert characters of a string into lower case.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{

```

```

char str[100], lower_str [100];
int i = 0, j = 0;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the string :");
gets(str);
while(str[i] != '\0')
{
    if(str[i]>='A' && str[i]<='Z')
        lower_str[j] = str[i] + 32;
    else
        lower_str[i] = str[i];
    i++; j++;
}
lower_str[j] = '\0';
printf("\n The string converted into
lower case is : ");
puts(lower_str);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the string : HeLlO
The string converted into lower case is:
hello

```

#### 6.4.4 Concatenating Two Strings to form a New String

IF S1 and S2 are two strings, then *concatenation* operation produces a string which contains characters of S1 followed by the characters of S2. Figure 6.9 shows an algorithm that concatenates two strings.

```

Step 1: Initialize I = 0 and J = 0
Step 2: Repeat Step 3 to 4 while I <= LENGTH(str1)
Step 3:     SET new_str[J] = str1[I]
Step 4:     Set I = I+1 and J = J+1
           [END of Step 2]
Step 5: SET I=0
Step 6: Repeat Steps 6 to 7 while I <= LENGTH(str2)
Step 7:     SET new_str[J] = str1[I]
Step 8:     Set I = I+1 and J = J+1
           [END of step 5]
Step 9: SET new_str[J] = '\0'
Step 10: EXIT

```

**Figure 6.9** Algorithm to concatenate two strings

In this algorithm, we first initialize the two counters I and J to zero. To concatenate the strings, we have to copy the contents of the first string followed by the contents of the second string in a third string, *new\_str*. Steps 2 to 4 copies the contents of the first string in the *new\_str*. Likewise, Steps 6 to 8 copies the contents of the second string in the *new\_str*. After the contents have been copied a null character is appended at the end of the *new\_str*.

#### 8. Write a program to concatenate two Strings.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str1[100], str2[100], str3[100];
    int i=0, j=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the first string :");
    gets(str1);
    printf("\n Enter the second string :");
    gets(str2);
    while(str1[i] != '\0')
    {
        str3[j] = str1[i];
        i++;
        j++;
    }
    i=0;
    while(str2[i] != '\0')
    {
        str3[j] = str2[i];
        i++;
        j++;
    }
    str3[j] = '\0';
    printf("\n The concatenated string is:");
    puts(str3);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the first string : Hello,
Enter the second string: How are you?
The concatenated string is: Hello, How are
you?

```

### 6.4.5 Appending

Appending one string to another string involves copying the contents of the source string at the end of the destination string. For example, if *s1* and *s2* are two strings, then appending *s1* to *s2* means we have to add the contents of *s1* to *s2*. Here *s1* is the source string and *s2* is the destination string. The appending operation would leave the source string *s1* unchanged and destination string *s2* = *s2* + *s1*. Figure 6.10 shows an algorithm that appends two strings.



There is a library function `strcat(s1, s2)` that concatenates *s2* to *s1*. It is defined in `string.h`.

```

Step 1: [Initialize] SET I = 0 and J = 0
Step 2: Repeat Step 3 while Dest_Str[I] != '\0'
Step 3: SET I = I + 1
        [END OF LOOP]
Step 4: Repeat Step 5 to 7 while Source_Str[J] != '\0'
Step 5: Dest_Str[I] = Source_Str[J]
Step 6: SET I = I + 1
Step 7: SET J = J + 1
        [END OF LOOP]
Step 8: SET Dest_Str[J] = '\0'
Step 9: EXIT

```

**Figure 6.10** Algorithm to append two strings

In this algorithm, we first traverse through the destination string to reach its end, i.e., reach the position where a null character is encountered. The characters of the source string are then copied in to the destination string starting from that position. Finally, a null character is added to terminate the destination string.

#### 9. Write a program to append a string to another string

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    char Dest_Str[100], Source_Str[50];
    int i = 0, j = 0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the source string: ");
    gets(Source_Str);
    printf("\n Enter the destination string:");
    gets(Dest_Str);

```

```

while(Dest_Str[i] != '\0')
    i++;
while(Source_Str[j] != '\0')
{
    Dest_Str[i] = Source_Str[j];
    i++;
    j++;
}
Dest_Str[i] = '\0';
printf("\n After appending, the
destination string is: ");
puts(Dest_Str);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

#### Output

```

Enter the source string: How are you?
Enter the destination string: Hi,
After appending, the destination string is:
Hi, How are you?

```

### 6.4.6 Comparing Two Strings

If *s1* and *s2* are two strings then comparing two strings will give either of these results:

- s1* and *s2* are equal
- s1* > *s2*, when in dictionary order *s1* will come after *s2*
- s1* < *s2*, when in dictionary order *s1* precedes *s2*

To compare the two strings, each and every character is compared from both the strings. If all the characters are same then the two strings are said to be equal. Figure 6.11 shows an algorithm that compares two strings.



There is a library function `strcmp (s1, s2)` that compares *s2* with *s1*. It is defined in `string.h`.

In this algorithm, we first check whether the two strings are of same length. If not, then there is no point in moving ahead as it straightaway means that the two strings are not same. However, if the two strings are of the same length, then we compare character by character to check if all the characters are same. If yes, then variable `SAME` is set to 1 else if `SAME = 0`, then we check which string precedes the other in dictionary order and print the corresponding message.

```

Step 1: [Initialize] SET I=0, SAME =0
Step 2: SET Len1 = Length(STR1), Len2 = Length(STR2)
Step 3: IF len1 != len2, then
    Write "String Are t E al"
    ELSE
        Repeat hile I<Len1
            IF STR1[I] == STR2[I]
                SET I = I + 1
            ELSE
                Go to Step
        [END OF IF]
    [END OF LOOP]
    IF I = Len1, then
        SET SAME = 1
        Write "Strings are equal"
    [END OF IF]
Step 4: IF SAME = 0, then
    IF STR1[I] > STR2[I], then
        Write "String1 is greater than String2"
    ELSE IF STR1[I] < STR2[I], then
        Write "String2 is greater than String1"
    [END OF IF]
    [END OF IF]
Step 5: EXIT

```

**Figure 6.11** Algorithm to compare two strings

#### 10. Write a program to compare two strings.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <string.h>
main()
{
    char str1[50], str2[50];
    int i=0, len1 = 0, len2 = 0, same = 0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the first string: ");
    gets(str1);
    printf("\n Enter the second string : ");
    gets(str2);
    len1 = strlen(str1);
    len2 = strlen(str2);
    if(len1 == len2)
    {
        while(i<len1)
        {
            if(str1[i] == str2[i])
                i++;
            else break;
        }
        if(i==len1)
        {
            same=1;

```

```

        printf("\n The two strings are equal");
    }
}
if(len1!=len2)
    printf("\n The two strings are not
equal");
if(same == 0)
{
    if(str1[i]>str2[i])
        printf("\n String1 is greater than
string2");
    else if(str1[i]<str2[i])
        printf("\n String2 is greater than
string1");
}
getch();
return 0;
}

```

#### Output

```

Enter the first string: Hello
Enter the second string: Hello
The two strings are equal

```

### 6.4.7 Reversing a String

If S1= "HELLO", then reverse of S1 = "OLLEH". To reverse a string we just need to swap the first character with the last, second character with the second last character, so on and so forth. Figure 6.12 shows an algorithm that reverses a string.



There is a library function `strrev(s1)` that reverses all the characters in the string except the null character. It is defined in `string.h`.

```

Step 1: [Initialize] SET I=0, J= Length(STR)
Step 2: Repeat Step 3 and 4 while I< Length(STR)
Step 3: SWAP( STR(I), STR(J))
Step 4: SET I = I + 1, J = J - 1
        [END OF LOOP]
Step 5: EXIT

```

**Figure 6.12** Algorithm to reverse a string

In Step 1, I is initialized to zero and J is initialized to the length of the string STR. In Step 2, a while loop is

executed until all the characters of the string are accessed. In Step 3, we swap the  $i^{\text{th}}$  character of STR with its  $j^{\text{th}}$  character. (As a result, the first character of STR will be replaced with the last character, the second character will be replaced with the second last character of STR, and so on). In Step 4, the value of I is incremented and J is decremented to traverse STR in the forward and backward direction, respectively.

11. Write a program to reverse the given string.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], reverse_str[100], temp;
    int i = 0, j = 0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    j=strlen(str)-1;
    while(i<j)
    {
        temp = str[j];
        str[j] = str[i];
        str[i] = temp;
        i++;
        j--;
    }
    printf("\n The reversed string is: ");
    puts(str);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

Output

Enter the string: Hi there  
The reversed string is: ereht iH

6.4.8 Extracting a Substring from Left

In order to extract a substring from the main string we need to copy the content of the string starting from the first position to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  position where n is the number of characters to be extracted.

For example, if S1 = "Hello World", then Substr\_ Left(S1, 7) = Hello W

Figure 6.13 shows an algorithm that extracts the first n characters from a string.

```
Step 1: [Initialize] SET I=0
Step 2: Repeat Step 3 while STR[I] != '\0' ND I<N
Step 3:   SET Substr[I] = STR[I]
Step 4:   SET I = I + 1
          [END OF LOOP]
Step 5: SET Substr[I] = '\0'
Step 6: EXIT
```

Figure 6.13 Algorithm to extract first n characters from a string

In Step 1, we initialize the index variable I with zero. In Step 2, a while loop is executed until all the characters of STR have been accessed and I is less than N. In Step 3, the  $I^{\text{th}}$  character of STR is copied in the  $I^{\text{th}}$  character of Substr. In Step 4, the value of I is incremented to access the next character in STR. In Step 5, the Substr is appended with a null character.

12. Write a program to extract the first N characters of a string.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], substr[100];
    int i=0, n;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    printf("\n Enter the number of characters to be copied: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    i = 0;
    while(str[i] != '\0' && i < n)
    {
        substr[i] = str[i];
        i++;
    }
    substr [i] = '\0';
    printf("\n The substring is: ");
    puts(substr);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

Output

Enter the string: Hi there  
Enter the number of characters to be copied: 2  
The substring is: Hi

### 6.4.9 Extracting a Substring from Right of the String

In order to extract a substring from the right side of the main string we need to first calculate the position. For example, if  $S1 = \text{"Hello World"}$  and we have to copy 7 characters starting from the right, then we have to actually start extracting characters from the 5th position. This is calculated by, total number of characters - n.

For example, if  $S1 = \text{"Hello World"}$ , then  $\text{Substr\_Right}(S1, 7) = \text{o World}$

Figure 6.14 shows an algorithm that extracts n characters from the right of a string.

```

Step 1: [Initialize] SET I=0, J = Length(STR) - N + 1
Step 2: Repeat Step 3 while STR[J] != '\0'
Step 3:     SET Substr[I] = STR[J]
Step 4:     SET I = I + 1, J = J + 1
           [END OF LOOP]
Step 5: SET Substr[I] = '\0'
Step 6: EXIT

```

**Figure 6.14** Algorithm to extract n characters from the right of a string

In Step 1, we initialize the index variable I to zero and J to  $\text{Length}(\text{STR}) - N + 1$ , so that J points to the character from which the string has to be copied in the substring. In Step 2, a while loop is executed until the null character in STR is accessed. In Step 3, the  $J^{\text{th}}$  character of STR is copied in the  $I^{\text{th}}$  character of Substr. In Step 4, the value of I and J is incremented. In Step 5, the Substr is appended with a null character.

13. Write a program to extract the last N characters of a string.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], substr[100];
    int i=0, j=0, n;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    printf("\n Enter the number of characters
to be copied: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    j = strlen(str) - n+1;

```

```

while(str[j] != '\0')
{
    substr[i] = str[j];
    i++, j++;
}
substr[i] = '\0';
printf("\n The substring is: ");
puts(substr);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

Output

```

Enter the string : Hi there
Enter the number of characters to be
copied : 5
The substring is : there

```

### 6.4.10 Extracting a Substring from the Middle of a String

To extract a substring from a given string requires information about three things. The main string, the position of the first character of the substring in the given string, and maximum number of characters/length of the substring. For example, if we have a string,

```
str[] = "Welcome to the world of programming";
```

then,

```
SUBSTRING(str, 15, 5) = world
```

Figure 6.15 shows an algorithm that extracts the substring from a middle of a string.

```

Step 1: [INITIALIZE] Set I = N, J = 0
Step 2: Repeat steps 3 to 6 while str[I] != '0' and N>=0
Step 3:     SET substr[J] = str[I]
Step 4:     SET I = I + 1
Step 5:     SET J = J + 1
Step 6:     SET N = N - 1
           [END of loop]
Step 7: SET substr[J] = '\0'
Step 8: EXIT

```

**Figure 6.15** Algorithm to extract a substring from the middle of a string

In this algorithm, we initialize a loop counter I to M, i.e., the position from which the characters have to be copied. Steps 3 to 6 are repeated until N characters have

been copied. With every character copied, we decrement the value of N. The characters of the string are copied into another string called substr. At the end a null character is appended to the substr to terminate the string.

14. Write a program to extract the substring from a given string.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], substr[100];
    int i=0, j=0, n, m;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the main string: ");
    gets(str);
    printf("\n Enter the position from which
to start the substring: ");
    scanf("%d", &m);
    printf("\n Enter the length of the
substring: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    i=m;
    while(str[i] != '\0' && n>=0)
    {
        substr[j] = str[i];
        i++;
        j++;
        n--;
    }
    substr[j] = '\0';
    printf("\n The substring is: ");
    puts(substr);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter the main string : Hi there
Enter the position from which to start the
substring: 1
Enter the length of the substring: 7
The substring is : i there
```

**6.4.11 Insertion**

The insertion operation inserts a string S, in the main text T, at the k<sup>th</sup> position. The general syntax of this operation is: INSERT(text, position, string). For example, INSERT("XYZXYZ", 3, "AAA") = "XYZAAAXYZ"

Figure 6.16 shows an algorithm to insert a string in a given text at the specified position.

```
Step 1: [INITIALIZE] SET I=0, J=0 and K=0
Step 2: Repeat steps 3 to 4 while text[I] != '\0'
Step 3: IF I = pos, then
    Repeat while str[K] != '\0'
        new_str[j] = str[k]
        SET J=J+1
        SET K = K+1
    [END OF INNER LOOP]
    ELSE
        new_str[[J] = text[I]
        SET J = J+1
Step 4: SET I = I+1
    [END OF OUTER LOOP]
Step 5: SET new_str[J] = '\0'
Step 6: EXIT
```

**Figure 6.16** Algorithm to insert a string in a given text at the specified position

This algorithm first initializes the indexes in the string to zero. From Steps 3 to 6, the contents of new\_str are built. If I is exactly equal to the position at which the

**Programming Tip:**

A program must include stdio.h for standard I/O operations, ctype.h for character handling functions, string.h for string functions, and stdlib.h for other general utility functions.

substring has to be inserted into the text, then the inner loop copies the contents of the substring into the new\_str. Otherwise, the contents of the text are copied into it.

15. Write a program to insert a string in the main text.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    char text[100], str[20],
```

```
ins_text[100];
int i=0, j=0, k=0, pos;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the main text : ");
gets(text);
printf("\n Enter the string to be
inserted : ");
gets(str);
printf("\n Enter the position at which
the string has to be inserted: ");
scanf("%d", &pos);
while(text[i] != '\0')
{
    if(i==pos)
    {
        while(str[k] != '\0')
```

```

{
ins_text[j]=str[k];
j++;
k++;
}
else
{
ins_text[j]=text[i];
j++;
}
i++;
}
ins_text[j]='\0';
printf("\n The new string is: ");
puts(ins_text);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

#### Output

```

Enter the main text: How you?
Enter the string to be inserted: are
Enter the position at which the string has
to be inserted: 6
The new string is: How are you?

```

### 6.4.12 Indexing

Index operation returns the position in the string where the string pattern first occurs. For example,

```
INDEX("Welcome to the world of programming",
"world") = 15
```

However, if the pattern does not exist in the string, the INDEX function returns 0. Figure 6.17 shows an algorithm to find the index of the first occurrence of a string within a given text.

```

Step 1: [Initialize] SET I=0 and
        MAX = LENGTH(text) - LENGTH(str) + 1
Step 2: Repeat Steps 3 to 6 while I <= MAX
Step 3: Repeat step 4 for K = 0 To Length(str)
Step 4: IF str[K] != text[I + K], then GOTO step 6
        [END of inner loop]
Step 5: SET INDEX = I. Goto step 8
Step 6: SET I = I + 1
        [END OF OUTER LOOP]
Step 7: SET INDEX = -1
Step 8: EXIT

```

**Figure 6.17** Algorithm to find the index of the first occurrence of a string within a given text

In this algorithm, MAX is initialized to LENGTH(text) - Length(str) + 1. Take for example, if a text contains "Welcome To Programming" and the string contains "World". In the main text we will look for at the most  $22 - 5 + 1 = 18$  characters because after that there is no scope left for the string to be present in the text.

Steps 3 to 6 are repeated until each and every character of the text has been checked for the occurrence of the string within it. In the inner loop, in Step 3, we check n characters of string with n characters of text to find if the characters are same. If it is not the case, then we move to Step 6, where I is incremented. If the string is found, index is initialized with I else set to -1. For example, if

```

TEXT = W E L C O M E T O T H E W O R L D
STRING = C O M E

```

In the first pass of the inner loop, we will compare WORLD with WELC character by character. As soon as E and O do not match, the control will move to Step 6 and then ELCO will be compared with WORLD. In the next pass, COME will be compared with COME.

We will write the programming code of indexing operation in the operations that follows.

### 6.4.13 Deletion

The deletion operation deletes a substring from a given text. We write it as, DELETE(text, position, length). For example,

```
DELETE("ABCDXXXABCD", 5, 3) = "ABCDABCD"
```

Figure 6.18 shows an algorithm to delete a substring from a given text.

```

Step 1: [INITIALIZE] SET I=0 and J=0
Step 2: Repeat steps 3 to 6 while text[I] != '\0'
Step 3: IF I=N, then
        Repeat Step 4 while N>=0
            SET I = I+1
            SET N = N - 1
        [END of inner loop]
    [END OF IF]
Step 4: SET new_str[J] = text[I]
Step 5: SET J = J + 1
Step 6: SET I = I + 1
        [ END of outer loop]
Step 7: SET new_str[J] = '\0'
Step 8: EXIT

```

**Figure 6.18** Algorithm to delete a substring from a text

In this algorithm, we first initialize indexes to zero. The Steps 3 to 6 are repeated until all the characters of the text are scanned. If  $I$  is exactly equal to  $M$ , the position from which deletion has to be done, then the index of the text is incremented and  $N$  is decremented.  $N$  is the number of characters that have to be deleted starting from position  $M$ . However, if  $I$  is not equal to  $M$ , then the characters of the text are simply copied into the `new_str`.

Delete operation can also be used to delete a string from a given text. To do this, we first find out the first index at which the string occurs in the text. Then we delete  $n$  number of characters from the text, where  $n$  is the number of characters in the string.

16. Write a program to delete a substring from a text.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    char text[200], str[20], new_text[200];
    int i=0, j=0, found=0, k, n=0, copy_
    loop=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the main text: ");
    gets(text);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the string to be deleted: ");
    gets(str);
    fflush(stdin);
    while(text[i]!='\0')
    {
        j=0, found= 0, k=i;
        while(text[k]==str[j] && str[j]!='\0')
        {
            k++;
            j++;
        }
        if(str[j]=='\0')
            copy_loop=k;
        new_text[n] = text[copy_loop];
        i++;
        copy_loop++;
        n++;
    }
    new_str[n]='\0';
    printf("\n The new string is: ");
    puts(new_text);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

## Output

```
Enter the main text: Hello, how are you?
Enter the string to be deleted: , how are
you?
The new string is: Hello
```

## 6.4.14 Replacement

Replacement operation is used to replace the pattern  $P_1$  by another pattern  $P_2$ . This is done by writing, `REPLACE(text, pattern1, pattern2)`

For example, ("AAABBBCCC", "BBB", "X") = AAAXCCC  
("AAABBBCCC", "X", "YYY") = AAABBBCC.

In the second example, there is no change as 'X' does not appear in the text. Figure 6.19 shows an algorithm to replace a pattern  $P_1$  with another pattern  $P_2$  in the text.

```
Step 1: [INITIALIZE] SET Pos = INDEX(TEXT, P1)
Step 2: SET TEXT = DELETE(TEXT, Pos, LENGTH(P1))
Step 3: INSERT(TEXT, Pos, P2)
Step 4: EXIT
```

**Figure 6.19** Algorithm to replace a pattern  $P_1$  with another pattern  $P_2$  in the text

The algorithm is very simple, where we first find the position  $Pos$ , at which the pattern occurs in the text, then delete the existing pattern from that position, and insert a new pattern there. String matching refers to finding occurrences of a pattern string within another string.

17. Write a program to replace a pattern with another pattern in the text.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    char str[200], pat[20], new_str[200],
    rep_pat[100];
    int i=0, j=0, k, n=0, copy_loop=0, rep_
    index=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the pattern: ");
    gets(pat);
    fflush(stdin);
```

```

printf("\n Enter the replace pattern: ");
gets(rep_pat);
while(str[i]!='\0')
{
    j=0,k=i;
    while(str[k]==pat[j] && pat[j]!='\0')
    {
        k++;
        j++;
    }
    if(pat[j]=='\0')
    {
        copy_loop=k;
        while(rep_pat[rep_index]!='\0')
        {
            new_str[n] = rep_pat[rep_index];
            rep_index++;
            n++;
        }
        new_str[n] = str[copy_loop];
        i++;
        copy_loop++;
        n++;
    }
    new_str[n]='\0';
    printf("\n The new string is: ");
    puts(new_str);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the string: How ARE you?
Enter the pattern: ARE
Enter the pattern: are
The new string is : How are you?

```

**Table 6.2** Functions in ctype.h

Function	Usage	Example
isalnum(int c)	Checks whether character c is an alphanumeric character	isalpha('A');
isalpha(int c)	Checks whether character c is an alphabetic character	isalpha('z');
isctrl(int c)	Checks whether character c is a control character	scanf("%d", &c); isctrl(c);
isdigit(int c)	Checks whether character c is a digit	isdigit(3);
isgraph()	Checks whether character c is a graphic or printing character. The function excludes the white space character	isgraph('!');
isprint(int c)	Checks whether character c is a printing character. The function includes the white space character	isprint('@');
islower(int c)	Checks whether the character c is in lower case	islower('k');
isupper(int c)	Checks whether the character c is in upper case	isupper('K');
ispunct(int c)	Checks whether the character c is a punctuation mark	ispunct('?');
isspace(int c)	Checks whether the character c is a white space character	isspace(' ');
isxdigit(int c)	Checks whether the character c is a hexadecimal digit	isxdigit('F');
tolower(int c)	Converts the character c to lower case	tolower('K') returns k
toupper(int c)	Converts the character c to upper case	tolower('k') returns K

## 6.5 MISCELLANEOUS STRING AND CHARACTER FUNCTIONS

In this section, we will discuss some character and string manipulation functions that are part of ctype.h, string.h, and stdlib.h.

### 6.5.1 Character Manipulation Functions

Table 6.2 illustrates some character functions contained in ctype.h.

## 6.5.2 String Manipulation Functions

In this section we will look at some commonly used string functions present in the string.h header file.

### The strcat Function

Syntax:

```
char *strcat(char *str1, const char *str2);
```

**Programming Tip:**  
Before using string copy and concatenating functions, ensure that the destination string has enough space to store all the elements so that memory overwriting does not take place.

The strcat function appends the string pointed to by str2 to the end of the string pointed to by str1. The terminating null character of str1 is overwritten. The process stops when the terminating null character of str2 is copied. The argument str1 is returned. Note that str1 should be big enough to store the contents of str2.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str1[50] = "Programming";
    char str2[] = "In C";
    strcat(str1, str2);
    printf("\n str1: %s", str1);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
str1: Programming In C
```

### The strncat Function

Syntax:

```
char *strncat(char *str1, const char *str2,
              size_t n);
```

Appends the string pointed to by str2 to the end of the string pointed to by str1 up to n characters long. The terminating null character of str1 is overwritten. Copying stops when n characters are copied or the terminating null character of str2 is copied. A terminating null character is appended to str1 before returning to the calling function.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
```

```
{
    char str1[50] = "Programming";
    char str2[] = "In C";
    strncat(str1, str2, 2);
    printf("\n str1: %s", str1);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
str1: Programming In
```

### The strchr Function

Syntax:

```
char *strchr(const char *str, int c);
```

The strchr ( ) function searches for the first occurrence of the character c (an unsigned char) in the string pointed to by the argument str. The function returns a pointer pointing to the first matching character, or null if no match was found.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str[50] = "Programming In C";
    char *pos;
    pos = strchr(str, 'n');
    if(pos)
        printf("\n n is found in str at
        position %d", pos);
    else
        printf("\n n is not present in the
        string");
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
n is found in str at position 9
```

### The strrchr Function

Syntax:

```
char *strrchr(const char *str, int c);
```

The strrchr ( ) function searches for the first occurrence of the character c (an unsigned char) beginning at the rear end and working towards the front in the string pointed to by the argument str, i.e. is, the function searches for the last occurrence of the character c and returns a pointer

pointing to the last matching character, or `null` if no match was found.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str[50] = "Programming In C";
    char *pos;
    pos = strrchr(str, 'n');
    if(pos)
        printf("\n The last position of n is:
%d", pos-str);
    else
        printf("\n n is not present in the
string");
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

The last position of n is: 13

### The strcmp Function

#### Syntax:

```
int strcmp(const char *str1, const char
*str2);
```

The `strcmp` compares the string pointed to by `str1` to the string pointed to by `str2`. The function returns zero if the strings are equal. Otherwise, it returns a value less than zero or greater than zero if `str1` is less than or greater than `str2` respectively.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str1[10] = "HELLO";
    char str2[10] = "HEY";
    if(strcmp(str1, str2)==0)
        printf("\n The two strings are
identical");
    else
        printf("\n The two strings are not
identical");
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

The two strings are not identical

### The strncmp Function

#### Syntax:

```
int strncmp(const char *str1, const char
*str2, size_t n);
```

This function compares at most the first `n` bytes of `str1` and `str2`. The process stops comparing after the null character is encountered. The function returns zero if the first `n` bytes of the strings are equal. Otherwise, it returns a value less than zero or greater than zero if `str1` is less than or greater than `str2`, respectively.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str1[10] = "HELLO";
    char str2[10] = "HEY";
    if(strncmp(str1, str2, 2)==0)
        printf("\n The two strings are
identical");
    else
        printf("\n The two strings are not
identical");
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

The two strings are identical

### The strcpy Function

#### Syntax:

```
char *strcpy(char *str1, const char *str2);
```

This function copies the string pointed to by `str2` to `str1` including the null character of `str2`. It returns the argument `str1`. Here `str1` should be big enough to store the contents of `str2`.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str1[10], str2[10] = "HELLO";
    strcpy(str1, str2);
    printf("\n str1: %s", str1);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

HELLO

### The strncpy Function

Syntax:

```
char *strncpy(char *str1, const char *str2,
              size_t n);
```

This function copies up to *n* characters from the string pointed to by *str2* to *str1*. Copying stops when *n* characters are copied. However, if the null character in *str2* is reached then the null characters are continually copied to *str1* until *n* characters have been copied. Finally, a null character must be appended to *str1*. However, if *n* is zero or negative then nothing is copied.

**Programming Tip:**  
Do not use string functions on a character array that is not terminated with a null character.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str1[10], str2[10] = "HELLO";
    strncpy(str1, str2, 2);
    printf("\n str1: %s", str1);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

HE



To copy the string *str2* in *str1*, a better way is to write

```
strncpy(str1, str2,
        sizeof(str1)-1);
```

This would enforce the copying of only that much characters for which *str1* has space to accommodate. We have written size of *str1* minus 1 to store the null character.

### The strlen Function

Syntax:

```
size_t strlen(const char *str);
```

This function calculates the length of the string *str* up to but not including the null character, i.e., the function returns the number of characters in the string.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str[] = "HELLO";
    printf("\n Length of str is: %d",
           strlen(str));
    return 0;
}
```

Output

Length of str is: 5

### The strstr Function

Syntax:

```
char *strstr(const char *str1, const char
            *str2);
```

The function is used to find the first occurrence of string *str2* (not including the terminating null character) in the string *str1*. It returns a pointer to the first occurrence of *str2* in *str1*. If no match is found, then a null pointer is returned.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str1[] = "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU";
    char str2[] = "DAY";
    char *ptr;
    ptr = strstr(str1, str2);
    if(ptr)
        printf("\n Substring Found");
    else
        printf("\n Substring Not Found");
    return 0;
}
```

Output

Substring Found

### The strspn Function

Syntax:

```
size_t strspn(const char *str1, const char *str2);
```

The function returns the index of the first character in *str1* that doesn't match any character in *str2*.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str1[] = "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU";
    char str2[] = "HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOE";
    printf("\n The position of first
    character in str2 that does not
    match with that in str1 is %d",
    strspn(str1, str2));
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

The position of first character in str2  
that does not match with that in str1 is 15

**The strcspn Function****Syntax:**

```
size_t strcspn(const char *str1, const char *str2);
```

The function returns the index of the first character in str1 that matches any of the characters in str2.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str1[] = "PROGRAMMING IN C";
    char str2[] = "IN";
    printf("\n The position of first
    character in str2 that matches with that
    in str1 is %d", strcspn(str1, str2));
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

The position of first character in str2  
that matches with that in str1 is 8

**The strpbrk Function****Syntax:**

```
char *strpbrk(const char *str1, const char *str2);
```

The function strpbrk() returns a pointer to the first occurrence in str1 of any character in str2, or NULL if none are present. The only difference between strpbrk() and strcspn is that strcspn() returns the index of the

character and strpbrk() returns a pointer to the first occurrence of a character in str2.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str1[] = "PROGRAMMING IN C";
    char str2[] = "AB";
    char *ptr = strpbrk(str1, str2);
    if (ptr == NULL)
        printf("\n No character matches in the
        two strings");
    else
        printf("\n Character in str2 matches
        with that in str1");
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

No character matches in the two strings

**The strtok Function****Syntax:**

```
char *strtok( char *str1, const char
*delimiter );
```

The strtok() function is used to isolate sequential tokens in a null-terminated string, str. These tokens are separated in the string using delimiters. The first time that strtok is called, str should be specified; subsequent calls, wishing to obtain further tokens from the same string, should pass a NULL pointer instead. However, the delimiter must be supplied each time, though it may change between calls.

The strtok() function returns a pointer to the beginning of each subsequent token in the string, after replacing the token itself with a NULL character. When all tokens are left, a null pointer is returned.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
main ()
{
    char str[] = "Hello, to, the, world of,
    programming";
    char delim[] = ",";
    char result[20];
    result = strtok(str, delim);
    while(result != NULL)
```

```

{
    printf("\n %s", result);
    result = strtok(NULL, delim);
}
getch();
return 0;
}
    
```

**Output**

```

Hello
to
the
world of
programming
    
```

**The strtol Function**

**Syntax:**

```

long strtol(const char *str, char **end, int base);
    
```

The strtol function converts the string pointed by str to a long value. The function skips leading white space characters and stops when it encounters the first non-numeric character. strtol stores the address of the first invalid character in str in \*end. If there were no digits at all, then the strtol function will store the original value of str in \*end. You may pass NULL instead of \*end if you do not want to store the invalid characters anywhere.

Finally, the third argument base specifies whether the number is in hexa-decimal, octal, binary, or decimal representation.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
main ()
{
    long num;
    num = strtol("12345 Decimal Value", NULL, 10);
    printf("%ld", num);
    num = strtol("65432 Octal Value", NULL, 8);
    printf("%ld", num);
    num = strtol("10110101 Binary Value", NULL, 2);
    printf("%ld", num);
    num = strtol("A7CB4 Hexadecimal Value",
        NULL, 16);
    printf("%ld", num);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
    
```

**Output**

```

12345
27418
181
687284
    
```

**The strtod Function**

**Syntax:**

```

double strtod(const char *str, char **end);
    
```

The function accepts a string str that has an optional plus ('+') or minus sign ('-') followed by either:

- a decimal number containing a sequence of decimal digits optionally consisting of a decimal point, or
- a hexadecimal number consisting of a "0X" or "0x" followed by a sequence of hexadecimal digits optionally containing a decimal point.

In both cases, the number may be optionally followed by an exponent ('E' or 'e' for decimal constants or a 'P' or 'p' for hexadecimal constants), followed by an optional plus or minus sign, followed by a sequence of decimal digits. For decimal constants and hexadecimal constants, the exponent indicates the power of 10 and 2, respectively, by which the number should be scaled.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
main ()
{
    double num;
    num = strtod("123.345abcdefg", NULL);
    printf("%lf", num);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
    
```

**Output**

```

123.345000
    
```

**The atoi () Function**

Till now you must have understood that the value 1 is an integer and '1' is a character. So there is a huge difference when we write the two statements given below

```

int i=1; // here i =1
int i='1'; // here i =49, the ASCII
value of character 1
    
```

Similarly, 123 is an integer number but '123' is a string of digits. What if you want to operate some integer

operations on the string '123'? For this, C provides a function `atoi` that converts a given string into its corresponding integer.

The `atoi()` function converts a given string passed to it as an argument into an integer. The `atoi()` function returns that integer to the calling function. However, the string should start with a number. The `atoi()` will stop reading from the string as soon as it encounters a non-numerical character. The `atoi()` is included in the `stdlib.h` file. So before using this function in your program, you must include this header file. The syntax of `atoi()` can be given as,

```
int atoi( const char *str );
```

```
Example i = atoi( "123.456" );
RESULT: i = 123.
```

### The `atof()` Function

The function `atof()` converts the string that it accepts as an argument into a double value and then return that value to the calling function. However, the string must start with a valid number. One point to remember is that the string can be terminated with any non-numerical character, other than "E" or "e". The syntax of `atof()` can be given as,

```
double atof( const char *str );
```

```
Example x = atof( "12.39 is the answer" );
RESULT: x = 12.39
```

### The `atol()` Function

The function `atol()` converts the string into a long int value. The `atol` function returns the converted long value to the calling function. Like `atoi`, the `atol()` will read from a string until it finds any character that should not be in a long. Its syntax can be given as,

```
long atol( const char *str );
```

```
Example x = atol( "12345.6789" );
RESULT: x = 12345L.
```

**Note** The functions `atoi()`, `atof()`, and `atol()` are a part of `stdlib.h` header file.

## 6.6 ARRAY OF STRINGS

Till now we have seen that a string is an array of characters. For example if we say, `char name[] = "Mohan"`, then `name` is a string (character array) that has five characters.

Now suppose that there are 20 students in a class and we need a string that stores names of all the 20 students. How can this be done? Here, we need a string of strings or an array of strings. Such an array of strings would store 20 individual strings. An array of string is declared as,

```
char names[20][30];
```

Here, the first index will specify how many strings are needed and the second index specifies the length of every individual string. So here, we allocate space for 20 names where each name can be a maximum of 30 characters long. Hence, the general syntax for declaring a two-dimensional array of strings can be given as,

```
<data type> <array_name> [<row_size>
<column_size>];
```

Let us see the memory representation of an array of strings. If we have an array declared as,

```
char name[5][10] = {"Ram", "Mohan", "Shyam",
"Hari", "Gopal"};
```

then in memory the array is stored as shown in Figure 6.20.

Name[0]	R	A	M	'\0'					
Name[1]	M	O	H	A	N	'\0'			
Name[2]	S	H	Y	A	M	'\0'			
Name[3]	H	A	R	I	'\0'				
Name[4]	G	O	P	A	L	'\0'			

**Figure 6.20** Memory representation of a 2D character array

By declaring the array names, we allocate 60 bytes. But the actual memory occupied is 28 bytes. Thus we see, more than half of the memory allocated lies wasted. Figure 6.21 shows an algorithm to process an individual string from an array of strings.

```
Step 1: [Initialize] SET I=0
Step 2: Repeat step 3 while I < N
Step 3: Apply Process to NAMES[I]
[END OF LOOP]
Step 4: EXIT
```

**Figure 6.21** Algorithm to process an individual string from an array of strings

**Programming Tip:**  
When accessing elements of a character array, make sure that the elements are within the array boundaries.

In Step 1, we initialize the index variable *i* to zero. In Step 2, a while loop is executed until all the strings in the array are accessed. In Step 3, each individual string is processed.

18. Write a program to read and print the names of *n* students of a class.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    char names[5][10];
    int i, n;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of students:");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        printf("\n Enter the name of student %d: ", i+1);
        gets(names[i]);
    }
    printf("\n Names of the students are:\n");
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
        puts(names[i]);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter the number of students: 3
Enter the name of student: Aditya
Enter the name of student: Goransh
Enter the name of student: Sarthak
Names of the students are: Aditya Goransh Sarthak
```

19. Write a program to sort names of students.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    char names[5][10], temp[10];
    int i, n, j;
```

```
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of students: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        printf("\n Enter the name of the student %d: ", i+1);
        fflush(stdin);
        gets(names[i]);
    }
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        for(j = 0; j < n-i-1; j++)
        {
            if(strcmp(names[j], names[j+1])>0)
            {
                strcpy(temp, names[j]);
                strcpy(names[j], names[j+1]);
                strcpy(names[j+1], temp);
            }
        }
        printf("\n Names of the students are: ");
        for(i=0;i<n;i++)
            puts(names[i]);
        getch();
        return 0;
    }
}
```

**Programming Tip:**  
Strings cannot be manipulated with arithmetic or other operators available in C boundaries.

**Output**

```
Enter the number of students: 3
Enter the name of student: Sarthak
Enter the name of student: Goransh
Enter the name of student: Aditya
Names of the students are: Aditya Goransh Sarthak
```

**PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES**

20. Write a program to read a sentence until a '.' is entered.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[1000];
    int i=0;
    clrscr();
```

```

printf("\n Enter . to end");
printf("\n *****");
printf("\n Enter the sentence: ");
scanf("%c", &str[i]);
while(str[i] != '.')
{
    i++;
    scanf("%c", &str[i]);
}
str[i] = '\0';
printf("\n The text is: ");
i=0;
while(str[i] != '\0')
{
    printf("%c", str[i]);
    i++;
}
return 0;
}

```

## Output

```

Enter . to end
*****
Enter the sentence: Welcome to the world of
programming.
The text is: Welcome to the world of
programming

```

21. Write a program to read a line until a newline character is entered.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[1000];
    int i=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter a new line character to
end");
    printf("\n *****");
    printf("\n Enter the line of text: ");
    scanf("%c", &str[i]);
    while(str[i] != '\n')
    {
        i++;
        scanf("%c", &str[i]);
    }
    str[i] = '\0';

```

```

printf("\n The text is: ");
i=0;
while(str[i] != '\0')
{
    printf("%c", str[i]);
    i++;
}
return 0;
}

```

## Output

```

Enter a newline character to end
*****
Enter the sentence: Welcome to the world of
programming
The text is: Welcome to the world of
programming

```

22. Write a program to read and print the text until a \* is encountered. Also count the number of characters in the text entered.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[1000];
    int i=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter * to end");
    printf("\n *****");
    printf("\n Enter the text: ");
    scanf("%c", &str[i]);
    while(str[i] != '*')
    {
        i++;
        scanf("%c", &str[i]);
    }
    str[i] = '\0';
    printf("\n The text is: ");
    i=0;
    while(str[i] != '\0')
    {
        printf("%c", str[i]);
        i++;
    }
    printf("\n The count of characters is:
%d", i-1);
    return 0;
}

```

Output

```
Enter * to end
*****
Enter the sentence: Hi there*
The text is: Hi there
The count of characters is: 7
```

23. Write a program to read a sentence. Then count the number of words in the sentence.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[1000];
    int i=0, count=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the sentence: ");
    gets(str);
    while(str[i] != '\0')
    {
        if(str[i] == ' ' && str[i+1] != ' ')
            count++;
        i++;
    }
    printf("\n The total count of words is: %d", count);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the sentence: How are you
The total count of words is: 3
```

24. Write a program to read multiple lines of text until a \* is entered. Then count the number of characters, words, and lines in the text.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[1000];
    int i=0, word_count = 1, line_count =1,
    char_count = 1;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter a * to end");
    printf("\n *****");
    printf("\n Enter the text: ");
    scanf("%c", &str[i]);
    while(str[i] != '*')
```

```
{
    i++;
    scanf("%c", &str[i]);
}
str[i] = '\0';
i=0;
while(str[i] != '\0')
{
    if(str[i] == '\n' || i==79)
        line_count++;
    if(str[i] == ' ' &&str[i+1] != ' ')
        word_count++;
    char_count++;
    i++;
}
printf("\n The total count of words is: %d", word_count);
printf("\n The total count of lines is: %d", line_count);
printf("\n The total count of characters is: %d", char_count);
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the text: Hi there*
The total count of words is: 2
The total count of lines is: 1
The total count of characters is: 7
```

25. Write a program to copy a string into another using strcpy function.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], copy_str[100];
    int i=0, n;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    strcpy(copy_str, str);
    printf("\n The copied text is: ");
    puts(copy_str);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the string: How are you?
The copied text is: How are you?
```

26. Write a program to copy n characters of a string from the m<sup>th</sup> position in another string.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[1000], copy_str[1000];
    int i=0, j=0, m, n;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the text: ");
    gets(str);
    printf("\n Enter the position from which
to start: ");
    scanf("%d", &m);
    printf("\n Enter the number of characters
to be copied: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    i = m;
    while(str[i] != '\0' && n>0)
    {
        copy_str[j] = str[i];
        i++;
        j++;
        n--;
    }
    copy_str[j] = '\0';
    printf("\n The copied text is: ");
    puts(copy_str);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the text: How are you?
Enter the position from which to start: 2
Enter the number of characters to be copied:
5
The copied text is: w are
```

27. Write a program to enter a text that has commas. Replace all the commas with semi colons and then display the text.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[1000], copy_str[1000];
    int i=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the text: ");
    gets(str);
    while(str[i] != '\0')
```

```
{
    if(str[i] == ',')
        copy_str[i] = ';';
    else
        copy_str[i] = str[i];
    i++;
}
copy_str[i] = '\0';
printf("\n The copied text is: ");
i=0;
while(copy_str[i] != '\0')
{
    printf("%c", copy_str[i]);
    i++;
}
return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the text: Hello, How are you
The copied text is: Hello; How are you
```

28. Write a program to enter a text that contains multiple lines. Rewrite this text by printing line numbers before the text of the line starts.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[1000];
    int i=0, linecount = 1;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter a * to end");
    printf("\n *****");
    printf("\n Enter the text: ");
    scanf("%c", &str[i]);
    while(str[i] != '*')
    {
        i++;
        scanf("%c", &str[i]);
    }
    str[i] = '\0';
    i=0;
    while(str[i] != '\0')
    {
        if(linecount == 1 && i == 0)
            printf("\n %d\t", linecount);
        if(str[i] == '\n')
        {
            linecount++;
            printf("\n %d\t", linecount);
        }
    }
}
```

```

        printf("%c", str[i]);
        i++;
    }
    return 0;
}

```

Output

```

Enter a * to end
*****
Enter the text:
Hello
how
are You?
1 Hello
2 how
3 are you?

```

29. Write a program to enter a text that contains multiple lines. Display the n lines of text starting from the m<sup>th</sup> line.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[1000];
    int i = 0, m, n, linecount = 0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the text: ");
    scanf("%c", &str[i]);
    while(str[i]!='*')
        { i++;
          scanf("%c", &str[i]);
        }
    str[ii+1] = '\0';
    printf("\n Enter the line number from
    which to copy: ");
    scanf("%d", &m);
    printf("\n Enter the line number till
    which to copy: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    i=0,
    while(str[i] != '\0')
    {
        if(linecount == m )
        {
            j = i;
            while(n>0)
            {
                printf("%c", str[j]);
                j++;
                if(str[j] == '\n')

```

```

        {
            n--;
            linecount++;
            printf("%d \t", linecount);
        }
    }
}
else
{
    i++;
    if(str[i] == '\n')
        linecount++;
}
}
getch();
return 0;
}

```

Output

```

Enter the text : Hello
how
are you?
*
Enter the line number from which to copy: 1
Enter the line number till which to copy: 2
Hello 1
how 2

```

30. Write a program to enter a text. Then enter a pattern and count the number of times the pattern is repeated in the text.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    char str[200], pat[20];
    int i=0, j=0, found=0, k, count=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    printf("\n Enter the pattern: ");
    gets(pat);
    while(str[i]!='\0')
    {
        j=0, k=i;
        while(str[k]==pat[j] && pat[j]!='\0')
        {
            k++;
            j++;
        }
        if(pat[j]=='\0')

```

```

    {
        found=1;
        count++;
    }
    i++;
}
if(found==1)
    printf("\n PATTERN FOUND %d TIMES",
count);
else
    printf("\n PATTERN NOT FOUND");
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the string: She sells sea shells on
the sea shore
Enter the pattern: sea
PATTERN FOUND 2 TIMES

```

31. Write a program to enter a text. Then enter a pattern, if the pattern exists in the text then delete the text and display it.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    char str[200], pat[20], new_str[200];
    int i=0, j=0, found=0, k, n=0, copy_
loop=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the pattern: ");
    gets(pat);
    fflush(stdin);
    while(str[i]!='\0')
    {
        j=0, found= 0, k=i;
        while(str[k]==pat[j] && pat[j]!='\0')
        {
            k++;
            j++;
        }
        if(pat[j]=='\0')
            copy_loop=k;
        new_str[n] = str[copy_loop];
        i++;
        copy_loop++;
        n++;
    }
}

```

```

new_str[n]='\0';
printf("\n The new string is: ");
puts(new_str);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the string: She sells sea shells on
the sea shore
Enter the pattern: sea
The new string is: She sells shells on the
shore

```

32. Write a program to enter a text. Then enter a pattern, if the pattern exists in the text then replace it with another pattern and then display the text.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    char str[200], pat[20], new_str[200],
rep_pat[100];
    int i = 0, j = 0, k, n = 0, copy_loop=0,
rep_index=0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the pattern: ");
    gets(pat);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the replace pattern: ");
    gets(rep_pat);
    while(str[i]!='\0')
    {
        j=0,k=i;
        while(str[k]==pat[j] && pat[j]!='\0')
        {
            k++;
            j++;
        }
        if(pat[j]=='\0')
        {
            copy_loop=k;
            while(rep_pat[rep_index] !='\0')
            {
                new_str[n] = rep_pat[rep_index];
                rep_index++;
                n++;
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }
    new_str[n] = str[copy_loop];
    i++;
    copy_loop++;
    n++;
}
new_str[n]='\0';
printf("\n The new string is: ");
puts(new_str);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

Enter the string: She sells sea shells on the sea shore  
 Enter the pattern: sea  
 Enter the pattern: C  
 The new string is: She sells C shells on the C shore

**33. Write a program to find whether a given string is a palindrome or not.**

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100];
    int i = 0, j, length = 0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    while(str[i] != '\0')
        length++;
    i++;
    i=0;
    j = length - 1;
    while(i <= length/2)
    {
        if(str[i] == str[j])
        {
            i++;
            j--;
        }
        else
            break;
    }
    if(i>=j)

```

```

        printf("\n PALINDROME");
    else
        printf("\n NOT A PALINDROME");
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

Enter the string: madam  
 PALINDROME

**34. Write a program to implement a quiz program.**

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    char quest[5][100];
    char option1[3][20], option2[3][20],
    option3[3][20], option4[3][20],
    option5[3][20];
    int response[5], correct_ans[5], option,
    i, marks;
    clrscr();
    strcpy(quest[0], "Name the capital of India");
    strcpy(option1[0], "1. Mumbai");
    strcpy(option1[1], "2. New Delhi");
    strcpy(option1[2], "3. Chennai");
    correct_ans[0] = 1;
    strcpy(quest[1], "Name the national bird of India");
    strcpy(option2[0], "1. Peacock");
    strcpy(option2[1], "2. Sparrow");
    strcpy(option2[2], "3. Parrot");
    correct_ans[1]=0;
    strcpy(quest[2], "Name the first prime minister of India");
    strcpy(option3[0], "1. M D Gandhi");
    strcpy(option3[1], "2. S D Sharma");
    strcpy(option3[2], "3. J L Nehru");
    correct_ans[2]=2;
    strcpy(quest[3], "Name the first female president of India");
    strcpy(option4[0], "1. Pratibha Patil");
    strcpy(option4[1], "2. Sonia Gandhi");
    strcpy(option4[2], "3. Indira Gandhi");
    correct_ans[3] = 0;
    strcpy(quest[4], "Name the youngest prime minister of India");
    strcpy(option5[0], "1. Rajiv Gandhi");
    strcpy(option5[1], "2. Sanjay Gandhi");

```

```

strcpy(option5[2], "3. Rahul Gandhi");
correct_ans[4] = 0;
do
{
    printf("\n\n\n\n QUIZ PROGRAM");
    printf("\n*****");
    printf("\n 1. Display Questions");
    printf("\n 2. Display Correct Answers");
    printf("\n 3. Display Result");
    printf("\n 4. EXIT");
    printf("\n *****");
    printf("\n\n\n Enter your option: ");
    scanf("%d", &option);
    switch(option)
    {
        case 1:
            printf("\n %s \n", quest[0]);
            for(i=0;i<3;i++)
                printf("\n %s", option1[i]);
            printf("\n\n Enter your answer number: ");
            scanf("%d", &response[0]);
            printf("\n %s \n", quest[1]);
            for(i=0;i<3;i++)
                printf("\n %s", option2[i]);
            printf("\n\n Enter your answer number: ");
            scanf("%d", &response[1]);
            printf("\n %s \n", quest[2]);
            for(i=0;i<3;i++)
                printf("\n %s", option3[i]);
            printf("\n\n Enter your answer number: ");
            scanf("%d", &response[2]);
            printf("\n %s \n", quest[3]);
            for(i=0;i<3;i++)
                printf("\n %s", option4[i]);
            printf("\n\n Enter your answer number: ");
            scanf("%d", &response[3]);

            printf("\n %s \n", quest[4]);
            for(i=0;i<3;i++)
                printf("\n %s", option5[i]);
            printf("\n\n Enter your answer number: ");
            scanf("%d", &response[4]);
            break;
        case 2:
            printf("\n\n CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWERS");
            printf("\n *****");
            printf("\n %s \n
            %s", quest[0], option1[correct_ans[0]]);
            printf("\n\n %s \n
            %s", quest[1], option2[correct_ans[1]]);
            printf("\n\n %s \n
            %s", quest[2], option3[correct_ans[2]]);
            printf("\n\n %s \n
            %s", quest[3], option4[correct_ans[3]]);
            printf("\n\n %s \n
            %s", quest[4], option5[correct_ans[4]]);
            break;
        case 3:
            marks = 0;
            for(i = 0; i <= 4; i++)
            {
                if(correct_ans[i]+1 == response[i])
                    marks++;
            }
            printf("\n Out of 5 you score %d",
            marks);
            break;
    }
}while(option!=4);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

## SUMMARY

- A string is nothing but a null-terminated character array.
- A string is terminated with a null character ('\0') to signify the end of the character array.
- A string is a character array from which individual characters can be accessed using a subscript that starts from zero.
- All the characters of a string array are stored in successive memory locations.
- A string can be read from the user by using three ways—using scanf function, using gets() function, or using getchar() function repeatedly.
- scanf function terminates as soon as it finds a blank space.
- The gets() takes the starting address of the string which will hold the input. The string inputted using gets() is automatically terminated with a null character.

**SUMMARY**

- The string can also be read by calling the `getchar()` repeatedly to read a sequence of single characters (unless a terminating character is entered).
- A string can be displayed on the screen using three ways—using `printf` function, using `puts()` function or using `putchar()` function repeatedly
- In `printf()`, the width specifies the minimum output field width. If the string is short, extra space is either left padded or right padded. The precision specifies the maximum number of characters to be displayed. A negative width left pads short string rather than the default right justification. If the string is long, the extra characters are truncated.
- The number of characters in the string constitutes the length of the string.
- Appending one string to another string involves copying the contents of the source string at the end of the destination string. There is a library function `strcat(s1, s2)` that concatenates `s2` to `s1`. It is defined in `string.h`
- To extract a substring from a given string requires information about three things—the main string, the position of the first character of the substring in the given string, and the maximum number of characters/length of the substring.
- Index operation returns the position in the string where the string pattern first occurs.
- Replacement operation is used to replace the pattern `P1` by another pattern `P2`.

**GLOSSARY**

**String** An array of characters terminated by a NULL character.

**String matching** Finding occurrences of a *pattern* string within another *string*.

**String taxonomy** A string can be stored either in fixed-length or in variable-length format.

**EXERCISES**

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. Strings are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Every string is terminated with a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. If a string is given as "AB CD", the length of this string is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The subscript of a string starts with \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Characters of a string are stored in \_\_\_\_\_ memory locations.
6. `char mesg[100];` can store maximum \_\_\_\_\_ characters.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ function terminates as soon as it finds a blank space.
8. `LENGTH("")` = \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The ASCII code for A - Z varies from \_\_\_\_\_.
10. `toupper()` is used to \_\_\_\_\_.
11. `S1>S2`, means \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The function to reverse a string is \_\_\_\_\_.
13. If `S1 = "GOOD MORNING"`, then `Substr_Left(S1, 7) =` \_\_\_\_\_.
14. `INDEX("Welcome to the world of programming", "world") =` \_\_\_\_\_.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ returns the position in the string where the string pattern first occurs.
16. The function `atoi()` is present in \_\_\_\_\_ header file.
17. `strncat` is used to \_\_\_\_\_.
18. `strcmp(str1, str2)` returns 1 if \_\_\_\_\_.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ function computes the length of a string.
20. Besides `printf()`, \_\_\_\_\_ function can be used to print a line of text on the screen.

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. `LENGTH('0')` =
 

(a) -1	(b) 0
(c) 1	(d) None of these

2. ASCII code for a—z ranges from
  - (a) 0-26
  - (b) 35- 81
  - (c) 97-123
  - (d) None of these
3. Insert("XXXXYYZZZ", 1, "PPP") =
  - (a) PPPXXXXYYZZZ
  - (b) XPPPXXXXYYZZZ
  - (c) XXXYYZZZPPP
4. Delete("XXXXYYZZZ", 4,3) =
  - (a) XYZ
  - (b) XXXYYZZ
  - (c) XXXYZZ
5. If str[] = "Welcome to the world of programming", then, SUBSTRING(str, 15, 5) =
  - (a) world
  - (b) programming
  - (c) welcome
  - (d) none of these
6. strcat() is defined in which header file?
  - (a) ctype.h
  - (b) stdio.h
  - (c) string.h
  - (d) math.h
7. A string can be read using which functions?
  - (a) gets()
  - (b) scanf()
  - (c) getchar()
  - (d) all of these
8. Replace("XXXXYYZZZ", "XY", "AB") =
  - (a) XXABYYZZZ
  - (b) XABYYZZZ
  - (c) ABXXXXYYZZZ
9. The index of U in Oxford University Press is?
  - (a) 5
  - (b) 6
  - (c) 7
  - (d) 8
10. s1 = "HI", s2 = "HELLO", s3 = "BYE". How can we concatenate the three strings?
  - (a) strcat(s1,s2,s3)
  - (b) strcat(s1(strcat(s2,s3)))
  - (c) strcpy(s1, strcat(s2,s3))
11. strlen("Oxford University Press") is ?
  - (a) 22
  - (b) 23
  - (c) 24
  - (d) 25
12. Which function adds a string to the end of another string?
  - (a) stradd()
  - (b) strcat()
  - (c) strtok()
  - (d) strcpy()
4. The gets () takes the starting address of the string which will hold the input.
5. The gets () and scanf () automatically appends a null character at the end of the string read from the keyboard.
6. The function scanf () can be used to read a line of text that includes white space characters.
7. The function tolower () is defined in ctype.h header file.
8. Arithmetic operators can be applied to string variables.
9. String variables can be present either on the left or on the right side of the assignment operator.
10. If S1 and S2 are two strings, then concatenation operation produces a string which contains characters of S2 followed by the characters of S1 .
11. Appending one string to another string involves copying the contents of the source string at the end of the destination string.
12. S1<S2, when in dictionary order S1 precedes S2
13. If S1 = "GOOD MORNING", then Substr\_Right(S1, 5) = MORNING.
14. Replace ("AAABBBCCC", "X", "YYY")= AAABBBCC.
15. When a string is initialized during its declaration, the string must be explicitly terminated with a null character.
16. The function strcmp("and","ant") will return a positive value.
17. Assignment operator can be used to copy the contents of one string into another.

### Review Questions

1. What are strings? Discuss some operations that can be performed on strings.
2. Explain how strings are represented in main memory.
3. Explain operations that can be performed on strings.
4. How are strings read from the standard input device? Explain the different functions used to perform string input operation.
5. Explain how strings can be displayed on the screen.
6. Explain the syntax of printf() and scanf().
7. Write a short note on string operations.

### State True or False

1. A string Hello World can be read using scanf()
2. Initializing a string as, char str[]="HELLO"; is incorrect as a null character has not been explicitly added
3. A string when read using scanf() needs an ampersand character

## EXERCISES

8. Differentiate between gets() and scanf().
9. Give the drawbacks of getchar() and scanf(). Which function can be used to overcome the shortcomings of getchar() and scanf()?
10. How can putchar() be used to print a string?
11. Differentiate between a character and a string.
12. Differentiate between a character array and a string.
13. List all the substrings that can be formed from the string "ABCD".
14. What do you understand by pattern matching? Give an algorithm for it.
15. Write a short note on array of strings.
16. How is an array of strings represented in the memory?
17. Explain with an example how an array of strings is stored in main memory.
18. If Substring function is given as- SUBSTRING(string, position, length) then, find S(5,9) if S = "Welcome to world of C Programming".
19. If Index function is given as- INDEX(text, pattern), then find the index(T, P) where T = "Welcome to world of C Programming" and P = "of".
20. Write a program in which a string is passed as an argument to a function.
21. Write a program in C to concatenate first n characters of a string to another string.
22. Write a program in C that compares first n characters of one string with first n characters of another string.
23. Write a program that reads your name and then displays the ASCII value of each character in your name on a separate line.
24. Write a program in C that removes leading and trailing spaces from a string.
25. Write a program to read a word and re-write its characters in alphabetical order.
26. Write a program that accepts an integer value from 0 to 999. Display the value of the number read in words. That is, if the user enters 753, then print Seven Hundred Fifty Three.
27. Write a program to insert a word before a given word in the text.
28. Write a program to (a) read a name and then display it in abbreviated form, (b) Janak Raj Thareja should be displayed as JRT; (c) Janak Raj Thareja should be displayed as J.R. Thareja.
29. Write a program in C that replaces a given character with another character in the string.
30. Write a program to display the word Hello in the following format:
 

```
H
H E
H E L
H E L L
H E L L O
```
31. Write a program to display the given string array in reverse order.
32. Write a program to count the number of characters, words, and lines in the given text.
33. Write a program to count the number of digits, upper case characters, lower case characters, and special characters in a given string.
34. Write a program to count the total number of occurrences of a given character in the string.
35. Write a program to accept a text. Count and display the number of times the word "the" appears in the text.
36. Write a program to count the total number of occurrences of a word in the text.
37. Write a program to find the last instance of occurrence of a sub-string within a string.
38. Write a program to insert a sub-string in the middle of a given string.
39. Write a program to input an array of strings. Then reverse the string in the format shown below. "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU" should be displayed as "YOU TO BIRTHDAY HAPPY".
40. Write a program to append a given string in the following format.
 

```
"GOOD MORNING MORNING GOOD"
```
41. Write a program to trim a string.
42. Write a program to input a text of at least two paragraphs. Interchange the first and second paragraphs and then re-display the text on screen.
43. Write a program to input a text of at least two paragraphs. Construct an array PAR such that PAR[I] contains the location of the I<sup>th</sup> paragraph in TEXT.
44. Write a program to find the length of "GOOD MORNING".

45. (a) Write a program to convert the given string "GOOD MORNING" to "good morning".  
(b) Write a program to convert the given string "hello world" to "HELLO WORLD".
46. Write a program to concatenate two given strings "Good Morning" and "World". Display the resultant string.
47. Write a program to append two given strings "Good Morning" and "World". Display the resultant string.
48. Write a program to check whether the two given strings "Good Morning" and "GOOD MORNING" are same.
49. Write a program to convert the given string "hello world" to "dlrow olleh".
50. Write a menu driven program that demonstrates the use of string functions present in the string.h header file.
51. Write a menu driven program that demonstrates the use of character handling functions present in the ctype.h header file.
52. Write a program to extract the string "Good" from the given string "Good Morning".
53. Write a program to extract the string "od Mo" from the given string "Good Morning".
54. Write a program to insert "University" in the given string "Oxford Press" so that the string should read as "Oxford University Press".
55. Write a program to delete "University" from the given string "Oxford University Press" so that the string should read as "Oxford Press".
56. Write a menu driven program to read a string, display the string, merge two strings, copy n characters from the m<sup>th</sup> position, calculate the length of the string.
57. Write a program to copy the last n characters of a character array in another character array. Also convert the lower case letters into upper case letters while copying.
58. Write a program to copy "University" from the given string "Oxford University Press" in another string.
59. Write a program to simulate the strcpy function.
60. Write a program to program to rewrite the string "Good Morning" to "Good Evening".
61. Write a program to read and display names of employees in a department.
62. Write a program to sort the names of employees alphabetically.
63. Write a program to read a short story and count the number of characters, words, lines in the story.
64. Write a program to enter a text that has both lower case as well as uppercase characters. Replace all the lower case characters with upper case characters and then display the text.
65. Write a program to read a short story. Display the n lines of story starting from the m<sup>th</sup> line.
66. Write a program to read a short story. Rewrite the story by printing the line number before the starting of each line.
67. Write a program to display a list of candidates. Prompt 100 users to cast their vote. Finally display the winner in the elections.
68. Write a program to delete the last character of a string.
69. Write a program to delete the first character of a string.
70. Write a program to count the number of times a given character appears in the string.
71. Write a program to insert a new name in the string array STUD[[]], assuming that names are sorted alphabetically.
72. Write a program to delete a name in the string array STUD[[]], assuming that names are sorted alphabetically.
73. In a class there are 20 students. Each student is supposed to appear in three tests and two quizzes throughout the year. Make an array that stores the names of all these 20 students. Make five arrays that stores marks of three subjects as well as scores of two quizzes for all the students. Calculate the average and total marks of each student. Display the result.

#### Find errors in the following codes.

```

1. main()
{
    char str1 []="Programming";
    char str2 [] = "In C";
    str1 = str2;
    printf("\n str1 = %s", str1);
}

```

```

2. main()
{
    char str[]={ 'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o' };
    printf("\n str = %s", str);
}
3. main()
{
    char str[5]="HELLO";
    printf("\n str = %s", str);
}
4. main()
{
    char str[10];
    strncpy(str1, "HELLO", 3);
    printf("\n str = %s", str);
}
5. main()
{
    char str[10];
    strcpy(str, "Hello there");
    printf("\n str = %s", str);
}
6. main()
{
    char str[] = "Hello there";
    if(strstr(str, "Uni")==0)
        printf("\n Substring Found");
}
7. main()
{
    char str1[10], str2[10];
    gets(str1, str2);
    printf("\n str1 = %s and str2 = %s",
        str1, str2);
}

```

Find the output of the following codes.

```

1. main()
{
    char str1[] = { 'H', 'I' };
    char str2[] = { 'H', 'I', '\0' };
    if(strcmp(str1, str2) == 0)
        printf("\n The strings are equal");
    else
        printf("\n Strings are not
equal");
}

```

```

2. main()
{
    char str[] = "Programming in C";
    int i;
    while(str[i]!='\0')
    {
        if(i%2==0)
            printf("%c", str[i]);
        i++;
    }
}
3. main()
{
    char str[]="GGOD MORNING";
    printf("\n %20.10s", str);
    printf("\n %s", str[0]);
    printf("\n %s", &str[5]);
}
4. main()
{
    char ch = 'k';
    printf("%c", ch+10);
}
5. main()
{
    char str1[] = "Programming";
    char str2[] = "Is Fun";
    strcpy(str1, str2);
    printf("\n %s", str1);
}
6. main()
{
    char str1[] = "Programming";
    char str2[] = "Is Fun";
    strncpy(str1, str2, 3);
    printf("\n %s", str1);
}
7. main()
{
    char str1[] = "Programming";
    char str2[] = "Project";
    printf("%d", strcmp(str1, str2, 3));
}
8. main()
{
    char str[] = "Oxford University Press";
    printf("%s", strstr(str, "Uni"));
}

```

# 7

# Pointers

## Learning Objective

In this chapter, we will learn about a special variable known as pointers. Pointer variables are used to directly access memory using memory addresses and form a very useful concept in C language. In this chapter, we will use variables that point to all types of variables —int, float, double, char. Pointers also provide a handy way to access arrays and strings. Moreover, we may also have function pointers in our C programs. Last but not the least, the most powerful use of pointers is to dynamically allocate memory for variables. In this chapter, we will learn about the basics of pointers and then in the subsequent chapters, we will be using them to implement our data structures.

## 7.1 UNDERSTANDING THE COMPUTER'S MEMORY

Every computer has a primary memory. All data and programs need to be placed in the primary memory for execution. The primary memory or *RAM* (Random Access Memory which is a part of the primary memory) is a collection of memory locations (often known as cells) and each location has a specific address. Each memory location is capable of storing 1 byte of data (though new computers are able to store 2 bytes of data but in this book we have been talking about locations storing 1 byte of data). Therefore, a char type data needs just 1 memory location, an int type data needs 2 memory locations. Similarly, float and double type data need 4 and 8 memory locations, respectively.

Generally, the computer has three areas of memory each of which is used for a specific task. These areas of memory include—stack, heap, and global memory.

**Stack** A fixed size of stack is allocated by the system and is filled as needed from the bottom to the top, one element at a time. These elements can be removed from the top to the bottom by removing one element at a time, i.e., the last element added to the stack is removed first.

When the program has used the variables or data stored in the stack, it can be discarded to enable the stack to be used for other programs to store its data. We have already read a little bit on the system stack in Functions when we discussed Recursion. We will read more about them in the chapter on Stacks.



Stack is the section of memory that is allocated for automatic variables within functions.

**Heap** It is a contiguous block of memory that is available for use by the program when the need arises. A fixed size heap is allocated by the system and is used by the system in a random fashion.

The addresses of the memory locations in heap that are not currently allocated to the program for use are stored in a free list. When the program requests a block of memory, the dynamic allocation technique (discussed at the end of this Chapter) takes a block from the heap and assigns it to the program. When the program has finished using the block, it returns the memory block to the heap and the location of the memory locations in that block is added to the free list.

Compared to heaps, a stack is faster but smaller and expensive. When a program begins execution with the `main()`, all variables declared within `main()` are allocated space on the stack. Moreover, all the parameters passed to the called function will be stored on the stack.

**Global memory** The block of code that is the `main()` program (along with other functions in the program) is stored in the global memory. The memory in the global area is allocated randomly to store the code of different functions in the program in such a way that one function is not contiguous to another function. Besides, the function code, all global variables declared in the program are stored in the global memory area.

**Other memory layouts** C provides some more memory areas such as text segment, BSS, and shared library segment.

- The text segment is used to store the machine instructions corresponding to the compiled program. This is generally a read-only memory segment.
- BSS (Block Started by Symbol) is used to store un-initialized global variables.
- Shared library segment contains the executable image of shared libraries that are being used by the program.

## 7.2 INTRODUCTION TO POINTERS

Every variable in C language has a name and a value associated with it. When a variable is declared, a specific block of memory within the computer is allocated to hold the value of that variable. The size of the allocated block depends on the type of the data. Let us write a program to find the size of the various data types on your system. (Note the size of integer may vary from one system to another. In 32 bit systems, integer variable is allocated 4 bytes while on 16 bit systems it is allocated 2 bytes).

1. Write a program to find the size of various data types on your system.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    printf("\n The size of short integer is:
    %d", sizeof(short int));
    printf("\n The size of unsigned integer
    is: %d", sizeof(unsigned int));
    printf("\n The size of signed integer is:
    %d", sizeof(signed int));
    printf("\n The size of integer is: %d",
    sizeof(int));
    printf("\n The size of long integer is:
    %d", sizeof(long int));

    printf("\n The size of character is: %d",
    sizeof(char));
    printf("\n The size of unsigned character
    is: %d", sizeof(unsigned char));
    printf("\n The size of signed character
    is: %d", sizeof(signed char));

    printf("\n The size of floating point
    number is: %d", sizeof(float));
    printf("\n The size of double number is:
    %d", sizeof(double));
    return 0;
}
```

### Output

```
The size of short integer is: 2
The size of unsigned integer is: 2
The size of signed integer is: 2
The size of integer is: 2
The size of long integer is: 4
The size of character is: 1
The size of unsigned character is: 1
```

The size of signed character is: 1  
 The size of floating point number is: 4  
 The size of double number is: 8

Consider the statement below.

```
int x = 10;
```

When this statement executes, the compiler sets aside 2 bytes of memory to hold the value 10. It also sets up a symbol table in which it adds the symbol `x` and the relative address in memory where those 2 bytes were set aside.

Thus, every variable in C has a value and a memory location (commonly known as address) associated with it. Some texts use the term *rvalue* and *lvalue* for the value and the address of the variable, respectively.

The *rvalue* appears on the right side of the assignment statement (10 in the above statement) and cannot be used on the left side of the assignment statement. Therefore, writing `10 = k;` is illegal. If we write,

```
int x, y;
x = 10;
y = x;
```

Then in this code we have two integer variables `x` and `y`. Compiler reserves memory for integer variable `x` and stores *rvalue* 10 in it. When we say `y = x;`, then `x` is interpreted as its *rvalue* (since it is on the right hand side of the assignment operator '='). Here `x` refers to the value stored at the memory location set aside for `x`, in this case 10. After this statement is executed, the *rvalue* of `y` is also 10.

You must be wondering why we are discussing addresses and *lvalues*? Actually pointers are nothing but memory addresses. A pointer is a variable that contains the memory location of another variable. Therefore, a pointer is a variable that represents the location of a data item, such as a variable or an array element. Pointers are frequently used in C language as they have a number of useful applications. These applications include:

- to pass information back and forth between a function and its reference point
- enable the programmers to return multiple data items from a function via function arguments
- provide an alternate way to access individual elements of the array

- to pass arrays and strings as function arguments
- enables references to functions. So with pointers, the programmer can even pass functions as argument to another function
- to create complex data structures such as trees, linked list, linked stack, linked queue, and graphs
- for dynamic memory allocation of a variable

### 7.3 DECLARING POINTER VARIABLES

A pointer provides access to a variable by using the address of that variable. A pointer variable is therefore a variable that stores the address of another variable. The general syntax of declaring pointer variables can be given as below.

```
data_type *ptr_name;
```

**Programming Tip:**  
 The data type of the pointer variable and the variable to which it points must be the same.

Here, `data_type` is the data type of the value that the pointer will point to. For example,

```
int *pnum;
char *pch;
float *pfnum;
```

In each of the above statements, a pointer variable is declared to point to a variable of the specified data type. Although all these pointers, `pnum`, `pch`, and `pfnum` point to different data types but they will occupy the same amount of space in memory. But how much space they occupy will depend on the platform where the code is going to run. To verify this, execute the following code and observe the result.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int *pnum;
    char *pch;
    float *pfnum;
    double *pdnum;
    long *plnum;
    printf("\n Size of integer pointer = %d", sizeof(pnum));
    printf("\n Size of character pointer = %d", sizeof(pch));
}
```

```
printf("\n Size of float pointer = %d",
sizeof(pfnum));
printf("\n Size of double pointer = %d",
sizeof(pdnum));
printf("\n Size of long pointer = %d",
sizeof(plnum));
}
```

Output

```
Size of integer pointer = 2
Size of character pointer = 2
Size of float pointer = 2
Size of double pointer = 2
Size of long pointer = 2
```

Now let us declare an integer pointer variable and start using it in our program code.

```
int x= 10;
int *ptr;
ptr = &x;
```

**Programming Tip:** A pointer variable can store only the address of a variable.

In the above statement, ptr is the name of pointer variable. The '\*' informs the compiler that ptr is a pointer variable and the int specifies that it will store the address of an integer variable.

An integer pointer variable, therefore, point to an integer variable. In the last statement, ptr is assigned the address of x. The & operator retrieves the lvalue (address) of x, and copies that to the contents of the pointer ptr.

Consider the memory cells given in Figure 7.1.

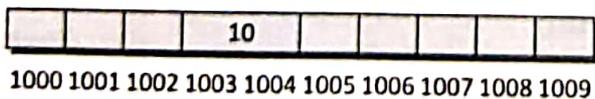


Figure 7.1 Memory representation

Now, since x is an integer variable, it will be allocated 2 bytes. Assuming that the compiler assigns it memory locations 1003 and 1004, we say the value of x = 10 and the address of x (written as &x) is equal to 1003, i.e., the starting address of x in the memory. When we write, ptr = &x, then ptr = 1003.



In C, pointers are not allowed to store memory addresses, but they can store only the addresses of variables of a given type. Therefore writing a statement like int \*ptr = 1000; is absolutely illegal in C.

**Programming Tip:**

The address of a memory location is a constant, therefore, it cannot be changed in the program code.

We can dereference a pointer, i.e., refer to the value of the variable to which it points, by using unary '\*' operator (also known as *indirection operator*) as in \*ptr, i.e., \*ptr = 10, since 10 is value of x. Therefore, \* is equivalent to writing *value at address*. Look at the code below which shows the

use of pointer variable.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int num, *pnum;
    pnum = &num;
    printf("\n Enter the number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    printf("\n The number that was entered
is: %d", *pnum);
    printf("\n The address of number in
memory is: %p", &num);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the number: 10
The number that was entered is: 10
The address of number in memory is: FFDC
```



%p control string prints the argument as a memory address in hexadecimal form. %u prints memory address in decimal form.

**Programming Tip:**

A pointer variable cannot be assigned value of the variable to which it points.

Can you tell what will be the value of \*(&num)? Yes it is equivalent to num. The indirection and the address operators are inverse of each other, so when combined in an expression, they cancel each other.

We can also assign values to variables using pointer variables and modify its value. The code given below shows this.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int num, *pnum;
    pnum = &num;
    *pnum = 10;
    printf("\n *pnum = %d", *pnum);
    printf("\n num = %d", num);
    *pnum = *pnum + 1;
    // increments the value of num
    printf("\nAfter increment *pnum=%d", *pnum);
    printf("\nAfter increment num = %d", num);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
*pnum = 10
num = 10
After increment *pnum = 11
After increment num = 11
```

Now can you predict the output of the following code?

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int num, *pnum1, *pnum2;
    pnum1 = &num; → add
    *pnum1 = 10; → val
    pnum2 = pnum1;
    printf("\n Value of num using all three
    variables (num, *pnum1, *pnum2) = %d %d
    %d", num, *pnum1, *pnum2);
    printf("\n Address of num using all three
    variables (&num, pnum1, pnum2) = %x %x
    %x", num, pnum1, pnum2);
    return 0;
}
```

*Top - 10110110 val  
- address - 3 times*

While the first printf statement will print the value of num, the second printf statement will print address of num. These are just three different ways to refer to the value and address of the same variable.

#### Programming Tip:

It is an error to assign address of a variable to another variable of the same type. The variable to which the address is being assigned must be declared as a pointer variable.

The address of a variable is the address of the first byte occupied by that variable. Basically, address of the variable is the relative location of the variable with respect to the program's memory space. We cannot change the address of a variable, we can only use them. Although the address of a variable cannot be changed, the variable's address may change during different program runs,

i.e., if you try to print the address of num today, it may print 4010. Next time when you run the program, it may print the address as FA12.

One thing to remember always is that the data type of the pointer variable and the variable whose address it will store must both be of the same type. Therefore, the following code is not valid.

```
int x = 10;
float y = 2.0;
int *px;
float *py;
px = &y; //INVALID
py = &x; //INVALID
```

Also note that it is not necessary that the pointer variable will point to the same variable throughout the program. It can point to any variable as long as the data type of the pointer variable is same as that of the variable it points to. The following code illustrates this concept.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int a=3, b=5;
    int *pnum;
    pnum = &a;
    printf("\n a = %d", *pnum);
    pnum = &b;
    printf("\n b = %d", *pnum);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
a = 3
b = 5
```

Note

Any number of pointers can point to the same address.

Note

Using an un-initialized pointer can cause unpredictable results.

## 7.4 POINTER EXPRESSIONS AND POINTER ARITHMETIC

Like other variables, pointer variables can also be used in expressions. For example, if ptr1 and ptr2 are pointers, then the following statements are valid.

```
int num1=2, num2= 3, sum=0, mul=0, div=1;
int *ptr1, *ptr2;
ptr1 = &num1;
ptr2 = &num2;
```

```
sum = *ptr1 + *ptr2;
mul = sum * *ptr1;
*ptr2 +=1;
div = 9 + *ptr1/*ptr2 - 30;
```

**Programming Tip:** A pointer variable that is declared but not initialised contains garbage value. Hence, such a pointer variable must not be used before it is assigned any variable's address.

In C, the programmer may add or subtract integers from pointers. We can also subtract one pointer from the other. We can also use short hand operators with the pointer variables as we use with other variables.

C also allows to compare pointers by using relational operators in the expressions. For example, p1 > p2, p1 == p2, and p1 != p2 are all valid in C.

When using pointers, unary increment (++) and decrement (--) operators have greater precedence than the dereference operator (\*). But both these operators have a special behaviour when used as suffix. In that case the expression is evaluated with the value it had before being increased. Therefore, the expression

```
*ptr++
```

is equivalent to \*(ptr++) as ++ has greater operator precedence than \*. Therefore, the expression will increase the value of ptr so that it now points to the next element. This means the statement \*ptr++ does not perform the intended task. Therefore, to increment the value of the variable whose address is stored in ptr, you should write

```
(*ptr)++
```

*ptr = 5  
ptr = 6*

Now, let us consider another C statement

```
int num1=2, num2=3;
```

```
int *p = &num1, *q=&num2;
*p++ = *q++;
```

What will \*p++ = \*q++ do? Because ++ has a higher precedence than \*, both p and q are increased, but because the increment operators (++) are used as postfix and not prefix, the value assigned to \*p is \*q before both p and q are increased. Then both are increased. So the statement is equivalent to writing:

**Programming Tip:** It is an error to subtract two pointer variables.

```
*p = *q;
++p; ++q;
```

Let us now summarize the rules for pointer operations:

- A pointer variable can be assigned the address of another variable (of the same type).
- A pointer variable can be assigned the value of another pointer variable (of the same type).
- A pointer variable can be initialized with a NULL (or 0) value.
- Prefix or postfix increment and decrement operators can be applied on a pointer variable.
- An integer value can be added or subtracted from a pointer variable.
- A pointer variable can be compared with another pointer variable of the same type using relational operators.
- A pointer variable cannot be multiplied by a constant.
- A pointer variable cannot be added to another pointer variable.

## PROGRAMS USING POINTERS

2. Write a program to print Hello World, using pointers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    char *ch = "Hello World";
    printf("%s", ch);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

Hello World

3. Write a program to add two floating point numbers. The result should contain only two digits after the decimal.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    float num1, num2, sum = 0.0;
    float *pnum1 = &num1, *pnum2 = &num2,
    *psum = &sum;
    printf("\n Enter the two numbers: ");
    scanf("%f %f", pnum1, pnum2);
    // pnum1 = &num1;
    *psum = *pnum1 + *pnum2;
    printf("\n %f + %f = %.2f", *pnum1,
    *pnum2, *psum);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the two numbers: 2.5 3.4
2.5 + 3.4 = 5.90
```

4. Write a program to calculate area of a circle.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    double radius, area = 0.0;
    double *pradius = &radius, *parea = &area;
    printf("\n Enter the radius of the circle: ");
    scanf("%lf", pradius);
    *parea = 3.14 * (*pradius) * (*pradius);
    printf("\n The area of the circle with
    radius %.2lf = %.2lf", *pradius, *parea);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the radius of the circle: 7.0
The area of the circle with radius 7.0 =
153.83
```

5. Write a program to convert a floating point number into an integer.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
```

```
{
    float fnum, *pfnum = &fnum;
    int num, *pnum = &num;
    printf("\n Enter the floating point no.: ");
    scanf("%f", &fnum);
    *pnum = (int)*pfnum;
    printf("\n The integer equivalent of %f =
    %d", *pfnum, *pnum);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the floating point no.: 3.4
The integer equivalent of 3.4000 = 3
```

6. Write a program to find the biggest of three numbers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int num1, num2, num3;
    int *pnum1 = &num1, *pnum2 = &num2,
    *pnum3 = &num3;
    printf("\n Enter the first number: ");
    scanf("%d", pnum1);
    printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
    scanf("%d", pnum2);
    printf("\n Enter the third number: ");
    scanf("%d", pnum3);
    if(*pnum1 > *pnum2 && *pnum1 > *pnum3)
        printf("\n %d is the largest number", *pnum1);
    if(*pnum2 > *pnum1 && *pnum2 > *pnum3)
        printf("\n %d is the largest number", *pnum2);
    else
        printf("\n %d is the largest number", *pnum3);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the first number: 5
Enter the second number: 7
Enter the third number: 3
7 is the largest number
```

7. Write a program to print a character. Also print its ASCII value and rewrite the character in upper case.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
```

```
int main()
{
    int ch, *pch = &ch;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the character: ");
    scanf("%c", &ch);
    printf("\n The char entered is: %c", *pch);
    printf("\n ASCII value of the char is: %d", *pch);
    printf("\n The char in upper case is: %c", *pch-32);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter the character: z
The char entered is: z
ASCII value of the char is: 122
The char in upper case is: Z
```

8. Write a program to enter a character and then determine whether it is a vowel or not.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char ch, *pch = &ch;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any character: ");
    scanf("%c", pch);
    if(*pch=='a' || *pch=='e' ||
        *pch=='i' || *pch=='o' || *pch=='u' ||
        *pch=='A' || *pch=='E' || *pch=='I'
        || *pch=='O' || *pch=='U')
        printf("\n %c is a VOWEL", ch);
    else
        printf("\n %c is not a vowel", *pch);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter any character: i
i is a VOWEL
```

9. Write a program which takes an input from the user and then checks whether it is a number or a character.

If it is a character, determine whether it is in upper case or lower case.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char ch, *pch = &ch;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any character: ");
    scanf("%c", pch);
    if(*pch >='A' && *pch <='Z')
        printf("\n Upper case char was entered");
    if(*pch >='a' && *pch <='z')
        printf("\n Lower case char was entered");
    else if(*pch >='0' && *pch <='9')
        printf("\n You entered a number");
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter any character: 7
You entered a number
```

10. Write a program using pointer variables to read a character until \* is entered. If the character is in upper case, print it in lower case and vice versa. Also count the number of upper and lower case characters entered.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char ch, *pch = &ch;
    int upper = 0, lower = 0;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the character: ");
    scanf("%c", pch);
    while(*pch != '*')
    {
        if(*pch >= 'A' && *pch <= 'Z')
        {
            *pch += 32;
            upper++;
        }
        if(*pch >= 'a' && *pch <= 'z')
```

```

    {
        *pch -= 32;
        lower++;
    }
    printf("%c", *pch);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the character: ");
    scanf("%c", pch);
}
printf("\n Total number of upper case
characters = %d", upper);
printf("\n Total number of lower case
characters = %d", lower);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the character: A
A
Enter the character: b
B
Enter the character: c
C
Enter the character: *
Total number of upper case characters = 1
Total number of lower case characters = 2

```

**11. Write a program to test whether a number is positive, negative, or equal to zero.**

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int num, *pnum = &num;
    printf("\n Enter any number: ");
    scanf("%d", pnum);
    if(*pnum>0)
        printf("\n The number is positive");
    else
    {
        if(*pnum<0)
            printf("\n The number is negative");
        else
            printf("\n The number is equal to
zero");
    }
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter any number: -1
The number is negative

```

**12. Write a program to display the sum and average of numbers from m to n.**

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int num, *pnum = &num, range;
    int m, *pm = &m;
    int n, *pn = &n;
    int sum = 0, *psum = &sum;
    float avg, *pavg = &avg;
    printf("\n Enter the starting and ending
limit of the numbers to be summed:");
    scanf("%d %d", pm, pn);
    range = n - m;
    while(*pm <= *pn)
    {
        *psum = *psum + *pm;
        *pm = *pm + 1;
    }
    printf("\n Sum of numbers = %d , *psum);
    *pavg = *psum / range;
    printf("\n Average of numbers = %f",
    *pavg);
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the starting and ending limit of the
numbers to be summed: 0 10
Sum of numbers = 55
Average of numbers = 5.5

```

**13. Write a program to print all even numbers from m-n.**

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    int m, *pm = &m;
    int n, *pn = &n;
    printf("\n Enter the starting and ending
limit of the numbers: ");
    scanf("%d %d", pm, pn);
    while(*pm <= *pn)
    {
        if(*pm %2 == 0)

```

```

printf("\n %d is even", *pm);
else
printf("\n %d is odd", *pm);
(*pm)++;
}
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

Enter the starting and ending limit of the numbers: 0 10  
0 is even  
2 is even  
4 is even  
6 is even  
8 is even  
10 is even

14. Write a program to read numbers until -1 is entered. Also display whether the number is prime or composite.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
int num, *pnum = &num;
int i, flag = 0;
printf("\n ***** ENTER -1 TO EXIT *****");
printf("\n Enter any number: ");
scanf("%d", pnum);
while(*pnum != -1)
{
if(*pnum == 1)
printf("\n %d is neither prime nor composite", *pnum);
else if(*pnum == 2)
printf("\n %d is prime", *pnum);
else
{
for(i=2; i<*pnum/2; i++)
{
if(*pnum/i == 0)
flag =1;
}
if(flag == 0)
printf("\n %d is prime", *pnum);
else
printf("\n %d is composite", *pnum);
}
}
}

```

```

printf("\n Enter any number: ");
scanf("%d", pnum);
}
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

\*\*\*\*\* ENTER -1 TO EXIT \*\*\*\*\*  
Enter any number: 3  
3 is prime  
Enter any number: 1  
1 is neither prime nor composite  
Enter any number: -1

**7.5 NULL POINTERS**

We have seen that the pointer variable is a pointer to some other variable of the same data type. However, in some cases we may prefer to have *null pointer* which is a special pointer value that does not point anywhere. This means that a NULL pointer does not point to any valid memory address.

To declare a null pointer you may use the predefined constant NULL, which is defined in several standard header files including <stdio.h>, <stdlib.h>, and <string.h>. After including any of these files in your program just write,

```
int *ptr = NULL;
```

You can always check whether a given pointer variable stores address of some variable or contains a NULL by writing,

```

if (ptr == NULL)
{
Statement block;
}

```

You may also initialize a pointer as a null pointer by using a constant 0, as shown below.

```

int ptr,
ptr = 0;

```

**Programming Tip:** It is a logical error to dereference a null pointer.

This is a valid statement in C, as even NULL which is a preprocessor macro typically has the value, or replacement text, 0. However, to avoid ambiguity it is always better to use NULL to declare a null pointer.

A function that returns pointer values can return a null pointer when it is unable to perform its task.

Null pointers are used in situations where one of the pointers in the program points to different locations at different times. In such situations it is always better to set it to a null pointer when it doesn't point anywhere valid, and to test to see if it's a null pointer before using it.



A run time error is generated if you try to dereference a null pointer.

## 7.6 GENERIC POINTERS

A *generic pointer* is a pointer variable that has void as its data type. The void pointer, or the generic pointer, is a special type of pointer that can be used to point to variables of any data type. It is declared like a normal pointer variable but using the void keyword as the pointer's data type. For example,

```
void *ptr;
```

In C, since you cannot have a variable of type void, the void pointer will therefore not point to any data and thus, cannot be dereferenced. You need to type cast a void pointer (generic pointer) to another kind of pointer before using it.

**Programming Tip:**  
A pointer variable of type void \* cannot be dereferenced.

Generic pointers are often used when you want a pointer to point to data of different types at different times. For example, look at the code given below.

Here is some code using a void pointer:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int x=10;
    char ch = 'A';
    void *gp;
    gp = &x;
    printf("\n Generic pointer points to the
integer value = %d", *(int*)gp);
    gp = &ch;
```

```
printf("\n Generic pointer now points to
the character %c", *(char*)gp);
return 0;
```

### Output

```
Generic pointer points to the integer value
= 10
Generic pointer now points to the character
= A
```

It is always recommended to avoid using void pointers unless absolutely necessary, as they effectively allow you to avoid type checking.

## 7.7 PASSING ARGUMENTS TO FUNCTION USING POINTERS

We have already seen call by value method of passing parameters to a function. Using call by value method, it is impossible to modify the actual parameters in the call when you pass them to a function. Furthermore, the incoming arguments to a function are treated as local variables in the function and those local variables get a *copy* of the values passed from their caller.

Pointers provide a mechanism to modify data declared in one function using code written in another function. In other words: If data is declared in func1() and we want to write code in func2() that modifies the data in func1(), then we must pass the addresses of the variables we want to change.

**Programming Tip:**  
While using pointers to pass arguments to a function, the calling function must pass addresses of the variables as arguments and the called function must dereference the arguments to use them in the function body for processing.

The calling function sends the addresses of the variables and the called function must declare those incoming arguments as pointers. In order to modify the variables sent by the caller, the called function must dereference the pointers that were passed to it. Thus, passing pointers to a function avoids the overhead of copying data from one function to another. Hence, to use pointers for passing arguments to a function, the programmer must do the following:

- Declare the function parameters as pointers
- Use the dereferenced pointers in the function body
- Pass the addresses as the actual argument when the function is called.



It is an error to return a pointer to a local variable in the called function, because when the function terminates, its memory may be allocated to a different program.

### PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES

Let us write some programs that pass pointer variables as parameters to functions.

15. Write a program to add two integers using functions

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
void sum (int *a, int *b, int *t);
int main()
{
    int num1, num2, total;
    printf("\n Enter the first number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num1);
    printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num2);
    sum(&num1, &num2, &total);
    printf("\n Total = %d", total);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
void sum (int *a, int *b, int *t)
{
    *t = *a + *b;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the first number: 2
Enter the first number: 3
Total = 5
```

16. Write a program, using functions, to find the biggest of three integers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int greater(int *a, int *b, int *c, int *large);
```

```
int main()
{
    int num1, num2, num3, large;
    printf("\n Enter the first number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num1);
    printf("\n Enter the second number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num2);
    printf("\n Enter the third number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num3);
    greater(&num1, &num2, &num3, &large);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Programming Tip:

A compiler error will be generated if you use pointer arithmetic with multiply, divide or modulo operators.

```
int greater (int *a, int *b,
int *c, int *large)
{
    if(*a > *b && *a > *c)
        *large = *a;
    if(*b > *a && *b > *c)
        *large = *b;
    else
        *large = *c;
    printf("\n Largest number = %d", *large);
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the first number: 1
Enter the second number: 7
Enter the third number: 9
Largest number = 9
```

17. Write a program to calculate area of a triangle.

```
#include <stdio.h>
void read(float *b, float *h);
void calculate_area (float *b, float *h,
float *a);
int main()
{
    float base, height, area;
    read(&base, &height);
    calculate_area(&base, &height, &area);
    printf("\n Area of the triangle with base
%f and height %f = %f", base, height, area);
    return 0;
}
void read(float *b, float *h)
{
    printf("\n Enter the base of the
```

```

scanf("%f", b);
printf("\n Enter the height of the
triangle: ");
scanf("%f", h);
}
void calculate_area (float *b, float *h,
float *a)
{
*a = 0.5 * (*b) * (*h);
}

```

### Output

```

Enter the base of the triangle: 10
Enter the height of the triangle: 5
Area of the triangle with base 10.0 and
height 5.0 = 25.00

```

Hence, we see that functions usually return only one value. Pointers can be used to return more than one value to the calling function. This is done by allowing the arguments to be passed by address which enables the function to alter the values pointed to and thus helps to return more than one value.

## 7.8 POINTERS AND ARRAYS

The concept of array is very much bound to the one of pointer. An array occupies consecutive memory locations. Consider Figure 7.2. For example, if we have an array declared as,

`int arr[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};` then in memory it would be stored as shown in Figure 7.2.

1	2	3	4	5
arr[0]	arr[1]	arr[2]	arr[3]	arr[4]
1000	1002	1004	1006	1008

**Figure 7.2** Memory representation of arr[]

Array notation is a form of pointer notation. The name of the array is the starting address of the array in memory. It is also known as the base address. In other words, base address is the address of the first element in the array or the address of `arr[0]`. Now let us use a pointer variable as given in the statement below.

```

int *ptr;
ptr = &arr[0];

```

Here, `ptr` is made to point to the first element of the array. Execute the code given below and observe the output which will make the concept clear to you.

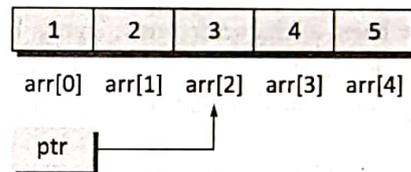
**Programming Tip:**  
The name of the array is actually a pointer that points to the first element of the array.

```

main()
{
int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5};
printf("\n Address of
array = %p %p %p", arr,
&arr[0], &arr);
}

```

Similarly, writing `ptr = &arr[2]`, makes `ptr` to point to the third element of the array, that has index 2. Figure 7.3 shows `ptr` pointing to the third element of the array.



**Figure 7.3** Pointer pointing to the third element of the array

If pointer variable `ptr` holds the address of the first element in the array, then the address of successive elements can be calculated by writing `ptr++`.

```

int *ptr = &arr[0];
ptr++;
printf("\n The value of the second element
of the array is %d", *ptr);

```

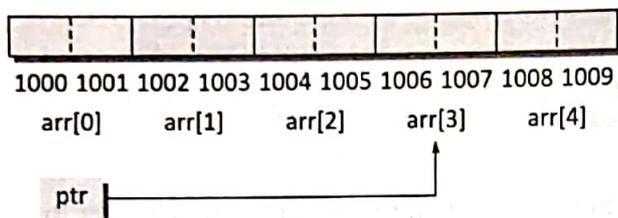
**Programming Tip:**  
An error is generated if an attempt is made to change the address of the array.

The `printf()` function will print the value 2 because after being incremented `ptr` points to the next location. One point to note here is that if `x` is an integer variable, then `x++`, adds 1 to the value of `x`. But `ptr` is a pointer variable, so when we write `ptr + i`, then adding `i` gives a pointer that points `i` elements further along an array than the original pointer.

Since `++ptr` and `ptr++` are both equivalent to `ptr + 1`, incrementing a pointer using the unary `++` operator, increments the address it stores by the amount given by `sizeof(type)` where `type` is the data type of the variable it

points to (i.e., 2 for an integer). For example, consider the Figure 7.4.

If ptr originally points to arr[2], then ptr++ will make it to point to the next element, i.e., arr[3]. This is shown in Figure 7.4.



**Figure 7.4** The pointer (ptr) pointing to the fourth element of the array

Had this been a character array, every byte in the memory would have been used to store an individual character. ptr++ would then add only 1 byte to the address of ptr.

When using pointers, an expression like arr[i] is equivalent to writing \*(arr+i). If arr is the array name, then the compiler implicitly takes

```
arr = &arr[0]
```

To print the value of the third element of the array, we can straightaway use the expression \*(arr+2). Note that

```
arr[i] = *(arr + i)
```

Many beginners get confused by thinking of array name as a pointer. For example, while we can write

```
ptr = arr; // ptr = &arr[0]
```

we cannot write

```
arr = ptr;
```

**Programming Tip:** When an array is passed to a function, we are actually passing a pointer to the function. Therefore, in the function declaration you must declare a pointer to receive the array name.

This is because while ptr is a variable, arr is a constant. The location at which the first element of arr will be stored cannot be changed once arr[] has been declared. Therefore, an array name is often known to be a constant pointer.

To summarize, the name of an array is equivalent to the address of its first element, as a pointer is equivalent to the address of the

element that it points to. Therefore, arrays and pointers use the same concept.

**Note** arr[i], i[arr], \*(arr+i), \*(i+arr) gives the same value.

Look at the following code and understand the result of executing them.

```
main()
{
    int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5};
    int *ptr, i;
    ptr=&arr[2];
    *ptr = -1;
    *(ptr+1) = 0; // add 1 then arr[2] value
    *(ptr-1) = 1;
    printf("\n Array is: ");
    for(i=0;i<5;i++)
        printf(" %d", *(arr+i));
}
```

Output

Array is: 1 1 -1 0 5

In C we can add or subtract an integer from a pointer to get a new pointer, pointing somewhere other than the original position. C also permits addition and subtraction of two pointer variables. For example, look at the code given below.

```
main()
{
    int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
    int *ptr1, *ptr2;
    ptr1 = arr;
    ptr2 = ptr+2;
    printf("%.d", ptr2 - ptr1);
}
```

Output

2

In the code, ptr1 and ptr2 are pointers pointing to the elements of the same array. We may subtract two pointers as long as they point to the same array. Here, the output is 2 because there are two elements between ptr1 and ptr2 in the array arr. Both the pointers must point to the same array or one past the end of the array, otherwise this behaviour cannot be defined.

Moreover, C also allows pointer variables to be compared with each other. Obviously, if two pointers are equal, then they point to the same location in the array. However, if one pointer is less than the other, it means that the pointer points to some element nearer to the beginning of the array. Like with other variables, relational operators (>, <, =, etc.) can also be applied to pointer variables.

18. Write a program to display an array of given numbers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
    int *ptr1, *ptr2;
    ptr1 = arr;
    ptr2 = &arr[8];
    while(ptr1<=ptr2)
    {
        printf("%d", *ptr1);
        ptr1++;
    }
}
```

Output

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



An object is a named region of storage; an lvalue is an expression referring to an object.

Table 7.1 summarizes pointer arithmetic.

19. Write a program to read and display an array of n integers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n;
    int arr[10], *parr = arr;
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("\n Enter the elements: ");
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
        scanf("%d", parr+i);
    printf("\n The elements entered are: ");
    for(i=0; i < n; i++)
        printf("\t %d", *(parr+i));
    return 0;
}
```

Output

Enter the number of elements: 5  
 Enter the elements: 1 2 3 4 5  
 The elements entered are: 1 2 3 4 5

**Table 7.1** Pointer arithmetic

Operation	Condition	Declaration	Description
Assignment	Pointers must be of same type	int *ptr1, *ptr2;	If we write *ptr1 = *ptr2, then both the pointers point to the same location
Addition of an integer		int i, *ptr;	If we write, ptr + i, then ptr will point to i <sup>th</sup> object after its initial position
Subtraction of an integer		int i, *ptr;	If we write, ptr - i, then ptr will point to i <sup>th</sup> object before its initial position
Comparison of pointers	Pointers should point to elements of the same array	int *ptr1, *ptr2;	If we write, ptr1 < ptr2, then it would return 1 if ptr1 points to an element that is near to the beginning of the array, i.e., the element comes before the element pointed by ptr2
Subtraction of pointers	Pointers should point to elements of the same array	int *ptr1, *ptr2;	If we write ptr1 - ptr2, then it returns the number of elements between ptr1 and ptr2 (provided ptr1 > ptr2)
Addition of pointers is illegal in C. Therefore, ptr1+ptr2 is not valid in C.			

20. Write a program to find mean of n numbers using arrays.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n, arr[20], sum = 0;
    int *pn = &n, *parr = arr, *psum = &sum;
    float mean = 0.0, *pmean = &mean;
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements
    in the array: ");
    scanf("%d", pn);
    for(i = 0; i < *pn; i++)
    {
        printf("\n Enter the number: ");
        scanf("%d", (parr + i));
    }
    for(i=0; i < *pn; i++)
        *psum += *(arr + i);
    *pmean = *psum / *pn;
    printf("\n The numbers you entered are: ");
    for(i=0; i < *pn; i++)
        printf("%d ", *(arr + i));
    printf("\n The sum is: %d", *psum);
    printf("\n The mean is: %f", *pmean);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the number of elements: 5
Enter the number: 1
Enter the number: 2
Enter the number: 3
Enter the number: 4
Enter the number: 5
The numbers you entered are:
1 2 3 4 5
The sum is: 15
The mean is: 3.00
```

21. Write a program to find the largest of n numbers using arrays. Also display its position.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, n, arr[20], large = -1111, pos = 0;
    int *pn = &n, *parr = arr, *plarge =
    &large, *ppos = &pos;
    clrscr();
```

```
printf("\n Enter the number of elements
in the array: ");
scanf("%d", pn);
for(i = 0; i < *pn; i++)
{
    printf("\n Enter the number: ");
    scanf("%d", parr+i);
}
for(i = 0; i < *pn; i++)
{
    if(*(parr+i) > *plarge)
    {
        *plarge = *(parr+i);
        *ppos = i;
    }
}
printf("\n The numbers you entered are:
");
for(i = 0; i < *pn; i++)
    printf("%d ", *(parr+i));
printf("\n The largest of these numbers
is: %d", *plarge);
printf("\n The position of the largest
number in the array is: %d", *ppos);
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the number of elements: 5
Enter the number: 1
Enter the number: 2
Enter the number: 3
Enter the number: 4
Enter the number: 5
The numbers you entered are:
1 2 3 4 5
The largest of these numbers is: 5
The position of the largest number in the
array is: 4
```

## 7.9 PASSING AN ARRAY TO A FUNCTION

An array can be passed to a function using pointers. For this, a function that expects an array can declare the formal parameter in either of the two following ways.

```
func(int arr[]); OR func(int *arr);
```

When we pass the name of the array to a function, the address of the zeroth element of the array is copied to the local pointer variable in the function. Observe the difference; unlike ordinary variables the values of the elements are not copied, only the address of the first element is copied.

When a formal parameter is declared in a function header as an array, it is interpreted as a pointer to a variable and not as an array. With this pointer variable you can access all the elements of the array by using the expression, `array_name + index`. To find out how many elements are there in the array, you must pass the size of the array as another parameter to the function. So for a function that accepts an array as parameter, the declaration should be as follows.

```
func(int arr[], int n); OR
func(int *arr, int n);
```

Look at the following program which illustrates the use of pointers to pass an array to a function.

22. Write a program to read and print an array of  $n$  numbers, then find out the smallest number. Also print the position of the smallest number.

```
#include <stdio.h>
void read_array(int *arr, int n);
void print_array(int *arr, int n);
void find_small(int *arr, int n, int *small,
               int *pos);
int main()
{
    int num[10], n, small, pos;
    printf("\n Enter the size of the array: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    read_array(num, n);
    print_array(num, n)
    find_small(num, n, &small, &pos);
    printf("\n The smallest number in the
    array is at position %d", small pos);
    return 0;
}
void read_array(int *arr, int n)
{
    int i;
    printf("\n Enter the array elements: ");
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
```

```

}
void print_array(int *arr, int n)
{
    int i;
    printf("\n The array elements are: ");
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        printf("\t %d", arr[i]);
}
void find_small(int *arr, int n, int *small,
               int *pos)
{
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
    {
        if(*(arr+i) < *small)
        {
            *small = *(arr+i);
            *pos = i;
        }
    }
}
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the size of the array: 5
Enter the array elements: 1 2 3 4 5
The array elements are: 1 2 3 4 5
The smallest number in the array is = 1 at
position 0
```

It is not necessary to pass the whole array to a function. We can also pass a part of the array known as a sub-array. A pointer to a sub-array is also an array pointer. For example, if we want to send the array starting from the third element then we can pass the address of the third element and the size of the sub-array, i.e., if there were 10 elements in the array, and we want to pass the array starting from the third element, then only eight elements would be a part of the sub-array. So the function call can be written as

```
func(&arr[2], 8);
```

### 7.10 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ARRAY NAME AND POINTER

When memory is allocated for an array, its base address is fixed and it cannot be changed during program execution. In other words, an array name is an address constant. Therefore, its value cannot be changed. To ensure that the address of the array does not get changed even

inadvertently, C does not allow array names to be used as an lvalue. Hence, array names cannot appear on the left side of the assignment operator.

However, you may declare a pointer variable of appropriate type that points to the first element of the array and use it as lvalue. Figure 7.5 shows 2 sets of codes. The first code gives an error as the array name is being used as an lvalue for the ++ operator. The second code shows the correct way of doing the same thing.

```
main()
{
    int arr[5], i;
    for(i=0;i<5;i++)
    {
        *arr=0;
        arr++; //ERROR
    }
    for(i = 0; i < 5; i++)
        printf("\n %d", *(arr+i));
}

main()
{
    int arr[5], i, *parr;
    parr = arr;
    for(i = 0; i < 5; i++)
    {
        *parr=0;
        parr++;
    }
    for(i = 0; i < 5; i++)
        printf("\n %d", *(arr+i));
}
```

Figure 7.5 Array and pointer

Second thing to remember is that an array cannot be assigned to another array. This is because an array name cannot be used as the lvalue.

```
int arr1[]={1,2,3,4,5};
int arr2[5];
arr2 = arr1; // ERROR
```

But, one pointer variable can be assigned to another pointer variable of the same type. Therefore, the following statements are valid in C.

```
int arr1[]={1,2,3,4,5};
int *ptr1, *ptr2;
ptr1 = arr1;
ptr2 = ptr1;
```

When we write ptr2 = ptr1, we are not copying the data pointed to. Rather, we are just making two pointers point to the same location. This is shown in Figure 7.6.

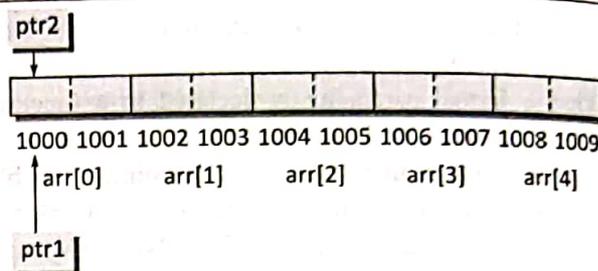


Figure 7.6 Pointers pointing to the same location

Third point of difference lies with the return value of the address operator. The address operator returns the address of the operand. But when an address operator is applied to an array name, it gives the same value as the array reference without the operator. Therefore, arr and &arr gives the same value. However, this is not true for a pointer variable.

Last but not the least, the sizeof operator when applied to an array name returns the number of bytes allocated for the array. But in case of a pointer variable, the sizeof operator returns the number of bytes used for the pointer variable (machine dependent). Look at the following code which illustrates this concept.

```
main()
{
    int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5};
    int *ptr;
    ptr=arr;
    printf("\n Size of array = %d", sizeof(arr));
    printf("\n Size of pointer variable = %d",
        sizeof(ptr));
}
```

Output (On Turbo C)

```
Size of array = 10
Size of pointer variable = 2
```

### 7.11 POINTERS AND STRINGS

In C, strings are treated as arrays of characters that are terminated with a binary zero character (written as '\0'). Consider, for example,

```
char str[10];
str[0] = 'H';
str[1] = 'i';
str[2] = '!';
str[3] = '\0';
```

C language provides two alternate ways of declaring and initializing a string. First, you may write:

```
char str[10] = {'H', 'i', '!', '\0',};
```

But this also takes more typing than is convenient. So, C permits:

```
char str[10] = "Hi!";
```

When the double quotes are used, null character ('\0') is automatically appended to the end of the string.

When a string is declared like this, the compiler sets aside a contiguous block of memory 10 bytes long to hold characters and initializes its first four characters Hi!\0.

Now, consider the following program that prints a text.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[] = "Hello";
    char *pstr;
    pstr = str;
    printf("\n The string is: ");
    while(*pstr != '\0')
    {
        printf("%c", *pstr);
        pstr++;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

The string is: Hello

In this program, we declare a character pointer \*pstr to show the string on the screen. We then *point* the pointer pstr at str. Then we print each character of the string in the while loop. Instead of using the while loop, we could have straightaway used the function puts() as shown.

```
puts(pstr);
```

The function prototype for puts() is as follows:

```
int puts(const char *s);
```

Here the const modifier is used to assure the user that the function will not modify the contents pointed to by the source pointer. The address of the string is passed to the function as an argument.

The parameter passed to puts() is a pointer which is nothing but the address to which it points to, or, simply, an address. Thus by writing puts(str); means passing the address of str[0].

Similarly, when we write puts(pstr); we are passing the same address, because we have written pstr = str;

Now consider the code which displays a string using pointers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    char *str = "Welcome to the world of
programming";
    char *pstr; // pointer to character
    pstr = str;
    while(*pstr != '\0')
    {
        printf("%c", *pstr);
        pstr++;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

Welcome to the world of programming

In the above code, pstr is assigned the address of the string, str. The pointer pstr can then be used to point to successive characters until the null character is reached.

Consider another program which reads a string and then scans each character to count the number of upper and lower case characters entered.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], *pstr;
    int upper = 0, lower = 0;
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    pstr = str;

    while(*pstr != '\0')
    {
        if(*pstr >= 'A' && *pstr <= 'Z')
            upper++;
    }
}
```

```

else if(*pstr >= 'a' && *pstr <= 'z')
    lower++;
    pstr++;
}
printf("\n Total number of upper case
characters = %d", upper);
printf("\n Total number of lower case
characters = %d", lower);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

Enter the string: How are you  
Total number of upper case characters = 1  
Total number of lower case characters = 8

23. Write a program to read and print a text. Also count the number of characters, words, and lines in the text.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], *pstr;
    int chars = 1, lines = 1, words = 1;
    pstr=str;
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    pstr = str;
    while(*pstr != '\0')
    {
        if(*pstr == '\n')
            lines++;
        if(*pstr == ' ' && *(pstr + 1) != '\0')
            words++;
        chars++;
        pstr++;
    }
    printf("\n The string is: ");
    puts(str);
    printf("\n Number of characters = %d", chars);
    printf("\n Number of lines = %d", lines);
    printf("\n Number of words = %d", words);
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

Enter the string: How are you  
Number of characters = 11  
Number of lines = 1  
Number of words = 3

24. Write a program to copy a character array in another character array.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], copy_str[100];
    char *pstr, *pcopy_str;
    int i = 0;
    clrscr();
    pstr = str;
    pcopy_str = copy_str;
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    while(*pstr != '\0')
    {
        *pcopy_str = *pstr;
        pstr++, pcopy_str++;
    }
    *pcopy_str = '\0';
    printf("\n The copied text is: ");
    pcopy_str = copy_str;
    while(*pcopy_str != '\0')
    {
        printf("%c", *pcopy_str);
        pcopy_str++;
    }
    getch();
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

Enter the string: C Programming  
The copied text is: C Programming

25. Write a program to copy n characters of a character array from the m<sup>th</sup> position in another character array.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], copy_str[100];
    char *pstr, *pcopy_str;
    int m, n, i = 0;
    pstr = str;
    pcopy_str = copy_str;
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(pstr);
    printf("\n Enter the position from which
to start: ");
    scanf("%d", &m);
}

```

```

printf("\n Enter the number of characters
to be copied: ");
scanf("%d", &n);
pstr = pstr + m - 1;
i=0;
while(*pstr != '\0' && i <n)
{
    *pcopy_str = *pstr;
    pcopy_str++;
    pstr++;
    i++;
}
*pcopy_str = '\0';
printf("\n The copied text is: ");
puts(copy_str);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the string: How are you
Enter the position from which to start: 2
Enter the number of characters to be
copied: 5
The copied text is: w are

```

26. Write a program to copy the last n characters of a character array in another character array. Also convert the lower case letters into upper case letters while copying.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], copy_str[100];
    char *pstr, *pcopy_str;
    int i = 0, n;
    pstr = str;
    pcopy_str = copy_str;
    printf("\n Enter the string:");
    gets(str);
    printf("\n Enter the number of characters
to be copied (from the end): ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    pstr = pstr + strlen(str) - n;
    while(*pstr != '\0')
    {
        *pcopy_str = *pstr - 32;
        pstr++; pcopy_str++;
    }
    *pcopy_str = '\0';
}

```

```

printf("\n The copied text is: ");
puts(copy_str);
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the string: Hi there
Enter the number of characters to be copied
(from the end): 5
The copied text is: there

```

27. Write a program to read a text, delete all the semi-colons it has, and finally replace all '.' with a ','.

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], copy_str[100];
    char *pstr, *pcopy_str;
    pstr = str;
    pcopy_str = copy_str;
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str);
    pstr = str;
    while(*pstr != '\0')
    {
        if(*pstr != ';' )
        { } // do nothing
        if (*pstr == '.')
            *pcopy_str = ',';
        else
            *pcopy_str = *pstr;
        pstr++; pcopy_str++;
    }
    *pcopy_str = '\0';
    printf("\n The new text is: ");
    pcopy_str = copy_str;
    while(*pcopy_str != '\0')
    {
        printf("%c", *pcopy_str);
        pcopy_str++;
    }
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the string: Programming in C; is a
book written by; Reema Thareja.
The new text is: Programming in C is a book
written by Reema Thareja,

```

28. Write a program to reverse a string.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100], copy_str[100];
    char *pstr, *pcopy_str;
    pstr = str;
    pcopy_str = copy_str;
    printf("\n Enter * to end");
    printf("\n *****");
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    scanf("%c", pstr);
    while(*pstr != '\0')
    {
        pstr++;
        scanf("%c", pstr);
    }
    *pstr = '\0';
    pstr--;
    while (pstr >= str)
    {
        *pcopy_str = *pstr;
        pcopy_str++;
        pstr--;
    }
    *pcopy_str = '\0';
    printf("\n The new text is: ");
    pcopy_str = copy_str;
    while(*pcopy_str != '\0')
    {
        printf("%c", *pcopy_str);
        pcopy_str++;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter * to end
*****
Enter the string: Learning C++
The new text is: ++ C gninraeL
```

29. Write a program to concatenate two strings.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    char str1[100], str2[100], copy_str[2000];
    char *pstr1, *pstr2, *pcopy_str;
    clrscr();
    pstr1 = str1;
    pstr2 = str2;
```

```
pcopy_str = copy_str;
printf("\n Enter the first string: ");
gets(str1);
printf("\n Enter the second string: ");
gets(str2);
pstr1=str1;
while(*pstr1 != '\0')
{
    *pcopy_str = *pstr1;
    pcopy_str++, pstr1++;
}
pstr2 = str2;
while(*pstr2 != '\0')
{
    *pcopy_str = *pstr2;
    pcopy_str++, pstr2++;
}
*pcopy_str = '\0';
printf("\n The new text is: ");
pcopy_str = copy_str;
while(*pcopy_str != '\0')
{
    printf("%c", *pcopy_str);
    pcopy_str++;
}
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the first string: Programming in C by
Enter the first string: Reema Thareja
The new text is: Programming in C by Reema
Thareja
```

## 7.12 ARRAY OF POINTERS

An array of pointers can be declared as

```
int *ptr[10]
```

The above statement declares an array of 10 pointers where each of the pointer points to an integer variable. For example, look at the code given below.

```
int *ptr[10];
int p = 1, q = 2, r = 3, s = 4, t = 5;
ptr[0] = &p;
ptr[1] = &q;
ptr[2] = &r;
ptr[3] = &s;
ptr[4] = &t
```

Can you tell what will be the output of the following statement?

```
printf("\n %d", *ptr[3]);
```

The output will be 4 because `ptr[3]` stores the address of integer variable and `*ptr[3]` will therefore print the value of `s` that is 4. Now look at another code in which we store the address of three individual arrays in the array of pointers.

```
main()
{
    int arr1[]={1,2,3,4,5};
    int arr2[]={0,2,4,6,8};
    int arr3[]={1,3,5,7,9};
    int *parr[3] = (arr1, arr2, arr3);
    int i;
    for(i = 0;i<3;i++)
        printf("%d", *parr[i]);
}
```

Output

```
1 0 1
```

Surprised with this output? Try to understand the concept. In the for loop, `parr[0]` stores the base address of `arr1` (or, `&arr1[0]`). So writing `*parr[0]` will print the value stored at `&arr1[0]`. Same is the case with `*parr[1]` and `*parr[2]`.

Now consider an array of character pointers that is pointed to the strings.

```
char *ptr[3];
```

In the `ptr` array, each element is a character pointer. Therefore, we can assign character pointers to the elements of the array. For example,

```
ptr[0] = str;
```

Another way to initialize an array of characters with three strings can be given as,

```
char *ptr[3] = {"Janak", "Raj", "Paul"};
```

Here, `ptr[0]` is Janak, `ptr[1]` is Raj, and `ptr[2]` is Paul.

The memory layout of `ptr` can be given as shown in Figure 7.7. It requires only 15 bytes to store the three strings.

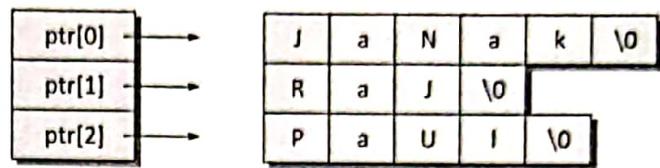
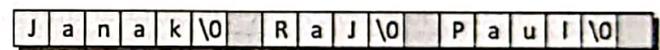


Figure 7.7 Memory layout of ptr

However, `char str[3][10] = {"Janak", "Raj", "Paul"};` will behave in the same way as an array of characters. The only difference is the memory layout (Figure 7.8). While the array of pointers needs only 15 bytes of storage, `str` will reserve 30 bytes in memory, despite the fact that some memory locations will be reserved but not utilized.



Here, the grey locations represent the uninitialized memory cells

Figure 7.8 Memory layout

Look at the following program that uses an array of characters to display the name of the day corresponding to the number.

```
#include <stdio.h>
char *day_of_week(int);
main()
{
    int day_num;
    char *day;
    printf("\n Enter the day from 1 to 7: ");
    scanf("%d", &day_num);
    day = day_of_week(day_num);
    if(day)
        printf("%s", day);
    else
        printf("\n Invalid Day");
}
char *day_of_week(int d)
{
    char *week_day[7] = {"SUNDAY", "MONDAY",
        "TUESDAY", "WEDNESDAY", "THURSDAY",
        "FRIDAY", "SATURDAY"};
```

```

if (day >= 1 || day <= 7)
    return week_day[d-1];
else
    return NULL;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the day from 1 to 7: 3
TUESDAY

```

An array of pointers whose elements point to arrays of varying sizes is called a ragged array. Therefore, array of pointers `week_day` and `ptr` in the above discussion are better known as ragged arrays.

**7.13 POINTERS AND 2-D ARRAYS**

Elements of a two-dimensional array are stored in contiguous memory locations. A two-dimensional array is not the same as an array of pointers to one-dimensional arrays. To declare a pointer to a two-dimensional array, you may write

```
int **ptr
```

Here `int **ptr` is an array of pointers (to one-dimensional arrays), while `int mat[5][5]` is a 2D array. They are not the same type and are not interchangeable. Consider a two-dimensional array declared as

```
int mat[5][5];
```

Individual elements of the array `mat` can be accessed using either:

```

mat[i][j] or
*(mat + i) + j or
*(mat[i]+j);

```

To understand more fully what is going on, let us replace

```

*(multi + row) with X so the expression
*(mat + i) + j becomes *(X + col)

```

Using pointer arithmetic, we know that the address pointed to by (i.e., value of) `X + col + 1` must be greater than the address `X + col` by an amount equal to `sizeof(int)`.

Since `mat` is a two-dimensional array, we know that in the expression `multi + row` as used above, `multi + row + 1` must increase in value by an amount equal to that needed

to *point to* the next row, which in this case would be an amount equal to `COLS * sizeof(int)`.

Thus, in case of a two-dimensional array, in order to evaluate expression (for a row major 2D array), we must know a total of 4 values:

1. The address of the first element of the array, which is given by the name of the array, i.e., `mat` in our case
2. The size of the type of the elements of the array, i.e., size of integers in our case
3. The specific index value for the row
4. The specific index value for the column

Note that

```
int (*ptr)[10];
```

declares `ptr` to be a pointer to an array of 10 integers. This is different from

```
int *ptr[10];
```

which would make `ptr` the name of an array of 10 pointers to type `int`. You must be thinking how pointer arithmetic works if you have an array of pointers. For example:

```

int * arr[10] ;
int ** ptr = arr ;

```

In this case, `arr` has type `int **`. Since all pointers have the same size, the address of `ptr + i` can be calculated as:

```

addr(ptr + i) = addr(ptr) + [sizeof(int *) * i]
               = addr(ptr) + [2 * i]

```

Since `arr` has type `int **`,

```

arr[0] = & arr[0][0],
arr[1] = & arr[1][0], and in general,
arr[i] = & arr[i][0].

```

According to pointer arithmetic, `arr + i = &arr[i]`, yet this skips an entire row of 5 elements, i.e., it skips complete 10 bytes (5 elements each of 2 bytes size). Therefore, if `arr` is address 1000, then `arr + 2` is address 1010. To summarize, `&arr[0][0]`, `arr[0]`, `arr`, and `&arr[0]` point to the base address.

```

&arr[0][0] + 1 points to arr[0][1]
arr[0] + 1 points to arr[0][1]
arr + 1 points to arr[1][0]
&arr[0] + 1 points to arr[1][0]

```

To conclude, a two-dimensional array is not the same as an array of pointers to 1D arrays. Actually a two-dimensional array is declared as:

```
int (*ptr) [ 10 ] ;
```

Here ptr is a pointer to an array of 10 elements. The parentheses are not optional. In the absence of these parentheses, ptr becomes an array of 10 pointers, not a pointer to an array of 10 ints.



Pointer to a one-dimensional array can be declared as,

```
int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5};
int *parr;
parr = arr;
```

Similarly, pointer to a two-dimensional array can be declared as,

```
int arr[2][2]={{1,2},{3,4}};
int (*parr)[2];
parr=arr;
```

Look at the code given below which illustrates the use of a pointer to a two-dimensional array.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int arr[2][2]={{1,2},{3,4}};
    int i, (*parr)[2];
    parr = arr;
    for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for(j = 0; j < 2 ;j++)
            printf(" %d", (*(parr+i))[j]);
    }
}
```

Output

```
1 2 3 4
```

The golden rule to access an element of a two-dimensional array can be given as

```
arr[i][j] = (*(arr+i))[j] = *((*arr+i)+j)
           = *(arr[i]+j)
```

Therefore,

```
arr[0][0] = *(arr)[0] = *((*arr)+0)
           = *(arr[0]+0)
arr[1][2] = (*(arr+1))[2] = *((*arr+1)+2)
           = *(arr[1]+2)
```

If we declare an array of pointer using,

```
data_type *array_
name[SIZE];
```

Here SIZE represents the number of rows and the space for columns that can be dynamically allocated.

If we declare a pointer to an array using,

```
data_type (*array_
name)[SIZE];
```

Here SIZE represents the number of columns and the space for rows that may be dynamically allocated.

30. Write a program to read and display a 3 × 3 matrix.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, j, mat[3][3];
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter elements of the matrix");
    printf("\n *****");
    for(i=0;i<3;i++)
    {
        for(j=0;j<3;j++)
        {
            printf("\n mat[%d][%d] = ",i,j);
            scanf("%d", &mat[i][j]);
        }
    }
    printf("\n Elements of the matrix are");
    printf("\n *****");
    for(i=0;i<3;i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j = 0; j < 3; j++)
            printf("\t mat[%d][%d] = %d",i,j,
                *(*mat + i)+j);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

OR

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, j, mat[3][3];
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter elements of the matrix");
```

```
printf("\n *****");
for(i=0;i<3;i++)
{
    for(j=0;j<3;j++)
    {
        printf("\n mat[%d][%d] = ",i,j);
        scanf("%d", (*(mat + i)+j));
    }
}
printf("\n The elements of the matrix are ");
printf("\n *****");
for(i=0;i<3;i++)
{
    printf("\n");
    for(j=0;j<3;j++)
        printf("\t mat[%d][%d] = %d",i,j,
            (*(mat + i)+j));
}
return 0;
}
```

OR

```
#include <stdio.h>
void display(int (*) [3]);
int main()
{
    int i, j, mat[3][3];
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter elements of the matrix");
    printf("\n *****");
    for(i=0;i<3;i++)
    {
        for(j = 0; j < 3; j++)
        {
            printf("\n mat[%d][%d] = ",i,j);
            scanf("%d", &mat[i][j]);
        }
    }
    display(mat);
}
void display(int (*mat) [3])
{
    int i, j;
    printf("\n elements of the matrix are");
    printf("\n *****");
    for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
    {
```

```
printf("\n");
for(j=0;j<3;j++)
    printf("\t mat[%d][%d] = %d",i,j,
        (*(mat + i)+j));
}
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the elements of the matrix
*****
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
The elements of the matrix
*****
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
```



A double pointer cannot be used as a 2D array. Therefore, it is wrong to declare: 'int \*\*mat' and then use 'mat' as a 2D array. These are two very different data types used to access different locations in memory. So running such a code may abort the program with a 'memory access violation' error.

A 2D array is not equivalent to a double pointer. A 'pointer to pointer of T' can't serve as a '2D array of T'. The 2D array is equivalent to a pointer to row of T, and this is very different from pointer to pointer of T.

When a double pointer that points to the first element of an array is used with the subscript notation ptr[0][0], it is fully dereferenced two times and the resulting object will have an address equal to the value of the first element of the array.

**7.14 POINTERS AND 3-D ARRAY**

In this section, we will see how pointers can be used to access a three-dimensional array. We have seen that pointer to a one-dimensional array can be declared as,

```
int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5};
int *parr;
parr = arr;
```

Similarly, pointer to a two-dimensional array can be declared as,

```
int arr[2][2]={{1,2},{3,4}};
int (*parr)[2];
parr = arr;
```

A pointer to a three-dimensional array can be declared as,

```
int arr[2][2][2]={1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8};
int (*parr)[2][2];
parr = arr;
```

We can access an element of a three-dimensional array by writing,

```
arr[i][j][k] = *(*(*(arr+i)+j)+k)
```

Look at the code given below which illustrates the use of a pointer to a three-dimensional array.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int i,j,k;
    int arr[2][2][2];
    int (*parr)[2][2]= arr;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the elements of a 2 x
    2 x 2 array: ");
    for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for(j = 0; j < 2; j++)
        {
            for(k = 0; k < 2; k++)
                scanf("%d", &arr[i][j][k]);
        }
    }
    printf("\n The elements of the 2 x 2 x 2
    array are: ");
    for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for(j = 0; j < 2; j++)
        {
            for(k = 0; k < 2; k++)
                printf("%d", *(*(*(parr+i)+j)+k));
        }
    }
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the elements of a 2 x 2 x 2 array: 1
2 3 4 5 6 7 8
The elements of the 2 x 2 x 2 array are: 1
2 3 4 5 6 7 8
```



In the printf statement, you could also have used `*(*(*(arr+i)+j)+k)` instead of `*(*(*(parr+i)+j)+k)`.

## 7.15 FUNCTION POINTERS

C allows operations with pointers to functions. We have seen earlier in this chapter that every function code along with its variables is allocated some space in the memory. Thus, every function has an address. *Function pointers* are pointer variables that point to the address of a function. Like other pointer variables, function pointers can be declared, assigned values, and used to access the functions they point to.

This is a useful technique for passing a function as an argument to another function. In order to declare a pointer to a function we have to declare it like the prototype of the function except that the name of the function is enclosed between parentheses () and an asterisk (\*) is inserted before the name. The syntax of declaring a function pointer can be given as,

```
return_type(*function_pointer_name)
(argument_list);
```

Look at the declaration below in which we declare a pointer to a function that returns an integer value and accepts two arguments—one of type `int` and the other of type `float`.

```
int (*func)(int a, float b);
```

Because of precedence, if you do not put the function name within parenthesis, you will end up declaring a function returning a pointer as shown:

```
/* function returning pointer to int */
int *func(int a, float b);
```

### 7.15.1 Initializing a Function Pointer

As in case of other pointer variables, a function pointer must be initialized prior to use. If we have declared a

pointer to the function, then that pointer can be assigned the address of the correct function just by using its name. Like in the case of an array, a function name is changed into an address when it's used in an expression. It is optional to use the address operator (&) in front of the function name.

For example, if `fp` is a function pointer and we have a function `add()` with prototype given as,

```
int add(int, int);
```

Then writing `fp = add;` initializes the function pointer `fp` with the address of `add()`.

### 7.15.2 Calling a Function Using a Function Pointer

When a pointer to a function is declared, it can be called using one of two forms:

```
(*func)(1,2);
```

OR

```
func(1,2);
```

Look at the program given below which makes use of a pointer to a function.

```
#include <stdio.h>
void print(int n);
void (*fp)(int);
main()
{
    fp = print;
    (*fp)(10);
    fp(20);
    return 0;
}
void print(int value)
{
    printf("\n %d", value);
}
```

Output

```
10
20
```

Now let us write another code that illustrates how the contents of `fp` can be changed at run time to point to two different functions during program execution.

```
#include <stdio.h>
float (*func)(float, float); //Define a
function pointer
```

```
float add(float, float);
float sub(float, float);
main()
{
    func = add;
    // function pointer points to add
    printf("\n Addition = %f", func(9.5, 3.1));
    func = sub;
    // function pointer points to sub
    printf("\n Subtraction = %f", func(9.5, 3.1));
}
float add(float x, float y)
{
    return (x+y);
}
float sub(float x, float y)
{
    return (x-y);
}
```

Output

```
Addition = 12.80000
Subtraction = 8.40000
```

A function pointer can be declared and initialize to `NULL` as shown below:

```
int (*fp)(int) = NULL;
```

### 7.15.3 Comparing Function Pointers

Comparison operators such as `==` and `!=` can be used the same way as usual. Consider the code given below which checks if `fp` actually contains the address of the function `print(int)`.

```
if(fp > 0) { // check if initialized
    if(fp == print)
        printf("\n Pointer points to print");
    else
        printf("\n Pointer not initialized!");
}
```

### 7.15.4 Passing a Function Pointer as an Argument to a Function

A function pointer can be passed as the calling argument of a function. This is in fact necessary if you want to pass

a pointer to a callback function. The following code shows how to pass a pointer to a function which returns an int and accepts two int values.

Note that in the program below, the function operate calls the functions add and subtract with the following line:

```
result = (*operate_fp) (num1, num2);

#include <stdio.h>
int add(int, int);
int sub(int, int);
int operate(int (*operate_fp) (int, int),
            int, int);
main()
{
    int result;
    result = operate(add, 9, 7);
    printf ("\n Addition = %d", result);
    result = operate(sub, 9, 7);
    printf ("\n Subtraction = %d", result);
    return 0;
}
int add (int a, int b)
{
    return (a + b);
}
int subtract (int a, int b)
{
    return (a - b);
}
int operate(int (*operate_fp) (int, int),
            int a, int b)
{
    int result;
    result = (*operate_fp) (a,b);
    return result;
}
```

#### Output

```
Addition = 16
Subtraction = 2
```

## 7.16 ARRAY OF FUNCTION POINTERS

When an array of function pointers is made, the appropriate function is selected using an index. The code given below

shows the way to define and use an array of function pointers in C.

**Step 1:** Use typedef keyword so that 'fp' can be used as type

```
typedef int (*fp) (int, int);
```

**Step 2:** Define the array and initialize each element to NULL. This can be done in two ways:

// with 10 pointers to functions which return an int and take two ints

1. fp funcArr[10] = {NULL};
2. int (\*funcArr[10]) (int, int) = {NULL};

**Step 3:** Assign the function's address—'Add' and 'Subtract' funcArr1[0] = funcArr2[1] = Add;

```
funcArr[0] = &Add;
funcArr[1] = &Subtract;
```

**Step 4:** Call the function using an index to address the function pointer

```
printf("%d\n", funcArr[1] (2, 3));
// short form
printf("%d\n", (*funcArr[0]) (2, 3));
// correct way
```

**31.** Write a program to add, that uses an array of function pointers, subtract, multiply, or divide 2 given numbers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int sum(int a, int b);
int subtract(int a, int b);
int mul(int a, int b);
int div(int a, int b);

int (*fp[4]) (int a, int b);

int main(void)
{
    int result;
    int num1, num2, op;
    fp[0] = sum;
    fp[1] = subtract;
    fp[2] = mul;
    fp[3] = div;
    printf ("\n Enter the numbers: ");
    scanf ("%d %d", &num1, &num2);
    do
```

```

{
    printf("\n 0: Add \n 1: Subtract \n
    2: Multiply \n 3: Divide \n 4. EXIT\n");
    printf("\n\n Enter the operation: ");
    scanf("%d", &op);
    result = (*fp[op]) (num1, num2);
    printf("\n Result = %d", result);
} while(op!=4);
return 0;
}
int sum(int a, int b)
{
    return a + b;
}
int subtract(int a, int b)
{
    return a - b;
}
int mul(int a, int b)
{
    return a * b;
}
int div(int a, int b)
{
    if(b)
        return a / b;
    else
        return 0;
}
}
    
```

**Output**

```

Enter the numbers: 2 3
0: Add
1: Subtract
2: Multiply
3: Divide
4. EXIT
Enter the operation: 0
Result = 5
Enter the operation: 4
    
```

**7.17 POINTERS TO POINTERS**

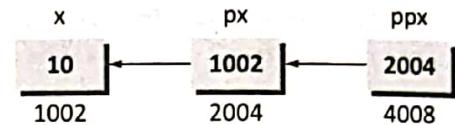
In C language you are also allowed to use pointers that point to pointers. The pointers in turn, point to data (or even to other pointers). To declare pointers to pointers, just add an asterisk (\*) for each level of reference.

For example, if we have:

```

int x = 10;
int *px; //pointer to an integer
int **ppx; // pointer to a pointer to an
integer
px = &x;
ppx = &px;
    
```

Assume, that the memory location of these variables is as shown in Figure 7.9.



**Figure 7.9** Pointer to pointer

Now if we write,

```
printf("\n %d", **ppx);
```

then it will print 10, the value of x.

**7.18 MEMORY ALLOCATION IN C PROGRAMS**

C supports three kinds of memory allocation through the variables in C programs:

**Static allocation** When we declare a static or global variable, static allocation is done for the variable. Each static or global variable is allocated a fixed size of memory space. The number of bytes reserved for the variable cannot change during execution of the program. Till now we have been using this technique to define variables, arrays, and pointers.

**Automatic allocation** When we declare an automatic variable, such as a function argument or a local variable, automatic memory allocation is done. The space for an automatic variable is allocated when the compound statement containing the declaration is entered, and is freed when it exits from a compound statement.

**Dynamic allocation** A third important kind of memory allocation is known as *dynamic allocation*. In the following sections we will read about dynamic memory allocation using pointers.

### 7.19 MEMORY USAGE

Before jumping into dynamic memory allocation, let us first understand how memory is used. Conceptually, memory is divided into two—program memory and data memory (Figure 7.10).

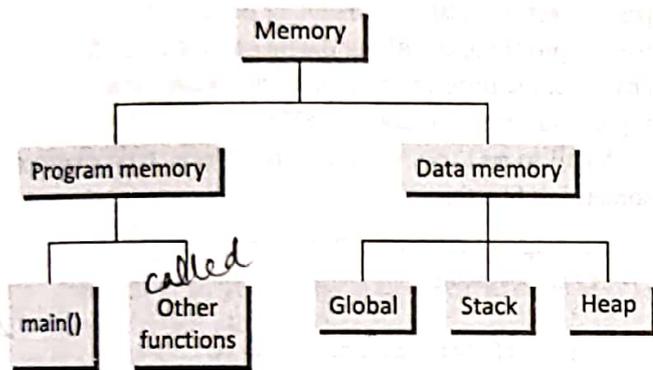


Figure 7.10 Memory usage

The program memory consists of memory used for the `main()` and other called functions in the program, whereas data memory consists of memory needed for permanent definitions such as global data, local data, constants, and dynamic memory data. The way in which C handles the memory requirements is a function of the operating system and the compiler.

When a program is being executed, its `main()` and all other functions are always kept in the memory. However, the local variables of the function are available in the memory only when they are active. When we studied recursive functions, we have seen that the system stack is used to store a single copy of the function and multiple copies of the local variables.

Apart from the stack, we also have a memory allocation known as heap. Heap memory is unused memory allocated to the program and available to be assigned during its execution. When we dynamically allocate memory for variables, heap acts as a memory pool from which memory is allocated to those variables.

However, this is just a conceptual view of memory and implementation of the memory is entirely in the hands of system designers.

### 7.20 DYNAMIC MEMORY ALLOCATION

The process of allocating memory to the variables during execution of the program or at run time is known as *dynamic memory allocation*. C language has four library routines which allow this function.

Till now whenever we needed an array we had declared a static array of fixed size, say

```
int arr[100];
```

When this statement is executed, consecutive space for 100 integers is allocated. It is not uncommon that we may be using only 10% or 20% of the allocated space thereby wasting rest of the space. To overcome this problem and to utilize the memory efficiently C language provides a mechanism of dynamically allocating memory so that only the amount of memory that is actually required is reserved. We reserve space only at the run time for the variables that are actually required. Dynamic memory allocation gives best performance in situations in which we do not know memory requirements in advance.

C provides four library routines to automatically allocate memory at the run time. These routines are shown in Table 7.2.

Table 7.2 Memory allocation/ de-allocation functions

Function	Task
<code>malloc()</code>	Allocates memory and returns a pointer to the first byte of allocated space
<code>calloc()</code>	Allocates space for an array of elements and initializes them to zero. Like <code>malloc()</code> , <code>calloc()</code> also returns a pointer to the memory
<code>free()</code>	Frees previously allocated memory
<code>realloc()</code>	Alters the size of previously allocated memory

When we have to dynamically allocate memory for variables in our programs then pointers are the only way to go. When we use `malloc()` for dynamic memory allocation, then you need to manage the memory allocated for variables yourself.

#### 7.20.1 Memory Allocations Process

In computer science, the free memory region is called the heap. The size of heap is not constant as it keeps changing when the program is executed. In the course of program

execution, some new variables are created and some variables cease to exist when the block in which they were declared is exited. For this reason it is not uncommon to encounter memory overflow problems during dynamic allocation process. When an overflow condition occurs, the memory allocation functions mentioned above will return a null pointer.

### 7.20.2 Allocating a Block of Memory

Let us see how memory is allocated using the `malloc()`. `malloc` is declared in `<stdlib.h>`, so we include this header file in any program that calls `malloc`. The `malloc` function reserves a block of memory of specified size and returns a pointer of type `void`. This means that we can assign it to any type of pointer. The general syntax of the `malloc()` is:

```
ptr = (cast-type*) malloc (byte-size);
```

where, `ptr` is a pointer of type `cast-type`. The `malloc()` returns a pointer (of cast type) to an area of memory with size `byte-size`.

For example,

```
arr = (int*) malloc (10 * sizeof (int));
```

This statement is used to dynamically allocate memory equivalent to 10 times the area of `int` bytes. On successful execution of the statement the space is reserved and the address of the first byte of memory allocated is assigned to the pointer `arr` of type `int`.

**Programming Tip:**  
To use dynamic memory allocation functions, you must include the header file `stdlib.h`.

The function `calloc()` is another function that reserves memory at the run time. It is normally used to request multiple blocks of storage each of the same size and then sets all bytes to zero. `Calloc()` stands for contiguous memory

allocation and is primarily used to allocate memory for arrays. The syntax of `calloc()` can be given as:

```
ptr = (cast-type*) calloc (n, elem-size);
```

The above statement allocates contiguous space for `n` blocks each size of elements `size` bytes. The only difference between `malloc()` and `calloc()` is that when we use `calloc()`, all bytes are initialized to zero. `Calloc()` returns a pointer to the first byte of the allocated region.

When we allocate memory using `malloc()` or `calloc()`, a null pointer will be returned if there is not enough space in the system to allocate. A null pointer, points definitely nowhere. It is a *not a pointer* marker, therefore, it is not a pointer you can use. Thus, whenever you allocate memory using `malloc()` or `calloc()`, you must check the returned pointer before using it. If the program receives a null pointer, it should at the very least print an error message and exit, or perhaps figure out some way of proceeding without the memory it asked for. But in any case, the program cannot go on to use the null pointer it got back from `malloc()/calloc()`.

A call to `malloc`, with an error check, typically looks something like this:

```
int *ip = malloc(100 * sizeof(int));
if(ip == NULL)
{
    printf("\n Memory could not be
    allocated");
    return;
}
```

11.32. Write a program to read and display values of an integer array. Allocate space dynamically for the array.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
main()
{
    int i, n;
    int *arr;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of elements ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    arr = (int*) malloc (n * sizeof (int));
    if(arr == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Memory Allocation Failed");
        exit(0);
    }
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
    {
        printf("\n Enter the value %d of the
        array: ", i);
        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    }
    printf("\n The array contains \n");
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
```

```

printf("%d", arr[i]);
// another way is to write *(arr+i)
return 0;
}

```

Now let us also see how we can allocate memory using the `calloc()` function. The `calloc()` function accepts two parameters—`num` and `size`, where `num` is the number of elements to be allocated and `size` is the size of elements. The following program demonstrates the use of `calloc()` to dynamically allocate space for an integer array.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
main ()
{
    int i,n;
    int *arr;
    printf ("\n Enter the number of elements: ");
    scanf ("%d", &n);
    arr = (int*) calloc(n, sizeof(int));
    if (arr==NULL)
        exit (1);
    printf ("\n Enter the %d values to be
    stored in the array", n);
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
        scanf ("%d", &arr[i]);
    printf ("\n You have entered: ");
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
        printf ("%d", arr[i]);
    free(arr);
    return 0;
}

```

### 7.20.3 Releasing the Used Space

When a variable is allocated space during the compile time, then the memory used by that variable is automatically released by the system in accordance with its storage class. But when we dynamically allocate memory then it is our responsibility to release the space when it is not required. This is even more important when the storage space is limited. Therefore, if we no longer need the data stored in a particular block of memory and we do not intend to use that block for storing any other information, then as a good programming practice we must release that block of memory for future use, using the `free()` function. The general syntax of the `free()` is,

```
free(ptr);
```

where `ptr` is a pointer that has been created by using `malloc()` or `calloc()`. When memory is de-allocated using the `free()`, it is returned back to the free list within the heap.

### 7.20.4 To Alter the Size of Allocated Memory

At times the memory allocated by using `calloc()` or `malloc()` might be insufficient or in excess. In both the situations we can always use `realloc()` to change the memory size already allocated by `calloc()` and `malloc()`. This process is called *reallocation of memory*. The general syntax for `realloc()` can be given as,

```
ptr = realloc(ptr, newsize);
```

The function `realloc()` allocates new memory space of size specified by `newsize` to the pointer variable `ptr`. It returns a pointer to the first byte of the memory block. The allocated new block may be or may not be at the same region. Thus, we see that `realloc()` takes two arguments. The first is the pointer referencing the memory and the second is the total number of bytes you want to reallocate. If you pass zero as the second argument, it will be equivalent to calling `free()`. Like `malloc()` and `calloc()`, `realloc` returns a void pointer if successful, else a `NULL` pointer is returned.

If `realloc()` was able to make the old block of memory bigger, it returns the same pointer. Otherwise, if `realloc()` has to go elsewhere to get enough contiguous memory then it returns a pointer to the new memory, after copying your old data there. However, if `realloc()` can't find enough memory to satisfy the new request at all, it returns a null pointer. So again you must check before using, that the pointer returned by the `realloc()` is not a null pointer.

```

/*Example program for reallocation*/
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define NULL 0
main()
{
    char *str;
    /*Allocating memory*/
    str = (char *)malloc(10);
    if(str==NULL)
    {
        printf ("\n Memory could not be allocated");
        exit (1);
    }
}

```

```

}
strcpy(str, "Hi");
printf("\n STR = %s", str);
/*Reallocation*/
str = (char *)realloc(str, 20);
if (str == NULL)
{
    printf("\n Memory could not be
    reallocated");
    exit(1);
}
printf("\n STR size modified.\n");
printf("\n STR = %s\n", str);
strcpy(str, "Hi there");
printf("\n STR = %s", str);
/*freeing memory*/
free(str);
return 0;
}

```

**Note** With realloc(), you can allocate more bytes without losing your data.

### Dynamically Allocating a 2-D Array

We have seen how malloc() can be used to allocate a block of memory which can simulate an array. Now we can extend our understanding further to do the same to simulate multidimensional arrays.

If we are not sure of the number of columns that the array will have, then we will first allocate memory for each row by calling malloc. Each row will then be represented by a pointer. Look at the code below which illustrates this concept.

```

#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int **arr, i, j, ROWS, COLS;
    printf("\n Enter the number of rows and
    columns in the array: ");
    scanf("%d %d", ROWS, COLS);
    arr = (int **)malloc(ROWS * sizeof(int *));
    if (arr == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Memory could not be
        allocated");
        exit(-1);
    }
}

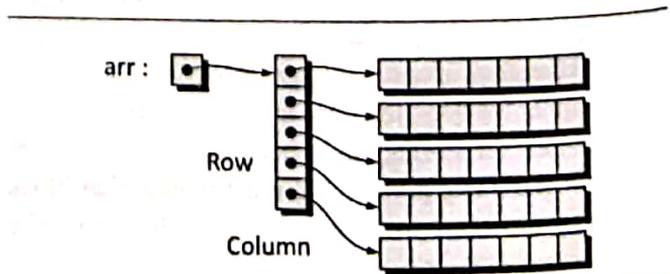
```

```

}
for(i=0; i<ROWS; i++)
{
    arr[i] = (int *)malloc(COLS * sizeof(int));
    if (arr[i] == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Memory Allocation Failed");
        exit(-1);
    }
}
printf("\n Enter the values of the array: ");
for(i = 0; i < ROWS; i++)
{
    for(j = 0; j < COLS; j++)
        scanf("%d", &arr[i][j]);
}
printf("\n The array is as follows: ");
for(i = 0; i < ROWS; i++)
{
    for(j = 0; j < COLS; j++)
        printf("%d", arr[i][j]);
}
for(i = 0; i < ROWS; i++)
    free(arr[i]);
free(arr);
return 0;
}

```

Here, arr is a pointer-to-pointer-to-int: at the first level as it points to a block of pointers, one for each row. We first allocate space for rows in the array. The space allocated to each row is big enough to hold a pointer-to-int, or int \*. If we successfully allocate it, then this space will be filled with pointers to columns (number of ints). This can be better understood from Figure 7.11.



**Figure 7.11** Memory allocation of two-dimensional array

Once the memory is allocated for the two-dimensional array, we can use subscripts to access its elements. When we write, `arr[i][j]`, it means we are looking for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  pointer pointed to by `arr`, and then for the  $j^{\text{th}}$  int pointed to by that inner pointer.

When we have to pass such an array to a function, then the prototype of the function will be written as

```
func(int **arr, int ROWS, int COLS);
```

In the above declaration, `func` accepts a pointer-to-pointer-to-int and the dimensions of the arrays as parameters, so that it will know how many rows and columns there are.

Look at the code given below which illustrates another way of dynamically allocating space for a two-dimensional array.

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int *arr, i, j, ROWS, COLS;
    printf("\n Enter the number of rows and
    columns in the array: ");
    scanf("%d %d", ROWS, COLS);
    arr = (int *)malloc(ROWS * COLS *
    sizeof(int));
    if(arr == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Memory could not be
        allocated");
        exit(-1);
    }
    printf("\n Enter the values of the array: ");
    for(i = 0; i < ROWS; i++)
    {
        for(j = 0; j < COLS; j++)
            scanf("%d", &arr[i][j]);
    }
    printf("\n The array is as follows: ");
    for(i = 0; i < ROWS; i++)
    {
        for(j = 0; j < COLS; j++)
            printf("%d", arr[i][j]);
    }
    for(i = 0; i < ROWS; i++)
        free(arr[i]);
    free(arr);
    return 0;
}
```



To dynamically allocate space for a 3-D array, `arr[10][20][30]`, perform the following steps

1. `int ***arr;`
2. `arr = (int ***) malloc(10 * sizeof(int **));`
3. `for(i=0; i<10; i++) arr[i] = (int **) malloc(20 * sizeof(int *));`
4. `for(i=0; i<10; i++) {for(j=0; j<20; j++) arr[i][j] = (int *) malloc(30 * sizeof(int));`

## 7.21 DRAWBACK OF POINTERS

Although pointers are very useful in C they are not free from limitations. If used incorrectly, pointers can lead to bugs that are difficult to unearth. For example, if you use a pointer to read a memory location but that pointer is pointing to an incorrect location then you may end up reading a wrong value. An erroneous input always leads to an erroneous output, therefore however efficient your program code may be, the output will always be disastrous. Same is the case when writing a value to a particular memory location.

Consider a scenario in which the program code is supposed to read the account balance of a customer, add new amount to it, and then re-write the modified value to that location. If the pointer is pointing to the account balance of some other customer then the account balance of the wrong customer will be updated.

Let us try to find some common errors encountered when using pointers.

```
int x, *px;
x = 10;
*px = 20;
```

**Error un-initialized pointer.** `px` is pointing to an unknown memory location. Hence it will overwrite that location's contents and store 20 in it. Such a pointer is called a *wild pointer*. A pointer which is not initialized with any address is called a wild pointer. It may contain any garbage address and thus dereferencing a wild pointer can be dangerous.

```

int x, *px;
x = 10;
px = x;
ERROR: it should be px = &x;
int x = 10, y = 20, *px, *py;
px = &x, py = &y;
if(px < py) // it should be *px and *py
    printf("\n px is less than py");
else
    printf("\n py is less than px");

```

Look at another code given below.

```

#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    char *str1, *str2;
    printf("\n Enter the string: ");
    gets(str1);
    while(*str1!='\0')
    {
        *str2 = *str1;
        str2++, str1++;
    }
    *str2='\0';
    printf("\n String is: ");
    while(*str2!='\0')
    {
        printf("%c", *str2);
        str2++;
    }
}

```

**Error** str2 will not be printed because str2 has moved ahead of its starting location and before displaying the string, it has not been initialized with its starting address.

**Memory leak** Memory leakage occurs when memory is allocated but not released when it is no longer required. This causes an application to unnecessarily consume memory thereby reducing the memory available for other applications. Although in small programs it is not a big concern but when dealing with large projects, memory leakage may result in slowing down the application or crashing the application when the computer memory resource limits are reached.

For example, if a function dynamically allocates memory for 100 double values and forgets to free the memory and in worst case if that function is called several times within the code then ultimately the system may crash.

**Dangling pointer** Dangling pointers arise when an object is deleted or de-allocated, without modifying the value of the pointer. As a result, the pointer still points to the memory location of the de-allocated memory.

Once the memory is de-allocated, the system may reallocate that block of freed memory to another process. In case the program then dereferences the (now) dangling pointer, *unpredictable behaviour may result*, as the memory may now contain completely different data.

This problem can become worse when the program writes data to memory pointed by a dangling pointer causing a silent corruption of unrelated data, leading to subtle bugs that can be extremely difficult to find. Moreover, if the overwritten data is bookkeeping data used by the system's memory allocator, the corruption can even cause system instabilities.

Hence, dangling pointer problem occurs when the pointer still points to the same location in memory even though the reference has been deleted and may now be used for other purposes.

A common mistake that we often do in C program is to return address of a stack-allocated local variable. We know that once a called function returns, the space for these variables gets de-allocated and technically they have garbage values. Look at the code below which illustrates how we get a dangling pointer when a called function returns.

```

char *func(void)
{
    Char ch='A';
    /* ... */
    return &ch;
}

```

The above program returns the address of ch. So the calling function may access its value. Any functions called thereafter will overwrite the stack storage allocated for ch with other values and the pointer would no longer work correctly. Therefore, if a pointer to ch must be returned it must be declared as static.

Consider the code below which illustrates another dangling pointer problem.

```

char *ptr1;
char *ptr2 = (char *)malloc(sizeof(char));
ptr1 = ptr2;
free(ptr2);

```

Now `ptr1` becomes a dangling pointer. A solution to the above is to assign `0` (null) to `ptr1` immediately before exiting the block in which it is declared. An alternative solution would be to somehow guarantee that `ptr1` will not be used again without further initialization.

**Memory corruption** Memory corruption often occurs when due to programming errors, the contents of a memory location gets modified unintentionally. When the program uses the contents of the corrupted memory, it either results in program crash or in strange and bizarre behaviour.

Memory corruption is one of the most difficult programming errors to trace mainly because of two reasons:

- The source of the memory corruption and its manifestation may be far apart. Therefore, it may become hard to correlate the cause and the effect of the problem.
- Symptoms of memory corruption problem may appear under unusual conditions thereby making it even harder to consistently reproduce the error.

Memory corruption errors can be broadly classified into following categories:

1. *Using un-initialized memory:* An un-initialized memory contains garbage value. Hence, using the contents of an un-initialized memory can lead to unpredictable program behaviour.
2. *Using un-owned memory:* A common programming mistake is to use pointers for accessing and modifying memory that is not owned by the program. This situation may arise when the pointer happens to be a null pointer or a dangling pointer. Using such a pointer to write to a memory location is a serious programming flaw as it may lead to crash another program or even the operating system.
3. *Using beyond allocated memory (buffer overflow):* If the elements of the array are accessed in a loop, with incorrect terminating condition, memory beyond the array bounds may be manipulated. Buffer overflow is a common programming flaw exploited by computer viruses causing serious threat to computer security.
4. *Faulty de-allocation of memory:* Memory leaks and freeing un-allocated memory can also result in memory corruption.

These days, memory debuggers like *Purify*, *Valgrind*, *Insure++* are widely used for detecting memory corruption errors.

## SUMMARY

- All data and programs need to be placed in the primary memory for execution.
- Pointers are nothing but memory addresses. A pointer is a variable that contains the memory address of another variable.
- The '&' operator retrieves the lvalue (address) of the variable. We can dereference a pointer, i.e., refer to the value of the variable to which it points by using unary '\*\*' operator.
- The address of a memory location is a pointer constant, therefore it cannot be changed in the program code.
- Unary increment and decrement operators have greater precedence than the dereference operator (\*).
- Null pointer is a special pointer value that is known not to point anywhere. This means that a NULL pointer does not point to any valid memory address. To declare a null pointer you may use the predefined constant NULL, You may also initialize a pointer as a null pointer by using a constant 0.
- A generic pointer is a pointer variable that has void as its data type. The generic pointer can be used to point to variables of any data type.
- When the memory for an array is allocated, its base address is fixed and it cannot be changed during program execution.
- When we dynamically allocate memory for variables, heap acts as a memory pool from which memory is allocated to those variables. The process of allocating memory to the variables during execution of the program or at run time is known as dynamic memory allocation.
- `malloc()`, `calloc()`, and `realloc` returns a void pointer if successful, else a NULL pointer is returned.
- Memory leakage occurs when memory is allocated but not released when it is no longer required.

## GLOSSARY

**Alias** A reference (usually in the form of a pointer) to an object which is also known via other references that may include its own name or other pointers.

**Dereference** To look up a value referred to. Usually, the 'value referred to' is the value pointed to by a pointer. Therefore, 'dereference a pointer' means to see what it points to. In C, a pointer is dereferenced either using the unary \* operator or the array subscripting operator [].

**Function pointer** A pointer to any function type.

**Lvalue** An expression that appears on the left-hand side of an assignment operator, hence, something that can

perhaps be assigned to. An lvalue specifies something that has a location, as opposed to a transient value.

**Null pointer** A pointer value which is not the address of any object or function. A null pointer points to nothing.

**Null pointer constant** An integral constant expression with value 0 (or such an expression cast to void \*), that represents a null pointer.

**Pointer** Variable that stores addresses

**Rvalue** An expression that appears on the right-hand side of an assignment operator. Generally, rvalue can participate in an expression or be assigned to some other variable.

## EXERCISES

## Fill in the Blanks

- Size of character pointer is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Allocating memory at run time is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- A pointer to a pointer stores \_\_\_\_\_ of another \_\_\_\_\_ variable.
- \_\_\_\_\_ pointer does not point to any valid memory address.
- The size of memory allocated for a variable depends on its \_\_\_\_\_.
- On 16-bit systems, integer variable is allocated \_\_\_\_\_ bytes.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ appears on the right side of the assignment statement.
- Pointers are nothing but \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ enable programmers to return multiple values from a function via function arguments.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ operator informs the compiler that the variable is a pointer variable.
- Data and programs need to be placed in the \_\_\_\_\_ for execution.
- When compared with heaps, \_\_\_\_\_ is faster but also smaller and expensive.
- All variables declared within main() are allocated space on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Shared libraries segment contains \_\_\_\_\_.
- The function malloc() returns \_\_\_\_\_.
- When memory is de-allocated using the free(), it is returned back to the \_\_\_\_\_ within the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The functions malloc(), calloc(), and realloc return \_\_\_\_\_ if successful, else \_\_\_\_\_ is returned.
- The function realloc() is used to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A two-dimensional array is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- An un-initialized memory contains \_\_\_\_\_.
- Pointer to pointer stores \_\_\_\_\_.
- The only integer value that can be assigned to a pointer variable is \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ can be used as parameter declaration to declare an array of integers passed to a function.
- Dynamically allocated memory can be referred using \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ function returns memory to the heap.
- Ragged array is implemented using an array of pointers to \_\_\_\_\_.

## Multiple Choice Questions

- The operator signifies a
  - referencing operator
  - dereferencing operator
  - address operator
  - none of these

2. (&num) is equivalent to writing
  - (a) &num
  - (b) \*num
  - (c) num
  - (d) none of these
3. Pointers are used to create complex data structures like.
  - (a) trees
  - (b) linked list
  - (c) stack
  - (d) queue
  - (e) all of these
4. While declaring pointer variables, which operator do we use?
  - (a) address
  - (b) arrow
  - (c) indirection
  - (d) dot
5. Which operator retrieves the lvalue of a variable?
  - (a) &
  - (b) \*
  - (c) ->
  - (d) none of these
6. The code of the main() program is stored in memory in
  - (a) stack
  - (b) heap
  - (c) global
  - (d) bss
7. For dynamically allocated variables, memory is allocated from which memory area?
  - (a) Stack
  - (b) Heap
  - (c) Global
  - (d) BSS
8. The function malloc() is declared in which header file
  - (a) stdio.h
  - (b) stdlib.h
  - (c) conio.h
  - (d) iostream.h
9. Which function is used to request memory and set all allocated bytes to zero?
  - (a) malloc()
  - (b) calloc()
  - (c) realloc()
  - (d) free()
7. On 32-bit systems, integer variable is allocated 4 bytes.
8. Lvalue cannot be used on the left side of the assignment statement.
9. Pointers provide an alternate way to access individual elements of the array.
10. Pointer is a variable that represents the contents of a data item.
11. Unary increment and decrement operators have greater precedence than the dereference operator.
12. A fixed size of stack is allocated by the system and is filled as needed from the top to bottom.
13. All the parameters passed to the called function will be stored on the stack.
14. When the memory for an array is allocated, its base address is fixed and it cannot be changed during program execution.
15. An array can be assigned to another array.
16. Memory leakage occurs when memory is allocated but not released when it is no longer required.
17. mat[i][j] is equivalent to \*((mat + i) + j).
18. Dangling pointers arise when an object is deleted or de-allocated, without modifying the value of the pointer.
19. It is possible to add two pointer variables.
20. Pointer constants cannot be changed.
21. The value of a pointer is always an address.
22. \*ptr++ will add 1 to the value pointed by ptr.
23. Pointers of different types can be assigned to each other without a cast.
24. Adding 1 to a pointer variable will make it point 1 byte ahead of the memory location to which it is currently pointing.
25. Any arithmetic operator can be used to modify the value of a pointer.
26. Only one call to free() is enough to release the entire array allocated using calloc().
27. Ragged arrays consumes less memory space.

### State True or False

1. A pointer is a variable
2. The & operator retrieves the lvalue of the variable.
3. Array name can be used as a pointer.
4. Unary increment and decrement operators have greater precedence than the dereference operator.
5. The generic pointer can be pointed at variables of any data type.
6. A function pointer cannot be passed as a function's calling argument.

### Review Questions

1. Explain the difference between a null pointer and a void pointer.

## EXERCISES

2. Define pointers.
3. Write a short note on pointers.
4. Compare pointer and array name.
5. Explain the result of the following code-  

```
int num1 = 2, num2 = 3;
int *p = &num1, *q = &num2;
*p++ = *q++;
```
6. What do you understand by a null pointer?
7. What is an array of pointers? How is it different from a pointer to an array?
8. Write a short note on pointer arithmetic.
9. How are generic pointers different from other pointer variables?
10. What do you understand by the term pointer to a function?
11. Differentiate between ptr++ and \*ptr++.
12. How are arrays related to pointers?
13. Briefly explain array of pointers.
14. Write a program to sort 10 integers using array of pointers.
15. Write a program to illustrate the use of a pointer that points to a 2D array.
16. Give the advantages of using pointers.
17. Can we have an array of function pointers? If yes, illustrate with the help of a suitable example.
18. Explain the term dynamic memory allocation.
19. Differentiate between malloc(), calloc and realloc().
20. Write a short note on pointers to pointers.
21. Differentiate between a function returning pointer to int and a pointer to function returning int.
22. Write a program that illustrates passing of character arrays as an argument to a function (use pointers).
23. Differentiate between pointer to constants and constant to pointers.
24. What is a void pointer?
25. Define null pointer.
26. Explain the call by address technique of passing parameters to function.
27. How are pointers used on two dimensional arrays?
28. Write a program to print Hello world using pointers.
29. Write a program to enter a lowercase character. Print this character in uppercase and also display its ASCII value.
30. Write a program to subtract two integer values.
31. Write a program to calculate area of a circle.
32. Write a program to convert 3.14 into its integral equivalent.
33. Write a program to find smallest of three integer values.
34. Write a program to input a character and categorize it as a vowel or a consonant.
35. Write a program to input 10 values in an array. Categorize each value as positive, negative, or equal to zero.
36. Write a program to input a character. If it is in uppercase print in lowercase and vice versa.
37. Write a program to display the sum and average of numbers from 100–200.
38. Write a program to print all odd numbers from 100–200.
39. Write a program to input 10 values in an array. Categorise each value as prime or composite.
40. Write a program to subtract two floating point numbers using functions.
41. Write a program to calculate the area of a circle.
42. How can you declare a pointer variable?
43. Differentiate between a variable address and a variable's value. How can we access a variable's address and its value using pointers?
44. Give a brief of different memory areas available to the programmer.
45. What do you understand by dereferencing a pointer variable?
46. Write a short note on pointer expressions and pointer arithmetic.
47. What will \*p++ = \*q++ do?
48. Write a program to add two integers using functions. Use call by address technique of passing parameters.
49. Write a short note on pointer and a three dimensional array.
50. How can a pointer be used to access individual elements of an array? Illustrate with an example.

51. Can we assign a pointer variable to another pointer variable? Justify your answer with the help of an example.
52. What will happen if we add or subtract an integer to or from a pointer variable?
53. Is it possible to compare two pointer variables? Illustrate using an example.
54. Can we subtract two pointer variables?
55. With the help of an example explain how an array can be passed to a function? Is it possible to send just a single element of the array to a function?
56. Can array names appear on the left side of the assignment operator? Why?
57. Differentiate between an array name and an array pointer.
58. Using a program, explain how pointer variables can be used to access strings.
59. Write a program to print "Good Morning" using pointers.
60. Write a program to print the lowercase characters into uppercase and vice versa in the given string "gOOD mORning".
61. Write a program to copy "University" from the given string "Oxford University Press" in another string.
62. Write a program to copy last five characters from the given string "Oxford University Press" in another string.
63. Write a menu-driven program to perform various string operations using pointers.
64. How can you have array of function pointers? Illustrate with an example.
65. Briefly discuss memory allocation schemes in C language.
66. Write a program to read and print a floating point array. The space for the array should be allocated at the run time.
67. Write a program to demonstrate working of calloc().
68. Write a short note on realloc(). Give a program to explain its usage.
69. With the help of an example, explain how pointers can be used to dynamically allocate space for two-dimensional and three-dimensional arrays.
70. Write a short note on wild pointers.
71. Give a briefing of memory leakage problem with the help of an example.
72. What is a dangling pointer?
73. Explain memory corruption with the help of suitable examples.
74. Differentiate between  $*(arr+i)$  and  $(arr+i)$ .
75. Write a function to calculate roots of a quadratic equation. The function must accept arguments and return result using pointers.
76. Write a program using pointers to insert a value in an array.
77. Write a program using pointers to search a value from an array.
78. Write a function that accepts a string using pointers. In the function, delete all the occurrences of a given character and display the modified string on the screen.
79. Write a program to reverse a string using pointers.
80. Write a program to compare two arrays using pointers.
81. How can we access the value pointed by a pointer to a pointer?

### Program output

Give the output of the following code.

```

1. main()
   {
       int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5};
       int *ptr, i;
       ptr = arr+4;
       for(i = 4; i >= 0; i--)
           printf("\n %d", *(ptr-i));
   }

2. main()
   {
       int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5};
       int *ptr, i;
       ptr = arr+4;
       for(i = 0; i < 5; i++)
           printf("\n %d", *(ptr-i));
   }

```

```

3. #include <stdio.h>
   main()
   {
       int val=3;
       int *pval=&val;
       printf("%d %d", ++val, *ptr);
   }

```

```

4. #include <stdio.h>
   main()
   {
       int val=3;
       int *pval=&val;
       printf("%d %d", val, *ptr++);
   }

```

```

5. #include <stdio.h>
   main()
   {
       int val=3;
       int *pval=&val;
       printf("%d %d", val, ++*ptr);
   }

```

```

6. #include <stdio.h>
   main()
   {
       int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5};
       printf("%d", ++*arr);
   }

```

```

7. #include <stdio.h>
   main()
   {
       int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5};
       int *parr = arr+2;
       printf("%d %d", ++*parr-1, 1+*-parr);
   }

```

```

8. #include <stdio.h>
   main()
   {
       int num = 5, *ptr=&a, x=*ptr;
       printf("%d %d %d", ++num, x+2,
              *ptr--);
   }

```

```

9. #include <stdio.h>
   main()

```

```

   {
       int num=5, *ptr=&num;
       printf("\n %d", *&num);
       printf("\n %d", **&&num);
       printf("\n %d", *&ptr);
       printf("\n %d", **&ptr);
       printf("\n %d", &**&ptr);
   }

```

```

10. main()
   {
       int num=5, *ptr=&num;
       printf("%d %d", num, x+2, (*ptr)--);
   }

```

```

11. #include <stdio.h>
   main()
   {
       int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5}, i, k = 3;
       for(i=0;i<10;i++)
           *(arr+i)=i;
       printf("%d", *(arr[+k-1]));
   }

```

```

12. #include <stdio.h>
   main()
   {
       int arr[]={1,2,3,4,5};
       int i=1,j=2;
       printf("\n %d", *(arr+1+i));
       printf("\n %d", *(arr+*(arr+1)));
       printf("\n %d", *(arr+i)+*(arr+j));
       printf("\n %d", *(arr+j));
   }

```

```

13. main()
   {
       char str[]="ABCDEFGH", *pstr=str;
       pstr++;
       while(*pstr!='H')
           printf("%c", *pstr++);
   }

```

```

14. main()
   {
       char str[]="ABCDEFGH";
       printf("%d", (&str[3]-&str[0]));
   }

```

```
15. main()
{
    char *str="ABCDEFGH";
    (*str++);
    printf("%s", str);
}
```

```
16. main()
{
    char *str="ABCDEFGH";
    str++;
    printf("%s", str);
}
```

```
17. main()
{
    char *str="AbcDefGh";
    int i=0;
    while(*str)
    {
        if(isupper(*str++))
            i++;
    }
    printf("%d", i);
}
```

```
18. main()
{
    printf("Hello World"+3);
}
```

```
19. main()
{
    int arr[] [2]={1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
    printf("%d", sizeof(arr));
}
```

```
20. main()
{
    int arr[2][3]={1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
    printf("%d", sizeof(arr[1]));
}
```

```
21. main()
{
    int arr[5], *parr=arr;
    while(parr < &arr[5])
    {
        *parr = parr-arr;
    }
}
```

```
    printf("%d", *parr);
    parr++;
}
```

```
22. main()
{
    char *str = "Hello World";
    str[5]='!';
    printf("%s", str);
}
```

```
23. main()
{
    char *str1 = "Hello World";
    char str2[20] = "Hello World";
    char str3[] = "Hello World";
    printf(" %d %d %d", sizeof(str1),
        sizeof(str2), sizeof(str3));
}
```

```
24. main()
{
    register int num = 3, *ptr = &num;
    printf("%d", *ptr);
}
```

```
25. #include <stdio.h>
void func(int (*parr) [3]);
main()
{
    int arr[2][3] = {1,2,3,4,5,6};
    func(arr);
    func(arr + 1);
}
void func(int (*parr) [3])
{
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)
        printf("%d", (*parr) [i]);
}
```

Find errors if any in the following statements.

- int ptr, \*ptr;
- int num, \*ptr=num;
- int \*ptr=10;
- int num, \*\*ptr=&num;
- int \*ptr1, \*ptr2, \*ptr3=\*ptr1+\*ptr2;
- int \*ptr; scanf("%d", &ptr);

**ANNEXURE 4**

**A4.1 DECIPHERING POINTER DECLARATIONS**

The *right-left* rule is a widely used rule for creating as well as deciphering C declarations. Before starting, let us first understand the meaning of different symbols and the way in which they are read.

Symbol	Read As	Location
*	pointer to	placed on the left side
[]	array of	placed on the right side
()	function returning	placed on the right side

Following are the steps to decipher the declaration:

**Step 1:** Find the identifier and read as 'identifier is'.

**Step 2:** Read the symbols on the right of the identifier. For example, if you find '()', then you know that it is a function declaration. So you can now say, 'identifier is function returning'. Or if you encounter a '[ ]', then read it as 'identifier is array of'.

Continue moving right until you either run out of symbols or you encounter a right parenthesis.

**Step 3:** Now, check the symbols to the left of the identifier. If it is not a symbol given in the table, then just say it. For example if you encounter `int`, then just say it as it is. Otherwise, translate it into English using the above table. Continue going left until you either run out of symbols or you encounter a left parenthesis.

**Step 4:** Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until the entire declaration is completely deciphered.

Consider some examples:

```
int *ptr[];
```

**Step 1:** Find the identifier. Here, the identifier is `ptr`. So say,

```
'ptr is'
```

**Step 2:** Identify the symbols on the right side of the identifier until you run out of symbols or encounter a left parenthesis. Here, the symbol is `[]`. So say

```
'ptr is array of'
```

**Step 3:** Move to left of the identifier until you run out of symbols or encounter a left parenthesis. Here, the symbol is `*`. So say,

```
ptr is array of pointer to
```

**Step 4:** Continue moving left. Here, you find `int`. So say,

```
ptr is array of pointer to int.
```

Now decipher the following declaration

```
int *(*func())();
```

**Step 1:** Find the identifier. Here, the identifier is `func`. So say,

```
func is
```

**Step 2:** Identify the symbols on the right side of the identifier until you run out of symbols or encounter a left parenthesis. Here, the symbol is `()`. So say

```
func is function returning
```

**Step 3:** Move to left of the identifier until you run out of symbols or encounter a left parenthesis. Here, the symbol is `*`. So say,

```
func is function returning pointer to
```

**Step 4:** Can't move left anymore because of the left parenthesis, so now move to right. Here, you will encounter a symbol `()`. So say,

```
func is function returning pointer to
function returning
```

**Step 5:** Can't move right anymore as all symbols have exhausted so move to left. Here you will encounter a `**`. So say,

```
func is function returning pointer to
function returning pointer to
```

**Step 6:** Continue moving left. Here you will find `int`. So say,

```
func is function returning pointer to
function returning pointer to int.
```

Some declarations also contain array size and function parametres. So if you encounter a symbol as `'[10]'`, then read it as 'array (size 10)'. If you encounter, something like `'(int *, char)'`, then read it as 'function expecting (int \*, char) and returning...'. Now consider such an example and decipher the following decalaration:

```
int *(*func)(int *, char)[3][5];
```

Use the steps illustrated below and check your answer.

func is pointer to function expecting (int \*,char) and returning pointer to array (size 3) of array (size 5) of int.

### Some Illegal Declarations in C

It is quite possible that you end up with some illegal declarations using this rule. So, you must be very clear about what is legal in C and what is not allowed in the language. For example, consider a declaration as shown:

```
int *((*func)()) [] [];
```

This can be deciphered as, 'func is pointer to function returning array of array of pointer to int'. But did you notice that a function cannot return an array, but only a pointer to an array. Therefore, this declaration is illegal.

Let us look at some more illegal combinations in C language:

[]()-C does not permit an array of functions

()()-A function cannot return a function

()[]-A function cannot return an array

The table given below lists the declaration, meaning, and its remarks as valid or invalid.

Declaration	Meaning	Remarks
float num;	num is a float	Valid
char *ch;	ch is a pointer to char	valid
int arr[];	arr is an array of int	Valid
float func();	func is a function returning float	Valid
int **ptr;	ptr is a pointer to pointer to int	Valid
char (*ptr)[];	ptr is a pointer to array of char	valid
char (*ptr)();	ptr is a pointer to function returning char	valid
float *ptr[];	ptr is array of pointers to float	Valid
int mat[][];	mat is an array of array of int	Valid
int func[]()	func is an array of function returning int	Invalid
float *func();	func is a function returning pointer to float	Valid
float func[][];	func is a function returning array of float	Invalid
float func()();	func is a function returning function returning float	Invalid
int ***ptr;	ptr is a pointer to pointer to pointer to int	Valid
int (**ptr)[];	ptr is a pointer to pointer to array of int	Valid
float (**func)();	func is a pointer to pointer to a function returning float	Valid
char *(*ptr)[];	ptr is a pointer to array of pointer to char	Valid
float (*ptr)[][];	ptr is a pointer to array of array of float	Valid
float (*ptr)[]();	ptr is a pointer to array of function returning float	Invalid
char *(*ptr)();	ptr is a pointer to function returning a pointer to char	Valid
char (*ptr)()[];	ptr is a pointer to function returning an array of char	Invalid
int (*ptr)()();	ptr is a pointer to function returning function returning int	Invalid
float **ptr[];	ptr is an array of pointer to pointer to int	Valid

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Declaration	Meaning	Remarks
char (*ptr[])[];	ptr is array of pointer to array of char	Valid
char (*ptr[])();	ptr is array of pointer to function returning char	Valid
float *ptr[][];	ptr is array of array of pointer to float	Valid
int arr[][][];	arr is array of array of array of int	Invalid
int arr[][]();	arr is array of array of function returning int	Invalid
float *arr[]();	arr is array of function returning pointer to float	Invalid
int arr[]()[];	arr is array of function returning array of int	Invalid
float **func();	func is a function returning pointer to float pointer (or pointer to float)	Valid
char *func()[];	func is a function returning array of char pointer	Invalid
float (*func())[];	func is a function returning pointer to array of float	Valid
float (*func())();	func is a function returning pointer to function returning float	Valid
char func()[][];	func is a function returning array of array of char	Invalid
char func()[]();	func is a function returning array of array of function returning char	Invalid
char *func()();	func is a function returning function returning char pointer	Invalid



## Case Study for Chapters 6 and 7

In C language, a string is nothing but a null-terminated character array and a pointer is a variable that contains the memory location of another variable. Therefore, a pointer is a variable that represents the location of a data item such as a variable or an array element.

Pointers provide an alternate way to access individual elements of the array and they are used to pass arrays and strings as function arguments. Now utilize all these concepts to write a program that performs various operations on a string (using pointers).

1. Write a menu-driven program to read the following operations: 1. a string, 2. display the string, 3. merge two strings, 4. copy n characters from the m<sup>th</sup> position, 5. calculate the length of the string, 6. count the number of upper case, lower case, numbers and special characters, 7. count the number of words, lines and characters, 8. replace, with; 9. exit.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <conio.h>
void read_str(char *my_str);
void display_str(char *my_str);
void merge_str(char *my_str1, char *my_str2, char *my_str3);
void copy(char my_str1[], int m, int n);
int cal_len(char my_str[]);
void count(char my_str[]);
void count_wlc(char my_str[]);
void replace_str(char *my_str);
int main()
{
    char str1[100], str2[100], merged_str[200], copy_str[100];
    int option, m, n, length=0;
    clrscr();
    do
    {
        printf("\n 1. Enter the string");
        printf("\n 2. Display the string");
        printf("\n 3. Merge two strings");
        printf("\n 4. Copy n characters from mth position");
```

```
printf("\n 5. Calculate length of the string");
printf("\n 6. Count the number of upper case, lower case, numbers, and
special characters");
printf("\n 7. Count the number of words, lines, and characters");
printf("\n 8. Replace, with ;");
printf("\n 9. EXIT");

printf("\n\n Enter your option: ");
scanf("%d", &option);
switch(option)
{
    case 1:
        fflush(stdin);
        read_str(str1);
        break;
    case 2:
        display_str(str1);
        break;
    case 3:
        read_str(str2);
        merge_str(str1, str2, merged_str);
        break;
    case 4:
        printf("\n Enter the position from which to copy the text: ");
        scanf("%d", &m);
        printf("\n Enter the number of characters to be copied: ");
        scanf("%d", &n);
        copy(str1, m, n);
        break;
    case 5:
        length = cal_len(str1);
        printf("\n The length of the string is: %d", length);
        break;
    case 6:
        count(str1);
        break;
    case 7:
        count_wlc(str1);
        break;
    case 8:
        replace_str(str1);
        break;
}
}while (option != 9);
return 0;
}

void read_str( char *my_str)
{
```

```
fflush(stdin);  
printf("\n Enter the string: ");  
gets(my_str);  
}
```

```
void display_str(char *my_str)  
{  
  
    printf("\n The string is: ");  
    while(*my_str != '\0')  
    {  
        printf("%c", *my_str);  
        my_str++;  
    }  
}
```

```
void merge_str(char *my_str1, char *my_str2, char *my_str3)  
{  
    strcpy(my_str3, my_str1);  
    strcat(my_str3, my_str2);  
    display_str(my_str3);  
}
```

```
void copy(char my_str1[], int m, int n)  
{  
    int i = 0;  
    char *pstr;  
    printf("\n The copied string is: ");  
    while(i < n || my_str1[m] != '\0')  
    {  
        *pstr = my_str1[m];  
        m++; i++;  
        printf("%c", *pstr);  
    }  
}
```

```
int cal_len(char my_str[])  
{  
    char *str = my_str;  
    int len = 0;  
    while(*str != '\0')  
    {  
        str++;  
        len++;  
    }  
    return len;  
}
```

```
void count(char my_str[])
```

```
{
char *pstr = my_str;
int upper_case = 0, lower_case = 0, numbers = 0, spcl_char = 0;
while (*pstr != '\0')
{
if (*pstr >= 'A' && *pstr <= 'Z')
upper_case++;
else if (*pstr >= 'a' && *pstr <= 'z')
lower_case++;
else if (*pstr >= '0' && *pstr <= '9')
numbers++;
else
spcl_char++;
pstr++;
}
printf("\n Upper case character = %d", upper_case);
printf("\n Lower case character = %d", lower_case);
printf("\n Numbers = %d", numbers);
printf("\n Special characters = %d", spcl_char);
}
```

```
void count_wlc(char my_str[])
{
char *pstr = my_str;
int words = 1, lines = 1, characters = 1;
while(*pstr != '\0')
{
if (*pstr == '\n')
lines++;
if (*pstr == ' ' && *(my_str+1) != ' ')
words++;
characters++;
pstr++;
}
printf("\n Number of words = %d", words);
printf("\n Number of lines = %d", lines);
printf("\n Number of characters = %d", characters);
}
```

```
void replace_str(char my_str[])
{
char *pstr=my_str;
while (*pstr != '\0')
{
if(*pstr == ',')
*pstr = '.';
pstr++;
}
display_str(my_str);
}
```

**Output**

1. Enter the string
2. Display the string
3. Merge two strings
4. Copy n characters from mth position
5. Calculate length of the string
6. Count the number of upper case, lower case, numbers, and special characters
7. Count the number of words, lines, and characters
8. Replace, with;
9. EXIT

Enter your option: 1

Enter the string: Hi

1. Enter the string
2. Display the string
3. Merge two strings
4. Copy n characters from mth position
5. Calculate length of the string
6. Count the number of upper case, lower case, numbers and special characters
7. Count the number of words, lines and characters
8. Replace, with;
9. EXIT

Enter your option: 3

Enter the string: there

The string is Hi there

# 8

# Structure, Union, and Enumerated Data Types

## Learning Objective

Today's modern applications need complex data structures to support them. A structure is a collection of related data items of different data types. It is useful for applications that need a lot more features than those provided by the primitive data types. In this chapter, we will learn about structures.

A structure extends the concept of arrays by storing related information of heterogeneous data types together under a single umbrella. So, in this chapter we will see how a structure is defined, declared, and accessed using the C language.

## 8.1 INTRODUCTION

A structure is similar to records. It stores related information about an entity. Structure is basically a user-defined data type that can store related information (even of different data types) together. The major difference between a structure and an array is that, an array contains related information of the same data type.

A structure is, therefore, a collection of variables under a single name. The variables within a structure are of different data types and each has a name that is used to select it from the structure.

### 8.1.1 Structure Declaration

A structure is declared using the keyword `struct` followed by a structure name. All the variables of the structure are

declared within the structure. A structure type is generally declared by using the following syntax:

**Programming Tip:**  
Do not forget to place a semicolon after the definition of structures and unions.

```
struct struct-name  
{  
    data_type var-name;  
    data_type var-name;  
    ...  
};
```

For example, if we have to define a structure for a student, then its related information probably would be: roll number, name, course, and fees. This structure can be declared as,

```
struct student  
{  
    int r_no;
```

```
char name[20];
char course[20];
float fees;
};
```

*members of structure*

Now, the structure has become a user-defined data type. Each var-name declared within a structure is called a member of the structure. The structure declaration, however, does not allocate any memory or consume storage space. It just gives a template that conveys to the C compiler how the structure is laid out in memory and gives details of the member names. Like any other data type, memory is allocated for the structure when we declare a variable of the structure. For example, we can define a variable student by writing,

```
struct student stud1;
```

Here, struct student is a data type and stud1 is a variable. Look at another way of declaring variables. In the following syntax, the variable is declared at the time of structure declaration.

```
struct student
{
    int r_no;
    char name[20];
    char course[20];
    float fees;
}stud1, stud2;
```

*int a, b  
top*

In this declaration we declare two variables stud1 and stud2 of the structure student. So if you want to declare more than one variable of the structure, then separate the variables using a comma.

When we declare variables of the structure, separate memory is allocated for each variable. This is shown in Figure 8.1.

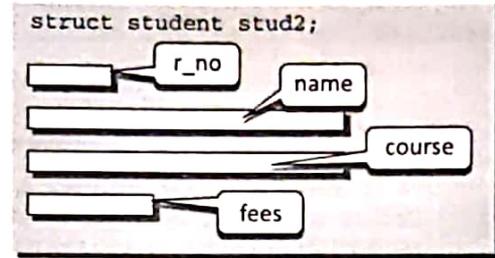


Figure 8.1 Memory allocation for a structure variable

Let us see some more structure declarations.

**Example 8.1** Declare a structure to store information about a point in the coordinate system.

```
struct point
{
    int x,y;
};
```

**Example 8.2** Declare a structure to store customer information.

```
struct customer
{
    int cust_id;
    char name[20];
    char address[20];
    long int phone_num;
    int DOB;
};
```

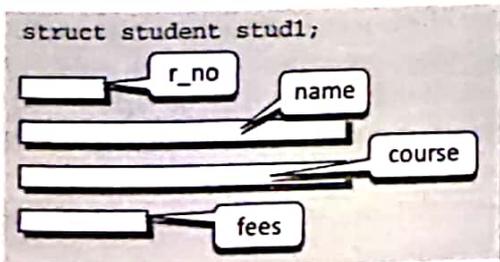
**Example 8.3** Declare a structure to store information of a particular date.

```
struct date
{
    int day;
    int month;
    int year;
};
```

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**Example 8.4** Declare a structure to store information of a particular book.

```
struct BOOK
{
    char title[20];
    char author[20];
};
```



**Programming Tip:**  
Use different member names for different structures for clarity.

```
int pages;
float price;
int yr_of_publication;
};
```

**Example 8.5** Declare a structure to create an inventory record.

```
struct inventory
{
    char prod_name[20];
    float price;
    int stock;
};
```

**Note** Structure type and variable declaration of a structure can be either local or global depending on their placement in the code.

Last but not the least, structure member names and names of the structure follow the same rules as laid down for the names of ordinary variables. However, care should be taken to ensure that the name of structure and the name of a structure member should not be the same. Moreover, structure name and its variable name should also be different.

### 8.1.2 Typedef Declarations

**Programming Tip:** C does not allow declaration of variables at the time of creating a typedef definition. So variables must be declared in an independent statement.

The typedef (derived from type definition) keyword enables the programmer to create a new data type name for an existing data type. By using typedef, no new data is created, rather an alternate name is given to a known data type.)

The general syntax of using the typedef keyword is given as:

```
typedef existing data type
new data_type
```

Note that typedef statement does not occupy any memory, it simply defines a new type. For example, if we write

```
typedef int INTEGER;
```

then INTEGER is the new name of data type int. To declare variables using the new data type name, precede the variable name with the data type name (new). Therefore, to define an integer variable, we may now write

```
INTEGER num=5;
```

When we precede a struct name with typedef keyword, then the struct becomes a new type. It is used to make the construct shorter with more meaningful names for types already defined by C or for types that you have declared. A typedef declaration is a synonym for the type.

For example, writing

```
typedef struct student
{
    int r_no;
    char name[20];
    char course[20];
    float fees;
};
```

Now that you have preceded the structure's name with the keyword typedef, the student becomes a new data type. Therefore, now you can straightaway declare variables of this new data type as you declare variables of type int, float, char, double, etc., to declare a variable of structure student you will just write,

```
student stud1;
```

Note that we have not written struct student stud1.

### 8.1.3 Initialization of Structures

A structure can be initialized in the same way as other data types are initialized. *Initializing a structure* means assigning some constants to the members of the structure. When the user does not explicitly initialize the structure, then C automatically does that. For int and float members, the values are initialized to zero and char and string members are initialized to the '\0' by default (in the absence of any initialization done by the user).

The initializers are enclosed in braces and are separated by commas. However, care must be taken to see that the initializers match their corresponding types in the structure definition.

The general syntax to initialize a structure variable is given as follows:

```
struct struct_name
{
    data_type member_name1;
    data_type member_name2;
    data_type member_name3;
    .....
}struct_var = {constant1, constant2,
constant 3, ...};
```

**Programming Tip:**  
It is an error to assign a structure of one type to a structure of another type.

OR

```
struct struct_name
{
    data_type member_name1;
    data_type member_name2;
    data_type member_name3;
    .....
};
```

```
struct struct_name struct_var = {constant1,
constant2, constant 3, ...};
```

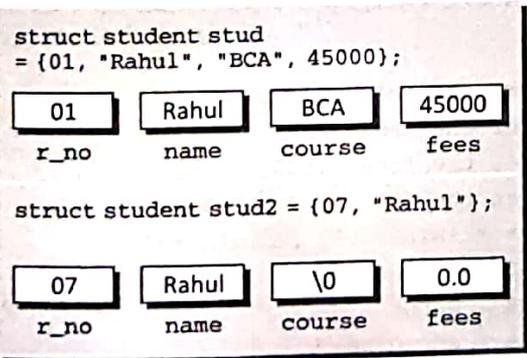
For example, we can initialize a student structure by writing

```
struct student
{
    int r_no;
    char name[20];
    char course[20];
    float fees;
}stud1 = {01, "Rahul", "BCA", 45000};
```

OR by writing

```
struct student stud1 = {01, "Rahul", "BCA",
45000};
```

Figure 8.2 illustrates how the values will be assigned to the individual fields of the structure.



**Figure 8.2** Assigning values to structure elements

When all the members of a structure are not initialized, it is called partial initialization. In case of partial initialization, first few members of the structure are initialized and those that are uninitialized are assigned default values.

**8.1.4 Accessing the Members of a Structure**

Each member of a structure can be used just like a normal variable, but its name will be a bit longer. A structure member variable is generally accessed using a '.' (dot) operator. The syntax of accessing a structure or a member of a structure can be given as:

**Programming Tip:**  
A member of the structure cannot be accessed directly using its name. Rather you must use the structure name followed by the dot operator before specifying the member name.

```
struct_var.member_name
```

The dot operator is used to select a particular member of the structure. For example, to assign value to the individual data members of the structure variable stud1, we may write,

```
stud1.r_no = 01;
stud1.name = "Rahul";
stud1.course = "BCA";
stud1.fees = 45000;
```

To input values for data members of the structure variable stud1, we may write,

```
scanf("%d", &stud1.r_no);
scanf("%s", &stud1.name);
```

Similarly, to print the values of structure variable stud1, we may write,

```
printf("%s", stud1.course);
printf("%f", stud1.fees);
```

Memory is allocated only when we declare variables of the structure. In other words, memory is allocated only when we instantiate the structure. In the absence of any variable, structure definition is just a template that will be used to reserve memory when a variable of type struct is declared.

Once the variables of a structure are defined, we can perform a few operations on them. For example, we can use the assignment operator '=' to assign the values of one variable to another.



Of all the operators  $\rightarrow$ ,  $..$ ,  $()$ , and  $[]$  have the highest priority. This is evident from the following statement

`stud1.fees++` will be interpreted as `(stud1.fees)++`

### 8.1.5 Copying and Comparing Structures

We can assign a structure to another structure of the same type. For example, if we have two structure variables `stud1` and `stud2` of type `struct student` given as,

**Programming Tip:**  
An error will be generated if you try to compare two structure variables.

```
struct student stud1 = {01,
    "Rahul", "BCA", 45000};
struct student stud2;

Then to assign one structure
variable to another we will write,

stud2 = stud1;
```

This statement initializes the members of `stud2` with the values of members of `stud1`. Therefore, now the values of `stud1` and `stud2` can be given as shown in Figure 8.3.

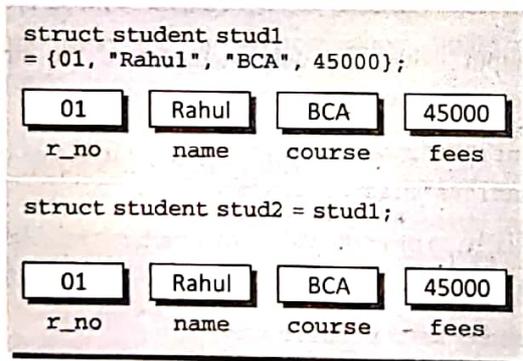


Figure 8.3 Values of structure variables

C does not permit comparison of one structure variable with another. However, individual members of one structure can be compared with individual members of another structure. When we compare one structure member with another structure's member, the comparison will behave like any other ordinary variable comparison. For example, to compare the fees of two students, we will write,

```
if (stud1.fees > stud2.fees)
    Fees of stud1 is greater than stud2
```



Write a program using structures to read and display the information about a student

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    struct student
    {
        int roll_no;
        char name[80];
        float fees;
        char DOB[80];
    };
    struct student stud1;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the roll number: ");
    scanf("%d", &stud1.roll_no);
    printf("\n Enter the name: ");
    scanf("%s", stud1.name);
    printf("\n Enter the fees: ");
    scanf("%f", &stud1.fees);
    printf("\n Enter the DOB: ");
    scanf("%s", stud1.DOB);
    printf("\n *****STUDENT'S DETAILS
    *****");
    printf("\n ROLL No. = %d", stud1.roll_no);
    printf("\n NAME = %s", stud1.name);
    printf("\n FEES = %f", stud1.fees);
    printf("\n DOB = %s", stud1.DOB);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the roll number: 01
Enter the name: Rahul
Enter the fees: 45000
Enter the DOB: 25-09-1991
*****STUDENT'S DETAILS *****
ROLL No. = 01
NAME = Rahul
FEES = 45000.00
DOB = 25-09-1991
```

✓ Write a program, using structures, to find the biggest of three numbers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    struct numbers
    {
        int a, b, c;
        int largest;
    };
    struct numbers num;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the three numbers: ");
    scanf("%d %d %d", &num.a, &num.b, &num.c);
    if (num.a > num.b && num.a > num.c)
        num.largest = num.a;
    if (num.b > num.a && num.b > num.c)
        num.largest = num.b;
    if (num.c > num.a && num.c > num.b)
        num.largest = num.c;
    printf("\n The largest number is: %d",
        num.largest);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the three numbers: 7 9 1
The largest number is: 9
```

3. Write a program to read, display, add, and subtract two complex numbers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    typedef struct complex
    {
        int real;
        int imag;
    } COMPLEX;
    COMPLEX c1, c2, sum_c, sub_c;
    int option;
    clrscr();
```

```
do
{
    printf("\n *** MAIN MENU ***");
    printf("\n 1. Read the complex nos.");
    printf("\n 2. Display the complex nos.");
    printf("\n 3. Add the complex nos.");
    printf("\n 4. Subtract the complex nos.");
    printf("\n 5. EXIT");
    printf("\n Enter your option: ");
    scanf("%d", &option);
    switch(option)
    {
        case 1:
            printf("\n Enter the real and imaginary
                parts of the first complex number: ");
            scanf("%d %d", &c1.real, &c1.imag);
            printf("\n Enter the real and imaginary
                parts of the second complex number: ");
            scanf("%d %d", &c2.real, &c2.imag);
            break;
        case 2:
            printf("\n The first complex number is:
                %d + %di", c1.real, c1.imag);
            printf("\n The second complex number is:
                %d + %di", c2.real, c2.imag);
            break;
        case 3:
            sum_c.real = c1.real + c2.real;
            sum_c.imag = c1.imag + c2.imag;
            printf("\n The sum of two complex numbers
                is: %d + %di", sum_c.real, sum_c.imag);
            break;
        case 4:
            sub_c.real = c1.real - c2.real;
            sub_c.imag = c1.imag - c2.imag;
            printf("\n The difference between two
                complex numbers is: %d + %di",
                sub_c.real, sub_c.imag);
            break;
    }
} while(option != 5);
getch();
return 0;
}
```

Output

```

***** MAIN MENU *****
1. Read the complex numbers
2. Display the complex numbers
3. Add the complex numbers
4. Subtract the complex numbers
5. EXIT
Enter your option: 1
Enter the real and imaginary parts of the
first complex number: 2 3
Enter the real and imaginary parts of the
second complex number: 4 5
***** MAIN MENU *****
1. Read the complex numbers
2. Display the complex numbers
3. Add the complex numbers
4. Subtract the complex numbers
5. EXIT
Enter your option: 3
The sum of two complex numbers is: 6 + 8i
    
```

4. Write a program to enter two points and then calculate the distance between them.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <math.h>
int main()
{
    typedef struct point
    {
        int x, y;
    }POINT;
    POINT p1, p2;
    float distance;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the coordinates of the
    first point: ");
    scanf("%d %d", &p1.x, &p1.y);
    printf("\n Enter the coordinates of the
    second point: ");
    scanf("%d %d", &p2.x, &p2.y);
    distance = sqrt(pow((p1.x - p2.x), 2) +
    pow((p1.y - p2.y), 2));
    printf("\n The coordinates of the first
    point are: %dx %dy", p1.x, p1.y);
    printf("\n The coordinates of the second
    point are: %dx %dy", p2.x, p2.y);
    printf("\n Distance between p1 and p2 =
    %f", distance);
}
    
```

```

    getch();
    return 0;
}
    
```

Output

```

Enter the coordinates of the first point: 2 3
Enter the coordinates of the second point: 4 5
The coordinates of the first point are: 2x 3y
The coordinates of the second point are: 4x 5y
Distance between p1 and p2 = 9.219544
    
```

## 8.2 NESTED STRUCTURES

A structure can be placed within another structure, i.e., a structure may contain another structure as its member. A structure that contains another structure as its member is called a *nested structure*.

Let us now see how we declare nested structures or structures that contain structures. Although it is possible to declare a nested structure with one declaration, it is not recommended. The easier and clearer way is to declare the structures separately and then group them in a high-level structure. When you do this, take care to check that nesting must be done from inside out (from lowest level to the most inclusive level), i.e., to say, declare the innermost structure, then the next level structure, working towards the outer (most inclusive) structure.

```

typedef struct
{
    char first_name[20];
    char mid_name[20];
    char last_name[20];
}NAME;

typedef struct
{
    int dd;
    int mm;
    int yy;
}DATE;

typedef struct student
{
    int r_no;
    NAME name;
    char course[20];
    DATE DOB;
    float fees;
};
    
```

In this example, we see that the structure `student` in turn contains two other structures—`NAME` and `DATE`. Both these structures have their own fields. The structure `NAME` has three fields: `first_name`, `mid_name`, and `last_name`. The structure `DATE` also has three fields: `dd`, `mm`, and `yy`, which specify the day, month, and year of the date. To assign values to the structure fields, we will write,

```
student stud1;
stud1.name.first_name = "Janak";
stud1.name.mid_name = "Raj";
stud1.name.last_name = "Thareja";
stud1.course = "BCA";
stud1.DOB.dd = 15;
stud1.DOB.mm = 09;
stud1.DOB.yy = 1990;
stud1.fees = 45000;
```

In case of nested structures we use the dot operator in conjunction with the structure variables to access the members of the innermost as well as the outermost structures. The use of nested structures is illustrated in the following program:

5. Write a program to read and display information of a student, using a structure within a structure.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    struct DOB
    {
        int day;
        int month;
        int year;
    };
    struct student
    {
        int roll_no;
        char name[100];
        float fees;
        struct DOB date;
    };
    struct student stud1;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the roll number: ");
    scanf("%d", &stud1.roll_no);
    printf("\n Enter the name: ");
    scanf("%s", stud1.name);
    printf("\n Enter the fees: ");
```

```
scanf("%f", &stud1.fees);
printf("\n Enter the DOB: ");
scanf("%d %d %d", &stud1.date.day,
&stud1.date.month, &stud1.date.year);
printf("\n *** STUDENT'S DETAILS ***");
printf("\n ROLL No. = %d", stud1.roll_no);
printf("\n NAME = %s", stud1.name);
printf("\n FEES = %f", stud1.fees);
printf("\n DOB = %d - %d - %d", stud1.
date.day, stud1.date.month, stud1.date.
year);
getch();
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the roll number: 01
Enter the name: Rahul
Enter the fees: 45000
Enter the DOB: 25 09 1991
*****STUDENT'S DETAILS *****
ROLL No. = 01
NAME = Rahul
FEES = 45000.00
DOB = 25-09-1991
```

### 8.3 ARRAYS OF STRUCTURES

In the above examples, we have seen how to declare a structure and assign values to its data members. Now we will discuss how to declare an array of a structure. For this purpose, let us first analyse, where we would need array of structures.

In a class, we do not have just one student. But there may be at least 30 students. So the same definition of the structure can be used for all the 30 students. This would be possible when we will make an array of the structure. An array of a structure is declared in the same way as we had declared an array of a built-in data type.

**Programming Tip:**  
It is an error to omit array subscripts when referring to individual structures of an array of structures.

Another example, where an array of structures is desirable, is in case of an organization. An organization has a number of employees. So, defining a separate structure for every employee is not a viable so-

lution. So here we can have a common structure definition for all the employees. This can again be done by declaring an array of the structure employee.

The general syntax for declaring an array of a structure can be given as,

```
struct struct_name
{
    data_type member_name1;
    data_type member_name2;
    data_type member_name3;
    .....
};
struct struct_name struct_var[index];
```

Consider the given structure definition.

```
struct student
{
    int r_no;
    char name[20];
    char course[20];
    float fees;
};
```

A student array can be declared simply by writing,

```
student stud[30];
```

Now, to assign values to the  $i^{th}$  student of the class, we will write,

```
stud[i].r_no = 09;
stud[i].name = "RASHI";
stud[i].course = "MCA";
stud[i].fees = 60000;
```

In order to initialize the array of structure variables at the time of declaration, you should write as follows:

```
student stud[3] = {{01, "Aman", "BCA",
45000},{02, "Aryan", "MCA", 60000}, {03,
"John", "BCA", 45000}};
```

6. Write a program to read and display the information of all the students in the class.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    struct student
    {
        int roll_no;
        char name[80];
```

```
int fees;
char DOB[80];
};
struct student stud[50];
int n, i;
clrscr();
printf("\n Enter the number of students: ");
scanf("%d", &n);
for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
{
    printf("\n Enter the roll number: ");
    scanf("%d", &stud[i].roll_no);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the name: ");
    gets(stud[i].name);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the fees: ");
    scanf("%d", &stud[i].fees);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the DOB: ");
    gets(stud[i].DOB);
    fflush(stdin);
}
for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
{
    printf("\n *****DETAILS OF STUDENT
%d *****", i+1);
    printf("\n ROLL No. = %d", stud[i].
roll_no);
    printf("\n NAME = %s", stud[i].name);
    printf("\n FEES = %d", stud[i].fees);
    printf("\n DOB = %s", stud[i].DOB);
}
getch();
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the number of students: 2
Enter the roll number: 1
Enter the name: kirti
Enter the fees: 5678
Enter the DOB: 9 9 91
Enter the roll number: 2
Enter the name: kangana
Enter the fees: 5678
Enter the DOB: 27 8 91
*****DETAILS OF STUDENT 1*****
ROLL No. = 1
NAME = kirti
```

```
FEES = 5678
DOB = 9 9 91
*****DETAILS OF STUDENT 2*****
ROLL No. = 2
NAME = kangana
FEES = 5678
DOB = 27 8 91
```

7. Write a program to read and display the information of all the students in the class. Then edit the details of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  student and redisplay the entire information.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    struct student
    {
        int roll_no;
        char name[80];
        int fees;
        char DOB[80];
    };
    struct student stud[50];
    int n, i, rolno, new_rolno;
    int new_fees;
    char new_DOB[80], new_name[80];
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the number of students: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        printf("\n Enter the roll number: ");
        scanf("%d", &stud[i].roll_no);
        fflush(stdin);
        printf("\n Enter the name: ");
        gets(stud[i].name);
        fflush(stdin);
        printf("\n Enter the fees: ");
        scanf("%d", stud[i].fees);
        fflush(stdin);
        printf("\n Enter the DOB: ");
        gets(stud[i].DOB);
        fflush(stdin);
    }
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        printf("\n *****DETAILS OF STUDENT
        %d*****", i+1);
```

```
        printf("\n ROLL No. = %d", stud[i].
        roll_no);
        printf("\n NAME = %s", stud[i].name);
        printf("\n FEES = %d", stud[i].fees);
        printf("\n DATE OF BIRTH = %s",
        stud[i].DOB);
    }
    printf("\n Enter the roll no. of the
    student whose record has to be edited: ");
    scanf("%d", &rolno);
    printf("\n Enter the new roll number: ");
    scanf("%d", &new_rolno);
    printf("\n Enter the new name: ");
    scanf("%s", new_name);
    printf("\n Enter the new fees: ");
    scanf("%d", &new_fees);
    printf("\n Enter the new date of birth: ");
    scanf("%s", new_DOB);
    stud[rolno].roll_no = new_rolno;
    strcpy(stud[rolno].name, new_name);
    stud[rolno].fees = new_fees;
    strcpy(stud[rolno].DOB, new_DOB);
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
    {
        printf("\n *****DETAILS OF STUDENT
        %d*****", i+1);
        printf("\n ROLL No. = %d", stud[i].
        roll_no);
        printf("\n NAME = %s", stud[i].name);
        printf("\n FEES = %d", stud[i].fees);
        printf("\n DATE OF BIRTH = %s",
        stud[i].DCB);
    }

    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

### Output

```
Enter the number of students: 2
Enter the roll number: 1
Enter the name: kirti
Enter the fees: 5678
Enter the DOB: 9 9 91
Enter the roll number: 2
Enter the name: kangana
Enter the fees: 5678
Enter the DOB: 27 8 91
```

```

*****DETAILS OF STUDENT 1*****
ROLL No. = 1
NAME = kirti
FEES = 5678
DOB = 9 9 91
*****DETAILS OF STUDENT 2*****
ROLL No. = 2
NAME = kangana
FEES = 5678
DOB = 27 8 91
Enter the roll number. of the student whose
record has to be edited: 2
Enter the new roll number: 2
Enter the new name: kangana khullar
Enter the new fees: 7000
Enter the new date of birth: 27 8 92
*****DETAILS OF STUDENT 1*****
ROLL No. = 1
NAME = kirti
FEES = 5678
DOB = 9 9 91
*****DETAILS OF STUDENT 2*****
ROLL No. = 2
NAME = kangana
FEES = 7000
DOB = 27 8 92
    
```

refer to the individual members for the actual parameters. The called program does not know if the two variables are ordinary variables or structure members. Look at the following code that illustrates this concept.

```

#include <stdio.h>
typedef struct
{
    int x;
    int y;
}POINT;
void display(int, int);
main()
{
    POINT p1 = {2, 3};
    display(p1.x, p1.y);
    return 0;
}
void display(int a, int b)
{
    printf("The coordinates of the point are:
    %d %d", a, b);
}
    
```

Output

The coordinates of the point are: 2 3

## 8.4 STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS

For structures to be fully useful, we must have a mechanism to pass them to functions and return them. A function may access the members of a structure in three ways as shown in Figure 8.4.

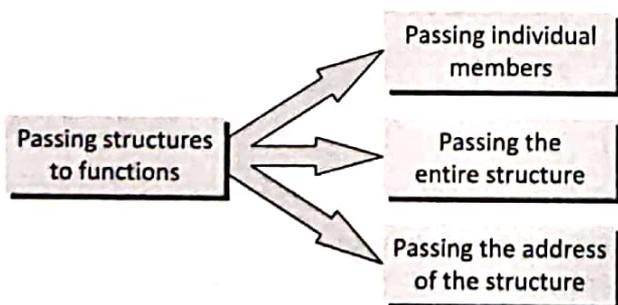


Figure 8.4 Passing structures to a function

### 8.4.1 Passing Individual Members

To pass any individual member of the structure to a function we must use the direct selection operator to

### 8.4.2 Passing the Entire Structure

Just like any other variable, we can pass an entire structure as a function argument. When a structure is passed as an argument, it is passed using the call by value method, i.e., a copy of each member of the structure is made. This is a very inefficient method especially when the structure is very big or the function is called frequently. In such a situation passing and working with pointers may be more efficient.

The general syntax for passing a structure to a function and returning a structure can be given as,

```

struct struct_name func_name(struct struct_
name struct_var);
    
```

This syntax can vary as per need. For example, in some situations we may want a function to receive a structure but return a void or value of some other data type. The following code passes a structure to the function using the call by value method.

```

#include <stdio.h>
typedef struct
    
```

```

{
    int x;
    int y;
}POINT;
void display(POINT);
main()
{
    POINT p1 = {2, 3};
    display(p1);
    return 0;
}
void display(POINT p)
{
    printf("%d %d", p.x, p.y);
}

```

8. Write a program to read, display, add, and subtract two distances. Distance must be defined using kms and metres.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
typedef struct distance
{
    int kms;
    int metres;
}DISTANCE;
DISTANCE add_distance(DISTANCE, DISTANCE);
DISTANCE subtract_distance(DISTANCE,
    DISTANCE);
DISTANCE d1, d2, d3, d4;
int main()
{
    int option;
    clrscr();
    do
    {
        printf("\n *** MAIN MENU ***");
        printf("\n 1. Read the distances ");
        printf("\n 2. Display the distances");
        printf("\n 3. Add the distances");
        printf("\n 4. Subtract the distances");
        printf("\n 5. EXIT");
        printf("\n Enter your option: ");
        scanf("%d", &option);
        switch(option)
        {
            case 1:
                printf("\n Enter the first distance in
kms and metres: ");

```

```

                scanf("%d %d", &d1.kms, &d1.metres);
                printf("\n Enter the second distance
kms and metres: ");
                scanf("%d %d", &d2.kms, &d2.metres);
                break;
            case 2:
                printf("\n The first distance is: %d
kms %d metres", d1.kms, d1.metres);
                printf("\n The second distance is: %d
kms %d metres", d2.kms, d2.metres);
                break;
            case 3:
                d3 = add_distance(d1, d2);
                printf("\n The sum of two distances
is: %d kms %d metres", d3.kms, d3.metres);
                break;
            case 4:
                d4 = subtract_distance(d1, d2);
                printf("\n The difference between two
distances is: %d kms %d metres", d4.kms,
d4.metres);
                break;
        }
    }while(option != 5);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
DISTANCE add_distance(DISTANCE d1, DISTANCE d2)
{
    DISTANCE sum;
    sum.metres = d1.metres + d2.metres;
    sum.kms = d1.kms + d2.kms;
    if(sum.metres >= 1000)
    {
        sum.metres = sum.metres%1000;
        sum.kms += 1;
    }
    return sum;
}
DISTANCE subtract_distance(DISTANCE d1,
DISTANCE d2)
{
    DISTANCE sub;
    if(d1.kms > d2.kms)
    {
        sub.metres = d1.metres - d2.metres;
        sub.kms = d1.kms - d2.kms;
    }
    else
    {

```

```

        sub.metres = d2.metres - d1.metres;
        sub.kms = d2.kms - d1.kms;
    }
    if(sub.metres < 0)
    {
        sub.kms = sub.kms - 1;
        sub.metres = sub.metres + 1000;
    }
    return sub;
}

```

**Output**

```

***** MAIN MENU *****
1. Read the distances
2. Display the distance
3. Add the distances
4. Subtract the distances
5. EXIT
Enter your option: 1
Enter the first distance in kms and metres:
5 300
Enter the secont distance in kms and metres:
3 400
1. Read the distances
2. Display the distance
3. Add the distances
4. Subtract the distances
5. EXIT
Enter your option: 3
The sum of two distances is: 8 kms 700 metres

```

9. Write a program, using pointer to structure, to initialize the members in the structure. Use functions to print the student's information.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
struct student
{
    int r_no;
    char name[20];
    char course[20];
    float fees;
};
void display(struct student *);
main()
{
    struct student *ptr_stud1;
    struct student stud1 = {01, "Rahul",

```

```

"BCA", 45000};
    clrscr();
    ptr_stud1 = &stud1;
    display(ptr_stud1);
    return 0;
}
void display(struct student *ptr_stud1)
{
    printf("\n DETAILS OF STUDENT");
    printf("\n -----");
    printf("\n ROLLNO. = %d", ptr_stud1 -> r_no);
    printf("\n NAME = %s", ptr_stud1 -> name);
    printf("\n COURSE = %s", ptr_stud1 -> course);
    printf("\n FEES = %f", ptr_stud1 -> fees);
}

```

**Output**

```

DETAILS OF STUDENT
-----
ROLL NUMBER = 01
NAME = Rahul
COURSE = BCA
FEES = 45000.00

```

10. Write a program to read, display, add, and subtract two time defined using hour, minutes, and values of seconds.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
typedef struct
{
    int hr;
    int min;
    int sec;
}TIME;
TIME t1, t2, t3, t4;
TIME subtract_time(TIME, TIME);
TIME add_time(TIME, TIME);
int main()
{
    int option;
    clrscr();
    do
    {

```

```

printf("\n **** MAIN MENU ****");
printf("\n 1. Read time ");
printf("\n 2. Display time");
printf("\n 3. Add");
printf("\n 4. Subtract");
printf("\n 5. EXIT");
printf("\n Enter your option: ");
scanf("%d", &option);
switch(option)
{
case 1:
printf("\n Enter the first time in
hrs, mins, and secs: ");
scanf("%d%d%d", &t1.hr, &t1.min, &t1.sec);
fflush(stdin);
printf("\n Enter the second time in
hrs, mins, and secs: ");
scanf("%d%d%d", &t2.hr, &t2.min, &t2.sec);
fflush(stdin);
break;
case 2:
printf("\n The first time is: %d hr %d
min %d sec", t1.hr, t1.min, t1.sec);
printf("\n The second time is: %d hr
%d min %d sec", t2.hr, t2.min, t2.sec);
break;
case 3:
t3 = add_time(t1, t2);
printf("\n The sum of the two time
values is: %dhr %dmin %dsec", t3.hr,
t3.min, t3.sec);
break;
case 4:
t4 = subtract_time(t1, t2);
printf("\n The difference in time
is: %d hr %d min %d sec", t4.hr, t4.min,
t4.sec);
break;
}
}while(option != 5);
getch();
return 0;
}
TIME add_time(TIME t1, TIME t2)
{
TIME sum;
sum.sec = t1.sec + t2.sec;
while(sum.sec >= 60)
{
sum.sec -=60;
sum.min++;
}
sum.min = t1.min + t2.min;
while(sum.min >= 60)
{
sum.min -=60;
sum.hr++;
}
sum.hr = t1.hr + t2.hr;
return sum;
}
TIME subtract_time(TIME t1, TIME t2)
{
TIME sub;
if(t1.hr > t2.hr)
{
if(t1.sec < t2.sec)
{
t1.sec += 60;
t1.min--;
}
sub.sec = t1.sec - t2.sec;
if(t1.min < t2.min)
{
t1.min += 60;
t1.hr--;
}
sub.min = t1.min - t2.min;
sub.hr = t1.hr - t2.hr;
}
else
{
if(t2.sec < t1.sec)
{
t2.sec += 60;
t2.min--;
}
sub.sec = t2.sec - t1.sec;
if(t2.min < t1.min)
{
t2.min += 60;
t2.hr--;
}
sub.min = t2.min - t1.min;
sub.hr = t2.hr - t1.hr;
}
}

```

```
    return sub;
}
```

**Output**

```
***** MAIN MENU *****
1. Read time
2. Display time
3. Add two time
4. Subtract two time
5. EXIT
Enter your option: 1
Enter the first time in hrs, mins, and secs:
2 30 20
Enter the second time in hrs, mins, and
secs: 3 20 30
***** MAIN MENU *****
1. Read time
2. Display time
3. Add
4. Subtract
5. EXIT
Enter your option: 3
The sum of the two time value is: 5 hr 50
min 50 sec
```

Let us summarize some points that must be considered while passing a structure to the called function.

- If the called function is returning a copy of the entire structure then it must be declared as struct followed by the structure name.
- The structure variable used as parameter in the function declaration must be the same as that of the actual argument in the called function (and that should be the name of the struct type).
- When a function returns a structure then in the calling function the returned structure must be assigned to a structure variable of the same type.

**8.4.3 Passing Structures Through Pointers**

Passing large structures to function using the call by value method is very inefficient.

**Programming Tip:** Using pointers to pass a structure to a function is more efficient than using the call-by-value method.

Therefore, it is preferred to pass structures through pointers. It is possible to create a pointer to almost any type in C, including user-defined types. It is extremely common to create pointers to

structures. Like in other cases, a pointer to a structure is never itself a structure, but merely a variable that holds the address of a structure. The syntax to declare a pointer to a structure can be given as,

```
struct struct_name
{
    data_type member_name1;
    data_type member_name2;
    data_type member_name3;
    .....
}*ptr;
```

OR

```
struct struct_name *ptr;
```

For our student structure we can declare a pointer variable by writing,

```
struct student *ptr_stud, stud;
```

The next thing to be done is to assign the address of stud to the pointer using the address operator (&) as we would do in case of any other pointer. So to assign the address, we will write

```
ptr_stud = &stud;
```

To access the members of the structure, one way is to write,

```
/* get the structure, then select a member */
(*ptr_stud).roll_no;
```

**Programming Tip:** The selection operator (->) is a single token, so do not place any white space between them.

Since parenthesis have a higher precedence than \*, writing this statement would work well. But this statement is not easy for a beginner to work with. So C introduces a new operator to do the same task. This operator is

known as the pointing-to operator (->). Here it is being used:

```
/* the roll_no in the structure ptr_stud
points to */
ptr_stud->roll_no = 01;
```

This statement is far easier than its alternative.

11. Write a program, using a pointer to a structure, to initialize the members in the structure.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
```



```
printf("\n COURSE = %s", ptr_stud1
->course);
printf("\n FEES = %f", ptr_stud1->fees);
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
DETAILS OF STUDENT
-----
```

```
ROLL NUMBER = 01
NAME = Rahul
COURSE = BCA
FEES = 45000.00
```

13. Write a program, using an array of pointers to a structure, to read and display the data of a student.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <alloc.h>
typedef struct student
{
    int r_no;
    char name[20];
    char course[20];
    int fees;
};
struct student *ptr[10];
main()
{
    int i;
    for(i=0;i<10;i++)
    {
        ptr[i] = (struct student *)malloc(size
of(struct student));
        printf("\n Enter the data for student
%d "i+1);
        printf("\n \t ROLL NO.: ");
        scanf("%d", ptr[i]->r_no);
        printf("\n \t NAME: ");
        gets(ptr[i]->name);
        printf("\n \t COURSE: ");
        gets(ptr[i]->course);
        printf("\n \t FEES: ");
        scanf("%d", ptr[i]->fees);
    }
}
```

```
printf("\n DETAILS OF STUDENT");
printf("\n -----");
for(i=0;i<10;i++)
{
    printf("\n ROLL NUMBER = %d",
ptr_stud[i]->r_no);
    printf("\n NAME = %s",
ptr_stud[i]->name);
    printf("\n COURSE = %s",
ptr_stud[i]->course);
    printf("\n FEES = %d",
ptr_stud[i]->fees);
}
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter the data for the student 1
ROLL NO.: 01
NAME: Rahul
COURSE: BCA
FEES: 45000
```

14. Write a program to read, display, add, and subtract two heights. Height should be given in feet and inches.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
typedef struct
{
    int ft;
    int inch;
}HEIGHT;

HEIGHT h1, h2, h3;
HEIGHT add_height(HEIGHT *, HEIGHT *);
HEIGHT subtract_height(HEIGHT *, HEIGHT *);
main()
{
    int option;
    clrscr();
    do
    {
        printf("\n *** MAIN MENU ***");
        printf("\n 1. Read height ");
        printf("\n 2. Display height");
        printf("\n 3. Add");
    }
```

```

printf("\n 4. Subtract");
printf("\n 5. EXIT");
printf("\n Enter your option: ");
scanf("%d", &option);
switch(option)
{
case 1:
printf("\n Enter the first height in
feet and inches: ");
scanf("%d %d", &h1.ft, &h1.inch);
printf("\n Enter the second height in
feet and inches: ");
scanf("%d %d", &h2.ft, &h2.inch);
break;
case 2:
printf("\n The first height is: %d ft
%d inch", h1.ft, h1.inch);
printf("\n The second height is: %d ft
%d inch", h2.ft, h2.inch);
break;
case 3:
h3 = add_height(&h1, &h2);
printf("\n The sum of two heights is:
%d ft %d inch", h3.ft, h3.inch);
break;
case 4:
h3 = subtract_height(&h1, &h2);
printf("\n The difference of two
heights is: %d ft %d inch", h3.ft,
h3.inch);
break;}
}while(option != 5);
getch();
return 0;
}
HEIGHT add_height(HEIGHT *h1, HEIGHT *h2)
{
HEIGHT sum;
sum.inch = h1->inch + h2->inch;
while(sum.inch > 12)
{
sum.inch -= 12;
sum.ft++;
}
sum.ft = h1->ft + h2->ft;
return sum;
}

```

```

}
HEIGHT subtract_height(HEIGHT *h1, HEIGHT *h2)
{
HEIGHT sub;
if(h1->ft > h2->ft)
{
if(h1->inch < h2->inch)
{
h1->inch += 12;
h1->ft--;
}
sub.inch = h1->inch - h2->inch;
sub.ft = h1->ft - h2->ft;
}
else
{
if(h2->inch < h1->inch)
{
h2->inch += 12;
h2->ft--;
}
sub.inch = h2->inch - h1->inch;
sub.ft = h2->ft - h1->ft;
}
return sub;
}
}

```

## Output

```

***** MAIN MENU *****
1. Read height ";
2. Display height
3. Add
4. Subtract
5. EXIT
Enter your option: 1
Enter the first height in feet and inches: 2 3
Enter the second height in feet and inches:
4 5
***** MAIN MENU *****
1. Read height
2. Display height
3. Add
4. Subtract
5. EXIT
Enter your option: 3
The sum of two heights is: 6 ft 8 inch

```

15. Write a program that passes a pointer to a structure to a function.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <alloc.h>
typedef struct student
{
    int r_no;
    char name[20];
    char course[20];
    int fees;
};

void display(struct student *);

main()
{
    struct student *ptr;
    ptr = (struct student *)malloc(sizeof
(struct student));
    printf("\n Enter the data for the student ");
    printf("\n \t ROLL NO.: ");
    scanf("%d", ptr->r_no);
    printf("\n \t NAME: ");
    gets(ptr->name);
    printf("\n \t COURSE: ");
    gets(ptr->course);
    printf("\n \t FEES: ");
    scanf("%d", ptr->fees);
    display(ptr);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

void display(struct student *ptr)
{
    printf("\n DETAILS OF STUDENT");
    printf("\n -----");
    printf("\n ROLL NUMBER = %d", ptr->r_no);
    printf("\n NAME = %s", ptr->name);
    printf("\n COURSE = %s",
ptr->course);
    printf("\n FEES = %d", ptr->fees);
}
```

### Output

```
Enter the data for the student
ROLL NO.: 01
NAME: Rahul
COURSE: BCA
FEES: 45000
```

### DETAILS OF STUDENT

```
-----
ROLL NUMBER = 01
NAME = Rahul
COURSE = BCA
FEES = 45000.00
```

16. Write a program to illustrate the use of arrays within a structure.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <alloc.h>
typedef struct student
{
    char name[20];
    int roll_no;
    int marks[3];
};

void display(struct student* s)
{
    int i;
    printf("\n\n\n NAME: %s \n ROLL NO =
%d\n", s->name, s->roll_no);
    for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)

        printf(" %d", s->marks[i]);
}

main()
{
    struct student *s[2];
    int i, j;
    clrscr();
    for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        s[i] = (struct student*)
        malloc(sizeof(struct student));
        printf("\n\n Enter the name of student
%d: ", i);
```

```

    gets(s[i] -> name);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the roll number of
student %d: ", i);
    scanf("%d", &s[i] -> roll_no);
    printf("\n Enter the marks obtained in
three subjects by student %d: ", i);
    for(j = 0; j < 3; j++)
        scanf("%d", &s[i] -> marks[j]);
    fflush(stdin);
}
printf("\n \n\n *****DETAILS*****");
for(i=0; i<2; i++)
    display(s[i]);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the name of student 1: Goransh
Enter the roll number of student 1: 01
Enter the marks obtained in three subjects
by student 1: 99 100 99
Enter the name of student 2: Pranjali
Enter the roll number of student 1: 02
Enter the marks obtained in three subjects
by student 2: 90 100 89

```

**8.5 SELF-REFERENTIAL STRUCTURES**

Self-referential structures are those structures that contain a reference to data of its same type, i.e., in addition to other data, a self-referential structure contains a pointer to a data that is of the same type as that of the structure. For example, consider the structure node given as follows.

```

struct node
{
    int val;
    struct node *next;
};

```

**Programming Tip:**

It is an error to use a structure/union variable as a member of its own struct type structure or union type union, respectively.

Here the structure node will contain two types of data—an integer val and next, which is a pointer to a node. You must be wondering why we need such a structure. Actually, self-referential structure is the foundation of other data structures. We will be using them throughout this book

and their purpose will be clear to you when we will be discussing linked lists, trees, and graphs.

**8.6 UNION**

Similar to structures, a union is a collection of variables of different data types. The only difference between a structure and a union is that in case of unions, you can only store information in one field at any one time.

To better understand a union, think of it as a chunk of memory that is used to store variables of different types. When a new value is assigned to a field, the existing data is replaced with the new data.

Thus unions are used to save memory. They are useful for applications that involve multiple members, where values need not be assigned to all the members at any one time.

**8.6.1 Declaring a Union**

The syntax for declaring a union is the same as that of declaring a structure. The only difference is that instead of using the keyword `struct`, the keyword `union` would be used. The syntax for union declaration can be given as

```

union union-name
{
    data_type var-name;
    data_type var-name;
    ...
};

```

**Programming Tip:** Variable of a structure or a union can be declared at the time of structure/union definition by placing the variable name after the closing brace and before the semicolon.

Again, the `typedef` keyword can be used to simplify the declaration of union variables.

The most important thing to remember about a union is that the size of a union is the size of its largest field. This is because a sufficient number of bytes must be reserved to store the largest sized field.

**8.6.2 Accessing a Member of a Union**

A member of a union can be accessed using the same syntax as that of a structure. To access the fields of a union, use the

dot operator (.), i.e., the union variable name followed by the dot operator followed by the member name.

### 8.6.3 Initializing Unions

**Programming Tip:**  
It is an error to initialize any other union member except the first member.

A striking difference between a structure and a union is that in case of a union, the fields share the same memory space, so fresh data replaces any existing data. Look at the following code and observe the difference between a structure and union when their fields are to be initialized.

```
#include <stdio.h>
typedef struct POINT1
{
    int x, y;
};

typedef union POINT2
{
    int x;
    int y;
};

main()
{
    POINT1 P1 = {2,3};
    // POINT2 P2 = {4,5}; Illegal with union

    POINT2 P2;
    P2.x = 4;
    P2.y = 5;
    printf("\n The co-ordinates of P1 are %d and %d", P1.x, P1.y);
    printf("\n The co-ordinates of P2 are %d and %d", P2.x, P2.y);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
The co-ordinates of P1 are 2 and 3
The co-ordinates of P2 are 5 and 5
```

In this code, POINT1 is a structure name and POINT2 is a union name. However, both the declarations are almost same (except the keywords—struct and union); in main(), you see a point of difference while initializing values. The fields of a union cannot be initialized all at once.

**Programming Tip:**  
The size of a union is equal to the size of its largest member.

Look at the output carefully. For the structure variable the output is fine but for the union variable the answer does not seem to be correct.

To understand the concept of union, execute the following code. The code given below just re-arranges the printf statements. You will be surprised to see the result.

```
#include <stdio.h>
typedef struct POINT1
{
    int x, y;
};

typedef union POINT2
{
    int x;
    int y;
};

main()
{
    POINT1 P1 = {2,3};
    POINT2 P2;
    printf("\n The co-ordinates of P1 are %d and %d", P1.x, P1.y);
    P2.x = 4;
    printf("\n The x co-ordinate of P2 is %d", P2.x);
    P2.y = 5;
    printf("\n The y co-ordinate of P2 is %d", P2.y);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
The co-ordinates of P1 are 2 and 3
The x co-ordinate of P2 is 4
The y co-ordinate of P2 is 5
```

Here although the output is correct, the data is still overwritten in memory.

## 8.7 ARRAYS OF UNION VARIABLES

Like structures we can also have an array of union variables. However, because of the problem of new data

overwriting existing data in the other fields, the program may not display the accurate results.

```
#include <stdio.h>
union POINT
{
    int x, y;
};

main()
{
    int i;
    union POINT points[3];
    points[0].x = 2;
    points[0].y = 3;
    points[1].x = 4;
    points[1].y = 5;
    points[2].x = 6;
    points[2].y = 7;

    for(i=0; i<3; i++)
        printf("\n Co-ordinates of Point[%d]
are %d and %d", i, points[i].x,
points[i].y);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Co-ordinates of Point[0] are 3 and 3
Co-ordinates of Point[1] are 5 and 5
Co-ordinates of Point[2] are 7 and 7
```

## 8.8 UNIONS INSIDE STRUCTURES

You must be wondering, why do we need unions? Generally, unions can be very useful when declared inside a structure. Consider an example in which you want a field of a structure to contain a string or an integer, depending on what the user specifies. The following code illustrates such a scenario.

```
#include <stdio.h>
struct student
{
    union
```

```
{
    char name[20];
    int roll_no;
};
int marks;
};

main()
{
    struct student stud;
    char choice;
    printf("\n You can enter the name or roll
number of the student");
    printf("\n Do you want to enter the name?
(Y or N): ");
    gets(choice);
    if(choice=='y' || choice=='Y')
    {
        printf("\n Enter the name: ");
        gets(stud.name);
    }
    else
    {
        printf("\n Enter the roll number: ");
        scanf("%d", &stud.roll_no);
    }
    printf("\n Enter the marks: ");
    scanf("%d", &stud.marks);
    if(choice=='y' || choice=='Y')
        printf("\n Name: %s ", stud.name);
    else
        printf("\n Roll Number: %d ", stud.
roll_no);
    printf("\n Marks: %d", stud.marks);
    return 0;
}
```

Now in this code, we have a union embedded within a structure. We know, the fields of a union will share memory, so in the main program we ask the user which data he/she would like to store and depending on his/her choice the appropriate field is used.



**Note** Pointing to unions, passing unions to functions, and passing pointers to unions to functions are all done in the same way as that of structures.

## 8.9 ENUMERATED DATA TYPES

The enumerated data type is a user-defined type based on the standard integer type. An enumeration consists of a set of named integer constants. In other words, in an enumerated type, each integer value is assigned an identifier. This identifier (which is also known as an enumeration constant) can be used as a symbolic name to make the program more readable.

To define enumerated data types, we use the keyword `enum`, which is the abbreviation for `ENUMERATE`. Enumerations create new data types to contain values that are not limited to the values that fundamental data types may take. The syntax of creating an enumerated data type can be given as follows:

```
enum enumeration_name { identifier1,
    identifier2, ..., identifiern };
```

The `enum` keyword is basically used to declare and initialize a sequence of integer constants. Here, `enumeration_name` is optional. Consider the following example, which creates a new type of variable called `COLORS` to store color constants.

```
enum COLORS {RED, BLUE, BLACK, GREEN,
    YELLOW, PURPLE, WHITE};
```

Note that no fundamental data type is used in the declaration of `COLORS`. After this statement, `COLORS` has become a new data type. Here, `COLORS` is the name given to the set of constants. In case you do not assign any value to a constant, the default value for the first one in the list—`RED` (in our case), has the value of 0. The rest of the undefined constants have a value 1 more than its previous one. That is, if you do not initialize the constants, then each one would have a unique value. The first would be zero and the rest would count upwards. So, in our example,

```
RED = 0, BLUE = 1, BLACK = 2, GREEN = 3,
YELLOW = 4, PURPLE = 5, WHITE = 6
```

If you want to explicitly assign values to these integer constants then you should specifically mention those values shown as follows.

```
enum COLORS {RED = 2, BLUE, BLACK = 5, GREEN
    = 7, YELLOW, PURPLE, WHITE = 15};
```

As a result of this statement, now `RED = 2`, `BLUE = 3`, `BLACK = 5`, `GREEN = 7`, `YELLOW = 8`, `PURPLE = 9`, `WHITE = 15`.

Look at the code which illustrates the declaration and access of enumerated data types.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{ enum {RED=2, BLUE, BLACK=5, GREEN=7,
    YELLOW, PURPLE, WHITE=15};
    printf("\n RED = %d", RED);
    printf("\n BLUE = %d", BLUE);
    printf("\n BLACK = %d", BLACK);
    printf("\n GREEN = %d", GREEN);
    printf("\n YELLOW = %d", YELLOW);
    printf("\n PURPLE = %d", PURPLE);
    printf("\n WHITE = %d", WHITE);
    return 0;
}
```

### Output

```
RED = 2
BLUE = 3
BLACK = 5
GREEN = 7
YELLOW = 8
PURPLE = 9
WHITE = 15
```



The value of an enumerator constant is always of the type `int`. Therefore, the storage associated with an enumeration variable is the storage required for a single `int` value. The enumeration constant or a value of the enumerated type can be used anywhere in the program where the C language permits an integer expression.

The following rules apply to the members of an enumeration list:

- An enumeration list may contain duplicate constant values. Therefore, two different identifiers may be assigned the same value, say 3.
- The identifiers in the enumeration list must be different from other identifiers in the same scope

with the same visibility including ordinary variable names and identifiers in other enumeration lists.

- Enumeration names follow the normal scoping rules. So every enumeration name must be different from other enumeration, structure, and union names with the same visibility.



If we create an enumerated type without `enumeration_name`, it is known as an anonymous enumerated type. For example, `enum {OFF, ON};` declares an enumerated type that has two constants `OFF` with a value 0 and `ON` with a value 1.

### 8.9.1 enum Variables

We have seen that enumerated constants are basically integers, so programs with statements such as `int fore_color = RED;` is considered to be a legal statement in C.

In extension to this, C also permits the user to declare variables of an enumerated data type in the same way as we create variables of other basic data types. The syntax for declaring a variable of an enumerated data type can be given as

```
enumeration_name variable_name;
```

So to create a variable of `COLORS`, we may write

```
enum COLORS bg_color;
```

This declares a variable called `bg_color`, which is of the enumerated data type, `COLORS`. Another way to declare a variable can be as illustrated in the following statement.

```
enum COLORS {RED, BLUE, BLACK, GREEN,
YELLOW, PURPLE, WHITE}bg_color, fore_color;
```

### 8.9.2 Using the Typedef Keyword

C also permits to use the `typedef` keyword for enumerated data types. For example, if we write

```
typedef enum COLORS color;
```

Then, we can straight-away declare variables by writing

```
color forecolor = RED;
```

### 8.9.3 Assigning Values to Enumerated Variables

Once the enumerated variable has been declared, values can be stored in it. However, an enumerated variable can hold only declared values for the type. For example, to assign the color black to the back ground color, we will write,

```
bg_color = BLACK;
```

An important thing to note here is that once an enumerated variable has been assigned a value, we can store its value in another variable of the same type. The following statements illustrate this concept.

```
enum COLORS bg_color, border_color;
bg_color = BLACK;
border_color = bg_color;
```

### 8.9.4 Enumeration Type Conversion

Enumerated types can be implicitly or explicitly cast. For example, the compiler can implicitly cast an enumerated type to an integer when required. However, when we implicitly cast an integer to an enumerated type, the compiler will either generate an error or a warning message.

To understand this, answer one question. If we write:

```
enum COLORS{RED, BLUE, BLACK, GREEN, YELLOW,
PURPLE, WHITE};
enum COLORS c;
c = BLACK + WHITE;
```

Here, `c` is an enumerated data type variable. If we write, `c = BLACK + WHITE`, then logically, it should be  $2 + 6 = 8$ , which is basically a value of type `int`. However, the left-hand side of the assignment operator is of the type `enum COLORS`. So the statement would report an error. To remove the error, you can do either of two things. First, declare `c` to be an `int`. Second, cast the right-hand side in the following manner:

```
c = enum COLORS(BLACK + WHITE);
```

To summarize,

```
enum COLORS{RED, BLUE, BLACK, GREEN, YELLOW,
PURPLE, WHITE};
enum COLORS c;
```

```
c = BLACK; //valid in C
c = 2;     // illegal in C
c = (enum COLORS)2; // Right way
```

### 8.9.5 Comparing Enumerated Types

C also allows using comparison operators on enumerated data type. Look at the following statements, which illustrate this concept.

```
bg_color = (enum COLORS)6;
if(bg_color == WHITE)
    fore_color = BLUE;
fore_color = BLACK;
if(bg_color == fore_color)
    printf("\n NOT VISIBLE");
```

Since enumerated types are derived from integer type, they can be used in a switch case statement. The following code demonstrates the use of the enumerated type in a switch case statement.

```
enum {RED, BLUE, BLACK, GREEN, YELLOW, PURPLE,
      WHITE}bg_color;
switch(bg_color)
{
    case RED:
    case BLUE:
    case GREEN:
        printf("\n It is a primary color");
        break;
    case default:
        printf("\n It is not a primary color");
        break;
}
```

### 8.9.6 Input/Output Operations on Enumerated Types

Since enumerated types are derived types, they cannot be read or written using formatted input/output functions available in the C language. When we read or write an enumerated type, we read/write it as an integer. The compiler would implicitly do the type conversion as discussed earlier. The following statements illustrate this concept.

```
enum COLORS (RED, BLUE, BLACK, GREEN, YELLOW,
            PURPLE, WHITE);
```

```
enum COLORS c;
scanf("%d", &c);
printf("\n Color = %d", c);
```

17. Write a program to display the name of the colors using an enumerated type.

```
#include <stdio.h>
enum COLORS {RED, BLUE, BLACK, GREEN, YELLOW,
            PURPLE, WHITE};
main()
{
    enum COLORS c;
    char *color_name[] = {"RED", "BLUE",
                          "BLACK", "GREEN", "YELLOW", "PURPLE",
                          "WHITE"};
    for(c = RED; c <= WHITE; c++)

        printf("\n %s", color_name[c]);
    return 0;
}
```

OR

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <conio.h>
enum COLORS {red, blue, black, green, yellow,
            purple, white};
main()
{
    enum COLORS c;
    c = rand()%7;
    switch(c)
    {
        case red: printf("\n RED"); break;
        case blue: printf("\n BLUE"); break;
        case black: printf("\n BLACK"); break;
        case green: printf("\n GREEN"); break;
        case yellow: printf("\n YELLOW");
        break;
        case purple: printf("\n PURPLE");
        break;
        case white: printf("\n WHITE"); break;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output

GREEN

## SUMMARY

- A structure is similar to records. It stores related information about an entity. Structure is basically a user-defined data type that can store related information (even of different data types) together. The major difference between a structure and an array is that, an array contains related information of the same data type.
- A structure is declared using the keyword `struct` followed by a structure name. The structure definition however, does not allocate any memory or consume storage space. It just gives a template that conveys to the C compiler, how the structure is laid out in memory and gives details of the member names. Like any other data type, memory is allocated for the structure when we declare a variable of the structure.
- When we precede a `struct` name with `typedef` keyword, then the `struct` becomes a new data type.
- When the user does not explicitly initialize the structure C automatically does this. For `int` and `float` members, the values are initialized to zero and `char` and `string` members are initialized to `'\0'` by default.
- A structure member variable is generally accessed using a `'.'` (dot operator).
- A structure can be placed within another structure. That is, a structure may contain another structure as its member. Such a structure is called a nested structure.
- Self referential structures are those that contain a reference to data of its same type. That is, a self referential structure, in addition to other data, contains a pointer to data that is of the same type as that of the structure.

## GLOSSARY

**Copying structures** Assigning a structure to another structure of the same type.

**Nested structure** A structure placed within another structure, i.e., a structure that contains another structure as its member.

**Self-referential structures** Structures that contain a reference to data of its same type. A self referential structure, in addition to other data, contains a pointer to a data that is of the same type as that of the structure.

**Structure** Structure is a user-defined data type that can store related information (even of different data types) together.

**Structure initialization** Initializing a structure means assigning some constants to the members of the structure. When the user does not explicitly initializes the structure C automatically does this. For `int` and `float` members, the values are initialized to zero and `char` and `string` members are initialized to the `'\0'` by default.

**Typedef declaration** When we precede a `struct` name with `typedef` keyword, then the `struct` becomes a new data type. It is used to make the construct shorter with more meaningful names for types already defined by C or for types that you have declared. A `typedef` declaration, is a synonym for the type.

## EXERCISES

## Fill in the Blanks

1. Structure is a \_\_\_\_\_ data type.
2. A structure is similar to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ contains related information of the same data type.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ contains related information of the same or different data type(s).
5. Memory is allocated for a structure when \_\_\_\_\_ is done.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is just a template that will be used to reserve memory when a variable of type `struct` is declared.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a collection of variables under a single name.

8. A structure is declared using the keyword `struct` followed by a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. When we precede a `struct` name with \_\_\_\_\_, then the `struct` becomes a new data type.
10. For `int` and `float` structure members, the values are initialized to \_\_\_\_\_.
11. `char` and `string` structure members are initialized to the \_\_\_\_\_ by default.
12. A structure member variable is generally accessed using a \_\_\_\_\_.
13. A structure placed within another structure is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ structures contain a reference to data of their same type.
15. The keyword `typedef` is used to \_\_\_\_\_.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ is a collection of data under one name in which memory is shared among the members.
17. The selection operator is used to \_\_\_\_\_.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ permits sharing of memory among different types of data.

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. A data structure that can store related information together is
  - (a) array
  - (b) string
  - (c) structure
  - (d) all of these
2. A data structure that can store related information of different data types together is
  - (a) array
  - (b) string
  - (c) structure
  - (d) all of these
3. Memory for a structure is allocated at the time of
  - (a) structure definition
  - (b) structure variable declaration
  - (c) structure declaration
  - (d) function declaration
4. A structure member variable is generally accessed using the
  - (a) address operator
  - (b) dot operator
  - (c) comma operator
  - (d) ternary operator
5. A structure can be placed within another structure and is known as
  - (a) self-referential structure
  - (b) nested structure

- (c) parallel structure
  - (d) pointer to structure
6. A union member variable is generally accessed using the
    - (a) address operator
    - (b) dot operator
    - (c) comma operator
    - (d) ternary operator
  7. Typedef can be used with which of these data types?
    - (a) struct
    - (b) union
    - (c) enum
    - (d) all of these
  8. The enumerated type is derived from which data type?
    - (a) int
    - (b) float
    - (c) double
    - (d) char

**State True or False**

1. Structures contain related information of the same data type.
2. A `struct` type is a primitive data type.
3. Structure declaration reserves memory for the structure.
4. Initializing a structure means assigning some constants to the members of the structure.
5. When the user does not explicitly initialize the structure C automatically does this.
6. The dereference operator is used to select a particular member of a structure.
7. New variables can be created using the `typedef` keyword
8. Memory is allocated for a structure only when we declare variables of the structure.
9. A nested structure contains another structure as its member.
10. C permits copying of one structure variable to another.
11. Union and structure are initialized in the same way.
12. A structure cannot have a union as its member.
13. C permits nested unions.
14. In an enumerated type, an integer value can be assigned to only one enumeration constant.
15. Declaring an enumerated type automatically creates a variable.

16. The identifiers in an enumerated type are automatically assigned values.
17. A field in a structure can itself be a structure.
18. No two members of a union should have the same name.
19. No two identifiers in an enumerated type must have the same value.
20. A union can have another union as its member.
21. A union can be a member of a structure.

### Review Questions

1. Declare a structure(s) that represents the following hierarchical information:
  - (a) Student
  - (b) Roll Number
  - (c) Name
    - (i) First name
    - (ii) Middle Name
    - (iii) Last Name
  - (d) Sex
  - (e) Date of Birth
    - (i) Day
    - (ii) Month
    - (iii) Year
  - (f) Marks
    - (i) English
    - (ii) Mathematics
    - (iii) Computer Science
2. Define a structure to store the name, an array marks[] which stores marks of five different subjects and a character grade. Write a program to display the details of the student whose name is entered by the user. Use the structure definition of first question to make an array of student. Display the name of the students who have secured less than 40% of aggregate.
3. Modify question 2 to print each student's average marks, class average (that includes average of all the student's marks).
4. Make an array of student as illustrated in question 1 and write a program to display the details of the student with the given DOB.
5. Make an array of student as illustrated in question 1 and write a program to delete the record of the student with the given last name.
6. What is the advantage of using structures?
7. Differentiate between a structure and a union.
8. How is a structure name different from a structure variable?
9. Structure declaration reserves memory for the structure. Comment on this statement with valid justifications.
10. Differentiate between a structure and an array.
11. Write a short note on structures and inter process communication.
12. Explain the utility of typedef keyword in structures.
13. Explain with an example how structures are initialized.
14. Is it possible to create an array of structure? Explain with the help of an example.
15. Write a program using structures to read and display the information about an employee.
16. Write a program to find the smallest of three numbers using structures.
17. Write a program to calculate the distance between the given points (6,3) and (2,2).
18. Write a menu-driven program to add and subtract  $5+6i$  and  $4-2i$ .
19. Write a short note on nested structures.
20. Write a program to read and display the information about an employee using nested structures.
21. Write a program to read and display the information about the entire faculty of a particular department.
22. Write a program to read and display the information about all the employees in a department. Edit the details of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  employee and redisplay the information.
23. Write a program to add and subtract distances 6 km and 300 m and 4 Km and 700 m.
24. Write a program to add and subtract height 6'2" and 5'4".
25. Write a program to add and subtract 10hrs 20mins 50sec and 5hrs 30min 40sec.

**EXERCISES**

26. Write a program that uses a structure called date that has is passed to an isLeapYear function to determine if the year is a leap year.
27. Write a program using pointer to structure to initialize the members in the structure. Use functions to print the student's information.
28. Write a program using pointer to structure to initialize the members in the structure using an alternative technique.
29. Define a structure date containing three integers—day, month, and year. Write a program using functions to read data, to validate the date entered by the user and then print the date on the screen. For example, if you enter 29,2,2010 then that is an invalid date as 2010 is not a leap year. Similarly 31,6,2007 is invalid as June does not has 31 days.
30. Using the structure definition of the above program, write a function to increment that. Make sure that the incremented date is a valid date.
31. Modify the above program to add a specific number of days to the given date.
32. Using the structure definition of 28<sup>th</sup> question, write a function to compare two date variables.
33. Write a program to define a structure vector. Then write functions to read data, print data, add two vectors and scale the members of a vector by a factor of 10.
34. Write a program to define a structure for a hotel that has members— name, address, grade, number of rooms, and room charges. Write a function to print the names of a hotel in a particular grade. Also write a function to print names of a hotel that have room charges less than the specified value.
35. What do you understand by a union?
36. Differentiate between a union and a structure.
37. Explain how members of a union are accessed using a program code.
38. In which applications union can be useful?
39. Write a program to define a union and a structure both having exactly the same members. Using the sizeof operator, print the size of structure variable as well as union variable and comment on the result.
40. Declare a structure time that has three field—hr, min, secs. Create two variables start\_time and end\_time. Input their values from the user. Then

while start\_time does not reach the end-time, display GOOD DAY on the screen.

41. Declare a structure fraction that has two fields— numerator and denominator. Create two variables and compare them using function. Return 0 if the two fractions are equal, -1 if the first fraction is less than the second and 1 otherwise. You may convert a fraction into a floating point number for your convenience.
42. Declare a structure POINT. Input the co-ordinates of a point variable and determine the quadrant in which it lies. The following table can be used to determine the quadrant

Quadrant	X	Y
1	Positive	Positive
2	Negative	Positive
3	Negative	Negative
4	Positive	negative

43. Write a program to calculate the area of one of the geometric figure—circle, rectangle or a triangle. Write a function to calculate the area. The function must receive one parameter which is a structure that contains the type of figure and the size of the components needed to calculate the area must be a part of a union. Note that a circle requires just one component, rectangle requires two components and a triangle requires the size of three components to calculate the area.
44. Write a program to create a structure with information given below. Then read and print the data.
  - Employee[10]
    - (a) Emp\_Id
    - (b) Name
      - (i) First Name
      - (ii) Middle Name
      - (iii) Last Name
    - (c) Address
      - (i) Area
      - (ii) City
      - (iii) State
    - (d) Age
    - (e) Salary
    - (f) Designation

**Find Errors in the Following Structure Definitions**

```
1. struct
{
    int item_code;
    float price;
}

2. struct product
{
    char prod_name[20];
    float price;
}product p[10];
```

**Find Errors in the Following Statements**

```
1. struct student
{
    char name[20];
    int id;
}name = "Ram", 9;

2. union student
{
    char name[20];
    int id;
}s = {'Ram', 01};
```

**Give Output of the Following Codes**

```
1. main()
{
    struct values
    {
        int i;
        float f;
    }v;
    v.i = 2;
    v.f = 2.3;
    printf("\n %d %f", v.i, v.f);
}

2. struct values
{
    int i;
    float f;
}v;
main()
```

```
{
    i = 2;
    f = 2.3;
    printf("\n %d %f", i, f);
}
```

```
3. struct values
{
    int i;
    float f;
}v;
main()
{
    static values v = {5, 2.3};
    printf("\n %d %f", v.i, v.f);
}
```

```
4. struct values
{
    int i = 2;
    float f = 3.4;
}v;
main()
{
```

```
5. static values v;
printf("\n %d %f", v.i, v.f);
}
```

```
struct values
{
    int i;
    float f;
}v={2, 3.4};
main()
{
    printf("\n %d %f", v.i, v.f);
}
```

```
6. struct first
{
    int i;
    float f;
};
struct second
{
    int i;
    float f;
};
```

```

main()
{
    struct first f = {7,4.5};
    struct second s = {4,3.4};
    int diff;
    diff = f.i - s.i;
    printf("\n %d", diff);
}

```

## 7. struct values

```

{
    int i;
    int val[10];
}v = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9}, *ptr = &v;
main()
{
    printf("\n %d %d", v.i, ptr->i);
    printf("\n %d %d %d", v.val[3],
        ptr->val[3], *(v.val+3));
}

```

## 8. struct values

```

{
    int i;
    float f;
};
void change(values *v, int a, float b)
{
    v->i = a;
    v->f = b;
}
main()
{
    values val = {2, 3.4};
    printf("\n %d %f", val.i, val.f);
    change(&val, 5, 7.9);
    printf("\n %d %f", val.i, val.f);
}

```

## ANNEXURE 5

## A5.1 BIT FIELDS IN STRUCTURE

C facilitates the users to store integer members in memory spaces smaller than what the compiler would ordinarily allow. These space-saving structure members are called *bit fields*. In addition to this, C also permits the users to explicitly declare the width in bits. Bit fields are generally used in developing application programs that must force a data structure to correspond to a fixed hardware representation and are unlikely to be portable.

Therefore, besides having declarators for members of a structure or union, a structure declarator can also be a specified number of bits, generally known as a bit field. A bit field is interpreted as an integral type. The syntax for specifying a bit field can be given as,

```
type-specifier declarator: constant-
expression
```

In the syntax, the *constant-expression* is used to specify the width of the field in bits. The *type-specifier* for the declarator must be *unsigned int*, *signed int*, or *int*, and the *constant-expression* must be a non-negative integer value. If the value of the constant expression is zero, the declaration has no *declarator*.

## Key Points About Bit Fields

- C does not permit arrays of bit fields, pointers to bit fields, and functions returning bit fields.
- C permits ordinary member variables along with bit fields as structure members.
- The *declarator* is optional and is used to name the bit field.
- Bit fields can only be declared as part of a structure.
- The *address-of* operator (&) cannot be applied to bit-field components. This means that you cannot use *scanf* to read values into a bit field. To read a value, you may use a temporary variable and then assign its value to the bit field.
- Bit fields that are not named cannot be referenced, and their contents at run time are unpredictable. However, they can be used as dummy fields, for alignment purposes.
- Bit fields must be long enough to contain the bit pattern. Therefore, the following statement is invalid in C language.

```
short num: 15
```

- When a value that is out of range is assigned to a bit field, the lower-order bit pattern is preserved and the appropriate bits are assigned.
- Although, the maximum bit field length is 64 bits, for portability reasons, do not use bit fields that are greater than 32 bits in size.
- Bit fields with a length of 0 must be unnamed.

Let us look at a structure that has bit fields.

```
struct
{
    unsigned short a: 2;
    unsigned short b: 1;
    int c: 7;
    unsigned short d: 4;
};
```

In the above structure, the size of the structure is 2 bytes. Bit fields have the same semantics as the integer type. This means a bit field is used in expressions in exactly the same way as a variable of the same base type would be used, regardless of how many bits are in the bit field.

The C99 standard requires the allowable data types for a bit field to include qualified and unqualified signed int and unsigned int in addition to the following types:

- int
- short, signed short, and unsigned short
- char, signed char, and unsigned char
- long, signed long, and unsigned long
- long long, signed long long, and unsigned long long



In all implementations, the default integer type for a bit field is unsigned.

## Drawbacks

Bit fields are basically used to represent single bit flags, with each flag stored in a separate bit. However, bit members in structs have practical drawbacks.

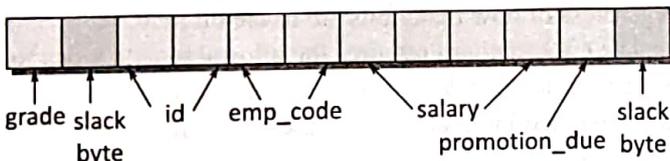
- First, the ordering of bits in memory is architecture-dependent and memory padding rules vary from compiler to compiler. Moreover, many C compilers that are used today generate inefficient code for reading and writing bit members.

- Second, bit fields can require a surprising amount of run-time code to manipulate the values and therefore, the programs may end up using more space than they save.

### A5.2 SLACK BYTE

In order to store any type of data in a structure, there is a minimum fixed byte which must be reserved by the memory. This minimum byte, which is usually machine-dependent is known as that *word boundary*. For example, TURBO C is based on the 8086 microprocessor and has two-byte word boundary. So any data type reserves at least two bytes of memory space. To understand it clearly, consider the following structure.

```
struct employee
{
    char grade;
    int id;
    int emp_code;
    float salary;
    char promotion_due;
};
```

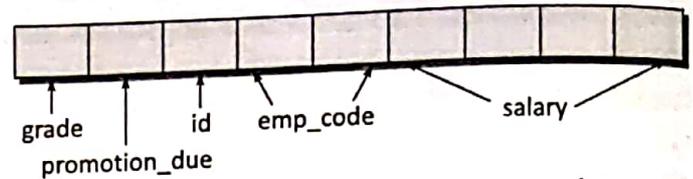


In the figure, char grade will reserve two bytes but store the data only in the first byte since size of char is one byte. Now int id has a size of two bytes and will search for two bytes but there is only one byte available so it will again reserve the next two byte of memory space. That one byte will be useless as it will not be used to store any data. Such a useless byte is known as *slack byte* and the structure is called an *unbalanced structure*.

#### Converting an unbalanced structure into a balanced structure

Now consider the same structure in which the sequence of fields has been altered.

```
struct employee_m
{
    char grade;
    char promotion_due;
    int id;
    int emp_code;
    float sal;
};
```



First char grade will reserve two bytes and store the data only in the first byte. Now char promotion\_due will search for one byte and since one byte is available it will store the data in that byte. Now int id will reserve two bytes and store the data in the two bytes allocated to it. Similarly, int emp\_code will reserve two bytes to store the data and float salary will reserve four bytes to do the same. Note that by re-arrangement of the fields, there is no slack byte, and we have saved the wastage of memory and structure employee\_m is a balanced structure.

To understand the concept with clarity, execute the following code. However, before executing it, make sure that you first go to Options menu, then go to compiler, then to code generation, finally select word alignment, and press OK.

```
main()
{
    struct employee
    {
        char grade;
        int id;
        int emp_code;
        float salary;
        char promotion_due;
    };
    struct employee_m
    {
        char grade;
        char promotion_due;
        int id;
        int emp_code;
        float sal;
    };
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Size of employee = %d", sizeof(struct employee));
    printf("\n Size of employee_m = %d", sizeof(struct employee_m));
    getch();
}
```

#### Output

```
Size of employee = 12
Size of employee_m = 10
```

Hence, slack byte is useful for speed optimization as it aligns bytes so that they can be read from the structure, faster.

# 9

# Files

## Learning Objective

In this chapter, we will learn about files which are very important for storing information permanently. The stored information can then be processed using programs written in C language.

## 9.1 INTRODUCTION TO FILES

A *file* is a collection of data stored on a secondary storage device like hard disk. Till now, we had been processing data that was entered through the computer's keyboard. But this task can become very tedious especially when there is a huge amount of data to be processed. A better solution, therefore, is to combine all the input data into a file and then design a C program to read this data from the file whenever required.

Broadly speaking, a file is basically used because real-life applications involve large amounts of data and in such applications the console-oriented I/O operations pose two major problems:

- First, it becomes cumbersome and time-consuming to handle huge amount of data through terminals.
- Second, when doing I/O using terminal, the entire data is lost when either the program is terminated or computer is turned off. Therefore, it becomes necessary to store data on a permanent storage device

(the disks) and read whenever necessary, without destroying the data.

In order to use files, we have to learn file input and output operations, i.e., how data is read or written to a file. Although file I/O operations is almost same as terminal I/O, the only difference is that when doing file I/O, the user must specify the name of the file from which data should be read/written.

### 9.1.1 Streams in C

In C, the standard streams are termed as pre-connected input and output channels between a text terminal and the program (when it begins execution). Therefore, *stream* is a logical interface to the devices that are connected to the computer.

Stream is widely used as a logical interface to a file where a file can refer to a disk file, the computer screen, keyboard, etc. Although files may differ in the form and capabilities, all streams are the same.

The three standard streams (Figure 9.1) in C languages are as follows:

- standard input (`stdin`)
- standard output (`stdout`) and
- standard error (`stderr`).

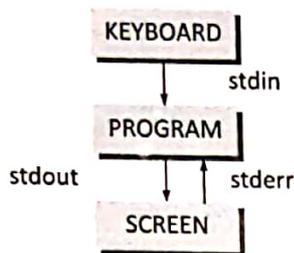


Figure 9.1 Standard streams

**Standard input (`stdin`)** Standard input is the stream from which the program receives its data. The program requests transfer of data using the *read* operation. However, not all programs require input. Generally, unless redirected, input for a program is expected from the keyboard.

**Standard output (`stdout`)** Standard output is the stream where a program writes its output data. The program requests data transfer using the *write* operation. However, not all programs generate output.

**Standard error (`stderr`)** Standard error is basically an output stream used by programs to report error messages or diagnostics. It is a stream independent of standard output and can be redirected separately. No doubt, the *standard output* and *standard error* can also be directed to the same destination.

A stream is linked to a file using an `open` operation and disassociated from a file using a `close` operation.

### 9.1.2 Buffer Associated with File Stream

When a stream linked to a disk file is created, a buffer is automatically created and associated with the stream. A buffer is nothing but a block of memory that is used for temporary storage of data that has to be read from or written to a file.

Buffers are needed because disk drives are block-oriented devices as they can operate efficiently when data has to be read/written in blocks of certain size. An ideal buffer size is hardware dependent.

The buffer acts as an interface between the stream (which is character-oriented) and the disk hardware (which is block-oriented). When the program has to write data to the stream, it is saved in the buffer till it is full. Then the entire contents of the buffer are written to the disk as a block. This is shown in Figure 9.2.

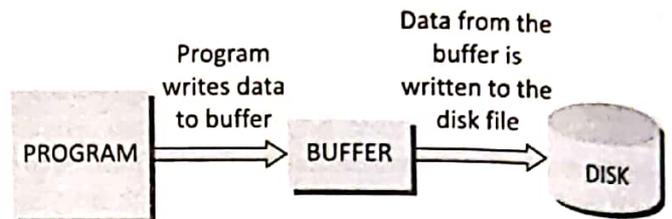


Figure 9.2 Buffers associated with streams

Similarly, when reading data from a disk file, the data is read as a block from the file and written into the buffer. The program reads data from the buffer. The creation and operation of the buffer is automatically handled by the operating system. However, C provides some functions for buffer manipulation. The data resides in the buffer until the buffer is flushed or written to a file.

### 9.1.3 Types of Files

In C, the types of files used can be broadly classified into two categories—ASCII text files and binary files.

#### ASCII Text Files

A *text file* is a stream of characters that can be sequentially processed by a computer in forward direction. For this reason, a text file is usually opened for only one kind of operation (reading, writing, or appending) at any given time. Because text files only process characters, they can only read or write data one character at a time. In C, a text stream is treated as a special kind of file.

Depending on the requirements of the operating system and on the operation that has to be performed (read/write operation) on the file, `newline` characters may be converted to or from carriage return/line feed combinations. Besides this, other character conversions may also be done to satisfy the storage requirements of the operating system. However, these conversions occur transparently to process a text file.

In a text file, each line contains zero or more characters and ends with one or more characters that specify the end of line. Each line in a text file can have maximum of 255 characters. A line in a text file is not a C string, so it is not terminated by a null character. When data is written to a text file, each newline character is converted to a carriage return/line feed character. Similarly, when data is read from a text file, each carriage return/line feed character is converted into newline character.

Another important thing is that when a text file is used, there are actually two representations of data—internal or external. For example, an `int` value will be represented as 2 or 4 bytes of memory internally, but externally the `int`

**Programming Tip:**

The contents of a binary file are not human readable. If you want the data stored in the file to be human-readable, then store the data in a text file.

value will be represented as a string of characters representing its decimal or hexadecimal value. To convert internal representation into external, we can use `printf` and `fprintf` functions. Similarly, to convert an external representation into internal `scanf` and `fscanf` can be used. We will read more about three functions in the coming sections.



In a text file, each line of data ends with a newline character. Each file ends with a special character called the end-of-file (EOF) marker.

## Binary Files

A binary file may contain any type of data, encoded in binary form for computer storage and processing purposes. Like a text file, a binary file is a collection of bytes. In C, a byte and a character are equivalent. Therefore, a binary file is also referred to as a character stream with the following two essential differences:

- A binary file does not require any special processing of the data and each byte of data is transferred to or from the disk unprocessed.
- C places no constructs on the file, and it may be read from, or written to, in any manner the programmer wants.

While text files can be processed sequentially, binary files, on the other hand, can be either processed sequentially or randomly depending on the needs of the application. In

C, to process a file randomly, the programmer must move the current file position to an appropriate place in the file before reading or writing data. For example, if a file is used to store records (using structures) of students, then to update a particular record, the programmer must first locate the appropriate record, read the record into memory, update it, and finally write the record back to the disk at its appropriate location in the file.



Binary files store data in the internal representation format. Therefore, an `int` value will be stored in binary form as a 2 or 4 byte value. The same format is used to store data in memory as well as in file. Like text file, binary file also ends with an EOF marker.

In a text file, an integer value 123 will be stored as a sequence of three characters—1, 2, and 3. So each character will take 1 byte and therefore, to store the integer value 123 we need 3 bytes. However, in a binary file, the `int` value 123 will be stored in 2 bytes in the binary form. This clearly indicates that binary files take less space to store the same piece of data and eliminates conversion between internal and external representations and are thus more efficient than the text files.

## 9.2 USING FILES IN C

To use files in C, we must follow the steps given below:

- declare a file pointer variable
- open the file
- process the file
- close the file

In this section, we will go through all these steps in detail.

### 9.2.1 Declaring a File Pointer Variable

There can be a number of files on the disk. In order to access a particular file, you must specify

**Programming Tip:**

An error will be generated if you use the filename to access a file rather than the file pointer.

the name of the file that has to be used. This is accomplished by using a file pointer variable that points to a structure `FILE` (defined in `stdio.h`). The file pointer will then be used in all

subsequent operations in the file. The syntax for declaring a file pointer is,

```
FILE *file_pointer_name;
```

For example, if we write

```
FILE *fp;
```

Then, fp is declared as a file pointer.

### 9.2.2 Opening a File

A file must first be opened before data can be read from it or written to it. In order to open a file and associate it with a stream, the `fopen()` function is used. The prototype of `fopen()` can be given as,

```
FILE *fopen(const char *file_name, const char *mode);
```

Using the above prototype, the file whose pathname is the string pointed to by `file_name` is opened in the mode specified using the mode. If successful, `fopen()` returns a pointer-to-structure and if it fails, it returns `NULL`.

**Programming Tip:** A file must be opened before any operation can be performed on it.

#### File Name

Every file on the disk has a name known as the file name. The naming convention of a file varies from one operating system to another. For example, in DOS the file name can have one to eight characters optionally followed by a period and an extension that has one to three characters. However, windows and UNIX permit filenames having maximum of 256 characters. Windows also lays some restrictions on usage of certain characters in the filenames, i.e, characters such as `/, \, :, *, ?, ", <, >`, and `|` cannot be part of a file name.

In C, the `fopen()` may contain the path information instead of specifying the filename. The path gives information about the location of the file on the disk. If a filename is specified without a path, it is assumed that the file is located in the current working directory. For example, if a file named `Student.DAT` is located on D drive in directory `BCA`, then the path of the file can be specified by writing,

```
D:\BCA\Student.DAT
```

In C, a backslash character has a special meaning with respect to escape sequences when placed in a string. So in

order to represent a backslash character in a C program, you must precede it with another backslash. Hence, the above path will be specified as given below in the C program.

```
D:\\BCA\\Student.DAT
```

#### File Mode

The second argument in the `fopen()` is the *mode*. Mode conveys to C the type of processing that will be done with the file. The different modes in which a file can be opened for processing are given in Table 9.1.

**Table 9.1** File modes

Mode	Description
r	Open a text file for reading. If the stream (file) does not exist, then an error will be reported.
w	Open a text file for writing. If the stream does not exist, then it is created. If the file already exists, then its contents would be deleted.
a	Append to a text file. If the file does not exist, it is created.
rb	Open a binary file for reading. b indicates binary. By default this will be a sequential file in Media 4 format.
wb	Open a binary file for writing.
ab	Append to a binary file.
r+	Open a text file for both reading and writing. The stream will be positioned at the beginning of the file. When you specify 'r+', you indicate that you want to read the file before you write to it. Thus, the file must already exist.
w+	Open a text file for both reading and writing. The stream will be created if it does not exist, and will be truncated if it exists.
a+	Open a text file for both reading and writing. The stream will be positioned at the end of the file content.
r+b/rb+	Open a binary file for read/write.
w+b/wb+	Create a binary file for read/write.
a+b/ab+	Append a binary file for read/write.

Look at the code given below which opens a file using the `fopen()`.

```
FILE *fp;
fp = fopen("Student.DAT", "r");
if(fp==NULL)
{
    printf("\n The file could not be opened");
    exit(1);
}
```

OR

```
char filename[30];
FILE *fp;
gets(filename);
fp = fopen(filename, "r+");
if(fp==NULL)
{
    printf("\n The file could not be opened");
    exit(1);
}
```

**Programming Tip:**  
An error will be generated if you try to open a file that does not exist.

We have already discussed that `fopen()` returns a pointer to `FILE` structure if successful and a `NULL` otherwise. So it is recommended to check whether the file was successfully opened before actually using the file. The `fopen()` can fail to open

the specified file under certain conditions that are listed below:

- opening a file that is not ready for use
- opening a file that is specified to be on a non-existent directory/drive
- opening a non-existent file for reading
- opening a file to which access is not permitted

### 9.2.3 Closing a File Using `fclose()`

To close an open file, the `fclose()` function is used which disconnects a file pointer from a file. After the `fclose()` has disconnected the file pointer from the file, the pointer can be used to access a different file or the same file but in a different mode. The `fclose()` function not only closes

the file, but also flushes all the buffers that are maintained for that file.

**Programming Tip:**  
It is always recommended to close all the opened files when they are not going to be used further in the program.

If you do not close a file after using it, the system closes it automatically when the program exits. However, since there is a limit on the number of files which can be opened simultaneously; the programmer must close a file when it has been used. The prototype of the `fclose()` function can be given as

```
int fclose(FILE *fp);
```

Here, `fp` is a file pointer which points to the file that has to be closed. The function returns an integer value which indicates whether the `fclose()` was successful or not. A zero is returned if the function was successful; and a non-zero value is returned if an error occurred.



**Note**  
When the `fclose()` is executed, any unwritten buffered data for the stream will be written to the file and any unread buffered data will be discarded.

In addition to `fclose()`, there is a function `fcloseall()` which closes all the streams that are currently opened except the standard streams (such as `stdin`, `stdout`, and `stderr`). The prototype of `fcloseall()` can be given as,

```
int fcloseall(void);
```

`fcloseall()` also flushes any stream buffers and returns the number of streams closed.

If a file's buffer has to be flushed without closing it then use `fflush()` or `flushall()` to flush the buffers of all open streams.

## 9.3 READ DATA FROM FILES

C provides the following set of functions to read data from a file.

- `fscanf()`
- `fgets()`
- `fgetc()`
- `fread()`

In this section, we will read about these functions.

### 9.3.1 fscanf ()

The `fscanf()` is used to read formatted data from the stream. The syntax of the `fscanf()` can be given as

```
int fscanf(FILE *stream, const char *format, ...);
```

The `fscanf()` is used to read data from the stream and store them according to the parameter `format` into the locations pointed by the additional arguments. However, these additional arguments must point to the objects that have already occupied memory. These objects are of type as specified by their corresponding format tag within the `format` string.

Similar to the format specifiers used in `scanf()`, in `fscanf()` also the *format specifiers* is a C string that begins with an initial percentage sign (%). The format specifier is used to specify the type and format of the data that has to be obtained from the stream and stored in the memory locations pointed by the additional arguments. The prototype of a format specifier can be given as,

```
[=%[*] [width] [modifiers] type=], where
```

'\*' is an optional argument that suppresses assignment of the input field. It indicates that data should be read from the stream and ignored (not stored in the memory location).

*width* specifies the maximum number of characters to be read. However, fewer characters will be read if the `fscanf` function encounters a white space or an unconvertible character.

*modifiers* can be `h`, `l`, or `L` for the data pointed by the corresponding additional arguments. Modifier `h` is used for short int or unsigned short int, `l` is used for long int, unsigned long int, or double values. Finally, `L` is used for long double data values.

*type* specifies the type of data that has to be read. It also indicates how this data is expected to be read from the user.

The type specifiers for `fscanf` function are given in Table 9.2

**Table 9.2** Type specifiers

Type	Qualifying Input
C	for single character
D	for decimal values
e, E, f, g, G	for floating point numbers
O	for octal number
S	for a sequence of (string of) characters
U	for unsigned decimal value
x, X	for hexadecimal value

The `fscanf` function has some additional arguments. Each of this additional argument must point to an object of the type specified by their corresponding % tag within the `format` string, in the same order.

 **Note** The `fscanf` function is similar to the `scanf` function, except that the first argument of `fscanf` specifies a stream from which to read, whereas `scanf` can only read from standard input.

Let us look at an example which illustrates the use of `fscanf()`. Here, we will not give the complete program but just a partial program to demonstrate the use of `fscanf()`.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char name[80];
    int roll_no;
    fp = fopen("Student.DAT", "r");
    if (fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n The file could not be opened");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("\n Enter the name and roll number of the student: ");
    // READ FROM KEYBOARD
    fscanf(stdin, "%s %d", name, &roll_no);
```

```

/* read from keyboard */
printf("\n NAME: %s \t ROLL NUMBER =
%d", name, roll_no);
// READ FROM FILE Student.DAT
fscanf(fp, "%s %d", name, &roll_no);
printf("\n NAME: %s \t ROLL NUMBER =
%d", name, roll_no);
fclose(fp);
return 0;
}

```

### Output

```

Enter the name and roll number of the
student: 01 Zubin
NAME: Zubin ROLL NUMBER = 01
NAME: Goransh ROLL NUMBER = 03

```



If you want to use `printf()` to write on the screen, then specify `stdout` instead of specifying any other file pointer.

### 9.3.2 fgets ()

The function `fgets()` stands for *file get string*. The `fgets()` function is used to get a string from a stream. The syntax of `fgets()` can be given as,

```
char *fgets(char *str, int size, FILE *stream);
```

The `fgets()` function reads atmost one less than the number of characters specified by `size` (`size - 1` characters) from the given stream and stores them in the string `str`. The `fgets()` terminates as soon as it encounters either a newline character, EOF, or any other error. However, if a newline character is encountered it is retained. When all the characters are read without any error, a `'\0'` character is appended to the end of the string.

The `gets()` and `fgets()` functions are almost same except that `gets()` has an infinite size and a stream of `stdin`. Another difference is that when `gets()` encounters a newline character, it does not retain it, i.e., the newline character (if any) is not stored in the string.

On successful completion, `fgets()` will return `str`. However, if the stream is at EOF, the EOF indicator for the stream will be set and `fgets()` will return a null pointer. In case, `fgets()` encounters any error while reading, the error indicator for the stream will be set and null pointer

will be returned. Look at the program code given below which demonstrates the use of `fgets()`.

```

#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char str[80];
    fp = fopen("ABC.DAT", "r");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n The file could not be opened");
        exit(1);
    }
    /* the file will read 79 characters
    during each iteration and prints them on
    the screen */
    while (fgets(str, 80, fp) != NULL)
        printf("\n %s", str);
    printf("\n\n File Read. Now closing the file");
    fclose(fp);
    return 0;
}

```

### Output

```

Abdcweeferrttet gfejherroiew tjketjer
fddfgdfgfd
File Read. Now closing the file

```

### 9.3.3 fgetc ()

The `fgetc()` function returns the next character from stream, EOF if the end of file is reached, or if there is an error. The syntax of `fgetc()` can be given as,

```
int fgetc(FILE *stream);
```

`fgetc` returns the character read as an `int` or return EOF to indicate an error or end of file.

`fgetc()` reads a single character from the current position of a file (file associated with `stream`). After reading the character, the function increments the associated file pointer (if defined) to point to the next character. However, if the stream has already reached the end of file, the EOF indicator for the stream is set. Look at the following program code which demonstrates the use of `fgets()` function.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char str[80];
    int i, ch;
    fp = fopen("Program.C", "r");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n The file could not be
            opened");
        exit(1);
    }
    // Read 79 characters and store them in str
    ch = fgetc(fp);
    for(i=0; (i < 79) && (feof(fp) == 0); i++)
    {
        str[i] = (char)ch;
        ch = fgetc(stream);
        // reads character by character
    }
    str[i] = '\0';
    // append the string with a null character
    printf("\n %s", str);
    fclose(fp);
}
```

**Output**

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()...
displays either first 79 characters or less
characters if the file contains less than
79 characters
```

The feof() is used to detect the end of file. We will read more on this function later in this chapter.

**9.3.4 fread ()**

The fread() function is used to read data from a file. Its syntax can be given as,

```
int fread(void *str, size_t size, size_t num,
FILE *stream);
```

The function fread() reads num number of objects (where each object is size bytes) and places them into the array pointed to by str. The data is read from the given input stream.

Upon successful completion, fread() returns the number of bytes successfully read. The number of objects will be less than num if a read error or end-of-file is encountered. If size or num is 0, fread() will return 0 and the contents of str and the state of the stream remain unchanged. In case of error, the error indicator for the stream will be set.

The fread() function advances the file position indicator for the stream by the number of bytes read.



**Note** The fread() function does not distinguish between end-of-file and error. The programmer must use feof and ferror to determine which of the two has occurred.

Look at the program given below which illustrates the use of fread() .

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char str[11];
    fp = fopen("Letter.TXT", "r+");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n The file could not be opened");
        exit(1);
    }
    fread(str, 1, 10, fp);
    /* In the str 10 objects of 1 byte are
    read from the file pointed by fp */
    str[10]= '\0';
    printf("\n First 9 characters of the file
    are: %s", str);
    fclose(fp);
}
```

**Output**

```
First 9 characters of the file are: Hello
how
```

Since fread() returns the number of bytes successfully read, we can also modify the above program to print the number of bytes read. This would be helpful to know how many characters were read.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char str[80];
    size_t bytes_read;
    fp = fopen("Letter.TXT", "r+");
    if (fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n The file could not be opened");
        exit(1);
    }
    bytes_read = fread(str, 1, 79, fp);
    str[bytes_read+1]= '\0';
    // explicitly store null character at the
    end of str
    printf("\n First %d characters of the
    file are: %s", bytes_read, str);
    fclose(fp);
}
```

### Output

Output will depend on the contents of the file. Assuming 14 characters were read, the output can be given as

```
Hello how r u?
```

This program assumes that you have created a file Letter.TXT that contains 14 characters which has been displayed above

The function `fread()` does not check for overflow in the receiving area of memory. It is the programmer's job to ensure that the memory pointed to by 'str' must be large enough to hold the number of objects being read.

If you have opened a stream for updating and later you want to switch from reading to writing or vice versa, you must first use the `fseek()` or `rewind()` function. However, if you have been reading and have reached end-of-file, then you can immediately switch to writing. We will discuss the `fseek()` and `rewind` functions later in this chapter.

## 9.4 WRITING DATA TO FILES

C provides the following set of functions to read data from a file:

- `fprintf()`
- `fputs()`
- `fputc()`
- `fwrite()`

In this section, we will read about these functions.

### 9.4.1 fprintf ()

The `fprintf()` is used to write formatted output to stream. The syntax of the `fprintf()` can be given as

```
int fprintf (FILE * stream, const char * format, ...);
```

The function writes data that is formatted as specified by the format argument to the specified stream. After the format parameter, the function can have as many additional arguments as specified in format.

The parameter format in the `fprintf()` is nothing but a C string that contains the text that has to be written on to the stream. Although not mandatory, the `fprintf()` can optionally contain format tags, that are replaced by the values specified in subsequent additional arguments and are formatted as requested.



There must be enough arguments for format because if there are not, then result will be completely unpredictable. However, if by mistake you specify more number of arguments, the excess arguments will simply be ignored.

The prototype of the format tag can be given as

```
% [flags] [width] [.precision] [length] specifier
```

Each format specifier must begin with a % sign. The % sign is followed by:

*Flags* which specifies output justification such as decimal point, numerical sign, trailing zeros, or octal or hexadecimal prefixes. Table 9.3 shows the different types of flags with their description.

**Table 9.3** Flags in printf ()

Flags	Description
-	Left justify within the data given field width
+	Displays the data with its numeric sign (either + or -)
#	Used to provide additional specifiers such as o, x, X, O, Ox, or OX for octa and hexadecimal values, respectively, for values except zero.
0	The number is left-padded with zeros (0) instead of spaces.

*Width* specifies the minimum number of characters to print after being padded with zeros or blank spaces.

*Precision* specifies the maximum number of characters to print.

- For integer specifiers (d, i, o, u, x, X): precision flag specifies the minimum number of digits to be written. However, if the value to be written is shorter than this number, the result is padded with leading zeros. Otherwise, if the value is longer, it is not truncated.
- For character strings, precision specifies the maximum number of characters to be printed.

*Length* field can be explained as given in Table 9.4.

**Table 9.4** Length field in printf ()

Length	Description
h	When the argument is a short int or unsigned short int
l	When the argument is a long int or unsigned long int for integer specifiers
L	When the argument is a long double (used for floating point specifiers)

*Specifier* is used to define the type and the interpretation of the value of the corresponding argument.

The `fprintf()` may contain some additional parameters as well depending on the `format` string. Each argument must contain a value to be inserted instead of each `%` tag specified in the `format` parameter, if any. In other words, the number of arguments must be equal to the number of `%` tags that expect a value.

Look at the program given below which demonstrates the use of `fprintf()`.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    int i;
    char name[20];
    float salary;
    fp = fopen("Details.TXT", "w");
    if (fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n The file could not be opened");
    }
}
```

```
exit(1);
}
for(i = 0; i < 10; i++)
{
    puts("\n Enter your name: ");
    gets(name);
    fflush(stdin);
    puts("\n Enter your salary: ");
    scanf("%f", &salary);
    fprintf(fp, " (%d) NAME: [%-10.10s]
    \t SALARY %5.2f", i, name, salary);
}
fclose(fp);
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter your name: Aryan
Enter your salary: 50000
Enter your name: Anshita
Enter your salary: 65000
Enter your name: Saesha
Enter your salary: 70000
```

**Programming Tip:**

If you open a file for writing using `w` mode, then the contents of the file will be deleted. If a file has to be used for reading as well as writing, then it must be opened in `w+` mode.

This example asks the user to enter the name and salary of 10 people. Each time the user enters the name and salary, the data read is written to `Details.TXT`. The names are written on new lines in the file. In this example, we have used three format tags:

- `%d` to specify a signed decimal integer.
- `%-10.10s`. Here `-` indicates that the characters must be left aligned.

There can be minimum of 10 characters as well as maximum of 10 characters (`.10`) in the strings.

- `%f` to specify a floating point number.



If you want to use `fprintf()` to write on the screen, then specify `stdout` instead of specifying any other file pointer.

**9.4.2 fputs ()**

The opposite of `fgets()` is `fputs()`. The `fputs()` is used to write a line to a file. The syntax of `fputs()` can be given as

```
int fputs(const char *str, FILE *stream);
```

The `fputs()` writes the string pointed to by `str` to the stream pointed to by `stream`. On successful completion, `fputs()` returns 0. In case of any error, `fputs()` returns EOF.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char feedback[100];
    fp = fopen("Comments.TXT", "w");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n The file could not be opened");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("\n Provide feedback on this book: ");
    gets(feedback);
    fflush(stdin);
    // feedback stored
    fputs(feedback, fp);
    fclose(fp);
}
```

#### Output

Provide feedback on this book: good

### 9.4.3 fputc ()

The `fputc()` is just the opposite of `fgetc()` and is used to write a character to the stream.

```
int fputc(int c, FILE *stream);
```

The `fputc()` function will write the byte specified by `c` (converted to an unsigned `char`) to the output stream pointed to by `stream`. On successful completion, `fputc()` will return the value it has written. Otherwise, in case of error, the function will return EOF and the error indicator for the stream will be set.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char feedback[100];
    int i;
    fp = fopen("Comments.TXT", "w");
    if (fp==NULL)
    {
```

```
        printf("\n The file could not be opened");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("\n Provide feedback on this book: ");
    gets(feedback);
    for(i = 0; i < feedback[i]; i++)
        fputc(feedback[i], fp);
    fclose(fp);
}
```

#### Output

Provide feedback on this book: good



The standard file `stdout` is buffered in case the output unit is not the terminal. On the contrary, the standard file `stderr` is usually unbuffered. However, the settings of `stdout` and `stderr` can be changed using `setbuf()`.

When an output stream is unbuffered, information appears on the destination device as soon as it is written.

#### Programming Tip:

EOF is an integer type defined in `stdio.h` and has a value `-1`.

When it is buffered, characters are saved internally and then written out as a group. In order to force buffered characters to be output before the buffer is full, use the `fflush()`.

### 9.4.4 fwrite ()

The `fwrite()` is used to write data to a file. The syntax of `fwrite` can be given as

```
int fwrite(const void *str, size_t size,
           size_t count, FILE *stream);
```

The `fwrite()` function will write objects (number of objects will be specified by `count`) of size specified by `size`, from the the array pointed to by `ptr` to the stream pointed to by `stream`.

The file-position indicator for the stream (if defined) will be advanced by the number of bytes successfully written. If an error occurs, the resulting value of the file-position indicator for the stream is unspecified.

On successful completion, the `fwrite()` function returns the number of objects successfully written. The number of objects will be less than `count` if an error is

encountered. If size or count is 0, fwrite() will return 0 and the contents of the stream remains unchanged. In case of error, the error indicator for the stream will be set.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
main(void)
{
    FILE *fp;
    size_t count;
    char str[] = "GOOD MORNING";
    fp = fopen("Welcome.txt", "wb");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n The file could not be opened");
        exit(1);
    }
    count = fwrite(str, 1, strlen(str), fp);
    printf("\n %d bytes were
        written to the file", count);
    fclose(fp);
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

13 bytes were written to the file



**Note** fwrite() can be used to write characters, integers, or structures to a file. However, fwrite() can be used only with files that are opened in binary mode.

**9.5 DETECTING THE END-OF-FILE**

When reading or writing data from files, we often do not know exactly how long the file is. For example, while reading the file, we usually start reading from the beginning and proceed towards the end of the file. In C, there are two ways to detect EOF:

- While reading the file in text mode, character by character, the programmer can compare the character that has been read with the EOF, which is a symbolic constant defined in stdio.h with a value -1. The following statement, does that

```
while(1)
{
    c = fgetc(fp);
    // here c is an int variable
    if (c==EOF)
```

```
break;
printf("%c", c);
}
```

- The other way is to use the standard library function feof() which is defined in stdio.h. The feof() is used to distinguish between two cases:
  - When a stream operation has reached the end of a file
  - When the EOF (end of file) error code has returned an error indicator even when the end of the file has not been reached

The prototype of feof() can be given as

```
int feof(FILE *fp);
```

The function takes a pointer to the FILE structure of the stream to check as an argument and returns zero (false) when the end of file has not been reached and a one (true) if the EOF has been reached. Look at the following:

(The output assumes that a file Student.DAT already exists and contains the following data: 1 Aditya 2 Chaitanya 3 Goransh)

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char str[80];
    fp = fopen("Student.DAT", "r");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n The file could not be opened");
        exit(1);
    }
    /* The loop continues until fp reaches
        the end-of-file */
    while(!feof(fp))
    {
        fgets(str, 79, fp);
        // Reads 79 bytes at a time
        printf("\n %s", str);
    }
    printf("\n\n File Read. Now closing the file");
    fclose(fp);
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

1 Aditya 2 Chaitanya 3 Goransh

## 9.6 ERROR HANDLING DURING FILE OPERATIONS

It is quite common that an error may occur while reading data from or writing data to a file. For example, an error may arise

**Programming Tip:**  
An error will be generated if you try to read a file that is opened in w mode and vice versa.

- when trying to read a file beyond EOF indicator
- when trying to read a file that does not exist
- when trying to use a file that has not been opened

- when trying to use a file in an inappropriate mode, i.e., writing data to a file that has been opened for reading
- when writing to a file that is write-protected (i.e., trying to write to a read-only file)

If we fail to check for errors, then the program may behave abnormally. Therefore, an unchecked error may result in premature termination of the program or incorrect output.

In C, the library function `ferror()` is used to check for errors in the stream. Its prototype can be given as

```
int ferror (FILE *stream);
```

The `ferror()` function checks for any errors in the stream. It returns value zero if no errors have occurred and a non-zero value if there is an error. The error indication will last until the file is closed unless it is cleared by the `clearerr()` function. Look at the code given below which uses the `ferror()`.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char feedback[100];
    int i;
    fp = fopen("Comments.TXT", "w");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n The file could not be opened");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("\n Provide feedback on this book: ");
    gets(feedback);
    for(i = 0; i < feedback[i];i++)
```

```
        fputc(feedback[i], fp);
    if (ferror(fp))
    {
        printf("\n Error writing in file");
        exit(1);
    }
    fclose(fp);
}
```

When you execute this code and an error occurs while writing the feedback, the program will terminate and a message indicating 'Error writing in file' will be displayed on the screen.

### 9.6.1 clearerr()

The function `clearerr()` is used to clear the end-of-file and error indicators for the stream. Its prototype can be given as

```
void clearerr(FILE *stream);
```

The `clearerr()` clears the error for the stream pointed to by stream. The function is used because error indicators are not automatically cleared; once the error indicator for a specified stream is set, operations on that stream continues to return an error value until `clearerr`, `fseek`, `fsetpos`, or `rewind` is called. Look at the code given below which use the `clearerr()`

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    fp = fopen("Comments.TXT", "w");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        perror("OOPS ERROR");
        printf("\n error no = %d", errno);
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("\n Kindly give the feedback on this book: ");
    gets(feedback);
    for(i = 0; i < feedback[i];i++)
    {
        fputc(feedback[i], fp);
        if (ferror(fp))
```

```

    {
        clearerr(fp);
        break;
        /* clears the error indicators and
           jump out of for loop */
    }
}
// close the file
fclose(fp);
}

```

### 9.6.2 perror ()

The function `perror()` stands for print error. In case of an error, the programmer can determine the type of error that has occurred using the `perror()` function. The `perror()` function defined in `stdio.h` header file is used to handle errors in C programs. When called, `perror()` displays a message on `stderr` describing the most recent error that occurred during a library function call or system call. The prototype of `perror()` can be given as

```
void perror(char *msg);
```

The `perror()` takes one argument `msg` which points to an optional user-defined message. This message is printed first, followed by a colon, and the implementation-defined message that describes the most recent error.

If a call to `perror()` is made when no error has actually occurred, then a 'No error' will be displayed. The most important thing to remember is that a call to `perror()` does nothing to deal with the error condition. It is entirely up to the program to take action. For example, the program may prompt the user to do something such as terminate the program.

Usually the program's action will be determined by checking the value of `errno` and the nature of the error. In order to use the external constant `errno`, you must include the header file `ERRNO.H`. The program given below illustrates the use of `perror()`. Here we assume that the file `Comments.TXT` does not exist.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    fp = fopen("Comments.TXT", "w");
    if (fp==NULL)

```

```

    {
        perror("OOPS ERROR");
        printf("\n error no = %d", errno);
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("\n Provide feedback on this book: ");
    gets(feedback);
    for(i=0; i<feedback[i];i++)
        fputc(feedback[i], fp);
    fclose(fp);
}

```

#### Output

```
OOPS ERROR: No such file or directory
errno =2
```

## 9.7 ACCEPTING COMMAND LINE ARGUMENTS

C facilitates its programmers to pass command arguments. Command-line arguments are given after the name of a program in command-line operating systems like DOS or Linux, and are passed in to the program from the operating system.

Till now, no arguments were passed to the `main()`. But now in order to understand command-line arguments, you must first understand the full declaration of the main function. The `main()` can accept two arguments,

- The first argument is an integer value that specifies number of command-line arguments.
- The second argument is a full list of all of the command-line arguments.

The full declaration of `main()` can be given as

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
```

The integer, `argc` specifies the number of arguments passed into the program from the command line, including the name of the program.

The array of character pointers, `argv` contains the list of all the arguments. `argv[0]` is the name of the program, or an empty string if the name is not available. `argv[1]` to `argv[argc - 1]` specifies the command line argument. In the C program, every element in the `argv` can be used as a string. Moreover, elements of `argv` can also be accessed as a two-dimensional array. Note that `argv[argc]` is a null pointer.

In other words, each element of the array `argv` is a pointer where each pointer points to a string. Thus, `argv[0]` points to a string that contains the first parameter on the command line which is the program's name, `argv[1]` points to the next parameter, and so on. Look at the program given below which illustrates the use of command line arguments.

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int i;
    printf("\n Number of argumnets passed =
%d",argc);
    for (i = 0; i < argc; i++)
        printf("\n arg[i] = %s",argv[i]);
    return 0;
}
```

In the program, the `main()` accepts command line arguments through `argc` and `argv`. In the `main()` function, the value of `argc` is printed which gives the number of arguments passed. Then each argument passed is printed in the for loop using the array of pointers, `argv`.

For example when you execute this program from dos prompt by writing  
`C:\>tc clpro.c Reema Thareja`  
 Then `argc = 3`, where `argv[0] = clpro.c`  
`argv[1] = Reema` and `argv[2] = Thareja`

1. Write a program to read a file character by character, and display it simultaneously on the screen.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    int ch;
    char filename[20];
    printf("\n Enter the filename: ");
    fp = fopen(filename, "r");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error Opening the File");
        exit(1);
    }
    ch= fgetc(fp);
    while(ch!=EOF)
    {
        putchar(ch);
        ch = fgetc(fp);
    }
}
```

```
}
fclose(fp);
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the filename: Letter.TXT
Hello how are you?
```

2. Write a program to count the number of characters and number of lines in a file.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    int ch, no_of_characters = 0, no_of_lines = 1;
    char filename[20];
    printf("\n Enter the filename: ");
    fp = fopen(filename, "r");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error Opening the File");
        exit(1);
    }
    ch= fgetc(fp);
    while(ch!=EOF)
    {
        if(ch=='\n')
            no_of_lines++;
        no_of_characters++;
        ch = fgetc(fp);
    }
    if(no_of_characters > 0)
        printf("\n In the file %s, there are %d
lines and %d characters", filename, no_
of_lines, no_of_characters);
    else
        printf("\n File is empty");
    fclose(fp);
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the filename: Letter.TXT
In the file Letter.TXT, there are 1 lines
and 18 characters
```

3. Write a program to print the text of a file on screen by printing the text line by line and displaying the line numbers before the text in each line. Use command line argument to enter the filename.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    FILE *fp1;
    char text[100], ch;
    int line = 1;
    int i = 0;
    clrscr();
    if(argc != 2)
    {
        printf("\n Full information is not
            provided. Please provide a filename");
        return 0;
    }
    fp1 = fopen(argv[1], "r");
    if(fp1 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    i = 0;
    while(!feof(fp1) == 0)
    {
        fscanf(fp1, "%c", &ch);
        if (ch == '\n')
        {
            line++;
            text[i] = '\0';
            printf("%d %s", line, text);
            i = 0;
        }
        text[i] = ch;
        i++;
    }
    text[i] = '\0';
    printf("%s", text);
    fclose(fp1);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

1 Hello how are you?

4. Write a program to compare two files to check whether they are identical or not.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
```

```
main()
{
    FILE *fp1, *fp2;
    int ch1, ch2;
    char filename1[20], filename2[20];
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the name of the first file: ");
    gets(filename1);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the name of the second file: ");
    gets(filename2);
    fflush(stdin);
    if((fp1=fopen(filename1, "r"))==0)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening the first file");
        exit(1);
    }
    if((fp2=fopen(filename2, "r"))==0)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening the second file");
        exit(1);
    }
    ch1 = fgetc(fp1);
    ch2 = fgetc(fp2);
    while(ch1!=EOF && ch2!=EOF && ch1==ch2)
    {
        /* Reading and comparing the contents
            of two files */
        ch1 = fgetc(fp1);
        ch2 = fgetc(fp2);
    }
    if(ch1==ch2)
    printf("\n Files are identical");
    else
    printf("\n Files are not identical");
    fclose(fp1);
    fclose(fp2);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

Enter the name of the first filename:  
 Comments.TXT  
 Enter the name of the second filename:  
 Letter.TXT  
 Files are not identical

5. Write a program to copy one file into another. Copy one character at a time.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp1, *fp2;
    int ch;
    char filename1[20], filename2[20];
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the name of the first file: ");
    gets(filename1);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the name of the second
file: ");
    gets(filename2);
    fflush(stdin);
    if((fp1=fopen(filename1, "r"))==0)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening the first file");
        exit(1);
    }
    if((fp2=fopen(filename2, "w"))==0)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening the second file");
        exit(1);
    }
    // Copy from fp1 to fp2
    ch = fgetc(fp1);
    while(ch!=EOF)
    {
        putc(ch, fp2);
        ch = fgetc(fp1);
    }
    printf("\n FILE COPIED");
    fclose(fp1);
    fclose(fp2);

    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the name of the first filename:
Comments.TXT
```

```
Enter the name of the second filename: User_
Comments.TXT
FILE COPIED
```

6. Write a program to copy one file into another. Copy multiple characters simultaneously.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp1, *fp2;
    char filename1[20], filename2[20],
str[30];
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter the name of the first
filename: ");
    gets(filename1);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the name of the second
filename: ");
    gets(filename2);
    fflush(stdin);
    if((fp1=fopen(filename1, "r"))==0)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening the first file");
        exit(1);
    }
    if((fp2=fopen(filename2, "w"))==0)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening the second file");
        exit(1);
    }
    while((fgets(str, sizeof(str),
fp1))!=NULL) fputs(str, fp2);
    fclose(fp1);
    fclose(fp2);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the name of the first filename:
Comments.TXT
Enter the name of the second filename:
User_Comments.TXT
FILE COPIED
```

7. Write a program to read a file that contains characters. Encrypt the data in this file while writing it into another file. (For example while writing the data in another file you can use the formula  $ch = ch - 2$ , i.e., if the data contains character 'red' the encrypted data becomes 'pcb')

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    FILE *fp1, *fp2;
    char ch;
    clrscr();
    if(argc != 3)
    {
        printf("\n Full information is not
        provided");
        return 0;
    }
    fp1 = fopen(argv[1], "r");
    if(fp1 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    fp2 = fopen(argv[2], "w");
    if(fp2 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    while (feof(fp1) == 0)
    {
        fscanf(fp1, "%c", &ch);
        fprintf(fp2, "%c", ch - 2);
        /*encrypted character is printed on
        the screen */
    }
    printf("\n The encrypted data is
    written to the file");

    fclose(fp2);
    fcloseall();
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

The encrypted data is written to the file

8. Write a program to read a file that contains lower case characters. Then write these characters into another file with all lower case characters converted into upper case. (For example if the file contains data – 'red' it must be written in another file as 'RED').

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    FILE *fp1, *fp2;
    char ch;
    clrscr();
    if(argc != 3)
    {
        printf("\n Full information is not
        provided");
        return 0;
    }
    fp1 = fopen(argv[1], "r");
    if(fp1 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    fp2 = fopen(argv[2], "w");
    if(fp2 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    while (feof(fp1) == 0)
    {
        fscanf(fp1, "%c", &ch);
        fprintf(fp2, "%c", ch - 32);
    }
    fcloseall();
    printf("\n File copied with upper case
    characters");
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

File copied with upper case characters

9. Write a program to merge two files into a third file. The names of the files must be entered using command line arguments.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    FILE *fp1, *fp2, *fp3;
    char ch;
    clrscr();
    if(argc != 4) // Read three filenames
        from the user
    {
        printf("\n Full information is not
        provided");
        return 0;
    }
    fp1 = fopen(argv[1], "r");
    if(fp1 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    fp2 = fopen(argv[2], "r");
    if(fp2 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    fp3 = fopen(argv[3], "w");
    if(fp3 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    while (feof(fp1) != 0)
    {
        fscanf(fp1, "%c", &ch);
        fprintf(fp3, "%c", ch);
    }
    while (feof(fp2) != 0)
    {
        fscanf(fp2, "%c", &ch);
        fprintf(fp3, "%c", ch);
    }
    fcloseall();
    printf("\n File merged");
    getch();
    return 0;
}

```

Output

File merged

10. Write a program to read some text from the keyboard and store it in a file.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char filename[20], str[100];
    printf("\n Enter the filename: ");
    fp = fopen(filename, "w");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error Opening The File");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("\n Enter the text: ");
    gets(str);
    fflush(stdin);
    fprintf(fp, "%s", str);
    fclose(fp);
}

```

Output

```

Enter the filename: Greet.TXT
Enter the text: Good Morning

```

11. Write a program to read the details of a student and then print it on the screen as well as write it into a file.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    typedef struct student
    {
        int roll_no;
        char name[80];
        float fees;
        char DOB[80];
    }STUDENT;
    STUDENT stud1;
    clrscr();

    fp = fopen("student_details.dat", "w");
    if(fp == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
}

```

```
printf("\n Enter the roll number: ");
scanf("%d", &stud1.roll_no);
printf("\n Enter the name: ");
scanf("%s", stud1.name);
printf("\n Enter the fees: ");
scanf("%f", &stud1.fees);
printf("\n Enter the DOB: ");
scanf("%s", stud1.DOB);

// PRINT ON SCREEN

printf("\n *** STUDENT'S DETAILS ***");
printf("\n ROLL No.. = %d", stud1.roll_no);
printf("\n NAME = %s", stud1.name);
printf("\n FEES = %f", stud1.fees);
printf("\n DOB = %s", stud1.DOB);
// WRITE TO FILE

fprintf(fp, "%d %s %f %s", stud1.roll_no,
stud1.name, stud1.fees, stud1.DOB);

fclose(fp);
getch();
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter the roll number: 01
Enter the name: Aman
Enter the fees: 45000
Enter the DOB: 20-9-91
*****STUDENT'S DETAILS *****
ROLL No. = 01
NAME = Aman
FEES = 45000
DOB = 20-9-91
```

12. Write a program to read the details of a student from a file and then print it on the screen.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    typedef struct student
    {
```

```
int roll_no;
char name[80];
float fees;
char DOB[80];
}STUDENT;

STUDENT stud1;
clrscr();
fp = fopen("student_details.dat", "r");
if(fp == NULL)
{
    printf("\n File Opening Error");
    return 0;
}
// READ FROM FILE
fscanf(fp, "%d %s %f %s", &stud1.roll_no,
stud1.name, &stud1.fees, stud1.DOB);
// PRINT ON SCREEN
printf("\n *** STUDENT'S DETAILS ***");
printf("\n ROLL No. = %d", stud1.roll_no);
printf("\n NAME = %s", stud1.name);
printf("\n FEES = %f", stud1.fees);
printf("\n DOB = %s", stud1.DOB);

fclose(fp);
getch();
return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
*****STUDENT'S DETAILS *****
ROLL No. = 01
NAME = Aman
FEES = 45000
DOB = 20-9-91
```

13. Write a program to read the details of student until a '-1' is entered and simultaneously write the data to file.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    typedef struct student
    {
        int roll_no;
```

```

char name[80];
float fees;
char DOB[80];
}STUDENT;
STUDENT stud1;
clrscr();
fp = fopen("student_details.dat", "w");
if(fp == NULL)
{
    printf("\n File Opening Error");
    return 0;
}
printf("\n Enter the roll number: ");
scanf("%d", &stud1.roll_no);
while(stud1.roll_no != -1)
{
    printf("\n Enter the name: ");
    scanf("%s", stud1.name);
    printf("\n Enter the fees: ");
    scanf("%f", &stud1.fees);
    printf("\n Enter the DOB: ");
    scanf("%s", stud1.DOB);
    fprintf(fp, "%d %s %f %s", stud1.roll_
        no, stud1.name, stud1.fees, stud1.
        DOB);
    fflush(stdin);
    printf("\n Enter the roll number: ");
    scanf("%d", &stud1.roll_no);
}
fclose(fp);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

## Output

```

Enter the roll number: 01
Enter the name: Aman
Enter the fees: 45000
Enter the DOB: 20-9-91
Enter the roll number: 02
Enter the name: Divij
Enter the fees: 45000
Enter the DOB: 29-10-91
Enter the roll number: 03
Enter the name: Saransh
Enter the fees: 45000
Enter the DOB: 2-3-92
Enter the roll number: -1

```

14. Write a program to read characters until a '\*' is entered. Simultaneously store these characters in a file.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    file *fp;
    char ch;
    clrscr();
    fp = fopen("characters.dat", "w");
    if(fp == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    printf("\n Enter the characters: ");
    scanf("%c", &ch);
    while(ch != '*')
    {
        fprintf(fp, "%c", ch);
        scanf("%c", &ch);
    }
    printf("\n Written to the file");
    fclose(fp);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

```

## Output

```

Enter the characters: abcdef*
Written to the file

```

15. Write a program to count the number of lower case, upper case, numbers, and special characters present in the contents of a file. (Assume that the file contains the following data: I. Hello, How are you?)

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main(int arg c, char *argv[])
{
    FILE *fp;
    int ch, upper_case = 0, lower_case = 0,
    numbers = 0, special_chars = 0;
    clrscr();
    if(argc != 2)
    {
        printf("\n Full information is not
            provided");
    }
}

```

```

    return 0;
}
fp = fopen(argv[1], "r");
if(fp == NULL)
{
    printf("\n File Opening Error");
    return 0;
}
i = 0;
while(!feof(fp) == 0)
{
    fscanf(fp, "%c", &ch);
    if (ch >= 'A' && ch <= 'Z')
        upper_case++;
    if (ch >= 'a' && ch <= 'z')
        lower_case++;
    if (ch >= '0' && ch <= '9')
        numbers++;
    else
        special_chars++;
}
fclose(fp);
printf("\n Number of upper case
characters = %d", upper_case);
printf("\n Number of lower case
characters = %d", lower_case);
printf("\n Number of digits = %d",
numbers);
printf("\n Number of special characters
= %d", special_chars);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Number of upper case characters = 2
Number of lower case characters = 2
Number of digits = 1
Number of special characters = 2

```

16. Write a program to write record of students to a file using array of structures.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    typedef struct student

```

```

{
    int roll_no;
    char name[80];
    int marks;
}STUDENT;
STUDENT stud1[5];
int i;
clrscr();
fp = fopen("student_details.txt", "w");
if(fp == NULL)
{
    printf("\n File Opening Error");
    return 0;
}
for(i = 0; i < 5; i++)
{
    printf("\n Enter the roll number: ");
    scanf("%d", &stud1[i].roll_no);
    printf("\n Enter the name: ");
    scanf("%s", stud1[i].name);
    printf("\n Enter the marks: ");
    scanf("%d", &stud1[i].marks);
}
// PRINT ON SCREEN
for(i = 0; i < 5; i++)
{
    printf("\n *** STUDENT'S DETAILS ***");
    printf("\n ROLLNo. = %d", stud1[i].roll_no);
    printf("\n NAME = %s", stud1[i].name);
    printf("\n MARKS = %d", stud1[i].marks);
    // WRITE TO FILE
    fprintf(fp, "%d %s %d", stud1[i].roll_no,
        stud1[i].name, stud1[i].marks);
}
printf("\n Data Written to the file");
fclose(fp);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

*****STUDENT'S DETAILS *****
ROLL No. = 01
NAME = Aditya
MARKS = 78

```

```
*****STUDENT'S DETAILS *****
```

```
ROLL No. = 02
NAME = Goransh
MARKS = 100
```

```
*****STUDENT'S DETAILS *****
```

```
ROLL No. = 03
NAME = Sarthak
MARKS = 81
Data Written to the file
```

17. Write a program to append a record to the student's file.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    typedef struct student
    {
        int roll_no;
        char name[80];
        int marks;
    }STUDENT;
    STUDENT stud1;
    clrscr();
    fp = fopen("student_details.txt", "a");
    if(fp == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    printf("\n Enter the Roll Number = ");
    scanf("%d", &stud1.roll_no);
    printf("\n Enter the Name = ");
    scanf("%s", stud1.name);
    printf("\n Enter the Marks = ");
    scanf("%d", &stud1.marks);
    fprintf("fp, "\n %d %s %d", stud1.
roll_no, stud1.name, stud1.marks);
/* After entering the record add a -1 to
the file to denote the end of records */
    fprintf("fp, %d", -1);
    printf("\n Data Appended");
    fclose(fp);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

### Output

```
Enter the Roll Number = 04
Enter the Name = Sanchita
Enter the Marks = 50
Data Appended
```

18. Write a program to read the record of a particular student.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    FILE *fp1;
    typedef struct student
    {
        int roll_no;
        char name[80];
        int marks;
    }STUDENT;
    STUDENT stud1;
    int found =0, rno;
    clrscr();
    fp1 = fopen("student_details.txt", "r");
    if(fp1 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    printf("\n Enter the roll number of the
student whose record has to be read: ");
    scanf("%d", &rno);
    while(1)
    {
        fscanf(fp1, "%d %s %d", &stud1.roll_no,
stud1.name, &stud1.marks);
        if(stud1.roll_no == -1)
            break;
        if(stud1.roll_no == rno)
        {
            found = 1;
            printf("\n The details of student are");

            printf(" %d %s %d", stud1.roll_no,
stud1.name, stud1.marks);
            break;
        }
    }
    if (found==0)
```

```

    printf("\n Record not found in the file");
    fclose(fp1);
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

Enter the roll number of the student whose record has to be read: 02  
 The details of student are - 02 Goransh 100

19. Write a program to edit the record of a particular student.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    FILE *fp1, *fp2;
    typedef struct student
    {
        int roll_no;
        char name[80];
        int marks;
    }STUDENT;
    STUDENT stud1;
    int found =0, rno;
    clrscr();
    fp1 = fopen("student_details.txt", "r");
    if(fp1 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    fp2 = fopen("temp.txt", "w");
    if(fp2 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    printf("\n Enter the roll number of the student whose record has to be modified: ");
    scanf("%d", &rno);
    while(1)
    {
        fscanf(fp1, "%d", &stud1.roll_no);
        if(stud1.roll_no == -1)
            break;
        if(stud1.roll_no == rno)
        {
            found = 1;

```

```

        fscanf(fp1, "%s %d", stud1.name, &stud1.marks);
        printf("\n The details of existing record are ");
        printf(" %d %s %d", stud1.roll_no, stud1.name, stud1.marks);
        printf("\n Enter the modified name of the student: ");
        scanf("%s", stud1.name);
        printf("\n Enter the modified marks of the student: ");
        scanf("%d", &stud1.marks);
        /* Write the modified record to the temporary file */
        fprintf(fp2, "%d %s %d", stud1.roll_no, stud1.name, stud1.marks);
    }
    else
    {
        /* Copy the non-matching records to the temporary file */
        fscanf(fp1, "%s %d", stud1.name, &stud1.marks);
        fprintf(fp2, "%d %s %d", stud1.roll_no, stud1.name, stud1.marks);
    }
}
fprintf(fp2, "%d", -1);
fclose(fp1);
fclose(fp2);
if(found==0)
printf("\n The record with roll number &d was not found in the file", rno);
else
{
    fp1 = fopen("student_details.txt", "w");
    if(fp1 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    fp2 = fopen("temp.txt", "r");
    if(fp2 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    /* Copy the contents of temporary file into actual file */
    while(1)

```

```

    {
        fscanf(fp2, "%d", &stud1.roll_no);
        if (stud1.roll_no == -1)
            break;
        fscanf(fp2, "%s %d", stud1.name,
            &stud1.marks);
        fprintf(fp1, "%d %s %d", stud1.roll_
            no, stud1.name, stud1.marks);
    }
}
fclose(fp1);
fclose(fp2);
printf("\n Record Updated");
getch();
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the roll number of the student whose
record has to be modified: 03
The details of existing record are - 03
Sarathak 81
Enter the modified name of the student:
Sarathak
Enter the modified marks of the student: 85
Record Updated

```

**20. Write a program to delete the record of a particular student.**

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int main()
{
    FILE *fp1, *fp2;
    typedef struct student
    {
        int roll_no;
        char name[80];
        int marks;
    }STUDENT;
    STUDENT stud1;
    int found = 0, rno;
    clrscr();
    fp1 = fopen("student_details.txt", "r");
    if (fp1 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    fp2 = fopen("temp.txt", "w");

```

```

    if (fp2 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    printf("\n Enter the roll number of the
    student whose record has to be
    deleted: ");
    scanf("%d", &rno);
    while(1)
    {
        fscanf(fp1, "%d", &stud1.roll_no);
        if (stud1.roll_no == -1)
            break;
        if (stud1.roll_no == rno)
        {
            found = 1;
            fscanf(fp1, "%s %d", stud1.name,
                &stud1.marks);
        }
        // The matching record is not copied
        to temp file
    }
    else
    {
        // Copy the non-matching records to
        the temporary file
        fscanf(fp1, "%s %d", stud1.name,
            &stud1.marks);
        fprintf(fp2, "%d %s %d ", stud1.roll_
            no, stud1.name, stud1.marks);
    }
}
fprintf(fp2, "%d", -1);
fclose(fp1);
fclose(fp2);
if (found == 0)
printf("\n The record with roll number &d
was not found in the file", rno);
else
{
    fp1 = fopen("student_details.txt", "w");
    if (fp1 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");
        return 0;
    }
    fp2 = fopen("temp.txt", "r");
    if (fp2 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n File Opening Error");

```

```

return 0;
}
// Copy the contents of temporary file
into actual file
while(1)
{
fscanf(fp2, "%d", &stud1.roll_no);
if (stud1.roll_no == -1)
break;
fscanf(fp2, "%s %d", stud1.name,
&stud1.marks);
fprintf(fp1, "%d %s %d ", stud1.roll_
no, stud1.name, stud1.marks);
}
}
fprintf(fp1, "%d ", -1);
fclose(fp1);
fclose(fp2);
printf("\n Record Deleted");
/* The programmer may delete the temp
file which will no longer be required */
getch();
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

Enter the roll number of the student whose record has to be deleted: 01  
Record Deleted

**21.** Write a program to store records of an employee in employee file. The data must be stored using binary file.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
typedef struct employee
{
int emp_code;
char name[20];
int hra;
int da;
int ta;
};
FILE *fp;
struct employee e[5];
int i;
fp = fopen("employee.txt", "wb");
if (fp == NULL)

```

```

{
printf("\n Error opening file");
exit(1);
}
printf("\n Enter the details ");
for(i = 0; i < 5; i++)
{
printf("\n\n Enter the employee code:");
scanf("%d", &e[i].emp_code);
printf("\n\n Enter the name of the employee: ");
scanf("%s", e[i].name);
printf("\n\n Enter the HRA, DA, and TA: ");
scanf("%d %d %d", &e[i].hra, &e[i].da, &e[i].ta);
fwrite(&e[i], sizeof(e[i]), 1, fp);
}
fclose(fp);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

**Output**

Enter the employee code: 01  
Enter the name of the employee: Gargi  
Enter the HRA, DA and TA: 10000 2000 5000  
Enter the employee code: 02  
Enter the name of the employee: Nikita  
Enter the HRA, DA and TA: 10000 2000 5000

**22.** Write a program to read the records stored in 'employee.txt' file in binary mode.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
typedef struct employee
{
int emp_code;
char name[20];
int hra;
int da;
int ta;
};
FILE *fp;
struct employee e;
int i;
clrscr();
fp = fopen("employee.txt", "rb");
if (fp == NULL)

```

```

{
    printf("\n Error opening file");
    exit(1);
}
printf("\n THE DETAILS OF THE EMPLOYEES ARE ");
while(1)
{
    fread(&e, sizeof(e), 1, fp);
    if(feof(fp))
        break;
    printf("\n\nEmployee Code: %d", e.emp_code);
    printf("\n\n Name: %s", e.name);
    printf("\n\n HRA, DA, and TA: %d %d
        %d", e.hra, e.da, e.ta);
}
fclose(fp);
getch();
return 0;

```

## Output

```

Employee Code: 01
Name: Gargi
HRA, DA and TA: 10000 5000 2000
Employee Code: 02
Name: Nikita
HRA, DA and TA: 10000 5000 2000

```

23. Write a program to append a record in the employee file (binary file).

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    typedef struct employee
    {
        int emp_code;
        char name[20];
        int hra;
        int da;
        int ta;
    };
    FILE *fp;
    struct employee e;
    int i;
    fp = fopen("employee.txt", "ab");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening file");
        exit(1);
    }

```

```

}
    printf("\n\n Enter the employee code:");
    scanf("%d", &e.emp_code);
    printf("\n\n Enter the name of employee: ");
    scanf("%s", e.name);
    printf("\n\n Enter the HRA, DA, and TA:");
    scanf("%d %d %d", &e.hra, &e.da, &e.ta);
    fwrite(&e, sizeof(e), 1, fp);
    fclose(fp);
    printf("\n Record Appended");
    getch();
    return 0;
}

```

## Output

```

Enter the employee code: 06
Enter the name of employee: Tanya
Enter the HRA, DA and TA: 20000 10000 3000

```

24. Write a program to edit the employee record stored in a binary file.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    typedef struct employee
    {
        int emp_code;
        char name[20];
        int hra;
        int da;
        int ta;
    };
    FILE *fp1, *fp2;
    struct employee e;
    int i, ec, found = 0;
    clrscr();
    fp1 = fopen("employee.txt", "rb");
    if(fp1==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening file");
        exit(1);
    }
    fp2 = fopen("temp_emp.txt", "wb");
    if(fp2==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening file");
        exit(1);
    }

```

```

printf("\n Enter the code of the employee
whose information has to be edited:");
scanf("%d",&ec);
while(1)
{
    fread(&e,sizeof(e),1,fp1);
    if(!feof(fp1))
        break;
    if(e.emp_code==ec)
    {
        found=1;
        printf("\n The existing record is: %d
        %s %d %d %d", e.emp_code, e.name,
        e.hra, e.ta, e.da);
        printf("\n Enter the modified name: ");
        scanf("%s", e.name);
        printf("\n Enter the modified HRA, TA,
        and DA: ");
        scanf("%d %d %d", &e.hra, &e.ta, &e.da);
        fwrite(&e, sizeof(e), 1, fp2);
    }
    else
        fwrite(&e, sizeof(e), 1, fp2);
}
fclose(fp1);
fclose(fp2);
if(found==0)
printf("\n Record not found");
else
{
    fp1 = fopen("employee.txt", "wb");
    if(fp1==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening file");
        exit(1);
    }
    fp2 = fopen("temp_emp.txt", "rb");
    if(fp2==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening file");
        exit(1);
    }
    while(1)
    {
        fread(&e, sizeof(e), 1, fp2);
        if(!feof(fp2))
            break;

```

```

        fwrite(&e, sizeof(e), 1, fp1);
    }
}
fclose(fp1);
fclose(fp2);
printf("\n Record Edited");
getch();
return 0;
}

```

### Output

```

Enter the code of the employee whose
information has to be edited: 01
The existing record is: 01 Gargi 10000 5000
2000
Enter the modified name: Gargi
Enter the modified HRA, TA, and DA: 20000
10000 30000
Record Edited

```

## 9.8 FUNCTIONS FOR SELECTING A RECORD RANDOMLY

In this section we will read about functions that are used to randomly access a record stored in a binary file. These functions include `fseek()`, `ftell()`, `rewind()`, `fgetpos()`, and `fsetpos()`.

### 9.8.1 `fseek()`

The function `fseek()` is used to reposition a binary stream. The prototype of `fseek()` function which is defined in `stdio.h` can be given as,

```
int fseek(FILE *stream, long offset, int
origin);
```

`fseek()` is used to set the file position pointer for the given stream. The variable `offset` is an integer value that gives the number of bytes to move forward or backward in the file. The value of `offset` may be positive or negative, provided it makes sense. For example, you cannot specify a negative `offset` if you are starting at the beginning of the file. The `origin` value should have one of the following values (defined in `stdio.h`):

- `SEEK_SET`: to perform input or output on `offset` bytes from start of the file
- `SEEK_CUR`: to perform input or output on `offset` bytes from the current position in the file

- `SEEK_END`: to perform input or output on offset bytes from the end of the file
- `SEEK_SET`, `SEEK_CUR` and `SEEK_END` are defined constants with value 0, 1, and 2, respectively.

**Programming Tip:** While using `fseek()`, if the third parameter is specified as `SEEK_END`, then you must provide a negative offset, otherwise it will try to access beyond EOF.

On successful operation, `fseek()` returns zero and in case of failure, it returns a non-zero value. For example, if you try to perform a seek operation on a file that is not opened in binary mode then a non-zero value will be returned. `fseek()` can be used to move the file pointer beyond a file, but not before the beginning.



If a file has been opened for update and later if you want to switch from reading to writing or vice versa, then you must use the `fseek()`.

Table 9.5 gives the interpretation of the `fseek()`.

**Table 9.5** Origin field in `fseek()`

Function Call	Meaning
<code>fseek(fp, 0L, SEEK_SET);</code>	move to the beginning of the file
<code>fseek(fp, 0L, SEEK_CUR);</code>	stay at the current position
<code>fseek(fp, 0L, SEEK_END);</code>	go to the end of the file
<code>fseek(fp, m, SEEK_CUR);</code>	move forward by m bytes in the file from the current location
<code>fseek(fp, -m, SEEK_CUR);</code>	move backwards by m bytes in file from the current location
<code>fseek(fp, -m, SEEK_END);</code>	move backwards by m bytes from the end of the file

The `fseek()` is primarily used with binary files as it has limited functionality with text files.

25. Write a program to randomly read the  $n^{\text{th}}$  records of a binary file.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
```

```
main()
{
    typedef struct employee
    {
        int emp_code;
        char name[20];
        int hra;
        int da;
        int ta;
    };
    FILE *fp;
    struct employee e;
    int result, rec_no;
    fp = fopen("employee.txt", "rb");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening file");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("\n\n Enter the rec_no you want to read: ");
    scanf("%d", &rec_no);
    if(rec_no >= 0)
    {
        /* from the file pointed by fp read a record of the specified record starting from the beginning of the file*/
        fseek(fp, (rec_no-1)*sizeof(e), SEEK_SET);
        result = fread(&e, sizeof(e), 1, fp);
        if(result == 1)
        {
            printf("\n EMPLOYEE CODE: %d", e.emp_code);
            printf("\n Name: %s", e.name);
            printf("\n HRA, TA and DA: %d %d %d", e.hra, e.ta, e.da);
        }
        else
            printf("\n Record Not Found");
    }
    fclose(fp);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

#### Output

```
Enter the rec_no you want to read: 06
EMPLOYEE CODE: 06
Name: Tanya
HRA, DA and TA: 20000 10000 3000
```

26. Write a program to print the records in reverse order. The file must be opened in binary mode. Use fseek ().

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    typedef struct employee
    {
        int emp_code;
        char name[20];
        int hra;
        int da;
        int ta;
    };
    FILE *fp;
    struct employee e;
    int result, i;
    fp = fopen("employee.txt", "rb");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening file");
        exit(1);
    }
    for(i=5;i>=0;i--)
    {
        fseek(fp, i*sizeof(e), SEEK_SET);
        fread(&e, sizeof(e), 1, fp);
        printf("\n EMPLOYEE CODE: %d", e.emp_code);
        printf("\n Name: %s", e.name);
        printf("\n HRA, TA, and DA: %d %d %d",
            e.hra, e.ta, e.da);
    }
    fclose(fp);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
EMPLOYEE CODE: 06
Name: Tanya
HRA, DA and TA: 20000 10000 3000
EMPLOYEE CODE: 05
Name: Ruchi
HRA, DA and TA: 10000 6000 3000
```

27. Write a program to edit a record in binary mode using fseek ().

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    typedef struct employee
    {
        int emp_code;
        char name[20];
        int hra;
        int da;
        int ta;
    };
    FILE *fp;
    struct employee e;
    int rec_no;
    fp = fopen("employee.txt", "r+");
    if(fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening file");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("\n Enter record no. to be modified: ");
    scanf("%d", &rec_no);
    fseek(fp, (rec_no-1)*sizeof(e), SEEK_SET);
    fread(&e, sizeof(e), 1, fp);
    printf("\n Enter modified name of the employee: ");
    scanf("%s", e.name);
    printf("\n Enter the modified HRA, TA,
    and DA of the employee: ");
    scanf("%d %d %d", &e.hra, &e.ta, &e.da);
    fwrite(&e, sizeof(e), 1, fp);
    fclose(fp);
    printf("\n Record Edited");
    getch();
    return 0;
}
```

**Output**

```
Enter record no. to be modified: 04
Enter the modified HRA, TA, and DA of the
employee: 30000 1000 5000
Record Edited
```

### 9.8.2 ftell ()

The `ftell ()` function is used to know the current position of file pointer. It is at this position where the next input or output operation will be performed. The syntax of `ftell ()`, defined in `stdio.h`, can be given as

```
long ftell (FILE *stream);
```

Here, `stream` points to the file whose file position indicator has to be determined. If successful, `ftell ()` function returns the current file *position* (in bytes) for stream. However, in case of error, `ftell ()` returns `-1`.

When using `ftell ()`, error can occur either because of two reasons:

- First, using `ftell ()` with a device that cannot store data (e.g., keyboard).
- Second, when the position is larger than that can be represented in a long integer. This will usually happen when dealing with very large files.

Look at the program code which illustrates the use of `ftell ()`.

*/\*The program writes data to a file, saves the number of bytes stored in it in a variable `n` (by using `ftell ()`) and then re-opens the file to read `n` bytes from the file and simultaneously display it on the screen.\*/\**

```
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char c;
    int n;
    fp=fopen("abc", "w");
    if (fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error Opening The File");
        exit(1);
    }
    while((c=getchar()) != EOF)
        putc(c, fp);
    n = ftell(fp);
    fclose(fp);
    fp=fopen("abc", "r");
    if (fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error Opening The File");
        exit(1);
    }
    while(ftell(fp)<n)
```

```
{
    c= fgetc(fp);
    printf("%c", c);
}
fclose(fp);
}
```

#### Output

```
abcdefghijkljkdqjdh
```



`ftell ()` is useful when we have to deal with text files for which position of the data cannot be calculated.

### 9.8.3 rewind ()

`rewind ()` is used to adjust the position of file pointer so that the next I/O operation will take place at the beginning of the file. It is defined in `stdio.h` and its prototype can be given as

```
void rewind(FILE *f);
```

`rewind ()` is equivalent to calling `fseek ()` with following parameters:

```
fseek(f, 0L, SEEK_SET);
```

We have seen earlier that if a file is opened for writing and you want to read it later, then you have to close the existing file and reopen it so that data can be read from the beginning of the file. The other alternative is to use the `rewind ()`. Look at the program code given below which demonstrates the use of `rewind ()`.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char feedback[80];
    int i=0;
    fp = fopen("comments.txt", "w+");
    if (fp==NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error Opening The File");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("\n Provide comments on this book: ");
    scanf("%s", feedback);
    while(feedback[i] != '\0')
    {
        fputc(feedback[i], fp);
```

```

    i++;
}
rewind(fp);
printf("\n Contents of the file are: ");
while (feof(fp) == 0)
    printf("%c", fgetc(fp));
fclose(fp);
return 0;
}

```

### Output

Provide comments on this book: Good  
Contents of the file are: Good

However, you must prefer to use `fseek()` equivalent code rather calling `rewind()` because it is impossible to determine if `rewind()` was successful or not.

### 9.8.4 `fgetpos()`

The `fgetpos()` is used to determine the current position of the stream. The prototype of the `fgetpos()` as given in `stdio.h` is

```
int fgetpos(FILE *stream, fpos_t *pos);
```

Here, `stream` is the file whose current file pointer position has to be determined. `pos` is used to point to the location where `fgetpos()` can store the position information. In simple words, `fgetpos()` stores the file position indicator of the given file stream in the `pos` variable. The `pos` variable is of type `fpos_t` which is defined in `stdio.h` and is basically an object that can hold every possible position in a `FILE`.

On success, `fgetpos()` returns zero and in case of an error a non-zero value is returned. The value of `pos` obtained through `fgetpos()` can be used by the `fsetpos()` to return to this same position.

### 9.8.5 `fsetpos()`

The `fsetpos()` is used to move the file position indicator of a stream to the location indicated by the information obtained in 'pos' by making a call to the `fgetpos()`. Like `fgetpos()`, `fsetpos()` is defined in `stdio.h` and its prototype can be given as

```
int fsetpos(FILE *stream, const fpos_t pos);
```

Here, `stream` points to the file whose file pointer indicator has to be re-positioned. `pos` points to positioning information as returned by `fgetpos()`.

**Programming Tip:**  
An error will be generated if you try to place the file position indicator before the first byte of the file.

On success, `fsetpos()` returns a zero and clears the EOF indicator. In case of failure it returns a non-zero value.

After the successful call to `fsetpos()`, the next operation on a stream in update mode may be input or output. Look at the

program code given below which illustrates the use of `fgetpos()` and `fsetpos()` functions.

// The program opens a file and reads bytes at several different locations.

```

#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    fpos_t pos;
    char text[20];
    fp = fopen("practise.c", "rb");
    if (fp == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error opening file");
        exit(1);
    }
    /* Read some data and then check the
    position. */
    fread(text, sizeof(char), 20, fp);
    if (fgetpos(fp, &pos) != 0)
    {
        printf("\n Error in fgetpos()");
        exit(1);
    }
    fread(text, sizeof(char), 20, fp);
    printf("\n 20 bytes at byte %ld: %s",
    pos, text);

    /* Set a new random position and read
    more data */
    pos = 90;
    if (fsetpos(fp, &pos) != 0)
    {
        printf("\n Error in fsetpos()");
        exit(1);
    }
    fread(text, sizeof(char), 20, fp);
    printf("\n 20 bytes at byte %ld: %s",
    pos, text);
    fclose(fp);
}

```

**Output**

```
20 bytes at byte 20: #include <conio.h>
ma
20 bytes at byte 90: getch();
return 0;
}
```

Only use values for `fsetpos()` that are returned from `fgetpos()`.

**9.9 remove ()**

The function `remove()` as the name suggests is used to erase a file. The prototype of `remove()` as given in `stdio.h` can be given as

```
int remove(const char *filename);
```

The `remove()` will erase the file specified by `filename`. On success, the function will return zero and in case of error, it will return a non-zero value.

If `filename` specifies a directory, then `remove(filename)` is the equivalent of `rmdir(filename)`. Otherwise, if `filename` specifies the name of a file then `remove(filename)` is the equivalent of `unlink(filename)`. Look at the program given below which deletes the file "temp.txt" from the current directory.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    remove("temp.txt");
    return 0;
}
```



You may specify the path of the file which has to be deleted as the argument of `remove()`.

**9.10 RENAMING THE FILE**

The function `rename()` as the name suggests is used to rename a file. The prototype of the function is:

```
int rename(const char *oldname, const char
          *newname)
```

Here, `oldname` specifies the pathname of the file to be renamed and `newname` gives the new pathname of the file. On success, `rename()` returns zero. In case of error, it will return a non-zero value and will set the `errno` to

indicate the error. When an error occurs neither the file named by `oldname` nor the file named by `newname` shall be changed or created.

**Points to remember about rename ()**

- If the `oldname` specifies pathname of a file that is not a directory, the `newname` shall also not point to the pathname of a directory.
- If the `oldname` specifies the pathname of a directory then the `newname` shall not point to the pathname of a file that is not a directory. In this case, if the directory named by the `newname` already exists then it shall be removed and `oldname` will be renamed to `newname`.

Look at the program code given below which illustrates the use of `rename()`.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int success=0;
    success = rename("comments.txt",
                    "feedback.txt");
    if(success != 0)
        printf("\n The file could not be renamed");
    return 0;
}
```

**9.11 CREATING A TEMPORARY FILE**

The `tmpfile()` function is used to create a temporary file. The `tmpfile()` opens the corresponding stream with access parameters set as "w+". The file created with `tmpfile()` will be automatically deleted when all references to the file are closed, i.e., the file created will be automatically closed and erased when the program has been completely executed. The prototype of `tmpfile()` as given in `stdio.h` header file is,

```
FILE * tmpfile(void);
```

On success, `tmpfile()` will return a pointer to the stream of the file that is created. In case of an error, the function will return a null pointer and set `errno` to indicate the error.

The function can be used in the following manner:

```
FILE *tp = tmpfile();
```

Now the file created can be used in the same way as any other text or binary file.

## SUMMARY

- A file is a collection of data stored on a secondary storage device such as a hard disk.
- Stream is a logical interface to the devices that are connected to the computer. The three standard streams in C language are standard input (stdin), standard output (stdout), and standard error (stderr).
- When a stream linked to a disk file is created, a buffer is automatically created and associated with the stream.
- A text file is a stream of characters that can be sequentially processed by a computer in forward direction. A binary file is a file which may contain any type of data, encoded in binary form for computer storage and processing purposes. While text files can be processed sequentially, binary files, on the other hand, can be either processed sequentially or randomly.
- A file must be first opened before data can be read from it or written to it. In order to open a file and associate it with a stream, the `fopen ()` function is used.
- To close an open file, the `fclose()` function is used which disconnects a file pointer from a file. `fclose ()` function not only closes the file but also flushes all the buffers that are maintained for that file.
- If you have opened a stream for updating and later you want to switch from reading to writing or vice versa, you must first use the `fseek ()` or `rewind ()` function.
- When an output stream is unbuffered, information appears on the destination device as soon as it is written. When it is buffered, characters are saved internally and then written out as a group. In order to force buffered characters to be output on the destination device before the buffer is full, use the `fflush ()`.
- `fseek ()` is used to reposition a binary stream. The `ftell ()` function is used to know the current position of file pointer. It is at this position at which the next input or output operation will be performed.
- The `fgetpos ()` is used to determine the current position of the stream. The `rename ()` function is used to renames a file. The `remove ()` function is used to erase a file.
- The `tmpfile ()` function is used to create a temporary file. The `tmpfile ()` opens the corresponding stream with access parameters set as "w+". The file created with `tmpfile ()` will be automatically deleted when all references to the file are closed.

## GLOSSARY

**Binary file** A binary file is a file which may contain any type of data, encoded in binary form for computer storage and processing purposes.

**Buffer** A buffer is a block of memory that is used for temporary storage of data, that has to be read from or written to a file.

**File** A file is a collection of data stored on a secondary storage device like hard disk.

**Standard error** Standard error is basically an output stream used by programs to report error messages or diagnostics.

**Standard input** Standard input is the stream from which the program receives its data.

**Standard output** Standard output is the stream where a program writes its output data.

**Stream** Stream is a logical interface to the devices that are connected to the computer.

**Text file** A text file is a stream of characters that can be sequentially processed by a computer in the forward direction.

## Fill in the Blanks

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a collection of data.
- The standard streams in C are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ are pre-connected input and output channels between a text terminal and the program.
- A file must be opened in \_\_\_\_\_ mode if it is being opened for updating.
- \_\_\_\_\_ function can be used to move the file marker at the beginning of the file.
- If a file is opened in 'wb' mode then it is a \_\_\_\_\_ file opened for writing.
- Block input in binary file is done using the \_\_\_\_\_ function.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the stream where a program writes its output data.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a block of memory that is used for temporary storage of data.
- The creation and operation of the buffer is automatically handled by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ file can be processed sequentially as well as randomly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ function closes the file and flushes all the buffers that are maintained for that file.
- To use `fprintf ()` to write on the screen specify \_\_\_\_\_ in place of the file pointer.
- If you have opened a stream for updating and later you want to switch from reading to writing or vice versa, you must first use the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ function.
- The symbolic constant EOF is defined in \_\_\_\_\_ and has the value \_\_\_\_\_.

## Multiple Choice Questions

- Which function gives the current position of the file?
  - `fseek ()`
  - `fsetpos ()`
  - `ftell ()`
  - `Rewind ()`
- Which function is used to perform block output in binary files?
  - `fwrite ()`
  - `fprintf ()`
  - `fputc ()`
  - `fputs ()`
- Select the standard stream in C.
  - `stdin`
  - `stdout`
  - `stderr`
  - all of these
- From which standard stream does a C program read data?
  - `stdin`
  - `stdout`
  - `stderr`
  - all of these
- What acts as an interface between stream and hardware?
  - file pointer
  - buffer
  - `stdout`
  - `stdin`
- Which function is used to associate a file with a stream?
  - `fread ()`
  - `fopen ()`
  - `frees ()`
  - `fflush ()`
- Which function returns the next character from stream, EOF if the end of file is reached, or if there is an error?
  - `fgetc ()`
  - `fgets ()`
  - `fputc ()`
  - `fwrite ()`

## State True or False

- You can use a file without opening it.
- It is mandatory to close all the files before exiting the program.
- `stderr` is a standard stream in C.
- An error will be generated if you try to position the file marker beyond EOF.
- A file can be read if and only if it is opened in "r" mode.
- Binary files are slower than text files.
- In text files, the data is stored in internal format of the computer.
- Text files can store only character data.
- Standard output is an output stream used by programs to report error messages or diagnostics.
- Each line in a text file can have maximum of 80 characters.
- Binary file stores data in a human readable format.
- `fread ()` returns the number of elements successfully read.

13. `fseek()` is used to reposition a binary stream.
14. The `tmpfile()` opens the corresponding stream with access parameters set as "w+".
15. The value obtained by using `fgetpos()` can be used only with the `fsetpos()`.

### Review Questions

1. What is a file?
2. Why do we need to store data in files?
3. Define the term stream.
4. Differentiate between a text file and a binary file.
5. Explain the different modes in which a file can be opened in a C program.
6. Under which circumstances does the `fopen()` fail?
7. Why should you close a file after it is used?
8. What is the impact of `fclose()` on buffered data?
9. Differentiate between `gets()` and `fgets()`.
10. What is the difference between a buffered output stream and an unbuffered output stream?
11. With the help of a program code, explain the significance of `ftell()`.
12. Under what circumstances does the `ftell()` fail?
13. Where can `ftell()` be used?
14. With the help of a program, explain the significance of command line arguments.
15. Write a short note on `fgetpos()` and `fsetpos()`. Give a program to illustrate their usage in a C program.
16. What will happen if the argument to `remove()` specifies a directory? Also state its behaviour when the argument is a filename.
17. Give a program that uses a temporary file created using the `tmpfile()`.
18. Give the importance of associating a buffer with the stream.
19. Write a short note on functions that are used to:
  - (a) read data from a file
  - (b) write data to a file.
20. Write a short note on the following functions. For each function, give a program code that demonstrates its usage.
 

(a) <code>fopen()</code>	(b) <code>fclose()</code>
(c) <code>ferror()</code>	(d) <code>clearerr()</code>
21. What do you understand by EOF?
22. How will you check for EOF when reading a file?
23. Why is it not possible to read from a file and write to the same file without resetting the file pointer?
24. Write a short note on error handling while performing operations.
25. Give the importance of `rewind()`.
26. Differentiate between `rewind()` and `fseek()`. Can `fseek()` work as an alternative to `rewind()`? If yes, how?
27. Write a program to write employees details in a file called `employee.dat`. Then read the record of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  employee and calculate his salary.
28. Write a program to read the  $n^{\text{th}}$  record and display it on screen. Repeat the procedure until -1 is entered.
29. Write a program to copy a file using `feof()`.
30. Create a file and store some names in it. Write a program read the names in the file in the reverse order without re-opening the file.
31. Why do we need `fflush()`?
32. Write a program to read the contents of a binary file.
33. Write a program to read the contents of a text file.
34. Write a program to write some contents into (a) a binary file (b) a text file.
35. Write a program to read a text file using `fscanf()`.
36. Write a program to read a text file using `fgetc()`.
37. Write a program to illustrate the use of `fprintf()`.
38. Write a program to illustrate the use of `fputc()`.
39. Differentiate between `fscanf()` and `fread()`.
40. Write a program to count the number of characters in a file.
41. Write a program that reads the file name and text of 20 words as command line arguments. Write the text into a file whose name is given as the file name.
42. Assume that a file `INTEGERS.TXT` stores only integer numbers. A value '-1' is stored as the last value to indicate EOF. Write a program to read each integer value stored in the file. While reading the value, compute whether the value is even or odd. If it is even then write that value in a file called `EVEN.TXT` else write it in `ODD.TXT`. Finally display the contents of the two files— `EVEN.TXT` and `ODD.TXT`.

**Hint:** You may use `getw` and `putw` functions. They are same as `getc` () and `putc` (). The prototypes of `getw`() and `putw`() are

```
int getw(FILE *fp); and putw(int value, FILE *fp);
```

43. Write a program to read data from the keyboard and write it to a file. Read the contents stored in the file and display it on the screen.
44. Write a menu-driven program to read, insert, append, delete, and edit a record stored in a binary file.
45. Write a program to read data from a text file and store it in a binary file. Also read the data stored in the binary file and display it on the screen.
46. Write a program to read a text file, convert all the lower case characters into upper case and re-write the upper case characters in the file. Before the end of the program, all temporary files must be deleted.
47. Modify the above code fragment to allow the user three chances to enter a valid filename. If a valid file name is not entered after three chances, terminate the program.
48. Assume that there are two files— Names1 and Names2 that stores sorted names of students who would be participating in Activity1 and Activity2, respectively. Create a file NAMES.TXT which stores the names from both the files. Note that there should be no repetition of names in NAMES.TXT and while writing name into it, ensure that the file is also sorted.
49. Write a program to create a file that stores only integer values. Append the sum of these integers at the end of the file.
50. Write a program that reads a binary file that stores employees records and prints, on the screen, the number of records that are stored in the file.
51. Write a program to append a binary file at the end of another.

### Program output

Give the output of the following code.

```
1. main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char c;
    fp=fopen("abc", "w");
```

```
    while((c=getchar())!=EOF)
        putc(c, fp);
    printf('\n No. of characters entered
    = %ld", ftell(fp));
    fclose(fp);
}
2. main()
{
    FILE *fp;
    char comment [20];
    int i;
    fp=fopen("Feedbacks", "w");
    for(i = 0; i < 5; i++)
    {
        fscanf(stdin, "%s", comment);
        fprintf(fp, "%s", comment);
    }
    fclose(fp);
}
3. main()
{
    char c;
    FILE *fp;
    fp = fopen("temp", "w+b")
    for(c = 'A'; c <= 'I', c++)
        fputc(c, fp);
    fseek(fp, 2, 0);
    c = fgetc(fp);
    printf("%c", c);
    fclose(fp);
}
4. main()
{
    char c;
    FILE *fp;
    fp = fopen("temp", "w+b")
    for(c = 'A'; c <= 'I', c++)
        fwrite(&c, 1, 1, fp);
    rewind(fp);
    fread(&c, 1, 1, fp);
    printf("%c", c);
    fclose(fp);
}
5. main()
{
    char c;
```

```
FILE *fp;
long int pos;
fp = fopen("temp", "w+b")
for(c = 'A'; c <= 'I', c++)
fwrite(&c, 1, 1, fp);
pos = ftell(fp);
pos = -3;
fseek(fp, pos, SEEK_END);
fread(&c, 1, 1, fp);
printf("%c", c);
fclose(fp);
}

6. main()
{
    int i;
    FILE *fp;
    long int pos;
    fp = fopen("temp", "w+b")
    for(i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
        fwrite(&i, sizeof(int), 1, fp);
        fseek(fp, sizeof(int)*2, SEEK_SET);
        fread(&i, sizeof(int), 1, fp);
        printf("%d", i);
        fclose(fp);
}

7. main()
{
    int i;
    FILE *fp;
    long int pos;
    fp = fopen("temp", "w+b")
    for(i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
        fwrite(&i, sizeof(int), 1, fp);
        fseek(fp, -sizeof(int)*2, SEEK_CUR);
        fread(&i, sizeof(int), 1, fp);
        printf("%d", i);
        fclose(fp);
}
```

# 10

## Preprocessor Directives

### Learning Objective

In this chapter, we will read about different preprocessor directives available in C language. We will learn to define macros and invoke them from a C program. We will also go a level further and use nested macros and learn about commonly used operators that are related to macros. Besides macros, we will also read about file inclusion, conditional and pragma directives which can be used to give special instructions to the C compiler. Last but not the least, we will go through some of the pre-defined macros that are already available for use by any C language programmer.

### 10.1 INTRODUCTION

The preprocessor is a program that processes the source code before it passes through the compiler. It operates under the control of preprocessor directive which is placed in the source program before the `main()`. Before the source code is passed through the compiler, it is examined by the preprocessor for any preprocessor directives. In case the program has some preprocessor directives, appropriate actions are taken (depending on the directive) and the source program is handed over to the compiler.

Preprocessor directives are lines included in the C program that are not program statements but directives for the preprocessor. The preprocessor directives are always preceded by a hash sign (#) directive. The preprocessor directive is executed before the actual compilation of program code begins. Therefore, the preprocessor expands

all the directives and takes the corresponding action before any code is generated by the program statements.

The preprocessor directives are only one line long because as soon as a newline character is found, the preprocessor directive is considered to end. No semicolon (;) can be placed at the end of a preprocessor directive. However, the preprocessor directives may contain a comment (which will be simply ignored).

**Programming Tip:**  
Preprocessor directives must start with a hash sign.



**Note**  
In order to extend a preprocessor directive to multiple lines; place a backslash character (\) as the last character of the line. This means that the line is continued in the line following it.

Although the preprocessor directive is usually placed before the `main()`, practically speaking, it can appear anywhere in the program code. However, if written in between, the directive will be applied only in the remainder of the source file. The advantages of using preprocessor directives in a C program include:

- Program becomes readable and easy to understand.
- Program can be easily modified or updated.
- Program becomes portable as preprocessor directives make it easy to compile the program in different execution environments.
- Due to the aforesaid reasons, the program also becomes more efficient to use.

## 10.2 TYPES OF PREPROCESSOR DIRECTIVES

We can broadly categorize the preprocessor directives into two groups— conditional and unconditional preprocessor directives. Figure 10.1 shows the categorization of preprocessor directives.

The conditional directives are used to instruct the preprocessor to select whether or not to include a chunk of code in the final token stream passed to the compiler. Such directives comprise directives such as `#if`, `#else`, `#elif`, `#ifdef`, `#ifndef`, and `#endif`.

The unconditional directives such as `#define`, `#line`, `#undef`, `#include`, `#error`, and `#pragma` perform well-defined task. In this chapter we will learn about all these directives in detail.

## 10.3 #DEFINE

To define preprocessor macros we use `#define`. The `#define` statement is also known as *macro definition* or simply a macro. There are two types of macros:

- object-like macro and
- function-like macro.

### 10.3.1 Object-Like Macro

An *object-like macro* is a simple identifier which will be replaced by a code fragment. They are usually used to give symbolic names to numeric constants. Object-like macros do not take any argument. It is the same what we have been using to declare constants using `#define` directive. The general syntax of defining a macro can be given as

```
#define identifier string
```

The preprocessor replaces every occurrence of the identifier in the source code by a string. The macro must start with the keyword `#define` and should be followed by an identifier and a string with at least one blank space between them. The string may be any text, a statement, or anything. However, the identifier must be a valid C name. If we write,

```
#define PI 3.14
```

Then the above line defines a macro named `PI` as an abbreviation for the token `3.14`. If somewhere after this `#define` directive there comes a C statement of the form

```
area = PI * radius * radius;
```

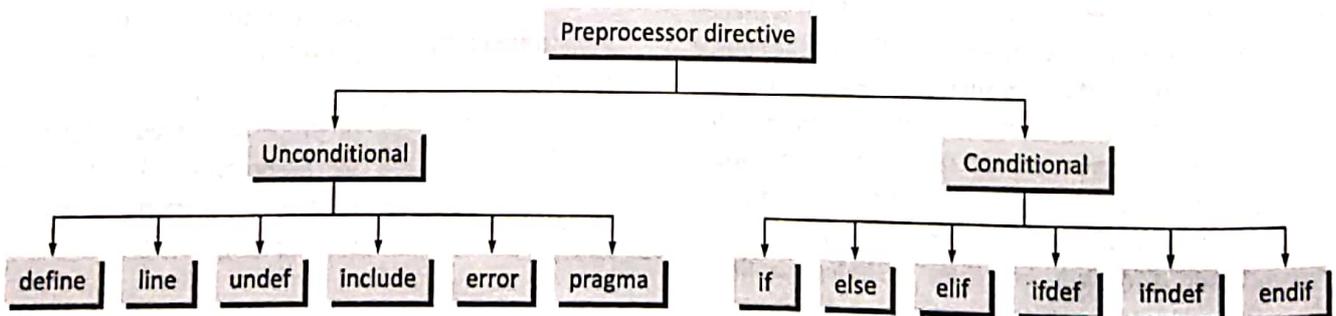


Figure 10.1 Preprocessor directives

Then the C preprocessor will recognize and *expand* the macro PI. The C compiler will see the same tokens as it would if you had written

```
area = 3.14 * radius * radius;
```

**Programming Tip:**  
A semicolon (;) should not be placed at the end of a preprocessor directive.

A macro definition can also include an expression. However, when using expressions for replacement, make sure that the order of evaluation is correct. As a good programming habit, use parenthesis in the expression. For example, consider the following macro definitions:

```
#define ROWS 3
#define COLS 3
#define SIZE (ROWS * COLS)
```

Look at the following program which illustrates the use of #define for literal text substitution:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#define INPUT printf("\n Enter a number: ");
scanf("%d", &num);
#define EQUALS ==
#define PRINT1 printf("\n GREAT")
#define PRINT2 printf("\n TRY AGAIN")
#define START main() {
#define END getch();\
    return 0; }
```

```
START
    int num;
    INPUT
    if(num EQUALS 100)
        PRINT1;
    else
        PRINT2;
END
```

By convention, macro names are written in uppercase. This makes the program easy to read as anyone can tell at a glance which names are macros.



An identifier is never replaced if it appears in a comment, within a string, or as part of a longer identifier.

**Programming Tip:**  
In order to extend a preprocessor directive to multiple lines; place a backslash character (\) as the last character of the line.

### 10.3.2 Function-like Macros

Function-like macros are more complex than object-like macros. They are known as function-like macros because they are used to stimulate functions. When a function is stimulated using a macro, the macro definition replaces the function definition. The name of the macro serves as the header and the macro body serves as the function body. The name of the macro will then be used to replace the function call.

The function-like macro includes a list of parameters. References to such macros look like function calls. We have studied that when a function is called, control passes from the calling function to the called function at run time. However, when a macro is referenced, source code is inserted into the program at compile time. The parameters are replaced by the corresponding arguments, and the text is inserted into the program stream. Therefore, macros are considered to be much more efficient than functions as they avoid the overhead involved in calling a function.

**Programming Tip:**  
Macro names can be in lower case characters. But as a convention you must write macro names in upper case characters.

A function-like macro definition declares the names of formal parameters within parentheses, separated by commas. In case the function-like macro does not accept any argument, then an empty formal parameter list can be provided.

The syntax of defining a function like macro can be given as

```
# define identifier(arg1, arg2, ... argn)
    string
```

An identifier is followed by a parameter list in parentheses and the replacement string. Note that white space cannot separate the identifier (which is the name of the macro) and the left parenthesis of the parameter list. A comma must separate each parameter.

#### Invoking a Function-like Macro

A function-like macro is invoked by writing the identifier followed by a comma-separated list of arguments in parentheses. However, make sure that the number of arguments should match the number of parameters in the macro definition. One exception to this is if the parameter list in the definition ends with an ellipsis. In that case, the

number of arguments in the invocation should exceed the number of parameters in the definition. The excess arguments are called *trailing arguments*.

When the preprocessor encounters a function-like macro invocation, argument substitution takes place. A parameter in the replacement code is replaced by the corresponding argument. If there are trailing arguments (as permitted by the macro definition), then they are merged with the intervening commas as if they were a single argument.

In case of nested macros (macro within another macro definition), i.e., if there are any macro invocations contained in the argument itself, they are completely replaced before the argument replaces its corresponding parameter in the replacement code.

The following line defines the macro `MUL` as having two parameters `a` and `b` and the replacement string `(a * b)`:

```
#define MUL(a,b) (a*b)
```

Look how the preprocessor changes the following statement provided it appears after the macro definition.

```
int a = 2, b = 3, c;
c = MUL(a,b); // c = a*b;
```

**Programming Tip:**  
Use macros instead of functions as macros are much more efficient than functions since they avoid the overhead involved in calling a function.

In the output of the preprocessor, the above statement would appear as: `c = a*b;`

While using function-like macros, you must use parentheses to ensure correct evaluation of replacement text. For example, if a macro `SQUARE` is defined as:

```
#define SQUARE(x) (x*x)
```

Then invoking the macro by writing,

```
int a = 2, b = 3, c;
c = SQUARE(a); // c= 2*2;
```

The above statement is fine and would return the value 4. However, had you written the statements given below, you would have got incorrect results. For example, if had you written,

```
int a = 2, b = 3, c;
c = SQUARE(a+b);
// c= 2+3*2+3; so c = 2+6+3 = 11
```

It is, therefore, very important that you put parentheses around each parameter in the definition to correctly evaluate an expression. So let us redefine our `SQUARE` macro by writing

```
#define SQUARE(x) ((x)*(x))
```

Now a statement like,

```
c = SQUARE(a+b);
```

would be expanded as

```
c = ((a + b) * (a + b));
```



For portability, you should not have more than 31 parameters for a macro.

### 10.3.3 Nesting of Macros

We can use a macro in the definition of another macro. For example, consider the following macro definitions:

```
#define SQUARE(x) ((x) * (x))
#define CUBE(x) (SQUARE(x) * (x))
#define FOURTH_POWER(x) (CUBE(x) * (x))
#define FIFTH_POWER(x) (FOURTH_POWER(x) * (x))
```

In these definitions, the preprocessor will expand each macro until all the macros do not exhaust in the text. For example, the macro `CUBE` will be expanded as

```
CUBE(x) => SQUARE(x) * (x) => ((x) * (x)) * (x)
```

Generally, in C a macro can be nested to 31 levels.

### 10.3.4 Rules for Using Macros

Let us summarize some rules that must be used when specifying macro definitions and invoking them from an arbitrary place within the program.

**Programming Tip:**  
Although the preprocessor directive is usually placed before the `main()`, it can appear anywhere in the program code. However, if written in between, the directive will be applied only in the remainder of the source file.

- The macro name and the formal parameters are identifiers, so they must be specified in accordance with the rules for identifiers in the C language.
- Spaces, tabs, and comments are allowed to be used freely within a `#define` directive. All the spaces, tabs, and comments are replaced by a single space.
- White space in between the identifier and the left parenthesis that introduces the parameter list is not allowed.

- When referencing a macro, you may use comments and white-space characters freely. Comments are replaced with a single space. However, white-space characters (except leading and trailing white space) are preserved during the substitution.
- The number of arguments in the reference must match the number of parameters in the macro definition.

### 10.3.5 Operators Related to Macros

In this section, we will read about some operators that are directly or indirectly related to macros in C language.

#### # Operator to Convert to String Literals

The # preprocessor operator which can be used only in a function-like macro definition is used to convert the argument that follows it to a string literal. For example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define PRINT(num) printf(#num " = %d", num)
main()
{
    PRINT(20);
}
```

The macro call expands to  
printf("num" " = %d", num)

Finally, the preprocessor will automatically concatenate two string literals into one string. So the above statement will become

```
printf("num = %d", num)
```

Hence, the unary # operator produces a string from its operand. Consider another macro MAC which is defined as

```
#define MAC(x) #x
```

MAC("10") gives a string literal equal to "10". Similarly,

MAC("HI") would give a string literal "HI".

#### Rules of using the # operator in a function-like macro definition

The # operator must be used in a function-like macro by following the rules mentioned below:

- A parameter following # operator in a function-like macro is converted into a string literal containing the argument passed to the macro.

- Leading and trailing white-space characters (those that appear before or after) in the argument passed to the macro are deleted.
- If the argument passed to the macro has multiple white-space characters, then they are replaced by a single-space character.
- If the argument passed to the macro contains a string literal and if a \ (backslash) character appears within the literal, then on expansion of the macro, a second \ character is inserted before the original \.
- If the argument passed to the macro contains a " (double quotation mark) character, then on expansion of the macro, a \ character is inserted before the ".
- The conversion of an argument into a string literal occurs before macro expansion on that argument.
- If there is more than one # operator in the replacement list of a macro definition, the order of evaluation of the operators is not defined.
- If the result of the macro expansion is not a valid character string literal, the behaviour is undefined.

#### Merge Operator (##)

At times you need macros to generate new tokens. Using the merge operator you can concatenate two tokens into a third valid token. For example,

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define JOIN(A,B) A##B
main()
{
    int i;
    for(i = 1; i <= 5; i++)
        printf("\n HI JOIN(USER, i): ");
}
```

The above program would print

```
HI USER1
HI USER2
HI USER3
HI USER4
HI USER5
```

## 10.4 #INCLUDE

An external file containing function, variables or macro definitions can be included as a part of our program. This avoids the effort to re-write the code that is already written. The #include directive is used to inform the preprocessor

to treat the contents of a specified file as if those contents had already appeared in the source program at the point where the directive appears.

The `#include` directive can be used in two forms. Both the forms make the preprocessor insert the entire contents of the specified file into the source code of our program. However, the difference between the two is the way in which they search for the specified.

```
#include <filename>
```

This variant is used for system header files. When we include a file using angular brackets, a search is made for the file named `filename` in a standard list of system directories.

```
#include "filename"
```

This variant is used for header files of your own program. When we include a file using double quotes, the preprocessor searches the file named `filename` first in the directory containing the current file, then in the quote directories and then the same directories used for `<filename>`.



The filename can optionally be preceded by a directory specification. For example, you may specify the exact path by writing "c:\students\my\_header.h".

### Points to Remember

The preprocessor stops searching the directory as soon as it finds a file with the given name.

If a completely unambiguous path for the file is specified between double quotation marks (" "), then the preprocessor searches only that path specification and ignores the standard directories.

If an incomplete path is specified for the filename in double quotes, then the preprocessor first searches the parent file's directory (where a parent file is the one which contains the `#include` directive. For example, if you include a file named `file2` within a file named `file1`, `file1` is the parent file).

File inclusion can be 'nested'; i.e., a `#include` directive can appear in a file named by another `#include` directive. For example, `file1` can include `file2`, and in turn `file2` can include another file named `file3`. In this case, `file1` would be the parent of `file2` and the grandparent of `file3`.

When file inclusion is nested and when compiling is done from the command line, directory searching begins with the directories of the parent file and then proceeds through the directories of any grandparent files.



Nesting of include files can continue up to 10 levels.

## 10.5 #UNDEF

As the name suggests, the `#undef` directive undefines or removes a macro name previously created with `#define`. Undefining a macro means to cancel its definition. This is done by writing `#undef` followed by the macro name that has to be undefined.

Like definition, undefinition also occurs at a specific point in the source file, and it applies starting from that point. Once a macro name is undefined, the name of the macro ceases to exist (from the point of undefinition) and the preprocessor directive behaves as if it had never been a macro name.

Therefore, the `#undef` directive removes the current definition of macro and all subsequent occurrences of macro name are ignored by the preprocessor.



If you had earlier defined a macro with parameters, then when undefining that macro you do not have to give the parameter list. Simply specify the name of the macro.

You can also apply the `#undef` directive to a macro name that has not been previously defined. This can be done to ensure that the macro name is undefined.

The `#undef` directive when paired with a `#define` directive creates a region in a source program in which the macro has a special meaning. For example, a specific function of the source program can use certain constants to define environment-specific values that do not affect the rest of the program.

The `#undef` directive can also be paired with the `#if` directive to control conditional compilation of the source program. We will read about the `#if` directive later in this section.

Consider the following example in which the `#undef` directive removes definitions of a symbolic constant and a macro.

```
#define MAX 10
#define MIN(X,Y) ((X)<(Y))?(X):(Y)
.
.
.
#undef MAX
#undef MIN
```

## 10.6 #LINE

Compile the following C program:

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int a = 10:
    printf("%d", a);
}
```

### Programming Tip:

The filename in the #line directive must be enclosed in double quotes.

The above program has a compile-time error because instead of a semicolon there is a colon that ends the line, `int a = 10:`. So when you compile this program an error is generated during the compiling process and the compiler will show an error message with references to the name of the file where the error

has happened and a line number. This makes it easy to detect the erroneous code and rectify it.

The #line directive enables the users to control the line numbers within the code files as well as the file name that appears when an error takes place. The syntax of #line directive is

```
#line line_number filename
```

Here, `line_number` is the new line number that will be assigned to the next line of code. The line numbers of successive lines will be increased one by one from this point onwards. The parameter `Filename` is an optional parameter that redefines the file name that will appear in case an error occurs. The filename must be enclosed within double quotes. If no filename is specified, then the compiler will show the original file name. For example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    #line 10 "Error.C"
    int a=10:
    #line 20
    printf("%d", a);
}
```

This code will generate an error that will be shown as error in file "Error.C", lines 10 and 20. Please execute this program with the #line directive and without the #line directive to visualize the difference.

Hence, we see that #line directive can be used to make the compiler provide more meaningful error messages.



A preprocessor line control directive supplies line numbers for compiler messages. It tells the preprocessor to change the compiler's internally stored line number and filename to a given line number and filename.

## 10.7 PRAGMA DIRECTIVES

The #pragma directive is used to control the actions of the compiler in a particular portion of a program without affecting the program as a whole. You can include the pragma directive in your C program from the point where you want them to take effect. The effect of pragma will be applied from the point where it is included to the end of the compilation unit or until another pragma changes its status.

A #pragma directive is an instruction to the compiler and is usually ignored during preprocessing. The syntax of using a pragma directive can be given as

```
#pragma string
```

Here, `string` can be one of the instructions given to the compiler with any required parameters. Table 10.1 describes some pragma directives.

**Table 10.1** Pragma directives

Instruction	Description
COPYRIGHT	To specify a copyright string
COPYRIGHT_DATE	To specify a copyright date for the copyright string
HP_SHLIB_VERSION	To create versions of a shared library routine
LOCALITY	To name a code subspace
OPTIMIZE	To turn the optimization feature on or off
OPT_LEVEL	To set the level of optimization
VERSIONID	To specify a version string

## Pragma Copyright

The syntax of pragma copyright can be given as:

```
#pragma COPYRIGHT "string"
```

Here, string specifies the set of characters included in the copyright message in the object file.

If no date is specified using pragma COPYRIGHT\_DATE, then the current year is used in the copyright message. For example, if we write

```
#pragma COPYRIGHT "JRT Software Ltd"
```

Then the following string is placed in the object code (assuming the current year is 2011):

```
© Copyright JRT Software Ltd, 2011. All rights reserved. No part of this program may be photocopied, reproduced, or transmitted without prior written consent of JRT Software Ltd.
```

## Pragma Copyright\_date

The syntax of pragma COPYRIGHT\_DATE can be given as

```
#pragma COPYRIGHT_DATE "string"
```

Here, the string is a date which will be used by the COPYRIGHT pragma.

For example, consider the pragma given below

```
#pragma COPYRIGHT_DATE "1999-2011"
#pragma COPYRIGHT "JRT Software Ltd."
```

The above pragma will place the following string in the object code:

```
© Copyright JRT Software Ltd, 1999-2011. All rights reserved. No part of this program may be photocopied, reproduced, or transmitted without prior written consent of JRT Software Ltd.
```

## Pragma Optimize

The syntax of using the pragma optimize can be given as

```
#pragma OPTIMIZE ON
#pragma OPTIMIZE OFF
```

The pragma optimize is basically used to turn on/off optimization in sections of a source program. However, when using this pragma you must specify one of the optimization options on the aCC command (while giving the command to compile the program), otherwise this pragma is ignored. Also remember that the pragma optimize cannot be used within a function.

For example,

```
aCC +O2 Prog.C // Set optimization to level
                2 for Prog.C
#pragma OPTIMIZE OFF
void Func1()
{               // Turn off optimization for
               // this function
    .....
}

#pragma OPTIMIZE ON
void Func2()
{               // Restore optimization to level 2
    ...
}
```

## Pragma OPT\_LEVEL

The syntax for pragma OPT\_LEVEL which is used to set the optimization level to 1, 2, 3, or 4 can be given as

```
#pragma OPT_LEVEL 1
#pragma OPT_LEVEL 2
#pragma OPT_LEVEL 3
#pragma OPT_LEVEL 4
```

Like the optimization pragma, even this pragma cannot be used within a function. Finally, OPT\_LEVEL 3 and 4 are allowed only at the beginning of a file.

For example,

```
aCC -O prog.C
#pragma OPT_LEVEL 1
void Func1()
{               // Optimize Func1() at level 1.
    ...
}
#pragma OPT_LEVEL 2
void Func2()
{               // Optimize Func2() at level 2.
    ...
}
```



The kind of optimization done by the operating system at each level is beyond the scope of this book.

## Pragma HP\_SHLIB\_VERSION

The syntax for HP\_SHLIB\_VERSION pragma which is used to create different versions of a shared library routine can be given as

```
#pragma HP_SHLIB_VERSION ["]date["]
```

Here, the date argument is of the form month/year, optionally enclosed in quotes. The month must be specified using any number from 1 to 12. The year can be specified as either the last two digits of the year (99 for 1999) or a full year specification (1999). Here the two-digit year codes from 00 to 40 are used to represent the years from 2000 to 2040, respectively.



The version number applies to all global symbols defined in the module's source file.

This pragma should be used only if incompatible changes are made to a source file.

### Pragma LOCALITY

The syntax of `pragma locality` which is used to specify a name to be associated with the code that is written to a re-locatable object module can be given as

```
#pragma LOCALITY "string"
```

Here, `string` specifies a name to be used for a code subspace. After this directive, all codes following the directive are associated with the name specified in `string`. The smallest scope of a unique `LOCALITY` pragma is a function.

### Pragma VERSIONID

The syntax of `pragma VERSIONID` can be given as

```
#pragma VERSIONID "string"
```

Here, `string` is a string of characters that is placed in the object file. For example, if we write,

```
#pragma VERSIONID "JRT Software Ltd.,  
Version 12345.A.01.10"
```

Then this pragma places the characters `JRT Software Ltd., Version 12345.A.01.10` into the object file.

### Pragma once

The `pragma once` specifies that the file, in which this pragma directive is specified will be included (opened) only once by the compiler in a building of a particular file. Its syntax can be given as

```
#pragma once
```

**Conclusion:** The `pragma` preprocessor directive is mainly used where each implementation of C supports some features unique to its host machine or operating system.

For example, some programs may need to exercise precise control over the memory areas where data is placed or to control the way certain functions receive parameters. In such cases, `#pragma` directives provides machine- and operating-system-specific features for each compiler while retaining overall compatibility with the C language.

## 10.8 CONDITIONAL DIRECTIVES

A conditional directive is used to instruct the preprocessor to select whether or not to include a chunk of code in the final token stream passed to the compiler. The preprocessor conditional directives can test arithmetic expressions, or whether a name is defined as a macro, etc.

Although the conditional preprocessor directive resembles an `if` statement, it is important to understand the difference between them. The condition in an `if` statement is tested when the program is executed. So the same C program may behave differently from run to run, depending on the data it is operating on. However, the condition in a preprocessing conditional directive is tested when the program is being compiled. This facilitates the programmer to allow different code to be included in the program depending on the situation at compile time.

However, in today's scenario the distinction is becoming less clear. Modern compilers usually test `if` statements during program compilation in order to check if their conditions are known not to vary at run time, and eliminate code which can never be executed. If you have such a modern compiler then the use of an `if` statement is recommended as the program becomes more readable if you use `if` statements with constant conditions.

Conditional preprocessor directives can be used in the following situations:

- A program may need to use different code depending on the machine or operating system it is to run on. This may be because in certain situations, the code for one operating system becomes erroneous on another operating system. For example, the program might refer to data types or constants that do not exist on the other system. When this happens, it is not enough to avoid executing the invalid code; as even the presence of such data types and constants will make the compiler reject the program. Therefore, in such situations the conditional preprocessing primitive is effective as with preprocessor the offending code can be effectively exercised from the program when it is not valid.

- The conditional preprocessor directive is very useful when you want to compile the same source file into two different programs. While one program might make frequent time-consuming consistency checks on its intermediate data, or print the values of those data for debugging, the other program, on the other hand can avoid such checks.
- The conditional preprocessor directives can be used to exclude code from the program whose condition is always false but is needed to keep it as a sort of comment for future reference.

### 10.8.1 #ifdef

`#ifdef` is the simplest sort of conditional preprocessor directive and is used to check for the existence of macro definitions. Its syntax can be given as

```
#ifdef MACRO
    controlled text
#endif
```

This block is called a conditional group. The controlled text will be included in the output of the preprocessor if and only if `MACRO` is defined. The `#ifdef` is said to be successful if the `MACRO` is defined. The controlled text will be executed only if the `#ifdef` succeeds.

Even if the `#ifdef` directive fails, the controlled text inside it is still run through initial transformations and tokenization. So, the programmer must ensure that the controlled text is lexically valid. For example, all comments and string literals inside a failing conditional group must still end properly.



As the statements under the controlled text of the `#ifdef` directive are not enclosed in braces, the `#endif` directive must be used to mark the end of the `#ifdef` block.

The following example defines a stack array if `MAX` is defined for the preprocessor.

```
#ifdef MAX
int STACK[MAX];
#endif
```

In the above example, the stack array will not be created if `MAX` had not been initially defined.

### 10.8.2 #ifndef

The `#ifndef` directive is the opposite of `#ifdef` directive. It checks whether the `MACRO` has not been defined or if its definition has been removed with `#undef`. `#ifndef` is successful and returns a non-zero value if the `MACRO` has not been defined. Otherwise in case of failure, that is when the `MACRO` has already been defined, `#ifndef` returns false (0).

Therefore, `#ifndef` directive is used to define code that is to be executed when a particular macro name is not defined. The general format to use `#ifndef` is the same as for `#ifdef`:

```
#ifndef MACRO
    controlled text
#endif
```

Here, `MACRO` and `controlled_text` have the same meanings they have in case of `#ifdef`. Again, the `#endif` directive is needed to mark the end of the `#ifndef` block.

You can also use `#else` directive with `#ifdef` and `#ifndef` directives like -

```
#ifdef MACRO
    controlled_text1
#else
    controlled_text2
#endif
```

### 10.8.3 The #if Directive

The `#if` directive is used to control the compilation of portions of a source file. If the specified condition (after the `#if`) has a non-zero value, the controlled text immediately following the `#if` directive is retained in the translation unit.

The `#if` directive in its simplest form consists of

```
#if condition
    controlled text
#endif
```

In the above syntax, `condition` is a C expression of integer type, subject to stringent restrictions, i.e., the condition may contain the following:

- Integer constants (which are all treated as either long or unsigned long).
- Character constants
- Arithmetic operators for addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, bitwise operations, shifts, comparisons, and logical operations.

- If an identifier used in the expression is not a macro and has not been currently defined, the compiler treats the identifier as though it were the constant zero.
- Macros which are actually expanded before computation of the expression's value begins.
- Defined operator can be used.
- The sizeof operator is not allowed in #if directives.
- Type cast operator is not allowed.
- Enumerated data types are not allowed.
- The condition must not perform any environmental inquiries and must remain insulated from implementation details on the target computer.
- Increment, decrement, and address operator are not allowed.

The controlled text inside the directive can include other preprocessing directives. However, any statement or any preprocessor directive in the controlled text will be executed if that branch of the conditional statement succeeds.

While using #if directive in your program, make sure that each #if directive must be matched by a closing #endif directive. Any number of #elif directives can appear between the #if and #endif directives, but at most one #else directive is allowed. However, the #else directive (if present) must be the last directive before #endif.

#### 10.8.4 The #else Directive

The #else directive can be used within the controlled text of a #if directive to provide alternative text to be used if the condition is false. The general format of #else directive can be given as

```
#if condition
    Controlled text1
#else
    Controlled text2
#endif
```

If condition evaluates to a non-zero value then controlled text1 becomes active and the #else directive acts like a failing conditional and the controlled text2 is ignored. On similar grounds, if the condition fails or evaluates to zero, then controlled text2 is considered included and controlled text1 is ignored.

The #else directive is usually used to delimit alternative source text to be compiled if the condition tested for in the corresponding #if, #ifdef, or #ifndef directive is false. However, a #else directive is optional.

#### 10.8.5 The #elif Directive

The #elif directive is used when there are more than two possible alternatives. The #elif directive like the #else directive is embedded within the #if directive and has the following syntax:

```
#if condition
    Controlled text1
#elif new_condition
    Controlled text2
#else
    Controlled text3
#endif
```

Here, when the if condition is non-zero then controlled text1 becomes active and the #elif and #else directives acts like a failing conditional and the controlled text2 and controlled text3 are ignored. On similar grounds, if the condition fails or evaluates to zero, then new\_condition is evaluated. If it is true controlled text2 is considered included and controlled text1 and controlled text3 is ignored. Otherwise, if condition and new\_condition both are false then #else directive becomes active and controlled text3 is included.

The #elif directive is same as the combined use of the else-if statements. The #elif directive is used to delimit alternative source lines to be compiled if condition in the corresponding #if, #ifdef, #ifndef, or another #elif directive is false and if the new\_condition in the #elif line is true. An #elif directive is optional.

```
#define MAX 10
#if OPTION == 1
    int STACK[MAX];
#elif OPTION == 2
    float STACK[MAX];
#elif OPTION == 3
    char STACK[MAX];
#else
    printf("\n INVALID OPTION");
#endif
```



The `#elif` does not require a matching `#endif` of its own. Every `#elif` directive includes a condition to be tested. The text following the `#elif` is processed only if the `#if` condition fails and the `#elif` condition succeeds.

In the above example, we have used more than one `#elif` directives in the same `#if-#endif` group. The text after each `#elif` is processed only if the `#elif` condition succeeds after the original `#if` and any previous `#elif` directives within it have failed.



If the condition specified with `#if` directive is false and if either no `#elif` directives appear or no `#elif` condition evaluated to true, then the preprocessor selects the text block after the `#else` clause. If the `#else` directive is also missing then no controlled text is selected.

### 10.8.6 The `#endif` Directive

The general syntax of `#endif` preprocessor directive which is used to end the conditional compilation directive can be given as

```
#endif
```

The `#endif` directive ends the scope of the `#if`, `#ifdef`, `#ifndef`, `#else`, or `#elif` directives. The number of `#endif` directives that is required depends on whether the `elif` or `else` directive is used. For example, consider the examples given below which although perform the same task, requires different number of `#endif` directives.

```
#if condition
    Controlled text1
#elif new_condition
    Controlled text2
#endif
```

OR

```
#if condition
    Controlled text1
#else
    #if new_condition
        Controlled text2
    #endif
#endif
```

## 10.9 THE DEFINED OPERATOR

We have seen that we can check the existence of a macro by using `#ifdef` directive. However, there is another way to do the same. The alternative to `#ifdef` directive is to use the defined unary operator. The defined operator has one of the following forms:

```
defined MACRO
```

or

```
defined (MACRO)
```

The above expression evaluates to 1 if `MACRO` is defined and to 0 if it is not. The defined operator helps you to check for macro definitions in one concise line without having to use many `#ifdef` or `#ifndef` directives. For example, consider the following macro checks:

```
#ifdef MACRO1
    #ifdef MACRO2
        Controlled text1
    #else
        printf("\n MACROS not defined");
    #endif
```

OR

```
#if defined (MACRO1) && defined (MACRO2)
    Controlled text1
#else
    printf("\n MACROS not defined");
#endif
```

As evident from the above example, the defined operator can be combined in any logical expression using the C logical operators. However, this operator can only be used in the evaluated expression of an `#if` or `#elif` preprocessor directive.

## 10.10 #ERROR DIRECTIVE

The `#error` directive is used to produce compiler-time error messages. The syntax of this directive is

```
#error string
```

The error messages include the argument `string`. The `#error` directive is usually used to detect programming inconsistencies and violation of constraints during preprocessing. When `#error` directive is encountered, the

compilation process terminates and the message specified in `string` is printed to `stderr`. For example, consider the piece of codes given below which illustrates error processing during preprocessing:

```
#ifndef SQUARE
#error MACRO not defined.
#endif

#ifndef VERSION
#error Version number is not specified.
#endif

#ifdef WINDOWS
... /* Windows specific code */
#else
#error "This code works only on WINDOWS
operating system"
#endif
```

The `#error` directive causes the preprocessor to report a fatal error.

Here the string need not be enclosed within double quotes. It is a good programming practice to enclose the string in double quotes. The `#error` directive is a very important directive mainly because of two reasons:

- First, it helps you to determine whether a given line is being compiled or not.
- Second, when used within a heavily parameterized body of code, it helps to ensure that a particular `MACRO` has been defined.

Besides the `#error` directive, there is another directive—`#warning`, which causes the preprocessor to issue a warning and continue preprocessing. The syntax of `#warning` directive is same as that of `#error`.

```
#warning string
```

Here, `string` is the warning message that has to be displayed. One important place where `#warning` directive can be used is in obsolete header files. You can display a message directing the user to the header file which should be used instead.

## 10.11 PREDEFINED MACRO NAMES

There are certain predefined macros that are readily available for use by the C programmers. A list of such predefined macros is given in Table 10.2.

**Table 10.2** Predefined macros

Macro	Value
<code>__LINE__</code>	A decimal integer constant which specifies the current line number in the source file being compiled. We have already studied that the line number can be altered with a <code>#line</code> directive.
<code>__FILE__</code>	A string literal which specifies the name of the source file being compiled.
<code>__DATE__</code>	Specifies the date of compilation of the current source file. It is a string literal of the form <code>mm dd yyyy</code> .
<code>__TIME__</code>	A string literal in the form <code>"hh:mm:ss"</code> which is used to specify the time at which the compilation process began.
<code>__STDC__</code>	Specifies full conformance with ANSI C standard.
<code>__TIMESTAMP__</code>	A string literal in the form <code>Ddd Mmm Date hh:mm:ss yyyy</code> , where <code>Ddd</code> is the abbreviated day of the week and <code>Date</code> is an integer from 1 to 31. It is used to specify the date and time of the last modification of the current source file.

```
#include <stdio.h>
void main(void)
{
    printf("\n Current File's Path Name:
%s", __FILE__);
    printf("\n Line Number in the
current file: %d", __LINE__);
    printf("\n Date of Compilation: %s",
__DATE__);
    printf("\n Time of Compilation: %s",
__TIME__);
    #ifdef __STDC__
        printf("\n Your C compiler
conforms with the ANSI C standard");
    #else
        printf("\n You C compiler
doesn't conform with the ANSI C
standard");
    #endif
}
```

## SUMMARY

- The preprocessor is a program that processes the source code before it passes through the compiler.
- Preprocessor directives are lines included in the C program that are not program statements but directives for the preprocessor. The preprocessor directives are always preceded by a hash sign (#) and are executed before the actual compilation of program code begins.
- To define preprocessor macros, we use `#define` directive. An object-like macro is a simple identifier which will be replaced by a code fragment. They are usually used to give symbolic names to numeric constants. Function-like macros are used to stimulate functions.
- The merge operator is used to concatenate two tokens into a third valid token.
- The `#include` directive is used to inform the preprocessor to treat the contents of a specified file as if those contents had appeared in the source program at the point where the directive appears.
- `#undef` directive removes a macro name previously created with `#define`. The `#line` directive enables the users to control the line numbers within the code files as well as the file name that appears when an error takes place.
- The `#pragma` directive is used to control the actions of the compiler in a particular portion of a program without affecting the program as a whole.
- A conditional directive is used to instruct the preprocessor to select whether or not to include a chunk of code in the final token stream passed to the compiler.
- `#ifdef` is used to check for the existence of macro definitions. The `#ifndef` directive is the opposite of `#ifdef` directive. It checks whether the `MACRO` has not been defined or if its definition has been removed with `#undef`. The `#if` directive is used to control the compilation of portions of a source file.
- The `#else` directive is used within the controlled text of a `#if` directive in order to provide alternative text to be used if the condition is false. The `#elif` directive is used when there are more than two possible alternatives. The `#elif` directive like the `#else` directive is embedded within the `#if` directive.
- The `#error` directive is used to produce compile-time error messages.

## GLOSSARY

**Function-like macro** It is used to stimulate functions.

**Object-like macro** It is a simple identifier which will be replaced by a code fragment. They are usually used to give symbolic names to numeric constants.

**Preprocessor** It is a program that processes the source code before it passes through the compiler.

**Preprocessor directives** These are lines included in the C program that are not program statements but directives for the preprocessor. They are always preceded by a hash sign (#).

**Self-referential macro** A macro whose name appears in its definition.

**Trailing arguments** A function-like macro definition declares the names of formal parameters within parentheses, separated by commas. If the number of arguments in the invocation exceeds the number of parameters in the definition, the excess arguments are called trailing arguments.

## Fill in the Blanks

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a program that processes the source code before it passes through the compiler.
- \_\_\_\_\_ operates under the control of preprocessor directive.
- Before the source code is passed through the compiler, it is examined by the preprocessor for any \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ are lines included in the program that are not program statements but directives for the preprocessor.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is also known as a macro.
- The #define directive is used to \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is used to give symbolic names to numeric constants.
- Trailing arguments are \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ preprocessor operator is used to convert the argument that follows it to a string literal.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ operator is used to concatenate two tokens into a third valid token.
- When we include a file using \_\_\_\_\_, a search is made for the file in a standard list of system directories.
- File inclusion can be nested to \_\_\_\_\_ levels.
- The #undef directive removes a macro name previously created with \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ directive is used to control the actions of the compiler in a particular portion of a program without affecting the program as a whole.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is used to instruct the preprocessor to select whether or not to include a chunk of code in the final token stream passed to the compiler.
- Each #if directive must be matched by the \_\_\_\_\_ directive.
- The #elif directive and the #else directive are embedded within the \_\_\_\_\_ directive.
- When \_\_\_\_\_ directive is encountered, the compilation process terminates.
- \_\_\_\_\_ causes the preprocessor to issue a warning and continue preprocessing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ specifies full conformance with ANSI C standard.

## Multiple Choice Questions

- The preprocessor directives must be preceded by which symbol?
 

(a) *	(b) &
(c) @	(d) #
- In order to extend a preprocessor directive to multiple lines; which character is placed as the last character of the line?
 

(a) \	(b) /
(c) ^	(d) !
- Which directive is used to control the line numbers within the code files as well as the file name that appears when an error takes place?
 

(a) #pragma	(b) #define
(c) #line	(d) #filename
- Which directive is used to check for the existence of macro definitions?
 

(a) #if	(b) #define
(c) #ifdef	(d) #undef
- Choose the operator which can be used in the conditional expression of #if directive.
 

(a) defined	(b) sizeof
(c) typecast	(d) address
- Which predefined macro is used to specify the date and time of the last modification of the current source file?
 

(a) _TIME_	(b) _DATE_
(c) _TIMESTAMP_	(d) _STDC_

## State True or False

- Preprocessor directives are executable statements in a C program.
- The preprocessor is executed before the actual compilation of program code begins.
- Preprocessor directives can only be one line long.
- Preprocessor directives can appear anywhere in the program.
- Object-like macros takes one argument.
- A macro definition can include an expression.
- It is compulsory to write macro names in uppercase.
- The # preprocessor operator can be used only in a function-like macro definition.

9. The conversion of an argument into a string literal occurs before macro expansion on that argument.
10. File inclusion cannot be nested.
11. While undefining a macro, you have to specify the parameters, if any.
12. `#ifdef` checks whether the MACRO has not been defined or if its definition has been removed with `#undef`.
13. We can use enumerated data types in the expressions of conditional directives.
14. The `#endif` directive is used to end the conditional compilation directive.
15. `_TIMESTAMP_` is used to specify the time at which the compilation process began.
5. How are trailing arguments, if any, handled by the preprocessor?
6. What happens when the argument passed to the macro has multiple white-space characters?
7. Why should we not use more than one `#` operator in the replacement list of a macro definition?
8. How can `#include` directive be used in your C program? Illustrate with respect to both the forms available for usage.
9. File inclusion can be nested. Justify this statement with the help of a suitable example.
10. Can the `#undef` directive be applied to a macro name that has not been previously defined? If yes, why?

### Review Questions

1. What do you understand by the term preprocessor directive?
2. Can we have a C program that does not use any preprocessor directive?
3. Why should we incorporate preprocessor directives in our programs? Give at least one example to support your answer.
4. Explain the importance of the `#define` preprocessor directive.
11. Explain in detail the `#pragma` directive.
12. Write a short note on conditional directives.
13. Compare an if statement with the `#if` directive.
14. In which situations will you recommend to use conditional directives in a program?
15. Comment on the restrictions imposed on the conditional expression of `#if` directive.
16. Give the importance of `#error` and `#warning` directive.
17. Give the rules for using macros.
18. Enumerate the rules for using the `#` operator in a function-like macro definition.

## ANNEXURE 6

## A6.1 INTRODUCTION TO DATA STRUCTURES

A data structure is nothing but an arrangement of data either in computer's memory or on the disk storage. Some common examples of data structure include arrays, linked lists, queues, stacks, binary trees, and hash tables. Data structures are widely applied in areas such as

- Compiler design
- Operating system
- Statistical analysis package
- Database Management System (DBMS)
- Numerical analysis
- Simulation
- Artificial intelligence
- Graphics

While studying DBMS you will realize that the major data structures used in the Network data model are graphs, Hierarchical data model are trees, and RDBMS are arrays.

## A6.2 DIFFERENT TYPES OF DATA STRUCTURES

There are a variety of data structures that we can have in C language. In this section, we will just have an introduction to them and in further chapters we will learn about them in detail.

**Arrays** An array is a collection of similar data elements. These data elements have the same data type. The elements of the array are stored in consecutive memory locations and are referenced by an index (also known as the subscript).

Arrays are declared using the following syntax:

```
type name[size];
```

For example

```
int marks[1];
```

1 <sup>st</sup> element	2 <sup>nd</sup> element	3 <sup>rd</sup> element	4 <sup>th</sup> element	5 <sup>th</sup> element	6 <sup>th</sup> element	7 <sup>th</sup> element	8 <sup>th</sup> element	9 <sup>th</sup> element	10 <sup>th</sup> element
marks[0]	marks[1]	marks[2]	marks[3]	marks[4]	marks[5]	marks[6]	marks[7]	marks[8]	marks[9]

Figure A6.1 Memory representation of an array of 10 elements

This statement declares an array `marks` that contains 10 elements. In C, the array index starts from zero. This means that the array `marks` will contain 10 elements in all. The first element will be stored in `marks[0]`, second element in `marks[1]`, and so on. Therefore, the last element, i.e., the 10<sup>th</sup> element will be stored in `marks[9]`. In memory, the array will be stored as shown in Fig A6.1.

The limitations with arrays are as follows:

- Arrays are of fixed size.
- Data elements are stored in continuous memory locations which may not be available always.
- Adding and removing of elements is difficult because of shifting the elements from their positions.

However, these limitations can be solved by using the linked list. We have already read about arrays in Chapter 5.

**Linked lists** Linked list is a very flexible and dynamic data structure in which elements can be added to or deleted from anywhere at will. In contrast to using static arrays, a programmer need not worry about how many elements will be stored in the linked list. This feature enables the programmers to write robust programs which require much less maintenance.

In a linked list, each element (called a *node*) is allocated space as it is added to the list. Every node in the list points to the next node in the list. Therefore, in a linked list every node contains two types of information:

- The value of the node or any other data that corresponds to that node.
- A pointer or link to the next node in the list.

The last node in the list contains a `NULL` pointer to indicate that it is the end or *tail* of the list. Since memory for a node is dynamically allocated when it is added to the list, the total number of nodes that may be added to a list is limited only by the amount of memory available. Figure A6.2 shows a linked list of seven nodes.



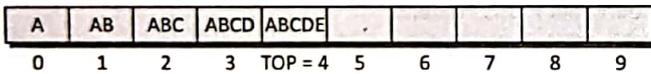
**Figure A6.2** A simple linked list

**Advantage:** Provides quick insert and delete operations.  
**Disadvantage:** Slower search operation and requires more memory space.  
 We will read more about linked lists in Chapter 11.

**Stacks** In computer memory, stacks can be represented as a linear array. Every stack has a variable TOP associated with it. TOP is used to store the address of the topmost element of the stack. It is this position from where the element will be added or deleted. There is another variable MAX which will be used to store the maximum number of elements that the stack can store.

If TOP = NULL, then it indicates that the stack is empty and if TOP = MAX, then the stack is full.

The stack in Figure A6.3 shows that TOP = 4, so insertions and deletions will be done at this position. Here, the stack can store atmost 10 elements where the indices range from 0 to 9. In this stack, five more elements can be stored.



**Figure A6.3** Stack

A stack has three basic operations: push, pop, and peek. The push operation adds an element to the top of the stack. The pop operation removes the element from the top of the stack. Finally, the peek operation returns the value of the topmost element of the stack.

However, before inserting an element in the stack we must check for *overflow* condition. An overflow will occur when we will try to insert an element into a stack that is already full.

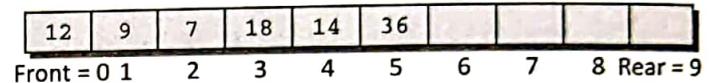
Similarly, before deleting an element from the stack, we must check for *underflow* condition. An underflow condition occurs when we try to delete an element from a stack that is already empty. If TOP = -1, it indicates that there is no element in the stack.

**Advantage:** Last-in, first-out access (LIFO)

**Disadvantage:** Slow access to other elements

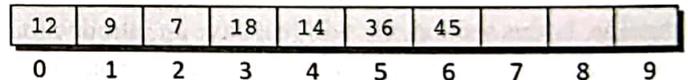
**Queue** A queue is a FIFO (First In First Out) data structure in which the element that inserted first is the first one to be taken out. The elements in a queue are added at one end called the rear and removed from the other end called front. Similar to stacks, queues can be implemented using either arrays or linked lists.

Every queue will have front and rear variables that will point to the position from where deletions and insertions can be done, respectively. Consider a queue as given in Figure A6.4.



**Figure A6.4** Queue

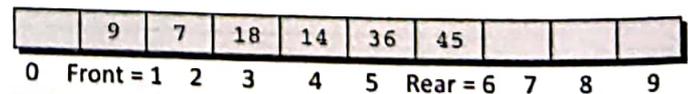
Here, front = 0 and rear = 5. If we want to add one more value in the list say, if we want to add another element with value 45, then rear would be incremented by 1 and the value would be stored at the position pointed by rear. The queue after addition would be as shown in Figure A6.5.



**Figure A6.5** Queue after insertion of a new element

Here, front = 0 and rear = 6. Every time a new element has to be added, we will repeat the same procedure.

Now, if we want to delete an element from the queue, then the value of front will be incremented. Deletions are done from only this end of the queue. The queue after deletion will be as shown in Figure A6.6.



**Figure A6.6** Queue after deletion of an element

However, before inserting an element in the queue we must check for overflow conditions. An overflow will occur when we try to insert an element into a queue that is already full. When  $\text{rear} = \text{MAX} - 1$ , where  $\text{MAX}$  is the size of the queue, i.e.,  $\text{MAX}$  specifies the maximum number of elements in the queue. Note that we have written  $\text{MAX} - 1$ , because the index starts from 0.

Similarly, before deleting an element from the queue, we must check for underflow condition. An underflow condition occurs when we try to delete an element from a queue that is already empty. If  $\text{front} = -1$  and  $\text{rear} = -1$ , this means there is no element in the queue.

*Advantage:* Provides first-in, first-out data access.

*Disadvantage:* Slow access to other items.

We will read more about stacks and queues in Chapter 12.

**Trees** A binary tree is a data structure which is defined as a collection of elements called nodes. Every node contains a left pointer, a right pointer, and a data element. Every binary tree has a root element pointed by a root pointer. The root element is the topmost node in the tree. If  $\text{root} = \text{NULL}$ , then it means the tree is empty.

Figure A6.7 shows a binary tree. If the root node  $R$  is not  $\text{NULL}$ , then the two trees  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are called the left and right subtrees of  $R$ . If  $T_1$  is non-empty, then  $T_1$  is said to be the left successor of  $R$ . Likewise, if  $T_2$  is non-empty, then it is called the right successor of  $R$ .

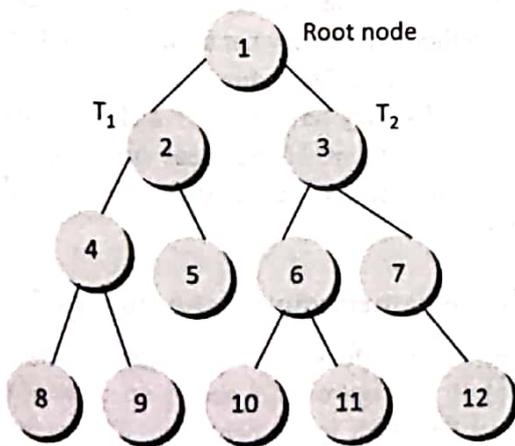


Figure A6.7 Binary tree

In Figure A6.7, node 2 is the left successor and node 3 is the right successor of the root node 1. The left subtree of the root node consists of the nodes 2, 4,

5, 8, and 9. Similarly, the right subtree of the root node consists of nodes 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 12.

*Advantages:* Provides quick search, insert, and delete operations.

*Disadvantage:* Complicated deletion algorithm.

We will read more about trees in Chapter 13.

**Graphs** A graph is an abstract data structure that is used to implement the graph concept in mathematics. A graph is basically, a collection of vertices (also called nodes) and edges that connect these vertices. A graph is often viewed as a generalization of the tree structure, where instead of having a purely parent-to-child relationship between the tree nodes, any kind of complex relationships between the nodes can be represented.

In trees, the nodes can have many children but only one parent, a graph on the other hand doesn't have such kinds of restrictions. Figure A6.8 shows a graph with five nodes.

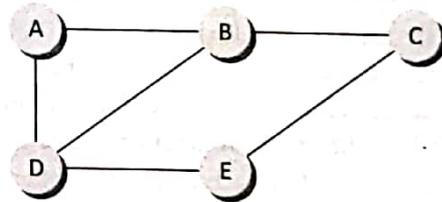


Figure A6.8 Graph

Every node in the graph may be considered to represent a city and the edges connecting the nodes could represent the roads. A graph can also be used to represent a computer network where the nodes are workstations and the edges are the network connections. Graphs have so many applications in computer science and mathematics that several algorithms have been written to perform the standard graph operations such as searching the graph and finding the shortest path between nodes of a graph.



Unlike trees, graphs do not have any root node.

Rather, every node in the graph can be connected with any other node in the graph. When two nodes are connected via an edge, the two nodes are known as neighbours. For example, node A above has two neighbours: B and D.

*Advantages:* Best models real-world situations.

*Disadvantages:* Some algorithms are slow and very complex.

We will read more about graphs in Chapter 14.

## Linear and Non-linear Data Structures

Now that we have a little idea about data structures, we can easily classify them into two distinct types—linear and non-linear data structures. If the elements of a data structure are stored sequentially, then it is a linear data structure. In linear data structures, we can traverse either forward or backward from a node. Examples include arrays, stacks, queues, and linked lists.

Linear data structures can be represented in memory in two different ways. One way is to have the linear relationship between the elements by means of sequential memory locations. Such linear structures are called arrays. The second way is to have the linear relationship between the elements represented by means of links. Such linear data structures are called linked lists.

However, if the elements of a data structure are not stored in sequential order, then it is a non-linear data structure. It branches to more than one node and cannot be traversed in a single run. Examples include trees and graphs.

### A6.3 ABSTRACT DATA TYPE

An *Abstract Data Type* (ADT) is the way we look at a data structure, focusing on what it does and ignoring how it does its job. For example, stack and queue are perfect examples of an abstract data type. We can implement both these ADTs using an array or a linked list. This demonstrates the abstract nature of stacks and queues.

To further understand the meaning of an abstract data type, we will break the term into data type and then abstract and then learn their meanings.

- *Data type:* Data type of a variable is the set of values that the variable may take. We know that the basic data types in C language include `int`, `char`, `float`, and `double`.

When we talk about a primitive type (built-in data type) we actually consider two things: a data item

with certain characteristics and the permissible operations on that data. For example, an `int` variable can contain any whole-number value from `-32768` to `32767` and can be operated with the operators `+`, `-`, `*`, and `/`. In other words, the operations that can be performed on a data type are an inseparable part of its identity. Therefore, when we declare a variable of an abstract data type (e.g. stack or a queue) we also need to specify the operations that can be performed on them.

- *Abstract:* The word abstract in context of data structures means *considered apart from the detailed specifications or implementation*.

In C, an abstract data type can be a structure considered without regard to its implementation. It can be thought of as a description of the data in the structure with a list of operations that can be performed on the data within that structure.

The end user is not concerned about the details of how the methods carry out their tasks. They are only aware of the methods that are available to them and are concerned only about calling those methods and getting back the results but not HOW they work.

For example, when we use a stack or a queue, the user is concerned only with the type of data and the operations that can be performed on it. Therefore, the fundamentals of how the data is stored should be invisible to the user. They should not know how the methods work or what structures are being used to store the data. They should just know that to work with stacks, they have `push()` and `pop()` functions available to them. Using these functions, they can manipulate the data (add or delete data) stored on the stack.

### Example: Implementation of the stack ADT

Let us take an example and see the implementation of the stack ADT in C. Figure A6.9 shows an imperative style interface of the stack implementation. This code can be implemented in a `stack.h` file. Nowhere in the code have we discussed whether the stack will be represented as an array or linked list.

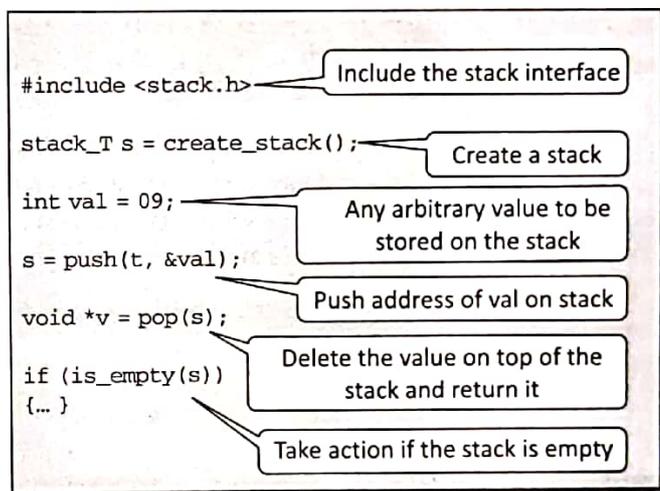
Figure A6.10 shows the code that uses the abstract stack implementation.

Code	Description
<code>typedef struct stack_Rep stack_Rep;</code>	Instance representation record
<code>typedef stack_Rep *stack_T;</code>	Pointer to a stack instance
<code>typedef void *stack_Item;</code>	Value to be stored on stack
<code>stack_T create_stack(void);</code>	Create an empty stack instance
<code>void push(stack_T st, stack_Item v)</code>	Add an item at the top of the stack
<code>stack_Item pop(stack_T st);</code>	Remove the top item from the stack and return it
<code>int is_empty(stack_T st);</code>	Check whether stack is empty

**Figure A6.9** Stack.h to be used in abstract stack implementation

### Advantage of using Abstract Data Type

In the real world, programs evolve as a result of new requirements or constraints, so a modification to a program commonly requires a change in one or more of its data structures. For example, if you want to add a new field to a student's record to keep track of more information about each student. Then in such a case it will be better to replace an array with a linked structure to improve the program's efficiency. In such a scenario, rewriting every procedure that uses the changed structure is not desirable. Therefore, a better alternative is to *separate* the use of a data structure from the details of its implementation. This is the *principle underlying the use of abstract data types*.



**Figure A6.10** Abstract stack implementation

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## Linked Lists

### Learning Objective

In this chapter, we will get an overview of the concept of linked lists. A linked list is a data structure created using a self-referential structure. We will learn about different types of linked lists and the techniques applied to insert and delete nodes in the linked lists.

### 11.1 INTRODUCTION

A *linked list*, in simple terms, is a linear collection of data elements. These data elements are called *nodes*. Linked lists are data structures which can be used to implement other data structures. Thus, they act as building blocks for other data structures such as stacks, queues, and their variations. A linked list can be perceived as a train or a sequence of nodes in which each node contains one or more data fields and a pointer to the next node. In Figure 11.1, we see a linked list in which every node contains two parts—an integer and a pointer to the next node.

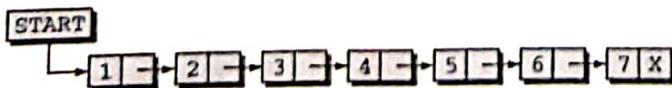


Figure 11.1 A simple linked list

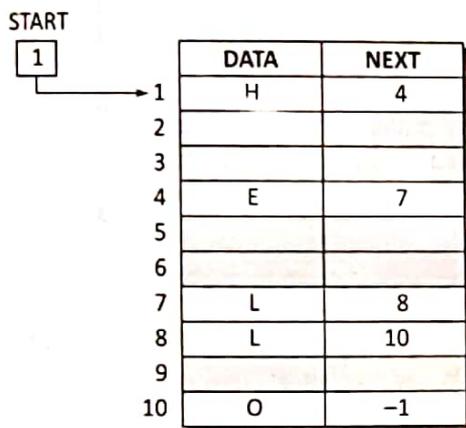
The left part of the node which contains data may include a simple data type, an array, or a structure. The right part of the node contains a pointer to the next node (or the address of the next node in sequence). The last node will have no next node connected to it, so it will store a special value called `NULL`. In Figure 11.1, the `NULL` pointer is represented by `X`. However, when we do programming we usually define `NULL` as `-1`. Hence, a `NULL` pointer denotes the end of the list. In a linked list since every node contains a pointer to another node which is of the same type, it is also called a *self-referential data type*.

A linked list contains a pointer variable, `START`, which stores the address of the first node in the list. We can traverse the entire list using this single pointer variable. The `START` node will contain the address of the first node; the next part of the first node will in turn store the address of its succeeding node. Using this technique, the individual nodes of the list form a chain of nodes. If `START=NULL`, this means that the linked list is empty and contains no nodes.

In C, we implement a linked list using the following code:

```
struct node
{
    int data;
    struct node *next;
};
```

Let us see how a linked list is maintained in memory. In order to form a linked list we need a structure called node that has two fields—DATA and NEXT, where DATA will store the information part and NEXT will store the address of the next node in the sequence. Consider Figure 11.2.



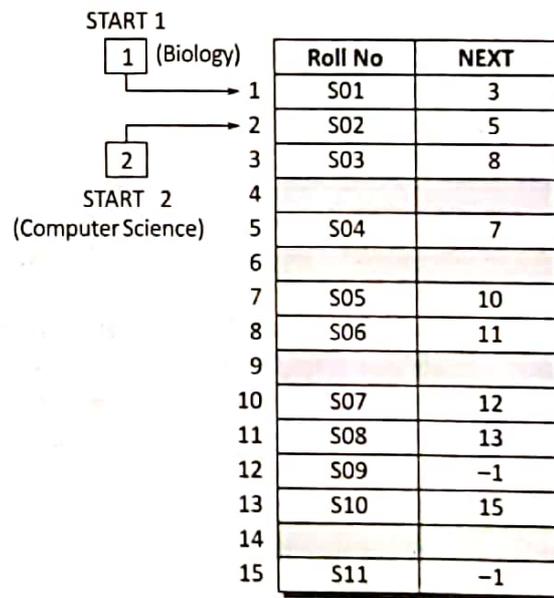
**Figure 11.2** START pointing to the first element of the linked list in memory

From the figure we can see that the variable START is used to store the address of the first node. Here, in this example, START=1, so the first data is stored at address 1, which is 'H'. The corresponding variable NEXT stores the address of the next node, which is 4. So, we will look at address 4 to fetch the next data item. The second data element obtained from address 4 is 'E'. Again, we see the corresponding NEXT, to go to the next node. From the entry in the NEXT field, we get the next address, i.e., 7 and fetch 'L' as the data. We repeat this procedure until we reach a position where the NEXT entry contains -1 or NULL, as this would denote the end of the linked list. When we traverse fields the DATA and NEXT fields in this manner, we will finally see that the linked list in this example stores characters which when put together form the word "HELLO".



This figure shows a chunk of memory locations whose addresses range from 1 to 10. The shaded portion contains data for other applications. Remember that the nodes of a linked list need not be in consecutive memory locations. In our example, the nodes for the linked list are stored at addresses 1, 4, 7, 8, and 10.

Let us take another example to see how two linked lists are maintained together in the computer's memory. For example, the students of class XI of Science group are asked to choose between Biology and Computer Science. Now we will maintain two linked lists, one for each subject. That is, the first linked list will contain the roll numbers of all the students who have opted for Biology and the second list will contain the roll numbers of the students who have chosen Computer Science. Consider Figure 11.3.



**Figure 11.3** Two linked lists simultaneously maintained in memory

In this figure, two different linked lists are simultaneously maintained in the memory. There is no ambiguity in traversing through the list because each list maintains a separate START pointer, which gives the address of the first node of the respective linked list. The other nodes are reached using the value stored in the corresponding NEXT fields.

	Roll No	Name	Aggregate	Grade	NEXT
1	S01	Ram	78	Distinction	6
2	S02	Shyam	64	First Division	7
3					
4	S03	Mohit	89	Outstanding	17
5					
6	S04	Rohit	77	Distinction	14
7	S05	Varun	86	Outstanding	10
8	S06	Karan	65	First Division	12
9					
10	S07	Veena	54	Second Division	-1
11	S08	Meera	67	First Division	4
12	S09	Krish	45	Third Division	13
13	S10	Kusum	91	Outstanding	11
14	S11	Silky	72	First Division	2
15					
16					
17	S12	Monica	75	Distinction	1
18	S13	Ashish	63	First Division	19
19	S14	Gaurav	61	First Division	8

**Figure 11.4** A students' linked list

By looking at the figure we can conclude that the roll numbers of the students who have opted for Biology are—S01, S03, S06, S08, S10, and S11. Similarly, the roll numbers of the students who chose Computer Science are—S02, S04, S05, S07, and S09.

We have already said before that the DATA part of a node may contain just a single data item, an array, or a structure. So, let us take an example to see how a structure is maintained in a linked list that is stored in memory.

Consider a scenario in which the roll number, name, aggregate, and grade of students are stored using linked lists. Now, we will see how the NEXT pointer is used to store the data alphabetically. This is shown in Figure 11.4

### 11.2 LINKED LISTS VERSUS ARRAYS

An array is linear collection of data elements and a linked list is a linear collection of nodes. But unlike an array, a linked list does not store its nodes in consecutive memory locations. Another point of difference between an array and a linked list is that a linked list does not allow random access of data. Nodes in a linked list can be accessed only in a sequential manner, but like an array, insertions and deletions can be done at any point in the list in constant time.

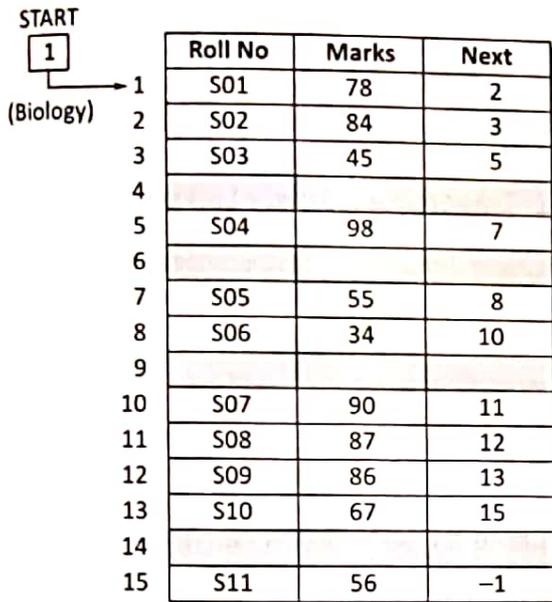
Another advantage of a linked list over an array is that, we can add any number of elements in the list. This is not possible in case of an array. For example, if we declare an array as `int marks[10]`, then the array can store a maximum of ten data elements and not even one more than that. There is no such restriction in the case of a linked list.

Thus, linked lists provide an efficient way of storing related data and perform basic operations such as insertion, deletion, and updating of information at the cost of the extra space required for storing the address of the next node.

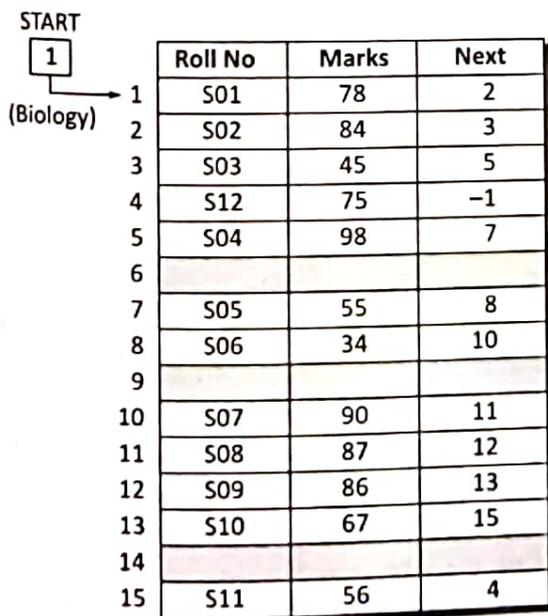
### 11.3 MEMORY ALLOCATION AND DEALLOCATION FOR A LINKED LIST

We have seen how a linked list is represented in memory. If we want to add a node to an already existing linked list, we will first find free space in the memory and then use it to store the information. For example, consider the linked list given in Figures 11.5 (a) and (b). The linked list contains the roll numbers of the students, marks obtained by them in Biology, and finally a NEXT field which stores the address of the next node in sequence. Now, if a new student joins the class and is asked to appear for the same test that the other students had given, then the new student's marks should also be recorded in the linked list. For this purpose,

we will find a free space and store the information there. If, the grey shaded portions show free spaces, then we see that we have 4 locations of memory available and we can use any one of them to store our data.



**Figure 11.5(a)** Memory representation of a linked list storing the marks obtained by students in Biology



**Figure 11.5(b)** Memory representation of a linked list storing the marks obtained by students in Biology after the new student's record has been added

Now the big question is who will take care of the memory—which part of the memory is available and which part is occupied. When we delete a node from a linked list then who will change the status of the memory occupied by it from occupied to available. The answer is the operating system. Discussing the mechanism of how the operating system does all this is out of the scope of this book. So, in simple language, we can say that the computer takes care of this without any intervention from the user or the programmer. As a programmer, you just have to take care of the code to perform insertions and deletions in the list.

However, to have an overview of the mechanism, we will briefly discuss the basic concept. The computer maintains a list of all free memory cells. This list of available space is called the *free pool*.

We have seen that every linked list has a pointer variable *START* which stores the address of the first node of the list. Likewise, for the free pool (which is a linked list of all free memory cells), we have a pointer variable *AVAIL* which stores the address of the first free space. Let us revisit the memory representation of the linked list storing the students' marks in Biology. We have another pointer variable *AVAIL* here which stores the address of the first free space.

Now, when a new student's record has to be added, the memory address pointed by *AVAIL* is taken and used to store the desired information. After the insertion, the address of the next available free space is stored in *AVAIL*. For example, in Figure 11.6, when the first free memory space is utilized for inserting the new node, the *AVAIL* pointer will be set to contain address 6.

This was all about inserting a new node in an already existing linked list. Now we will talk about deleting a node or the entire linked list. When we delete a particular node from an existing linked list or delete the entire linked list for some reason, the space occupied by it must be given back to the free pool so that the memory can be reused by some other program that needs memory space.

The operating system does this task of adding the freed memory to the free pool. The operating system will perform this operation whenever it finds the CPU idle or whenever programs fall short of memory. The operating system scans through all the memory cells and marks the cells being used by some other programs. Then, it collects all those cells which are not being used and adds their address to the free pool so that they can be reused by the programs. This process is called garbage collection. The whole process of collecting unused memory cells (garbage collection) is transparent to the programmer.

	Roll No	Marks	Next
1	S01	78	2
2	S02	84	3
3	S03	45	5
4			6
5	S04	98	7
6			9
7	S05	55	8
8	S06	34	10
9			12
10	S07	90	11
11	S08	87	12
12			13
13			16
14	S09	86	13
15	S10	67	15
16			18
17	S11	56	-1
18			19
19			-1

**Figure 11.6** Memory representation of a linked list with AVAIL and START pointers

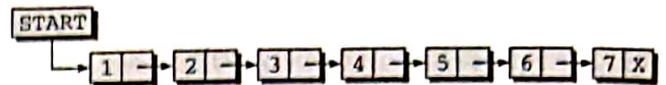
### 11.4 DIFFERENT TYPES OF LINKED LISTS

There are different types of linked lists which we will discuss in the following sections. These are

- Singly linked list
- Doubly linked list
- Circular linked list
- Circular doubly linked list
- Header linked list

### 11.5 SINGLY LINKED LIST

A singly linked list is the simplest type of linked list in which every node contains some data and a pointer to the next node of the same data type. By saying that the node contains a pointer to the next node we mean that the node stores the address of the next node in sequence. Figure 11.7 shows a singly linked list.



**Figure 11.7** A singly linked list

A singly linked list allows traversal of data only in one way.

#### 11.5.1 Traversing a Singly Linked List

Traversing a linked list means accessing the nodes of the list in order to perform some operations on them. Remember, a linked list always contains a pointer variable START which stores the address of the first node of the list. The end of the list is marked by storing NULL or -1 in the NEXT field of the last node. For traversing the linked list, we also make use of another pointer variable PTR, which will point to the node that is currently being accessed. The algorithm to traverse a linked list is shown in Figure 11.8.

```

Step 1: [INITIALIZE] SET PTR = START
Step 2: Repeat Steps 3 and 4 while PTR != NULL
Step 3:           Apply process to PTR->DATA
Step 4:           SET PTR = PTR->NEXT
                [END OF LOOP]
Step 5: EXIT
    
```

**Figure 11.8** Algorithm to traverse a linked list

In this algorithm, we first initialize PTR with the address of the START. So now, PTR points to the first node of the linked list. Then in Step 2, a while loop is executed which is repeated till PTR processes the last node, that is, until it encounters NULL. In Step 3, we apply the process (for ex, print) to the current node, i.e., the node pointed by PTR. In Step 4, we move to the next node by making the PTR variable point to the node whose address is stored in the NEXT field. The algorithm to print the information stored in each node of the linked list is shown in Figure 11.9.



Let us now have a look at the searching algorithm which searches for a particular VAL in a sorted linked list shown in Figure 11.13.

```

Step 1: [INITIALIZE] SET PTR = START
Step 2: Repeat Step 3 while PTR != NULL
Step 3:      IF PTR->DATA = VAL then
              SET POS = PTR
              Go to Step 5
            ELSE IF PTR->DATA < VAL
              SET PTR = PTR->NEXT
            ELSE
              Go To Step 4
            [END OF IF]
          [END OF LOOP]
Step 4: SET POS = NULL
Step 5: EXIT
    
```

**Figure 11.13** Algorithm to search a sorted linked list

This algorithm is the same as that of the unsorted linked list with the difference that if VAL is greater than PTR->DATA, then we will look for the next node's data. In case VAL is equal to PTR->DATA, then the value of POS is set to contain the address of the node that has the value and the control jumps to the last statement of the algorithm.

Thus, we see that the worst case complexity of searching an unsorted or a sorted linked list is  $O(n)$ , i.e., the worst case complexity is proportional to the number of nodes in the linked list. The worst case of the searching algorithm would occur when either VAL is not present in the linked list or VAL is equal to DATA of the last node in the list. In the best case, the first node's data has a value equal to VAL and in the average case, the middle node's data has VAL stored in it.

### 11.5.3 Inserting a New Node in a Linked List

In this section, we will see how a new node is added into an already existing linked list. To illustrate this, we will take five cases and see how the insertion is done in each case.

Case 1: The new node is inserted at the beginning of a linked list

Case 2: The new node is inserted at the end of a linked list

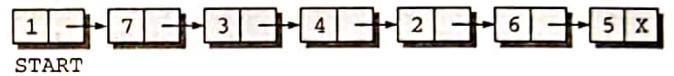
Case 3: The new node is inserted after a given node

Case 4: The new node is inserted before a given node

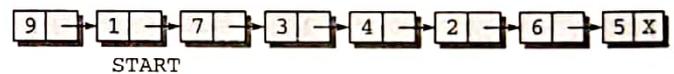
Case 5: The new node is inserted in a sorted linked list

Before we begin with the algorithms to do the insertion in all these five cases, let us first discuss an important term—OVERFLOW. Overflow is a condition that occurs when AVAIL = NULL or no free memory space is present in the system. This means that we want to add data to the data structure, but there is no memory space available to do so. When this condition prevails, the programmer must give an appropriate message.

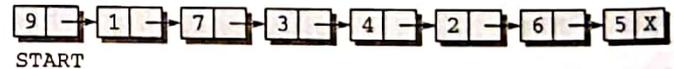
**Case 1** Consider the linked list shown in Figure 11.14. Suppose we want to add a new node with data 9 that as the first node of the list. Then the following changes will be done in the linked list.



Allocate memory for the new node and initialize its DATA part to 9.



Add the new node as the first node of the list. Now the NEXT part of the new node contains the address of START.



**Figure 11.14** Inserting an element at the beginning of a linked list

Figure 11.15 shows the algorithm to insert a new node at the beginning of a linked list. In Step 1, we first check whether memory is available for the new node. If the free memory has been exhausted then an OVERFLOW message is printed. Otherwise, if a free memory cell is available then we allocate space for the new node. Its DATA part is set with the given VAL and its NEXT part is initialized with the address of the first node of the list, which is stored in START. Now, since the new node is added as the first node of the list, it will now be known the START node, that is, the START pointer variable will now hold the address of the New\_Node.

```

Step 1: IF AVAIL = NULL, then
        Write OVERFLOW
        Go to Step 7
    [END OF IF]
Step 2: SET New_Node = AVAIL
Step 3: SET AVAIL = AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: SET New_Node->DATA = VAL
Step 5: SET New_Node->Next = START
Step 6: SET START = New_Node
Step 7: EXIT
    
```

**Figure 11.15** Algorithm to insert a new node at the beginning of a linked list

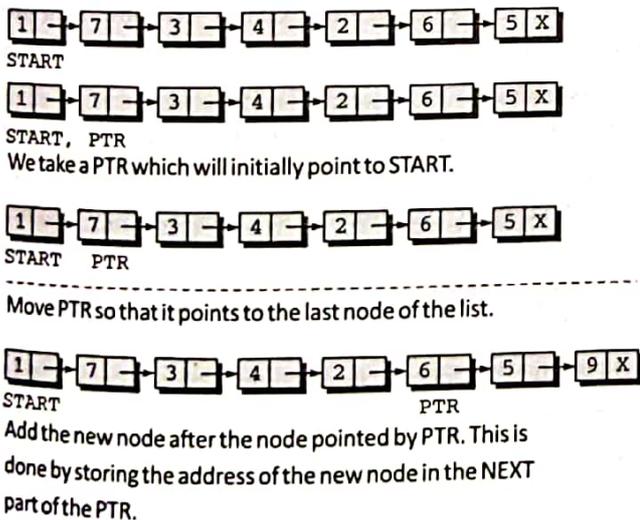
Note the two steps—

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Step 2: SET New_Node = AVAIL
Step 3: SET AVAIL = AVAIL->NEXT
    
```

These steps allocate memory for the new node. In C, functions such as malloc(), alloc(), and calloc() do this automatically on behalf of the user. We have already discussed these functions in Appendix B.

**Case 2** Consider the linked list shown in Figure 11.16. Suppose we want to add a new node with data 9 as the last node of the list. Then the following changes will be done in the linked list.



**Figure 11.16** Inserting an element at the end of a linked list

Figure 11.17 shows the algorithm to insert a new node at the end of the linked list. In Step 1, we first check whether memory is available for the new node. If the free memory has been exhausted then an OVERFLOW message is printed. Otherwise, if a free memory cell is available then we allocate space for the new node. Its DATA part with the given VAL and its NEXT part is initialized with NULL because this is the last node of the linked list.

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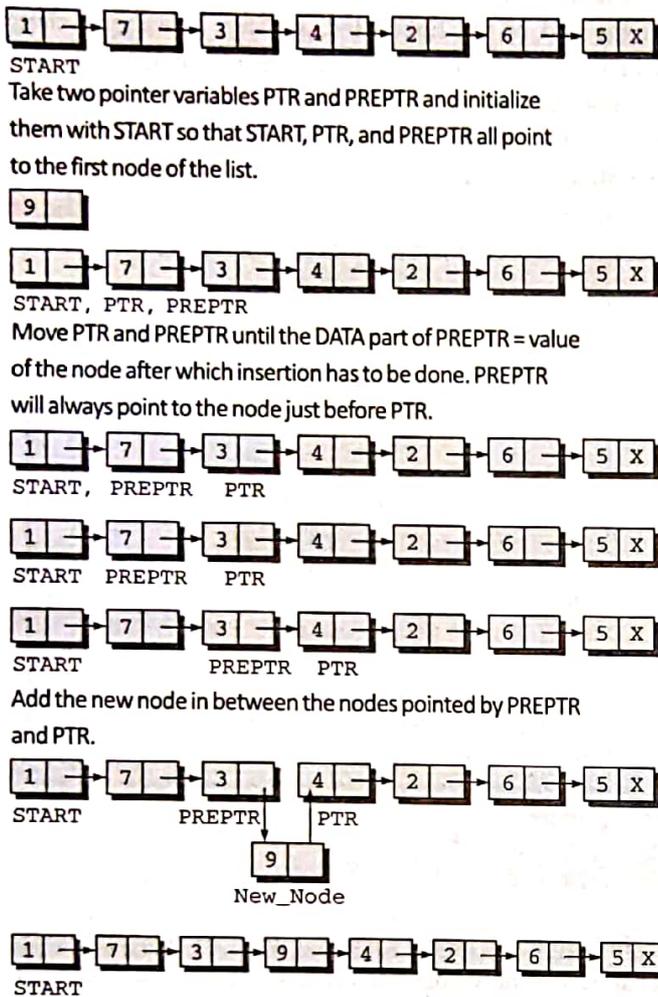
Step 1: IF AVAIL = NULL, then
        Write OVERFLOW
        Go to Step 10
    [END OF IF]
Step 2: SET New_Node = AVAIL
Step 3: SET AVAIL = AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: SET New_Node->DATA = VAL
Step 5: SET New_Node->Next = NULL
Step 6: SET PTR = START
Step 7: Repeat Step 8 while PTR->NEXT != NULL
Step 8:     SET PTR = PTR->NEXT
    [END OF LOOP]
Step 9: SET PTR->NEXT = New_Node
Step 10: EXIT
    
```

**Figure 11.17** Algorithm to insert a new node at the end of a linked list

In Step 6, we take a PTR and initialize it with START. That is, PTR now points to the first node of the linked list. In the while loop, we traverse through the linked list to reach the last node. Once we reach the last node, in Step 9, we change the NEXT pointer of the last node to store the address of the new node. Remember that the NEXT field of the new node contains NULL which signifies the end of the linked list.

**Case 3** Consider the linked list shown in Figure 11.18. Suppose that we want to add a new node with value 9 after the node containing data 3. Let us look at changes that will be done in the linked list; the algorithm to add the new node is given in Figure 11.19.

In Step 1, we first check whether memory is available for the new node. If the free memory has been exhausted then an OVERFLOW message is printed. Otherwise, if a free memory cell is available then we allocate space for the new node and set its DATA part with the given VAL.



**Figure 11.18** Inserting an element after a given node in the linked list

In Step 5, we take a PTR and initialize it with START. That is, PTR now points to the first node of the linked list. Then we take another pointer variable PREPTR which will be used to store the address of the node preceding PTR. Initially, PREPTR is initialized to PTR. So now, PTR, PREPTR, and START all point to the first node of the linked list.

In the while loop, we traverse through the linked list to reach the node that has its value equal to NUM. We need to reach this node because the new node will be inserted after this node. Once we reach this node, in Step 10, we change the NEXT pointers in such a way that a new node is inserted after the desired node.

```

Step 1: IF AVAIL = NULL, then
        Write OVERFLOW
        Go to Step 12
    [END OF IF]
Step 2: SET New_Node = AVAIL
Step 3: SET AVAIL = AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: SET New_Node->DATA = VAL
Step 5: SET PTR = START
Step 6: SET PREPTR = PTR
Step 7: Repeat Steps 8 and 9 while PREPTR->DATA != NUM
Step 8:     SET PREPTR = PTR
Step 9:     SET PTR = PTR->NEXT
    [END OF LOOP]
Step 10: PREPTR->NEXT = New_Node
Step 11: SET New_Node->NEXT = PTR
Step 12: EXIT
    
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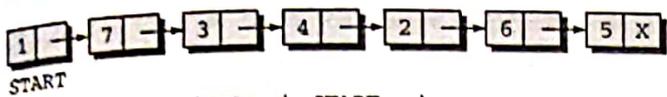
**Figure 11.19** Algorithm to insert a new node after a node that has value NUM

**Case 4** Consider the linked list shown in Figure 11.20. Suppose that we want to add a new node with value 9 before the node containing 3. Let us discuss the changes that will be done in the linked list.

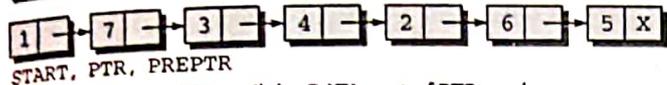
Figure 11.21 shows the algorithm to insert a new node before a given node. In Step 1, we first check whether memory is available for the new node. If the free memory has been exhausted then an OVERFLOW message is printed. Otherwise, if a free memory cell is available then we allocate space for the new node and set its DATA part with the given VAL.

In Step 5, we take a pointer variable PTR, and initialize it with START. That is, PTR now points to the first node of the linked list. Then we take another pointer variable PREPTR and initialize it with PTR. So now, PTR, PREPTR, and START all point to the first node of the linked list.

In the while loop, we traverse through the linked list to reach the node that has its value equal to NUM. We need to reach this node because the new node will be inserted before this node. Once we reach this node, in Step 10, we change the NEXT pointers in such a way that new node is inserted after the desired node.

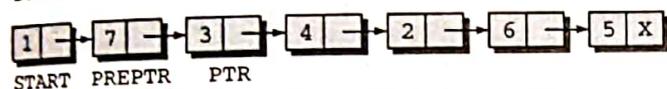
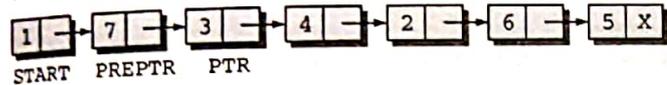


Initialize PREPTR and PTR to the START node.

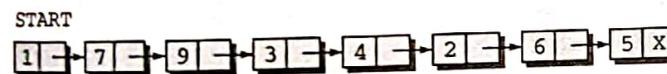
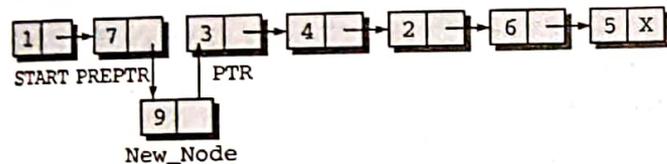


Move PTR and PREPTR until the DATA part of PTR = value of the node before which insertion has to be done.

PREPTR will always point to the node just before PTR.



Insert the new node in between the nodes pointed by PTR and PREPTR.



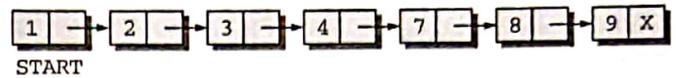
**Figure 11.20** Inserting an element before a given node in the linked list

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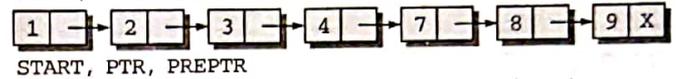
Step 1: IF AVAIL = NULL, then
        Write OVERFLOW
        Go to Step 12
    [END OF IF]
Step 2: SET New_Node = AVAIL
Step 3: SET AVAIL = AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: SET New_Node->DATA = VAL
Step 5: SET PTR = START
Step 6: SET PREPTR = PTR
Step 7: Repeat Steps 8 and 9 while PTR->DATA != NUM
Step 8:     SET PREPTR = PTR
Step 9:     SET PTR = PTR->NEXT
    [END OF LOOP]
Step 10: PREPTR->NEXT = New_Node
Step 11: SET New_Node->NEXT = PTR
Step 12: EXIT
    
```

**Figure 11.21** Algorithm to insert a new node before a node that has value NUM

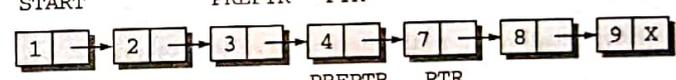
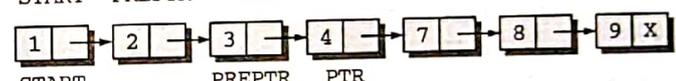
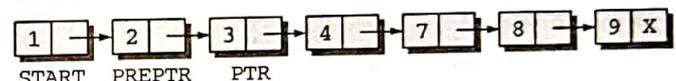
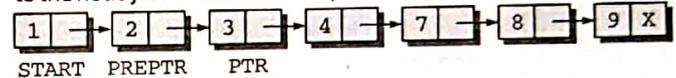
**Case 5** Consider the linked list shown in Figure 11.22. Suppose we want to add a new node with value 5, then let us first look at the changes that will be made to the linked list.



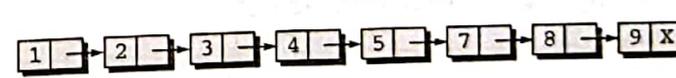
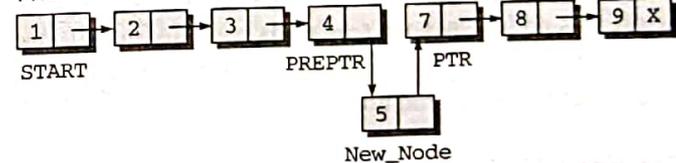
Take two pointer variables PTR and PREPTR so that initially both point to the START node.



Move PREPTR and PTR until you find the data part of a node whose value is greater than VAL. PREPTR will always point to the node just before the node pointed by PTR.



Insert the new node in between the nodes pointed by PREPTR and PTR



**Figure 11.22** Inserting an element in a sorted linked list

Figure 11.23 shows the algorithm to insert a new node in a sorted linked list. In Step 1, we first check whether memory is available for the new node. If the free memory has been exhausted then an OVERFLOW message is printed. Otherwise, if a free memory cell is available then we allocate space for the new node and set its DATA part with the given VAL.

```

Step 1: IF AVAIL = NULL, then
        Write OVERFLOW
        Go to Step 12
    [END OF IF]
Step 2: SET New_Node = AVAIL
Step 3: SET AVAIL = AVAIL->NEXT
Step 4: SET New_Node->DATA = VAL
Step 5: SET PTR = START
Step 6: SET PREPTR = PTR
Step 7: Repeat Steps 8 and 9 while PTR->DATA < VAL
Step 8:     SET PREPTR = PTR
Step 9:     SET PTR = PTR->NEXT
    [END OF LOOP]
Step 10: SET PREPTR->NEXT = New_Node
Step 11: SET New_Node->NEXT = PTR
Step 12: EXIT
    
```

**Figure 11.23** Algorithm to insert a new node in a sorted linked list

In Step 5, we take a pointer variable, PTR and initialize it with START. That is, PTR now points to the first node of the linked list. Then we take another pointer variable PREPTR and initialize it with PTR. So now, PREPTR, PTR, and START all point to the first node of the linked list.

In the while loop, we traverse through the linked list to reach the node that has its value equal to NUM. We need to reach this node because the new node will be inserted before this node. Once we reach this node, in Step 10, we change the NEXT pointers in such a way that new node is inserted after the desired node.

### Deleting a Node from a Linked List

In this section we will see how a new node is deleted from an already existing linked list. To illustrate this we will take five cases and see how the deletion is done in each case.

- Case 1: The first node is deleted
- Case 2: The last node is deleted
- Case 3: The node after the given node is deleted
- Case 4: A given node is deleted from a sorted linked list

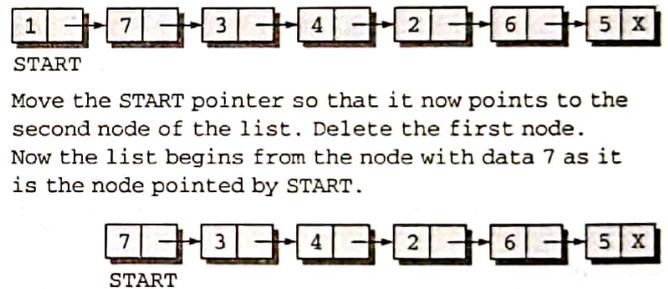
Before we begin with the algorithms to do the deletions in all these five cases, let us first discuss an important term—UNDERFLOW. Underflow is a condition that occurs when we try to delete a node from a linked list that

is empty. This happens when START=NULL or when there are no more nodes to delete.



When we delete a node from the linked list, we have to free the memory occupied by that node. The memory is returned back to the free pool so that it can be used to store other data. Whatever be the case of deletion, we always change the AVAIL pointer so that it points to the address which has been recently freed.

**Case 1** Consider the linked list in Figure 11.24. When we want to delete a node from the beginning of the list, then the following changes will be done in the linked list.



**Figure 11.24** Deleting the first node of a linked list

Figure 11.25 shows the algorithm to delete the first node from the linked list. In Step 1 of the algorithm, we check if the linked list exists. If START=NULL, then it signifies that there are no nodes in the list and the control is transferred to the last statement of the algorithm.

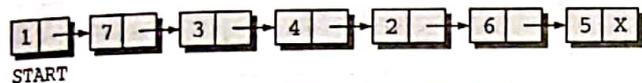
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Step 1: IF START = NULL, then
        Write UNDERFLOW
        Go to Step 5
    [END OF IF]
Step 2: SET PTR = START
Step 3: SET START = START->NEXT
Step 4: FREE PTR
Step 5: EXIT
    
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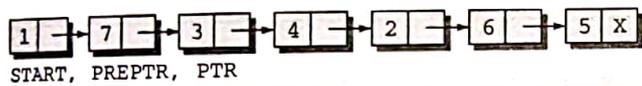
**Figure 11.25** Algorithm to delete the first node from a linked list

However, if there are nodes in the linked list, then we use a pointer variable that is set to point to the first node of the list. For this, we initiate PTR with START which stores the address of the first node of the list. In Step 3, START is made to point to the next node in sequence and finally the memory occupied by the node pointed by PTR (initially the first node of the list) is freed and returned to the free pool.

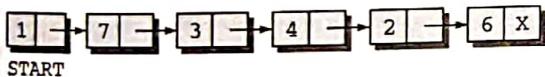
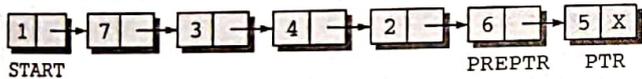
**Case 2** Consider the linked list shown in Figure 11.26. Suppose we want to delete the last node from the linked list, then the following changes will be done in the list.



We take two pointer variables PTR and PREPTR which will initially point to START



Move PTR and PREPTR in such a way that PTR points to the last node and PREPTR points to the second last node of the list.



The pointer variables will be moved to point to the last node of the list so that the memory occupied by it can be freed. We also store NULL in the last node (which was initially the second last node).

**Figure 11.26** Deleting the last node of a linked list

Figure 11.27 shows the algorithm to delete the first node from a linked list. In Step 1 of the algorithm, we check if the linked list exists. If START=NULL, then it signifies that there are no nodes in the list and the control is transferred to the last statement of the algorithm.

In Step 2, we take a pointer variable, PTR and initialize it to START. That is, PTR now points to the first node of the linked list. In the while loop, we take another pointer variable PREPTR such that it always points to one node before PTR. Once we reach the last and the second last nodes, we set the next pointer of the second last node to NULL, so that it now becomes the (new) last node of the linked list. The memory of the initial last node is freed and returned back to the free pool.

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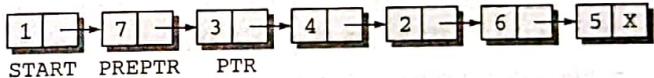
Step 1: IF START = NULL, then
        Write UNDERFLOW
        Go to Step 8
    [END OF IF]
Step 2: SET PTR = START
Step 3: Repeat Steps 4 and 5 while PTR->NEXT != NULL
Step 4:     SET PREPTR = PTR
Step 5:     SET PTR = PTR->NEXT
    [END OF LOOP]
Step 6: SET PREPTR->NEXT = NULL
Step 7: FREE PTR
Step 8: EXIT
    
```

**Figure 11.27** Algorithm to delete the last node from a linked list

**Case 3** Consider the linked list shown in Figure 11.28. Suppose we want to delete the node that succeeds the node which contains data value 4. Then the following changes will be done in the linked list.



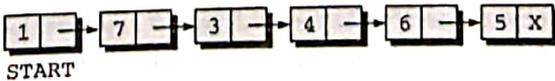
We take pointer variables PTR and PREPTR which initially point to START.



Move PTR and PREPTR until the data of the node pointed by PREPTR = the value of the node after which the deletion has to be done. PREPTR should always point to the node just before the node pointed by PTR.



The pointer variables will be moved to point to the nodes that contain VAL and the node succeeding it.



**Figure 11.28** Deleting the node after a given node in a linked list

Figure 11.29 shows the algorithm to delete the node after a given node from the linked list.

```

Step 1: IF START = NULL, then
        Write UNDERFLOW
        Go to Step 10
    [END OF IF]
Step 2: SET PTR = START
Step 3: SET PREPTR = PTR
Step 4: Repeat Steps 5 and 6 while PREPTR->DATA != NUM
Step 5:     SET PREPTR = PTR
Step 6:     SET PTR = PTR->NEXT
    [END OF LOOP]
Step 7: SET TEMP = PTR->NEXT
Step 8: SET PREPTR->NEXT = TEMP->NEXT
Step 9: FREE TEMP
Step 10: EXIT
    
```

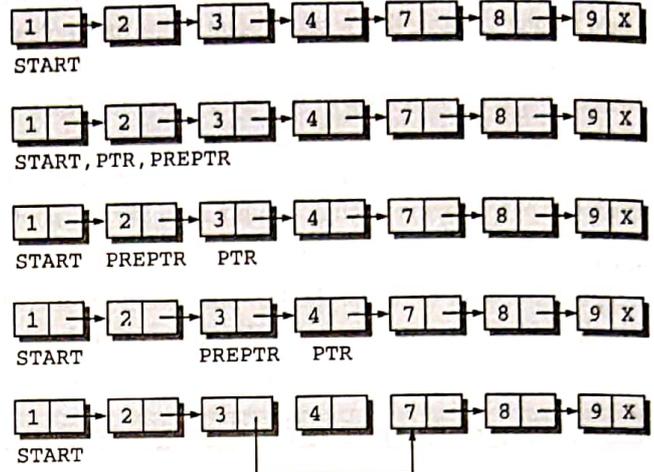
**Figure 11.29** Algorithm to delete the node after a given node from the linked list

In Step 1 of the algorithm, we check if the linked list exists. If  $START = NULL$ , then it signifies that there are no nodes in the list and the control is transferred to the last statement of the algorithm.

In Step 2, we take a pointer variable  $PTR$  and initialize it to  $START$ . That is,  $PTR$  now points to the first node of the linked list. In the while loop, we take another pointer variable  $PREPTR$  such that it always points to one node before  $PTR$ . Once we reach the node containing  $VAL$  and the node succeeding it, we set the  $NEXT$  pointer of the node containing  $VAL$  to the address contained in  $NEXT$  field of the node succeeding it. The memory of the node succeeding the given node is freed and returned back to the free pool.

**Case 4** Consider the linked list shown in Figure 11.30. Suppose we want to delete a node with value 4. Before discussing the changes that will be done in the linked list, let us first look at the algorithm.

Figure 11.31 shows the algorithm to delete a node from a sorted linked list. In Step 1 of the algorithm, we check if the linked list exists. If  $START = NULL$ , then it signifies that there are no nodes in the list and the control is transferred to the last statement of the algorithm.



**Figure 11.30** Deleting a given node from a linked list

```

Step 1: IF START = NULL, then
        Write UNDERFLOW
        Go to Step 9
    [END OF IF]
Step 2: SET PTR = START
Step 3: SET PREPTR = PTR
Step 4: Repeat Steps 5 and 6 while PTR->DATA != NUM
Step 5:     SET PREPTR = PTR
Step 6:     SET PTR = PTR->NEXT
    [END OF LOOP]
Step 6: PREPTR->NEXT = PTR->NEXT
Step 7: FREE PTR
Step 8: EXIT
    
```

**Figure 11.31** Algorithm to delete a given node from a sorted linked list

In Step 2, we take a pointer variable  $PTR$  and initialize it to  $START$ . That is,  $P$  now points to the first node of the linked list. In the while loop, we take another pointer variable  $PREPTR$  such that it always points to one node before the  $PTR$ . Once we reach the node containing  $VAL$  and the node preceding it, we set the next pointer of  $PREPTR$  so that it now stores the address of the node succeeding  $PTR$ . The memory of the node pointed by  $PTR$  is freed and returned back to the free pool.

1. Write a program to create a linked list, perform insertions of all cases, perform deletions in all cases, sort the linked list, and finally delete the entire list at once.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
struct node
{
    int data;
    struct node *next;
};
struct node *start=NULL;
struct node *create_ll(struct node *);
struct node *display(struct node *);
struct node *insert_beg(struct node *);
struct node *insert_end(struct node *);
struct node *insert_before(struct node *start);
struct node *insert_after(struct node *start);
struct node *insert_sorted(struct node *start);
struct node *delete_beg(struct node *);
struct node *delete_end(struct node *);
struct node *delete_node(struct node *start);
struct node *delete_after(struct node *start);
struct node *delete_sorted(struct node *start);
struct node *delete_list(struct node *start);
struct node *sort_list(struct node *start);
main()
{
    int option;
    clrscr();
    do
    {
        printf("\n\n ***** MAIN MENU *****");
        printf("\n 1: Create a list");
        printf("\n 2: Display the list");
        printf("\n 3: Add a node in the beginning");
        printf("\n 4: Add a node at the end");
        printf("\n 5: Add a node before a given node");
        printf("\n 6: Add after a given node");
        printf("\n 7. Add in a sorted linked list");
        printf("\n 8: Delete from the beginning");
        printf("\n 9: Delete from the end");
        printf("\n 10: Delete a given node");
        printf("\n 11: Delete before a given node");
        printf("\n 12: Delete from a sorted linked list");
        printf("\n 13: Delete the entire list");
        printf("\n 14: Sort the list");
        printf("\n 15: EXIT");
        printf("\n *****");
        printf("\n\n Enter your option: ");
        scanf("%d", &option);

```

```

switch(option)
{
    case 1:
        start=create_ll(start);
        printf("\n LINKED LIST CREATED");
        break;
    case 2:
        start=display(start);
        break;
    case 3:
        start=insert_beg(start);
        break;
    case 4:
        start=insert_end(start);
        break;
    case 5:
        start=insert_before(start);
        break;
    case 6:
        start=insert_after(start);
        break;
    case 7:
        start=insert_sorted(start);
        break;
    case 8:
        start=delete_beg(start);
        break;
    case 9:
        start=delete_end(start);
        break;
    case 10:
        start=delete_node(start);
        break;
    case 11:
        start=delete_after(start);
        break;
    case 12:
        start=delete_sorted(start);
        break;
    case 13:
        start=delete_list(start);
        printf("\n List is EMPTY");
        break;
    case 14:
        start=sort_list(start);
        break;
}
}while(option !=15);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

```

printf("\n Enter the value after which
the node has to deleted: ");
scanf("%d", &val);
ptr = start;
while(preptr->data != val)
{
    preptr = ptr;
    ptr = ptr->next;
}
preptr->next = ptr->next;
free(ptr);
return start;
}

struct node *delete_sorted(struct node *start)
{
    struct node *ptr, *preptr;
    int val;
    printf("\n Enter the value of the node
which has to be deleted: ");
    scanf("%d", &val);
    ptr = start;
    while(ptr->data != val)
    {
        preptr = ptr;
        ptr = ptr->next;
    }
    preptr->next = ptr->next;
    free(ptr);
    return start;
}

struct node *delete_list(struct node *start)
{
    struct node *ptr;
    ptr = start;
    while(ptr->next != NULL)
    {
        printf("\n %d is to be deleted next",
ptr->data);
        start = delete_beg(ptr);
        ptr = ptr->next;
    }
    return start;
}

struct node *sort_list(struct node *start)
{
    struct node *ptr1, *ptr2;

```

```

int temp;
ptr1 = start;
while(ptr1->next != NULL)
{
    ptr2 = ptr1->next;
    while(ptr2 != NULL)
    {
        if(ptr1->data > ptr2->data)
        {
            temp = ptr1->data;
            ptr1->data = ptr2->data;
            ptr2->data = temp;
        }
        ptr2 = ptr2->next;
    }
    ptr1 = ptr1->next;
}
return start;
}

```

#### Output

```

***** MAIN MENU *****
1: Create a list
2: Display the list
3: Add a node in the beginning
4: Add a node at the end
5: Add a node before a given node
6: Add after a given node
7. Add in a sorted linked list
8: Delete from the beginning
9: Delete from the end
10: Delete a given node
11: Delete before a given node
12: Delete from a sorted linked list
13: Delete the entire list
14: Sort the list
15: EXIT
*****
Enter your option : 1
Enter -1 to end
Enter the data : 1
Enter the data : 2
Enter the data : 3
Enter the data : 4
Enter the data : 5
Enter the data : -1

```

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***** MAIN MENU *****
1: Create a list
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5: Add a node before a given node
6: Add after a given node
7. Add in a sorted linked list
8: Delete from the beginning
9: Delete from the end
10: Delete a node a given node
11: Delete before a given node
12: Delete from a sorted linked list
13: Delete the entire list
14: Sort the list
15: EXIT
*****
Enter your option : 2
5 4 3 2 1
    
```

### 11.6 CIRCULAR LINKED LIST

In a *circular linked list*, the last node contains a pointer to the first node of the list. We can have a circular singly listed list as well as a circular doubly linked list. While traversing a circular linked list, we can begin at any node and traverse the list in any direction forward or backward until we reach the same node where we started. Thus, a circular linked list has no beginning and no end. Figure 11.32 shows a circular linked list.

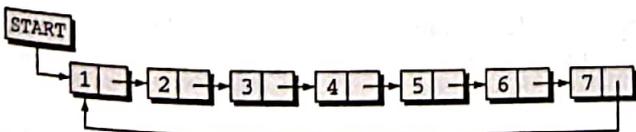


Figure 11.32 Circular linked list

The only disadvantage of a circular linked list is the complexity of iterations. Note that there is no storing of NULL values in the list.

Circular linked lists are widely used in operating systems for task maintenance. Let us consider another example where a circular linked list is used. When we are surfing the internet, we can use the Back and the Forward buttons to move to the earlier visited previous and the next pages,

respectively. How is this done? The answer is simple. A circular linked list is used to maintain the sequence of the web pages visited. Traversing this circular linked list either in the forward or backward direction helps to revisit the pages again using the Forward and Back buttons. Actually this is done using either a circular stack or a circular queue. We will read more about it in Chapter 12.

Let us view how a linked list is maintained in memory. In order to form a linked list we need a structure called node that has two fields—DATA and NEXT. The DATA field will store the information part and the NEXT field will store the address of the node in sequence. Consider Figure 11.33.

	DATA	NEXT
START 1	H	4
2		
3		
4	E	7
5		
6		
7	L	8
8	L	10
9		
10	O	1

Figure 11.33 Memory representation of a circular linked list

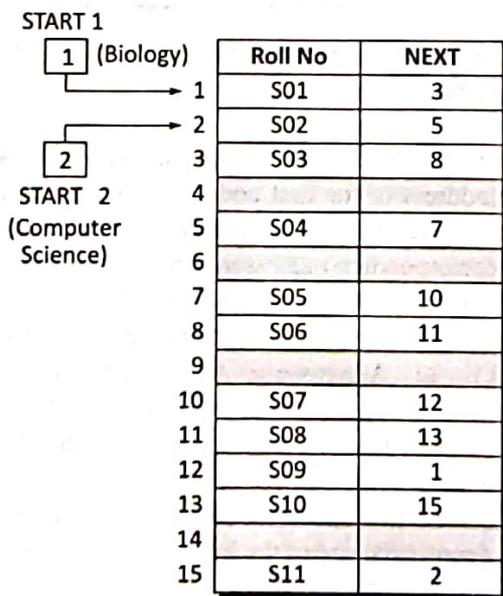
In the figure, we see that a variable START is used to store the address of the first node. Here in this example, START=1, so the first data is stored at address 1, which is 'H'. The corresponding NEXT stores the address of the next node, which is 3. So, we will look at address 3 to fetch the next data item. The second data element obtained from address 3 is 'E'. Again we see the corresponding NEXT, to go to the next node. From the entry in the NEXT, we get the next address, that is 7 and fetch 'L' as the data. We repeat this procedure until we reach a position where the NEXT entry contains 1 or the address of the first node of the list. This denotes the end of the linked list, that is, the node that contains the address of the first node is actually the last node of the list. When we traverse the DATA and NEXT fields in this manner, we will finally see that the linked list in this example stores characters which when put together form the word "HELLO".



The figure shows a chunk of memory locations whose addresses range from 1 to 10. The shaded portion contains data for other applications. Remember that the nodes of a linked list need not be in consecutive memory locations. In our example, the nodes for the linked list are stored at addresses 1, 4, 7, 8, and 10.

Let us take another example to see how two linked lists are maintained together in the computer's memory. For example, the students of class XI Science are asked to choose between Biology and Computer Science. Now we will maintain two linked lists one for each subject. That is, the first linked list will contain the roll numbers of all the students who have opted for Biology and the second list will contain roll numbers of the students who have chosen Computer Science.

Now, look at Figure 11.34. Two different linked lists are simultaneously maintained in the memory. There is no ambiguity in traversing through the list because each list maintains a separate *START* pointer which gives the address of the first node of the respective linked list. The other nodes are reached using the value stored in the corresponding *NEXT* field.

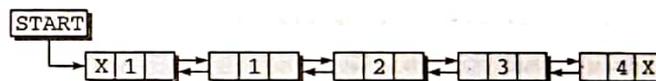


**Figure 11.34** Memory representation of two circular linked lists stored in memory simultaneously

By looking at the figure we can conclude that the roll numbers of the students who have opted for Biology are S01, S03, S06, S08, S10, and S11. Similarly, the roll number of the students who chose Computer Science are S02, S04, S05, S07, and S09.

### 11.7 DOUBLY LINKED LIST

A *doubly linked list* or a two-way linked list is a more complex type of linked list which contains a pointer to the next as well as the previous node in sequence. Therefore, it consists of three parts and not just two. The three parts are data, a pointer to the next node, and a pointer to the previous node (refer Figure 11.35).



**Figure 11.35** Doubly linked list

In C, the structure of a doubly linked list is given as,

```

struct node
{
    struct node *prev;
    int data;
    struct node *next;
};
    
```

The *prev* field of the first node and the *next* field of the last node contain *NULL*. The *prev* field is used to store the address of the preceding node. This would enable one to traverse the list in the backward direction as well.

Thus, we see that a doubly linked list calls for more space per node and for more expensive basic operations. However, a doubly linked list provides the ease to manipulate the elements of the list as it maintains pointers to nodes in both the directions (forward and backward). The main advantage of using a doubly linked list is that it makes searches twice as efficient. Let us view how a doubly linked list is maintained in memory. Consider Figure 11.36.

	DATA	PREV	NEXT
1	H	-1	3
2			
3	E	1	7
4			
5			
6			
7	L	3	8
8	L	7	10
9			
10	O	8	-1

**Figure 11.36** Memory representation of a doubly linked list

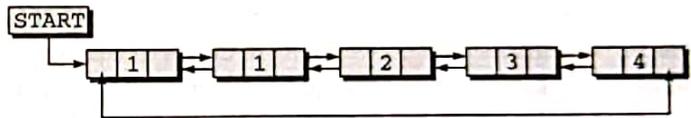
In the figure, we see that a variable `START` is used to store the address of the first node. Here in this example, `START=1`, so the first data is stored at address 1, which is 'H'. Since this is the first node, it has no previous node and hence stores `NULL` or `-1` in the `PREV` field. The corresponding `NEXT` stores the address of the next node, which is 3. So, we will look at address 3 to fetch the next data item. The `prev` field will contain the address of the first node. The second data element obtained from address 3 is 'E'. Again we see the corresponding `NEXT`, to go to the next node. From the entry in the `NEXT` field, we get the next address, that is 7 and fetch 'L' as the data. We repeat this procedure until we reach a position where the `NEXT` entry contains `-1` or `NULL`. This denotes the end of the linked list, that is, the node that contains the address of the first node is actually the last node of the list. When we traverse the `DATA` and `NEXT` fields in this manner, we will finally see that the linked list in this example stores characters which when put together form the word "HELLO".



The figure shows a chunk of memory locations whose addresses range from 1 to 10. The shaded portion contains data for other applications. Remember that the nodes of a linked list need not be in consecutive memory locations. In our example, the nodes for the linked list are stored at addresses 1, 3, 7, 8, and 10.

### 11.8 CIRCULAR DOUBLY LINKED LIST

A circular doubly linked list or a circular two-way linked list is a more complex type of linked list which contains a pointer to the next as well as the previous node in sequence. The difference between a doubly linked and a circular doubly linked list is the same as that between a singly linked list and a circular linked list. The circular doubly linked list does not contain `NULL` in the previous field of the first node and the next field of the last node. Rather, the next field of the last node stores the address of the first node of the list, i.e., `START`. Similarly, the previous field of the first field stores the address of the last node. A circular doubly linked list is shown in Figure 11.37.



**Figure 11.37** Circular doubly linked list

Since a circular doubly linked list contains three parts in its structure, it calls for more space per node and for more expensive basic operations. However, a circular doubly linked list provides the ease to manipulate the elements of the list as it maintains pointers to nodes in both the directions (forward and backward). The main advantage of using a circular doubly linked list is that it makes searches twice as efficient.

Let us view how a circular doubly linked list is maintained in memory. Consider Figure 11.38.

	DATA	PREV	NEXT
1	H	10	3
2			
3	E	1	7
4			
5			
6			
7	L	3	8
8	L	7	10
9			
10	O	8	1

**Figure 11.38** Memory representation of a circular doubly linked list

In the figure, we see that a variable `START` is used to store the address of the first node. Here in this example, `START=1`, so the first data is stored at address 1, which is 'H'. Since this is the first node, it stores the address of the last node of the list in its previous field. The corresponding `NEXT` field stores the address of the next node, which is 3. So, we will look at address 3 to fetch the next data item. The previous field will contain the address of the first node. The second data element obtained from address 3 is 'E'. Again we see the corresponding `NEXT`, to go to the next node. From the entry in the `NEXT` field, we get the next address, that is 7 and fetch 'L' as the data. We repeat this procedure until we reach a position where the `NEXT` entry stores the address of the first element of the list. This denotes the end of the linked list, that is, the node that contains the address of the first node is actually the last node of the list. When we traverse the `DATA` and `NEXT` fields in this manner, we will finally see that the linked list in the above example stores characters which when put together form the word "HELLO".

### 11.9 HEADER LINKED LIST

A header linked list is a special type of linked list which contains a header node at the beginning of the list. So, in a header linked list `START` will not point to the first node of the list but `START` will contain the address of the header node. There are basically two variants of a header linked list:

- grounded header linked list which stores `NULL` in the next field of the last node, and
- circular header linked list which stores the address of the header node in the next field of the last node. Here, the header node will denote the end of the list.

Look at the figure 11.39 which shows both these types of header linked lists.

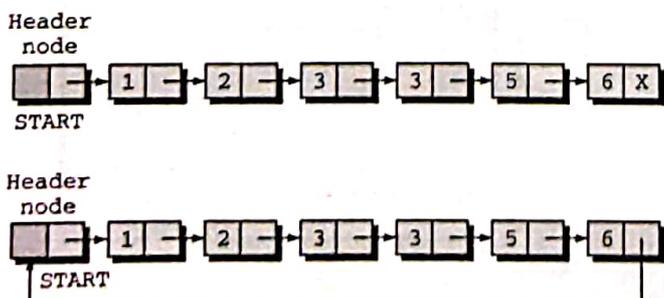


Figure 11.39 Header linked list

### Header Node

Similar to the other linked lists, if `START=NULL`, then this denotes an empty header linked list. Let us see how a grounded header linked list is stored in memory. In order to form a grounded header linked list we need a structure called node that has two fields—`DATA` and `NEXT`. The `DATA` field will store the information part and the `NEXT` field will store the address of the node in sequence. Consider Figure 11.40.

	DATA	NEXT
1	H	3
2		
3	E	7
4		
5	1234	1
6		
7	L	8
8	L	10
9		
10	O	-1

START points to address 5.

Figure 11.40 Memory representation of a header linked list

`START` stores the address of the header node. The shaded row denotes a header node. The `NEXT` field of the header node stores the address of the first node of the list. This node stores 'H'. The corresponding `NEXT` field stores the address of the next node, which is 3. So, we will look at address 3 to fetch the next data item. The second data element obtained from address 3 is 'E'. Again we see the corresponding `NEXT` field, to go to the next node. From the entry in the `NEXT`, we get the next address, that is 7 and fetch 'L' as the data. We repeat this procedure until we reach a position where the `NEXT` entry contains -1 or `NULL`, as this would denote the end of the linked list. When we traverse the `DATA` and `NEXT` in this manner, we will finally see that the linked list in the above example stores characters which when put together form the word "HELLO".

Hence, we see that the first node can be accessed by writing `first_node = START->NEXT` and not writing `START = first_node`. Because `START` points to the header node and the header node points to the first node of the header linked list.

Let us now see how a circular header linked list is stored in memory. Look at Figure 11.41.

	DATA	NEXT
1	H	3
2		
3	E	7
4		
5	1234	1
6		
7	L	8
8	L	10
9		
10	O	5

START  
5

**Figure 11.41** Memory representation of a circular header linked list

START stores the address of the header node. The shaded row denotes a header node. The NEXT field of the header

node stores the address of the first node of the list. This node stores 'H'. The corresponding NEXT field stores the address of the next node, which is 3. So, we will look at address 3 to fetch the next data item. The second data element obtained from address 3 is 'E'. Again we see the corresponding NEXT, to go to the next node. From the entry in the NEXT, we get the next address, that is 7 and fetch 'L' as the data. We repeat this procedure until we reach a position where the NEXT entry contains 5 or the address of the header node as this would denote the end of the circular header linked list. When we traverse the DATA and NEXT fields in this manner, we will finally see that the linked list in this example stores characters which when put together form the word "HELLO".

Hence, we see that the first node can be accessed by writing `first_node = START->NEXT` and not writing `START = first_node` as START points to the header node and the header node points to the first node of the header linked list.

## SUMMARY

- A linked list is a linear collection of data elements. These data elements are called nodes.
- A linked list is a data structure which in turn can be used to implement other data structures such as stacks, queues, and their variations. Linked lists contain a pointer variable *START*, which stores the address of the first node in the list.
- *AVAIL* stores the address of the first free space.
- Before we insert a new node in a linked list, we need to check for *OVERFLOW* condition, which occurs when *AVAIL=NULL* or no free memory cell is present in the system.
- Before we delete a node from a linked list, we must first check for the *UNDERFLOW* condition which occurs when we try to delete a node from a linked list that is empty. This happens when *START = NULL* or when there are no more nodes to delete when we attempt deletion.
- Note that when we delete a node from the linked list, we have to actually free the memory occupied by that node. The memory is returned to the free pool so that it can be used to store other useful programs and data. So whatever be the case of deletion, we always change the *AVAIL* pointer so that it points to the address that has been recently vacated.
- In a circular linked list, the last node contains a pointer to the first node of the list. While traversing a circular linked list, we can begin at any node and traverse the list in any direction forward or backward until we reach the same node where we had started.
- A doubly linked list or a two-way linked list is a more complex type of linked list which contains a pointer to the next as well as previous nodes in sequence. Therefore, it consists of three parts and not just two. The three parts are data, a pointer to the next node, and a pointer to the previous node.
- The *PREV* field of the first node and the *NEXT* field of the last node will contain *NULL*. The *PREV* field is used to store the address of the preceding node. This would enable traversing the list in the backward direction as well.
- Thus, we see that a doubly linked list calls for more space per node and for more expensive basic operations. However, a doubly linked list provides

## SUMMARY

the ease to manipulate the elements of the list as it maintains pointers to nodes in both the directions (forward and backward). The main advantage of using a doubly linked list is that it makes searches twice as efficient.

- A circular doubly linked list or a circular two-way linked list is a more complex type of linked list which contains a pointer to the next as well as the previous nodes in the sequence. The difference between a doubly linked and a circular doubly linked list is the same as that which exists between a singly linked list and a circular linked list. The

circular doubly linked list does not contain `NULL` in the previous field of the first node and the next field of the last node. Rather, the next field of the last node stores the address of the first node of the list, i.e, `START`. Similarly, the previous field of the first field stores the address of the last node.

- A header linked list is a special type of linked list which contains a header node at the beginning of the list. So, in a header linked list `START` will not point to the first node of the list but will contain the address of the header node.

## GLOSSARY

**Circular linked list** A type of a linked list in which the last node is linked to the head. The nodes of the list may be accessed starting at any item and following the links until one comes to the starting item again.

**Doubly linked list** A type of a linked list in which each node has a link to the previous item as well as the next. This enables ease of accessing the nodes backward as well as forward and deleting any node.

**Head** The first node of the list.

**Link** A reference, pointer, or access handle to another part of the data structure. It usually stores the memory

address of next node in the list.

**Linked list** A list in which each node has a link to the next node.

**Searching a linked list** Searching means to find a particular element in a linked list. The worst case complexity of searching an unsorted or a sorted linked list is  $O(n)$ .

**Traversing a linked list** Traversing means accessing the nodes of the list in order to perform some processing on them.

## EXERCISES

## Fill in the Blanks

- \_\_\_\_\_ is used to store the address of the first free memory location.
- The complexity to insert a node at the beginning of a linked list is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The complexity to delete a node from the end of a linked list is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Inserting a node in the beginning of a doubly linked list needs modification of \_\_\_\_\_ pointers.
- Inserting a node in the middle of a singly linked list needs modification of \_\_\_\_\_ pointers.
- Inserting a node at the end of a circular linked list needs modification of \_\_\_\_\_ pointers.
- Inserting a node in the beginning of a circular doubly linked list needs modification of \_\_\_\_\_ pointers.
- Deleting a node from the beginning of a singly linked list needs modification of \_\_\_\_\_ pointers.
- Deleting a node from the middle of a doubly linked list needs modification of \_\_\_\_\_ pointers.
- Deleting a node from the end of a circular linked list needs modification of \_\_\_\_\_ pointers.
- Each element in a linked list is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- The first node in the linked list is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Data elements in a linked list are known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- Overflow occurs when \_\_\_\_\_.
- In a circular linked list, the last node contains a pointer to the \_\_\_\_\_ node of the list.

**Multiple Choice Questions**

- A linked list is a
  - random access structure
  - sequential access structure
  - both
  - none of these
- An array is a
  - random access structure
  - sequential access structure
  - both
  - none of these
- Linked list is used to implement data structures such as
 

(a) Stacks	(b) Queues
(c) Trees	(d) all of these
- Which type of linked list contains a pointer to the next as well as the previous nodes in sequence?
  - singly linked list
  - circular linked list
  - doubly linked list
  - all of these
- Why is a doubly linked list more useful than a singly linked list?
- Give the advantages and uses of a circular linked list.
- Specify the use of a header node in a header linked list.
- Explain the difference between a circular linked list and a singly linked list.
- Write a program that removes all nodes that have duplicate information.
- Write a program to print the total number of occurrences of a given item in the linked list.
- Write a program to multiply every element of the linked list with 10.
- Write a program to print the number of non-zero elements in the list.
- Write a program that prints whether the given linked list is sorted (in ascending order) or not.
- Write a program that copies a circular linked list.
- Write a program to merge two linked lists.
- Write a program to sort the values stored in a doubly circular linked list.
- Form a linked list to store student's details.
- Use the linked list of the above question to insert the record of a new student in the list.
- Delete the record of a student with a specified roll number from the list maintained in question 14.
- Write a program to merge two sorted linked lists. The resultant list must also be sorted.
- Write a program to delete the first, last and middle node of a header linked list.
- Write a program to create a linked list from an already given list. The new linked list must contain every alternate element of the existing linked list.
- Given a linked list that contains alphabets. The alphabets may be in upper case or in lower case. Create two linked lists- one which stores upper case alphabets and the other that stores lower case characters.
- Write a program to concatenate two doubly linked lists.
- Write a program to delete the first element of a doubly linked list. Add this node as the last node of the list.

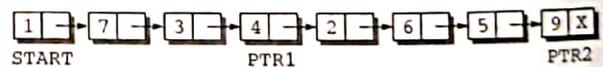
**State True or False**

- A linked list is a linear collection of data elements.
- A linked list can grow and shrink during run time.
- A node in a linked list can point to only one node at a time.
- A node in the singly linked list can reference the previous node.
- A linked list can store only integer values.
- Linked list is a random access structure.
- Deleting a node from a doubly linked list is easier than deleting it from a singly linked list.
- Every node in a linked list contains an integer part and a pointer.
- START pointer stores the address of the first node in the list.
- Underflow is a condition that occurs when we try to delete a node from a linked list that is empty.

**Review Questions**

- Make a comparison between a linked list and a linear array. Which one will you prefer to use and when?

23. Write a program to-
- Delete the first occurrence of a given character in a linked list
  - Delete the last occurrence of a given character
  - Delete all the occurrences of a given character
24. Write a program to reverse a linked list using recursion.
25. Write a program to input an n digit number. Now break this number into its individual digits and then store every single digit in a separate node thereby forming a linked list. For example, if you enter 12345, now there will 5 nodes in the list containing nodes with values- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
26. Write a program to sum the values of the nodes of a linked list and then calculate the mean.
27. Write a program that prints minimum and maximum value in a linked list that stores integer values.
28. Write a program to interchange the value of the first element with the last element, second element with second last element, so on and so forth of a doubly linked list.
29. Write a program to make the first element of singly linked list, the last element of the list.
30. Write a program to count the number of occurrences of a given value in a linked list.
31. Write a program that adds 10 to the values stored in the nodes of a doubly linked list.
32. Write a program to form a linked list of floating point numbers. Display the sum and mean of these numbers.
33. Write a program to delete the  $k^{\text{th}}$  node from a linked list.
34. Write a program to perform deletions in all the cases of a circular header linked list.
35. Write a program to multiply a polynomial with a given number.
36. Write a program to count the number of non-zero values in a circular linked list.
37. Write a program to create a linked list which stores the details of a student. Read and print the information stored in such a list.
38. Modify program 29 so that it displays the record of a given student only.
39. Create a linked list which stores names of the employees. Then sort these names and re-display the contents of the linked list.
40. Write a program to create a linked list which stores the details of employees in a department. Insert information about a new employee. Using the structure created in program 29, write a program to delete a student's information from the list.
41. Use the linked list of Question 40 and delete information about an existing employee.
42. Why are linked lists more preferred than using arrays?
43. Write a program to create a singly linked list and reverse the list by interchanging the links and not the data.
44. Write a program that prints the nth element from the end of a linked list in a single pass.
45. Write a program that creates a singly linked list. Use a function isSorted that returns 1 if the list is sorted and 0 otherwise.
46. Write a program to interchange the kth and the (k+1)th node of a circular doubly linked list.
47. Write a program to create a header linked list.
48. Write a program to delete a node from a circular header linked list.
49. Write a program to delete all nodes from a header linked list that has negative values in its data part.
50. Consider the linked list given below and deduce the correct option:



(a) PTR1 -> NEXT -> NEXT -> DATA = ?

- 3
- 2
- 4
- 6

(b) To delete a linked list, set START = ?

- PTR1
- NULL
- PTR2
- START -> NEXT

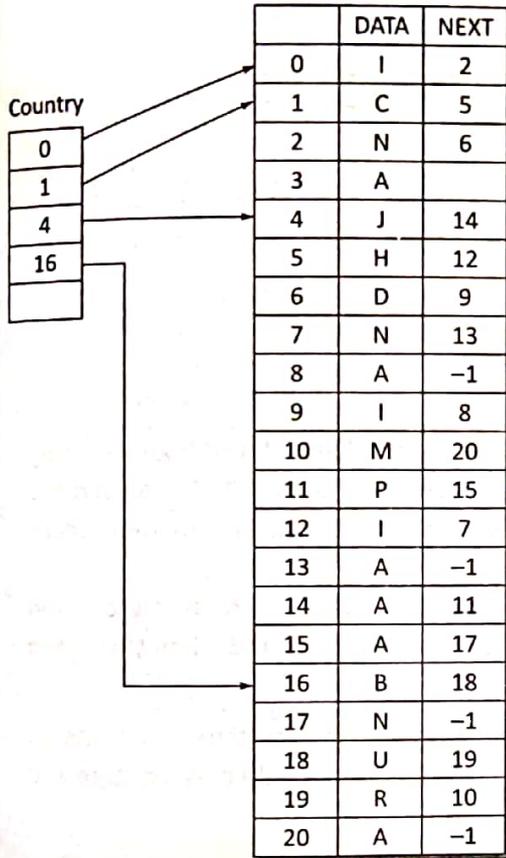
51. Given following names of students in a class, show the memory representation of the linked list in memory provided that the names should be sorted in alphabetical order.

NAMES = Mary, Joe, Adam, Navya, Arshiya, Karan, Sehej, Riyansh, Priya

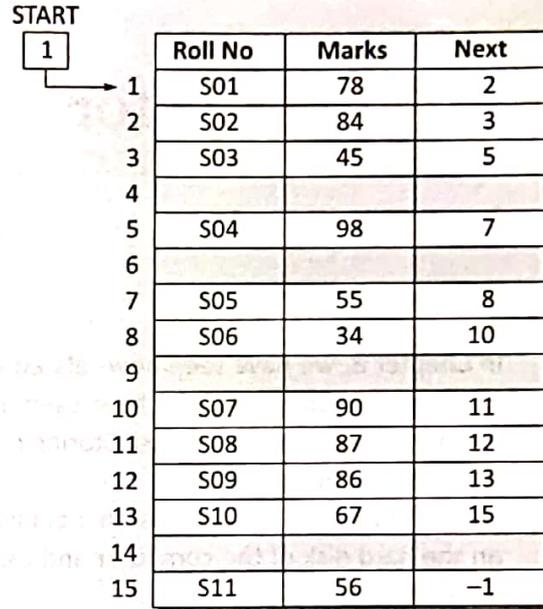
Hint: Set the START and NEXT pointer accordingly

EXERCISES

52. Look at the figure given below and find out the names of countries that are stored in memory using linked lists.



54. Given the memory representation of a linked list of student shown below, give the changes that will have to be done to the representation when a new record is added. Also show the changes when the record of S04 is deleted.





# Case Study

## for Chapters 8, 9, and 11

In Chapter 8, we have seen how related information can be grouped and stored together using structures. In Chapter 11 we have seen that a number of records that are related to each other can be stored using a linked list. Storing records using linked lists helps to preserve memory space and is much more efficient.

Finally to store the records on a persistent storage area we can use files. The files are stored on the hard disk of the computer and can be brought into the memory as and when their need arises.

1. Using all this information, write a program for implementing a telephone directory. Write an application for storing the names and phone numbers in a file. Use a linked list to store and retrieve data.

```
# include <conio.h>
# include <stdio.h>
# include <alloc.h>
# include <string.h>

struct node
{
    int num;
    char name[15];
    struct node *next;
};

struct node *start;
FILE *fp;

struct node *get_record()
{
    struct node *ptr;
    ptr = (struct node*)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
    fread(&ptr, sizeof(struct node), 1, fp);
    printf("\n NUM = %d \t NAME = %s", ptr->num, ptr->name);
    ptr->next = NULL;
    return ptr;
}

struct node *get_node()
```

```

{
struct node *ptr;
  ptr = (struct node*)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
  printf("\n Enter the phone number : ");
  scanf("%d",&ptr->num);
  printf("\n Enter the Name : ");
  scanf("%s",&ptr->name);
  ptr->next = NULL;
  return ptr;
}
struct node *search_record(int id,int *flag)
{
  struct node *cur = start,*prev = NULL;
  *flag = 0;
  if(start == NULL)
    return NULL;
  while(start != NULL)
  {
    if(cur->num == id)
    {
      *flag = 1;
      break;
    }
    prev = cur;
    cur = cur->next;
  }
  return prev;
}
int insert_node(struct node *new_node)
{
  struct node *prev;
  int flag;
  prev = search_record(new_node->num, &flag);
  if(start == NULL)
  {
    start = new_node;
    return -1;
  }
  if(flag == 1)
    return -1;
  else
  {
    new_node->next = prev->next;
    prev->next = new_node;
  }
  return 0;
}
void display()
{
  struct node *ptr;
  int i = 0;
  if(start == NULL)

```

```
    {
        printf("\n LIST IS EMPTY");
        return;
    }
    printf("\n RECORDS : ");
    ptr = start;
    while(ptr != NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Record no. %d", i+1);
        printf("\n \t PHONE NUMBER: %d", ptr->num);
        printf("\n \t NAME : %s", ptr->name);
        i++;
        ptr = ptr->next;
    }
}

int delete_node(int id)
{
    struct node *prev, *ptr, *temp;
    int flag = 0;

    if(start == NULL)
        return -1;

    prev = search_record(id, &flag);

    if(flag == 0)
        return -1;

    if(prev == NULL)
    {
        ptr = start;
        start = start->next;
        free(ptr);
    }
    else
    {
        temp = prev->next;
        prev->next = temp->next;
        free(temp);
    }
    return 0;
}

struct node *query_record(int id, char *flag, int option)
{
    struct node *cur, *prev = NULL;
    int x = 0;
    if(start == NULL)
        return NULL;
    cur = start;
    if(option)
    {
        while(cur != NULL)
        {
```

```

    if(cur->num == id)
    {
        x=1;
        break;
    }
    prev = cur;
    cur = cur->next;
}
}
else
{
    while(cur != NULL)
    {
        if(!strcmp(cur->name, flag))
        {
            x=1;
            break;
        }
        prev = cur;
        cur = cur->next;
    }
}
    if(x == 0)
    {
        printf("\n The record does not exist");
        return NULL;
    }
return cur;
}
void backup()
{
    FILE *fp;
    struct node *ptr;
    fp = fopen("PHONE_NUMBERS.TXT", "w");
    ptr = start;
    if(ptr == NULL)
    {
        printf("The list is empty, nothing to write back...");
        return;
    }
    while(ptr != NULL)
    {
        fprintf(fp, "%d %s", ptr->num, ptr->name);
        ptr = ptr->next;
    }
    fclose(fp);
}
void main()
{
    int option = 0, pno;
    int flag = 0;
    char str[15], search_name[20];

```

```
struct node *new_node;
clrscr();

fp = fopen("PHONE_NUMBERS.TXT", "r");

if (fp == NULL)
{
    printf("File cant be opened!");
    getch();
    exit(1);
}
while (!feof(fp))
{
    new_node = get_record();
    if (insert_node(new_node) == -1)
        printf("\n The new node could not be inserted");
    else
        printf("\n Record Added.");
}
getch();
fclose(fp);
do
{
    clrscr();
    printf("\n\n ***** MAIN MENU *****");
    printf("\n 1. Add Record");
    printf("\n 2. Delete Record");
    printf("\n 3. Display Records");
    printf("\n 4. Edit Record");
    printf("\n 5. Exit.");
    printf("\n Enter your option : ");
    scanf("%d", &option);

    switch(option)
    {
        case 1:
            new_node = get_node();
            flag = insert_node(new_node);
            if (flag == -1)
                printf("\n Record already exists");
            else
                printf("\n Record Added");
            break;

        case 2:
            printf("\n Enter the phone no. to be deleted");
            scanf("%d", &pno);
            flag = delete_node(pno);
            if (flag == -1)
                printf("\n Record does not exist");
            if (flag == 0)
                printf("Record deleted !");
            break;
```

```
case 3:
    display();
    break;

case 4:
    printf("\n Search by phone no. or Name ? (1/2)");
    scanf("%d",&option);
    if(option == 1)
    {
        printf("\n Enter the phone no. to be searched : ");
        scanf("%d",&pno);
        new_node = query_record(pno,&str,1);
    }
    else
    {
        printf("\n Enter the name to be searched : ");
        scanf("%s",&str);
        new_node = query_record(0,&str,0);
    }
    if(new_node)
    {
        printf("\n Enter the new name : ");
        scanf("%s",&new_node->name);
        printf("\n Enter new phone no. : ");
        scanf("%d",&new_node->num);
        printf("\n Record modified successfully !");
    }
    break;

case 5:
    printf("\n Copying the database to the file");
    backup();
    getch();
    free(start);
    exit(1);
    break;
}
getch();
}while(1);
}
```

### Output

```
***** MAIN MENU *****
1. Add Record
2. Delete Record
3. Display Records
4. Edit Record
5. Exit.
Enter your option : 1
Enter the phone number : 9871123456
Enter the Name : Goransh Bathla
Record Added
```

# 12

## Stacks and Queues

### Learning Objective

Stacks and queues are abstract data types. They can be implemented using either a linear array or a linked list. In this chapter, we will read about these data structures and the applications and operations associated with them. We will also learn how we can implement stacks and queues using arrays as well as linked lists. Apart from simple queues, we have different types of queues such as priority queues, circular queues, dequeues, etc. This chapter deals with all these types in detail.

### 12.1 STACKS

Stacks are important data structures which store their elements in an ordered manner. Take an analogy: you must have seen a pile of plates where one plate is placed on top of the other as shown in Figure 12.1. Now, whenever you want to remove a plate, you will remove the topmost plate first. Hence, you can add and remove the element (plate) only at/from one position, i.e., the topmost position.

Same is the case with stacks. A stack is a linear data structure that can be implemented either using an array or a linked list. The elements in a stack are added and removed only from one end, which is called top. Hence, a stack is called a LIFO (Last In First Out) data structure as the element that was inserted last is the first one to be taken out.

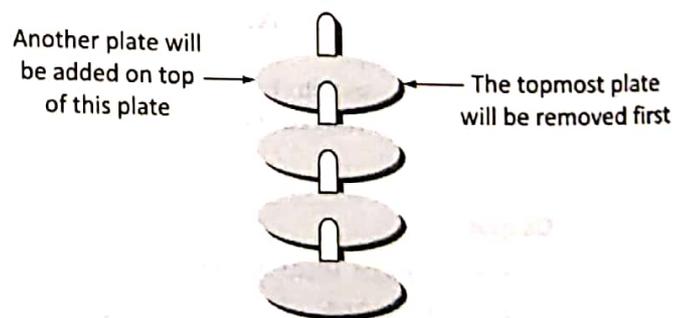


Figure 12.1 Stack of plates

Now the big question is where do we need stacks in computer science? The answer to this question is in function calls. Consider an example, where we are executing function A. In the course of its execution, function A calls

another function B. Now function B calls another function C which in turn calls function D. Finally, function D calls another function E.

This scenario can be viewed in the form of a stack. Whenever a function calls another function, the calling function is pushed on to the top of the stack. This is because after the called function gets executed, the control will be passed back to the calling function. Look at Figure 12.2, which depicts this concept.

Now when function E is executed, function D will be removed from the top of the stack and executed. Once function D gets executed completely, function C will be removed from the stack for execution. The whole procedure will be repeated until all the functions

get executed completely. Let us see the stack after each function is executed. This is shown in Figure 12.3.

Here, the stack ensures a proper execution order of functions. Therefore, stacks are frequently used in situations where the order of processing of data is very important, especially when the processing needs to be postponed until other conditions are fulfilled.

## 12.2 ARRAY REPRESENTATION OF STACKS

In computer memory, stacks can be represented as a linear array. Every stack has a variable TOP associated with it. TOP is used to store the address of the topmost element of the

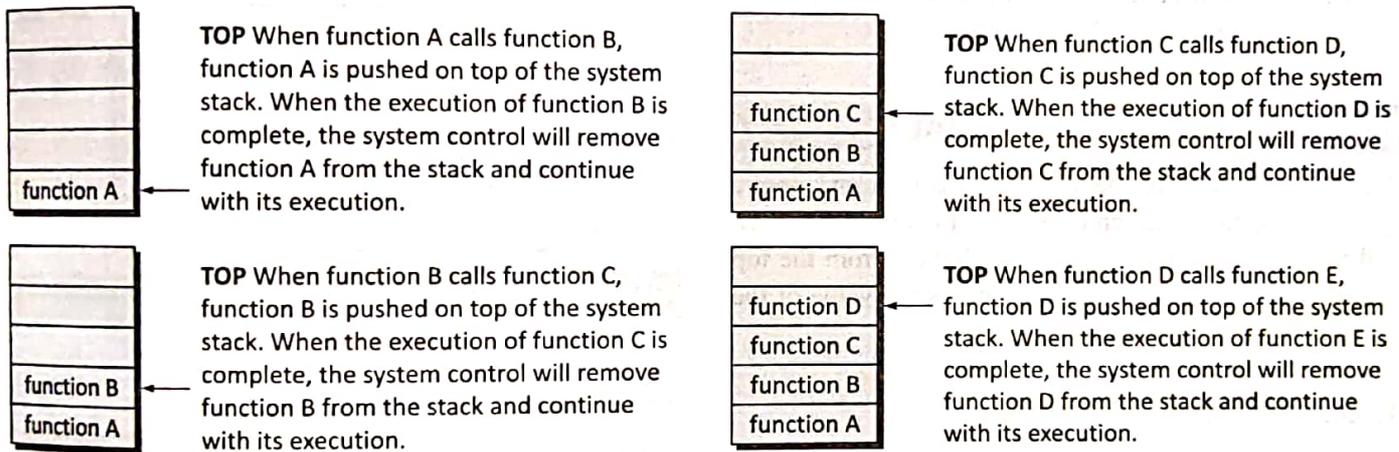


Figure 12.2 System stack in case of function calls

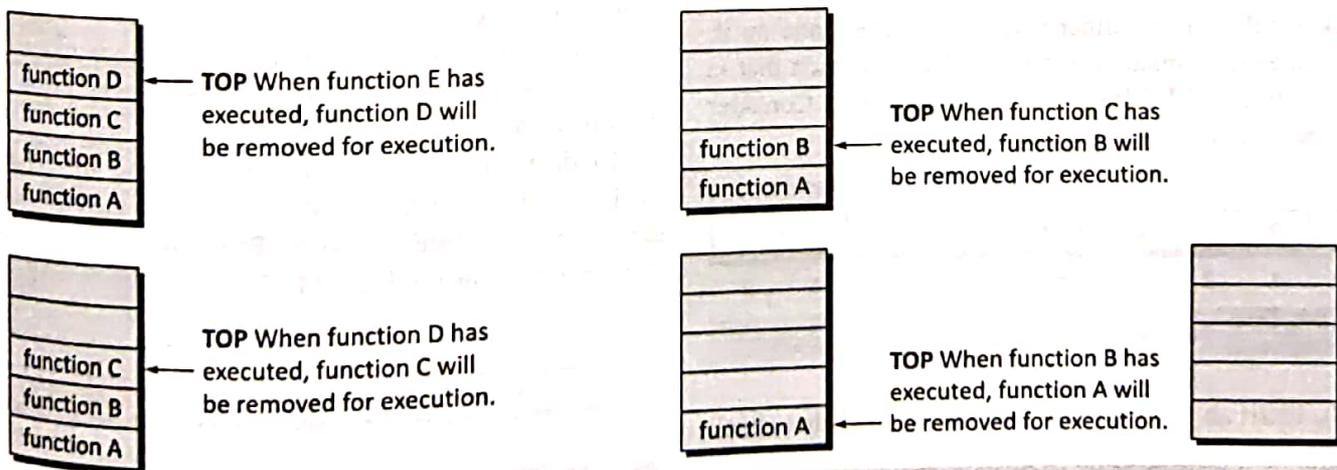


Figure 12.3 System stack when a called function returns to the calling function

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```

else
{
    top++;
    st[top]=val;
}
}
int pop(int st[])
{
    int val;
    if(top == -1)
    {
        printf("\n STACK UNDERFLOW");
        return -1;
    }
    else
    {
        val = st[top];
        top -- ;
        return val;
    }
}
void display(int st[])
{
    int i;
    if(top == -1)
        printf("\n STACK IS EMPTY");
    else
    {
        for(i = top; i >= 0; i --)
            printf("\n%d", st[i]);
    }
}
int peep(int st[])
{
    if(top == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n STACK IS EMPTY");
        return -1;
    }
    else
        return (st[top]);
}

```

**Output**

```

*****MAIN MENU*****
1. PUSH
2. POP

```

```

3. PEEP
4. DISPLAY
5. EXIT
*****
Enter your option: 1
Enter the number to be pushed on to the
stack: 1
*****MAIN MENU*****
1. PUSH
2. POP
3. PEEP
4. DISPLAY
5. EXIT
*****
Enter your option: 1
Enter the number to be pushed on to the
stack: 2
*****MAIN MENU*****
1. PUSH
2. POP
3. PEEK
4. DISPLAY
5. EXIT
*****
Enter your option: 4
2
1

```

**12.4 INFIX, POSTFIX, AND PREFIX NOTATIONS**

Infix, postfix, and prefix notations are three different but equivalent notations of writing algebraic expressions. However, before learning about the prefix and postfix notations, let us first see what an infix notation is. We all are familiar with the infix notation of writing algebraic expressions. While writing an arithmetic expression using the infix notation, the operator is placed between the operands. For example,  $A + B$ ; here, the plus operator is placed between the two operands  $A$  and  $B$ . Although we find it easy to write expressions using the infix notation, computers find them difficult to parse as they need a lot of information such as operator precedence, associativity rules, and brackets, which dictate the rules, to evaluate the expression. So, computers work more efficiently with expressions written using prefix and postfix notations.

*Postfix notation* was given by Jan Lukasiewicz who was a Polish logician, mathematician, and philosopher. His aim was to develop a parenthesis-free prefix notation (also known as Polish notation) and a postfix notation which is better known as Reverse Polish Notation or RPN.

In the postfix notation, as the name suggests, the operator is placed after the operands. For example, if an expression is written as  $A + B$  in infix notation, the same expression can be written  $AB+$  in the postfix notation. The order of evaluation of a postfix expression is always from left to right. Even brackets cannot alter the order of evaluation. Similarly, the expression  $(A + B) * C$  is written as —

$$AB+] * C$$

$AB+C*$  in the postfix notation.

A postfix operation does not even follow the rules of operator precedence. The operator that occurs first in the expression is operated first on the operands. For example, given a postfix notation  $AB+C*$ ; while evaluation, addition will be performed prior to multiplication.

**Example 12.1** Convert the following infix expressions into postfix expressions.

(a) Infix expression:  $(A - B) * (C + D)$

$$AB-] * [CD+]$$

$$AB - CD+*$$

(b) Infix expression:  $(A+B) / (C+D) - (D * E)$

$$[AB+] / [CD+] - [DE*]$$

$$[AB+CD+ /] - [DE*]$$

$$AB+CD+ / DE*-$$

Thus, we see that in a postfix notation, operators are applied to the operands that are immediately to their left. In the example,  $AB+C*$ ,  $+$  is applied on  $A$  and  $B$ , then  $*$  is applied on the result of addition and  $C$ .

Although a prefix notation is also evaluated from left to right, the only difference between a postfix notation and a prefix notation is that in a prefix notation, the operator is placed before the operands. For example, if  $A + B$  is an expression in the infix notation, then the corresponding expression in the prefix notation is given by  $+AB$ .

While evaluating a prefix expression, the operators are applied to the operands that are present immediately on the right of the operator. Like postfix, prefix expressions also do not follow the rules of operator precedence and associativity; even brackets cannot alter the order of evaluation.

**Example 12.2** Convert the following infix expressions into prefix expressions.

(a) Infix expression:  $(A + B) * C$

$$(+AB) * C$$

$$*+ABC$$

(b) Infix expression:  $(A - B) * (C + D)$

$$[-AB] * [+CD]$$

$$*-AB + CD$$

(c) Infix expression:  $(A + B) / (C + D) - (D * E)$

$$[+AB] / [+CD] - [*DE]$$

$$[ / +AB+CD] - [*DE]$$

$$- / +AB+CD * DE$$

## 12.5 EVALUATION OF AN INFIX EXPRESSION

The ease of evaluation acts as the driving force for computers to translate an infix notation into a postfix notation. That is, given an algebraic expression written in infix notation, the computer first converts the expression into the equivalent postfix notation and then evaluates the postfix expression.

Both these tasks, i.e., converting the infix notation into postfix notation and evaluating the postfix expression make extensive use of stacks as the primary tool.

### Step 1: Convert the infix expression into its equivalent postfix expression

Let  $I$  be an algebraic expression written in infix notation.  $I$  may contain parentheses, operands, and operators. For simplicity of the algorithm, we will use only  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ ,  $/$ , and  $\%$  operators. The precedence of these operators can be given as

Higher priority:  $*$ ,  $/$ ,  $\%$

Lower priority:  $+$ ,  $-$

The order of evaluation of these operators can be changed by making use of parentheses. For example, if we have an expression  $A + B * C$ , first  $B * C$  will be evaluated and then the result will be added to  $A$ . However, the same expression if written as  $(A + B) * C$ , will evaluate  $A + B$  first and then the result will be multiplied with  $C$ .

The algorithm that transforms an infix expression into a postfix expression is shown in Figure 12.11. The algorithm

accepts an infix expression that may contain operators, operands, and parentheses. For simplicity, we assume that the infix operation contains only exponentiation (^), multiplication (\*), division (/), addition (+), and subtraction (-) operators and that operators with the same precedence are performed from left-to-right.

The algorithm uses a stack to temporarily hold operators. The postfix expression is obtained from left to the right using the operands from the infix expression and the operators that are removed from the stack. The first step in this algorithm is to push a left parenthesis on the stack and add a corresponding right parenthesis at the end of the infix expression. The algorithm is repeated until the stack is empty.

Step 1: Add ")" to the end of the infix expression  
 Step 2: Push "(" on to the stack  
 Step 3: Repeat until each character in the infix notation is scanned  
     IF a "(" is encountered, push it on the stack  
     IF an operand (whether a digit or an alphabet) is encountered, add it to the postfix expression.  
     IF a ")" is encountered, then  
         a. repeatedly pop from stack and add it to the postfix expression until a "(" is encountered.  
         b. discard the "(", i.e., remove the "(" from the stack and do not add it to the postfix expression  
     IF an operator O is encountered, then  
         a. repeatedly pop from stack and add each operator (popped from the stack) to the postfix expression until it has the same precedence or a higher precedence than O  
         b. push the operator O to the stack  
     [END OF IF]  
 Step 4: Repeatedly pop from the stack and add it to the postfix expression until the stack is empty  
 Step 5: EXIT

**Figure 12.11** Algorithm to convert infix notation to postfix

**Example 12.3** Convert the following infix expression into postfix expression using the algorithm given in Figure 12.11.

$$A - ( B / C + ( D \% E * F ) / G ) * H$$

$$A - ( B / C + ( D \% E * F ) / G ) * H$$

Infix character scanned	Stack	Postfix expression
	(	
A	(	A
-	( -	A
(	( - (	A
B	( - (	AB
/	( - (/	AB
C	( - (/	ABC
+	( - (+	ABC/
(	( - (+ (	ABC/
D	( - (+ (	ABC/D
%	( - (+ (%	ABC/D
E	( - (+ (%	ABC/DE
*	( - (+ (% *	ABC/DE
F	( - (+ (% *	ABC/DEF
)	( - (+	ABC/DEF*%
/	( - (+/	ABC/DEF*%
G	( - (+/	ABC/DEF*%G
)	( -	ABC/DEF*%G/+
*	( - *	ABC/DEF*%G/+
H	( - *	ABC/DEF*%G/+H
)		ABC/DEF*%G/+H*-

2. Write a program to convert an infix expression into its equivalent postfix notation.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#define MAX 100

char st[MAX];
int top = -1;
void push(char st[], char);
char pop(char st[]);
void InfixtoPostfix(char source[], char target[]);
int getPriority(char);
main()
{
    char infix[100], postfix[100];
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any infix expression: ");
    fflush(stdin);
    gets(infix);
```

```

strcpy(postfix, "");
InfixtoPostfix(infix, postfix);
printf("\n The corresponding postfix
expression is: ");
puts(postfix);
getch();
return 0;
}
void InfixtoPostfix(char source[], char
target[])
{
int i = 0, j = 0;
char temp;
strcpy(target, "");
while(source[i] != '\0')
{
if(source[i] == '(')
{
push(st, source[i]);
i++;
}
else if(source[i] == ')')
{
while((top != -1) && (st[top] != '('))
{
target[j] = pop(st);
j++;
}
if(top == -1)
{
printf("\n INCORRECT EXPRESSION");
exit(1);
}
temp = pop(st); //remove left paranthesis
i++;
}
else if(isdigit(source[i]) || isalpha
(source[i]))
{
target[j] = source[i];
j++;
i++;
}
else if( source[i] == '+' || source[i]
== '-' || source[i] == '*' ||
source[i] == '/' || source[i]
== '%')
{

```

```

while((top != -1) && (st[top] != '(') &&
(getPriority(st[top]) > getPriority
(source[i])))
{
target[j] = pop(st);
j++;
}
push(st, source[i]);
i++;
}
else
{
printf("\n INCORRECT ELEMENT IN
EXPRESSION");
exit(1);
}
}
while((top != -1) && (st[top] != '('))
{
target[j] = pop(st);
j++;
}
target[j] = '\0';
}
int getPriority (char op)
{
if(op == '/' || op == '*' || op == '%')
return 1;
else if(op == '+' || op == '-')
return 0;
}
void push(char st[], char val)
{
if(top == MAX -1)
printf("\n STACK OVERFLOW");
else
{
top++;
st[top] = val;
}
}
char pop(char st[])
{
char val = ' ';
if(top == -1)
printf("\n STACK UNDERFLOW");
else
{

```

```

    val = st[top];
    top--;
}
return val;
}

```

**Output**

Enter any infix expression: (A-B) \* (C+D)  
 The corresponding postfix expression is: AB - CD+\*

**Step 2: Evaluate the postfix expression**

Using stacks, any postfix expression can be evaluated very easily. Every character of the postfix expression is scanned from left to right. If the character encountered is an operand, it is pushed on to the stack. However, if an operator is encountered, then the top two values are popped from the stack and the operator is applied on these values. The result is then pushed on to the stack. Let us look at Figure 12.12, which shows the algorithm to evaluate a postfix expression.

**Step 1:** Add a ")" at the end of the postfix expression

**Step 2:** Scan every character of the postfix expression and repeat Steps 3 and 4 until ")" is encountered

**Step 3:** IF an operand is encountered, push it on the stack  
 IF an operator O is encountered, then

- a. pop the top two elements from the stack as A and B
- b. evaluate B O A, where A was the topmost element and B was the element below A.
- c. push the result of evaluation on the stack

[END OF IF]

**Step 4:** SET RESULT equal to the topmost element of the stack

**Step 5:** EXIT

**Figure 12.12** Algorithm to evaluate a postfix expression

Let us now take an example that makes use of this algorithm. Consider the infix expression given as "9 - ((3 \* 4) + 8) / 4". Evaluate the expression.

The infix expression "9 - ((3 \* 4) + 8) / 4" can be written as "9 3 4 \* 8 + 4 / =" using postfix notation. Look at Table 12.1 which shows the procedure.

**Table 12.1** Evaluation of a postfix expression

Character scanned	Stack
9	9
3	9,3
4	9,3,4
*	9,12
8	9,12,8
+	9,20
4	9,20,4
/	9,5
-	4

**3. Write a program to evaluate a postfix expression.**

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#define MAX 100

float st[MAX];
int top=-1;

void push(float st[], float val);
float pop(float st[]);
float evaluatePostfixExp(char exp[]);

main()
{
    float val;
    char exp[100];
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any postfix expression: ");
    fflush(stdin);
    gets(exp);
    val = evaluatePostfixExp(exp);
    printf("\n Value of the postfix expression = %.2f", val);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

float evaluatePostfixExp(char exp[])
{
    int i=0;
    float op1, op2, value;
    while(exp[i] != '\0')
    {
        if(isdigit(exp[i]))

```

```

push(st, (float)(exp[i] - '0'));
else
{
op2 = pop(st);
op1 = pop(st);
switch(exp[i])
{
case '+':
value = op1 + op2;
break;
case '-':
value = op1 - op2;
break;
case '/':
value = op1/op2;
break;
case '*':
value = op1 * op2;
break;
case '%':
value = (int)op1 % (int)op2;
break;
}
push(st, value);
}
i++;
}
return(pop(st));
}
void push(float st[], float val)
{
if(top == MAX - 1)
printf("\n STACK OVERFLOW");
else
{
top++;
st[top] = val;
}
}
float pop(float st[])
{
float val = -1;
if(top == -1)
printf("\n STACK UNDERFLOW");
else
{
val = st[top];
top--;
}
}

```

```

return val;
}

```

### Output

Enter any postfix expression: 9 - ((3\*4)+8)/4  
Value of the postfix expression = 14.00

## 12.6 CONVERT INFIX EXPRESSION TO PREFIX EXPRESSION

There are two algorithms to convert an infix expression into its equivalent prefix expression. These two algorithms are given in Figures 12.13 and 12.14.

### First Algorithm

- Step 1: Scan each character in the infix expression. For this, repeat Steps 2-8 until the end of infix expression
- Step 2: Push the operator into the operator stack, operand into the operand stack, and ignore all the left parentheses until a right parenthesis is encountered.
- Step 3: Pop operand 2 from the operand stack
- Step 4: Pop operand 1 from the operand stack
- Step 5: Pop operator from the operator stack
- Step 6: Concatenate operator and operand 1
- Step 7: Concatenate the result with operand 2
- Step 8: Push the result into the operand stack

**Figure 12.13** Algorithm to convert an infix expression into a prefix expression

The corresponding prefix expression is obtained in the operand stack.

### Second Algorithm

- Step 1: Reverse the infix string. Note that while reversing the string you must interchange the left and right parentheses
- Step 2: Obtain the corresponding postfix expression of the infix expression obtained as a result of Step 1
- Step 3: Reverse the postfix expression to get the prefix expression

**Figure 12.14** Algorithm to convert an infix expression into a prefix expression

For example, given an infix expression—  $(A - B/C) * (A/K - L)$

*Step 1:* Reverse the infix string. Note that while reversing the string you must interchange the left and right parentheses.

$$(L - K/A) * (C/B - A)$$

*Step 2:* Obtain the corresponding postfix expression of the infix expression obtained as a result of Step 1.

The expression is:  $(L - K/A) * (C/B - A)$

Therefore,  $[L - (KA/)] * [(CB/) - A]$

$$= [LKA/-] * [CB/A-]$$

$$= LKA/-CB/A-*$$

*Step 3:* Reverse the postfix expression to get the prefix expression.

Therefore, the prefix expression is  $* -A/B C - / AKL$

4. Write a program to convert an infix expression to a prefix expression.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <string.h>
#define MAX 100

char st[MAX];
int top=-1;
void reverse(char str[]);
void push(char st[], char);
char pop(char st[]);
void InfixtoPostfix(char source[], char
    target []);
int getPriority(char);
char infix[100], postfix[100], temp[100];
main()
{
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any infix expression: ");
    fflush(stdin);
    gets(infix);
    reverse(infix);
    puts(temp);
    strcpy(postfix, "");
    InfixtoPostfix(temp, postfix);
    printf("\n The corresponding postfix
        expression is: ");
    puts(postfix);
    strcpy(temp, "");
    reverse(postfix);
```

```
printf("\n The prefix expression is: \n");
puts(temp);
getch();
return 0;
}
void reverse(char str[])
{
    int len, i = 0, j = 0;;
    len = strlen(str);
    j = len -1;
    while(j >= 0)
    {
        if (str[j] == '(')
            temp[i] = ')';
        else if (str[j] == ')')
            temp[i] = '(';
        else
            temp[i] = str[j];
        i++, j--;
    }
    temp[i]='\0';
}
void InfixtoPostfix(char source[], char
    target [])
{
    int i = 0, j = 0;
    char temp;
    strcpy(target, "");
    while(source[i] != '\0')
    {
        if(source[i]=='(')
        {
            push(st, source[i]);
            i++;
        }
        else if(source[i] == ')')
        {
            while((top != -1) && (st[top] != '('))
            {
                target[j] = pop(st);
                j++;
            }
            if(top == -1)
            {
                printf("\n INCORRECT EXPRESSION");
                exit(1);
            }
            temp = pop(st); //remove left paranthesis
            i++;
        }
    }
}
```

```

else if(isdigit(source[i]) || isalpha
        (source[i]))
{
    target[j] = source[i];
    j++;
    i++;
}
else if(source[i] == '+' || source[i] == '-'
        || source[i] == '*' || source[i]
        == '/' || source[i] == '%')
{
    while((top != -1) && (st[top] != '(')
        && (getPriority(st[top]) >
        getPriority(source[i])))
    {
        target[j] = pop(st);
        j++;
    }
    push(st, source[i]);
    i++;
}
else
{
    printf("\n INCORRECT ELEMENT IN
        EXPRESSION");
    exit(1);
}
}
while((top != -1) && (st[top] != '('))
{
    target[j] = pop(st);
    j++;
}
target[j] = '\0';
}
int getPriority(char op)
{
    if(op == '/' || op == '*' || op == '%')
        return 1;
    else if(op == '+' || op == '-')
        return 0;
}
void push(char st[], char val)
{
    if(top == MAX - 1)
        printf("\n STACK OVERFLOW");
    else
    {
        top++;

```

```

        st[top] = val;
    }
}
char pop(char st[])
{
    char val = ' ';
    if(top == -1)
        printf("\n STACK UNDERFLOW");
    else
    {
        val = st[top];
        top--;
    }
    return val;
}

```

### Output

Enter any infix expression: (A + B)/(C + D) - (D \* E)  
 The corresponding postfix expression is:  
 -/+AB+CD\*DE

## 12.7 APPLICATIONS OF STACK

Stack data structure is widely used to do the following:

- Reverse the order of data (we have already seen its example in recursion).
- Convert an infix expression into a postfix expression.
- Convert a postfix expression into an infix expression.
- Backtracking problem.
- System stack is used in every recursive function.
- Convert a decimal number into its binary equivalent.

## 12.8 QUEUES

Like stacks, queues are also one of the important data structures which store their elements in an ordered manner. Consider, the following analogies.

- People moving in an escalator. The people who got on the escalator first will be the first one to step off of it.
- People waiting for bus. The first person standing in the line will be the first one to get into the bus.
- People standing outside the ticketing window of a cinema hall. The first person in the line will get the ticket first and thus will be the first one to move out of it.

- Luggage kept on conveyor belts. The bag which was placed first will be the first to come out at the other end.
- Cars lined for filling petrol. The car which came first will be filled first.
- Cars lined at a toll bridge. The first car to reach the bridge will be the first to leave.

In all these examples, we see that the element at the first position is served first (Figure 12.15). Whenever a new car arrives at the petrol station, it is added at the end of the line (at one end of the queue). Similarly, when petrol is filled the first car in the line leaves the queue and moves away (from the other end of the queue). Same is the case with the queue data structure. A queue is a FIFO (First In First Out) data structure in which the element that was inserted first is the first one to be taken out. The elements in a queue are added at one end called the *rear* and removed from the other end called the *front*.



Figure 12.15 Queue

Queues can be implemented using either arrays or linked lists. In this section, we will see how queues are implemented using each of these data structures.

### 12.9 OPERATIONS ON A QUEUE

Queues can easily be represented using linear arrays. As stated earlier, every queue will have *front* and *rear* variables that will point to the position from where deletions and insertions, respectively, can be performed. Consider a queue shown in Figure 12.16.

12	9	7	18	14	36				
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Figure 12.16 An example of queue

Here, *front* = 0 and *rear* = 5. If we want to add one more value in the list, say, 45, then *rear* would be incremented by 1 and the value would be stored at the position pointed by *rear*. The queue after addition would appear as shown in Figure 12.17.

12	9	7	18	14	36	45			
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Figure 12.17 Queue after insertion of a new element

Here, *front* = 0 and *rear* = 6. Every time a new element has to be added, we will repeat the same procedure.

Now, if we want to delete an element from the queue, then the value of *front* will be incremented. Deletions are done from only this end of the queue. The queue after deletion will be as shown in Figure 12.18.

	9	7	18	14	36	45			
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Figure 12.18 Queue after deletion of an element

Here, *front* = 1 and *rear* = 6.

However, before inserting an element in the queue we must check for overflow conditions. An overflow will occur when we try to insert an element into a queue that is already full. When *rear* = *MAX* - 1, where *MAX* is the size of the queue, i.e., *MAX* specifies the maximum number of elements that the queue can hold. Note that we have written *MAX* - 1, because the index starts from 0.

Similarly, before deleting an element from the queue, we must check for underflow condition. An underflow condition occurs when we try to delete an element from a queue that is already empty. If *front* = -1 and *rear* = -1, this means there is no element in the queue. Figures 12.19 and 12.20 show the algorithms to insert and delete an element from a queue.

```

Step 1: IF REAR = MAX-1, then;
        Write OVERFLOW
        [END OF IF]
Step 2: IF FRONT == -1 and REAR = -1, then
        SET FRONT = REAR = 0
        ELSE
        SET REAR = REAR + 1
        [END OF IF]
Step 3: SET QUEUE[REAR] = NUM
Step 4: Exit

```

**Figure 12.19** Algorithm to insert an element in a queue

Figure 12.19 shows the algorithm to insert an element in the queue. In Step 1, we first check for the overflow condition. In Step 2, we check if the queue is empty. In case the queue is initially empty, then the values of FRONT and REAR are set to zero, so that the new value can be stored at the zero<sup>th</sup> location. Otherwise, if the queue already has some values, then REAR is incremented so that it points to the next free location in the array. In Step 3, the value is stored in the queue array at the location pointed by REAR.

```

Step 1: IF FRONT = -1 OR FRONT > REAR, then
        Write UNDERFLOW
        ELSE
        SET FRONT = FRONT + 1
        SET VAL = QUEUE[FRONT]
        [END OF IF]
Step 2: Exit

```

**Figure 12.20** Algorithm to delete an element from a queue

### 5. Write a program to implement a linear queue.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#define MAX 10
int queue[MAX];
int front = -1, rear = -1;
void insert(void);
int delete_element(void);
int peep(void);
void display(void);
main()
{
    int option, val;
    clrscr();

```

```

do
{
    printf("\n\n ***** MAIN MENU *****");
    printf("\n 1. Insert an element");
    printf("\n 2. Delete an element");
    printf("\n 3. Peep");
    printf("\n 4. Display the queue");
    printf("\n 5. EXIT");
    printf("\n *****");
    printf("\n\n Enter your option: ");
    scanf("%d", &option);
    switch(option)
    {
        case 1:
            insert();
            break;
        case 2:
            val = delete_element();
            printf("\n The number that was
                deleted is: %d", val);
            break;
        case 3:
            val = peep();
            printf("\n The first value in the
                queue is: %d", val);
            break;
        case 4:
            display();
            break;
    }
}while(option != 5);
getch();
return 0;
}

```

```

void insert()
{
    int num;
    printf("\n Enter the number to be
        inserted in the queue: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    if(rear == MAX-1)
        printf("\n OVERFLOW");
    if(front == -1 && rear == -1)
        front = rear = 0;
    else
        rear++;
    queue[rear] = num;
}
int delete_element()
{
    int val;
    if(front == -1 || front > rear)

```

```

    {
        printf("\n UNDERFLOW");
        return -1;
    }
    else
    {
        val = queue[front];
        front++;
        return val;
    }
}
int peep()
{
    return queue[front];
}
void display()
{
    int i;
    printf("\n");
    for(i = front; i <= rear; i++)
        printf("\t %d", queue[i]);
}

```

Output

```

*****MAIN MENU*****
1. INSERT

```

```

2. DELETE
3. PEEP
4. DISPLAY
5. EXIT
*****
Enter your option: 1
Enter the number to be inserted in the
queue: 1
*****MAIN MENU*****
1. INSERT
2. DELETE
3. PEEP
4. DISPLAY
5. EXIT
*****
Enter your option: 1
Enter the number to be inserted in the queue: 2
*****MAIN MENU*****
1. INSERT
2. DELETE
3. PEEP
4. DISPLAY
5. EXIT
*****
Enter your option: 4
1 2

```

SUMMARY

- A stack is a linear data structure in which elements are added and removed only from one end, which is called top. Hence, a stack is called a LIFO data structure as the element that was inserted last is the first one to be taken out.
- In postfix notation, the operator is placed after the operands, whereas, in the prefix notation, the operator is placed before the operands.
- Postfix notations are evaluated using stacks. Every character of the postfix expression is scanned from left to right. If the character is an operand, it is pushed on to the stack. If it is an operator, then the top two values are popped from the stack and the operator is applied on these values. The result is then pushed on to the stack.
- A queue is a FIFO data structure in which the element that was inserted first is the first one to be taken out. The elements in a queue are added at one end called rear and removed from the other end called front. In a circular queue, the first index comes right after the last index.
- The storage requirement of a linked representation of a stack/queue with n elements is O(n) and the typical time requirement for operations is O(1).
- Multiple stacks/queues means having more than one stack/queue in the same array of sufficient size.
- A dequeue is a list in which elements can be inserted or deleted at either ends. It is also known as a head-tail linked list, because elements can be added to or removed from the front(head) or back (tail). However, no element can be added or deleted from the middle. In computer memory, a dequeue is implemented either using a circular array or a circular doubly linked list.
- Two variants of dequeue are: Input restricted dequeue in which insertions can be done only at one end while deletions can be done from both the ends and output restricted dequeue in which deletions can be done only at one end while insertions can be done at both the ends.
- A priority queue is an abstract data type in which each element is assigned a priority. The priority of the element will be used to determine the order in which these elements will be processed.
- When a priority queue is implemented using a linked list, every node of the list will have three parts: (i) the information or data part, (ii) the priority number of the element, and (iii) the address of the next element.

**Backtracking** It is concerned with finding a solution by trying one of the several choices. If the choice proves incorrect, computation *backtracks* or restarts at the point of this choice and tries another choice. For this, choice points and alternate choices are maintained.

**First in first out** A policy in which items are processed in the order of arrival.

**Last in last out** A policy in which the most recently arrived item is processed first.

**Queue** A collection of items in which only the first item added may be accessed first. Basic operations are added to the rear (enqueue) and deleted from the front (dequeue). Queue is also known as a 'first-in, first-out' or FIFO data structure.

**Stack** A collection of items in which only the most recently added item may be removed. The latest added item is at the top. Basic operations are push and pop. It is also known as a 'last-in, first-out' or LIFO data structure.

### Fill in the Blanks

- New nodes are added at \_\_\_\_\_ of the queue.
- \_\_\_\_\_ allows insertion of elements at either ends but not in the middle.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is used to convert an infix expression into a postfix expression.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is used in a non-recursive implementation of a recursive algorithm.
- In \_\_\_\_\_, insertions can be done only at one end while deletions can be done from both the ends.
- Underflow takes below when \_\_\_\_\_.
- The order of evaluation of a postfix expression is from \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ are appropriate data structures used to process batch computer programs submitted to a computer centre.
- \_\_\_\_\_ are appropriate data structures used to process a list of employees who have a contract for a seniority system for hiring and firing.
- A line in a grocery store represents a
  - stack
  - queue
  - linked list
  - array
- In a queue, insertion is done at
  - rear
  - front
  - back
  - top
- Reverse Polish notation is the other name of
  - infix expression
  - prefix expression
  - postfix expression

### State True or False

- A queue stores elements in a such manner that the first element is at the beginning of the list and the last element is at the end of the list.
- The operation `pop()` is used to add an element on the top of the stack.
- Postfix operation does not follow the rules of operator precedence.

### Multiple Choice Questions

- Stack is a
  - LIFO
  - FIFO
  - FILO
  - LILO
- Which function places an element on the stack?
  - `pop()`
  - `push()`
  - `peep()`
  - `isEmpty()`
- Disks piled up one above the other represents a
  - stack
  - queue
  - linked list
  - array

### Review Questions

- Write a program to calculate the number of items in a queue?
- What do you understand by stack overflow? Write a program to implement a stack using a linear array that checks for stack overflow condition before inserting elements into it.
- Differentiate between an array and a stack.
- How does linked stack differ from a linear stack?

# Case Study

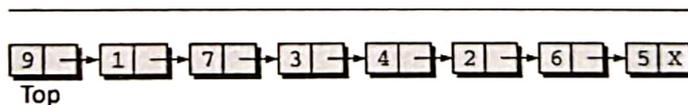
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We have seen how a stack is created using an array. Although this technique of creating a stack is easy, the drawback is that the array must be declared to have some fixed size. In case, the stack is a very small one or its maximum size is known in advance, then array implementation of the stack gives an efficient implementation. However, if the array size cannot be determined in advance, the other alternative, linked representation is used.

In a linked stack, every node has two parts—one that stores data and the other that stores the address of the next node. The *START* pointer of the linked list is used as *TOP*. All insertions and deletions are done at one end, i.e., at the node pointed by *TOP*. If *TOP = NULL*, then it indicates that the stack is empty.

### Operations on a Stack

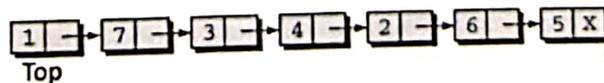
A linked stack supports all three stack operations, i.e., push, pop, and peep. Consider the linked stack shown in Figure I.



**Figure I** Linked stack

### Push Operation

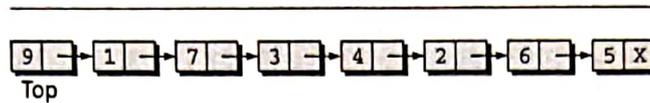
The push operation is used to insert an element in to the stack. The new element is added at the topmost position of the stack. Consider the linked stack shown in Figure II.



**Figure II** Linked stack

## Linked Stack

To insert an element with value 9, we will first check if  $TOP = NULL$ . If  $TOP$  is equal to  $NULL$ , then we will allocate memory for a new node, store the value in its data part and  $NULL$  in its next part. The new node will then be named as  $TOP$ . However, if  $TOP \neq NULL$ , then we will insert the new node at the beginning of the linked stack and name this new node as  $TOP$ . Thus, the updated stack becomes as shown in Figure III.

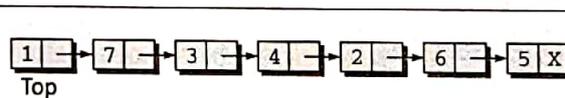


**Figure III** Linked stack after inserting a new node

## Pop Operation

The pop operation is used to delete the topmost element from the stack. However, before deleting the value, we must first check if  $TOP = NULL$ , because if this is the case then it means that the stack is empty and no more deletions can be done. If an attempt is made to delete a value from a stack that is already empty, an **UNDERFLOW** message is printed. Consider the stack shown in Figure I.

In case  $TOP \neq NULL$ , then we will delete the first node pointed by  $TOP$ .  $TOP$  will now point to second element of the linked stack. Thus, the updated stack becomes as shown in Figure IV.



**Figure IV** Linked stack after deletion of the topmost element

### 1. Write a program to implement a linked stack.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
struct stack
{
    int data;
    struct stack *next;
};
struct stack *top = NULL;
struct stack *push(struct stack *, int);
struct stack *display(struct stack *);
struct stack *pop(struct stack *);
int peep(struct stack *);
main()
{
    int val, option;
    clrscr();
    do
    {
        printf("\n *****MAIN MENU*****");
        printf("\n 1. PUSH");
    }
  
```

```

printf("\n 2. POP");
printf("\n 3. Peep");
printf("\n 4. DISPLAY");
printf("\n 5. EXIT");
printf("\n *****");
printf("\n\n Enter your option: ");
scanf("%d", &option);
switch(option)
{
    case 1:
        printf("\n Enter the number to be pushed on to the stack: ");
        scanf("%d", &val);
        top = push(top, val);
        break;
    case 2:
        top = pop(top);
        break;
    case 3:
        val = peep(top);
        printf("\n The value stored at the top of the stack is: %d", val);
        break;
    case 4:
        top = display(top);
        break;
}
}while(option != 5);
getch();
return 0;
}
struct stack *push(struct stack *top, int val)
{
    struct stack *ptr;
    ptr = (struct stack*)malloc(sizeof(struct stack *));
    ptr->data = val;
    if(top == NULL)
    {
        top = ptr;
        top->next = NULL;
    }
    else
    {
        ptr->next = top;
        top = ptr;
    }
    return top;
}
struct stack *display(struct stack *top)
{
    struct stack *ptr;
    ptr = top;

```

```

    if(top == NULL)
        printf("\n STACK IS EMPTY");
    else
    {
        while(ptr != NULL)
        {
            printf("\n%d", ptr->data);
            ptr = ptr->next;
        }
    }
    return top;
}
struct stack *pop(struct stack *top)
{
    struct stack *ptr;
    ptr = top;
    if(top == NULL)
        printf("\n STACK UNDERFLOW");
    else
    {
        top = top->next;
        printf("\n The value being deleted is: %d", ptr->data);
        free(ptr);
    }
    return top;
}
int peep(struct stack *top)
{
    return top->data;
}

```

### Output

```

*****MAIN MENU*****
1. PUSH
2. POP
3. PEEP
4. DISPLAY
5. EXIT
*****
Enter your option: 1
Enter the number to be pushed on to the stack: 1
*****MAIN MENU*****
1. PUSH
2. POP
3. PEEP
4. DISPLAY
5. EXIT
*****
Enter your option: 1
Enter the number to be pushed on to the stack: 2

```

```
*****MAIN MENU*****
```

1. PUSH
2. POP
3. PEEP
4. DISPLAY
5. EXIT

```
*****
```

```
Enter your option: 4
```

```
2
```

```
1
```

2. Write a program to convert a decimal number into binary .

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#define MAX 10

int st[MAX], top=-1;
void push(int st[], int val);
int pop(int st[]);

main()
{
    int num, digit;
    clrscr();
    printf("\n Enter any decimal number: ");
    scanf("%d", &num);
    while(num > 0)
    {
        digit = num % 2;
        push(st, digit);
        num /= 2;
    }
    printf("\n The binary equivalent is: ");
    while(top != -1)
        printf("%d", pop(st));
    getch();
    return 0;
}

void push(int st[], int val)
{
    if(top == MAX-1)
        printf("\n STACK OVERFLOW");
    else
    {
        top++;
        st[top] = val;
    }
}

int pop(int st[])
{
    int val;
```

```

    if (top == -1)
    {
        printf("\n STACK UNDERFLOW");
        return -1;
    }
    else
    {
        val = st[top];
        top--;
        return val;
    }
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter any decimal number: 7
The binary equivalent is: 111

```

**Linked Representation of a Queue**

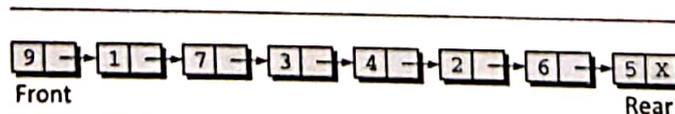
We have seen how a queue is created using an array. Although this technique of creating a queue is easy, the drawback is that the array must be declared to have some fixed size. If we allocate space for 50 elements in the queue and it uses hardly 20–25 locations, then half of the space will be wasted. In case we allocate only 10, memory locations or less for a queue that might end up growing very large, then a lot of re-allocations will have to be done thereby creating a lot of overhead and consuming a lot of time.

In case the queue is a very small one or its maximum size is known in advance, then array implementation of the queue is efficient. However, if the array size cannot be determined in advance, the other alternative, linked representation is used.

In a linked queue, every element has two parts—one that stores data and the other that stores the address of the next element. The *START* pointer of the linked list is used as *FRONT*. Here, we will also use another pointer called *REAR* which will store the address of the last element in the queue. All insertions will be done at the rear end and all the deletions are done at the front end. If  $FRONT = REAR = NULL$ , then it indicates that the queue is empty.

**Operations on a Queue**

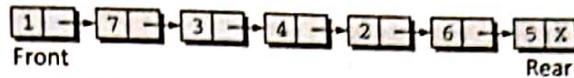
A queue has two basic operations: *insert* and *delete*. The *insert* operation adds an element to the rear end of the queue and the *delete* operation removes the element from the front or start of the queue. Apart from this, there is another operation *Peep* which returns the value of the first element of the queue. Consider the linked queue shown in Figure V.



**Figure V** Linked queue

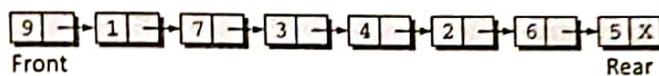
## Insert Operation

The insert operation is used to insert an element into the queue. The new element is added as the last element of the queue. Consider the linked queue shown in Figure VI.



**Figure VI** Linked queue

To insert an element with value 9, we will first check if `FRONT = NULL`. If `FRONT` is equal to `NULL`, it means the queue is empty and so, we will allocate memory for a new node, store the value in its data part and `NULL` in its next part. The new node will then be named as `FRONT`. However, if `FRONT != NULL`, then we will insert the new node at the beginning of the linked stack and name this new node as `TOP`. Thus, the updated stack becomes as shown in Figure VII.

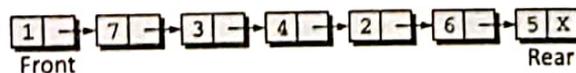


**Figure VII** Linked queue after inserting a new node

## Delete Operation

The delete operation is used to delete the element which was first inserted in the queue, i.e., it deletes the element whose address is stored in `FRONT`. However, before deleting the value, we must first check if `FRONT = NULL`, because if this is the case then it means the queue is empty and no more deletions can further be done. If an attempt is made to delete a value from a queue that is already empty, an `UNDERFLOW` message is printed. Consider the queue shown in Figure V.

To delete the element, we will first check if `FRONT = NULL`. If the condition is false then we will delete the first node pointed by `FRONT`. `FRONT` will now point to the second element of the linked queue. Thus, the updated queue becomes as shown in Figure VIII.



**Figure VIII** Linked queue after deletion of an element

3. Write a program to implement a linked queue.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
struct node
{
    int data;
    struct node *next;
};
struct queue

```

```
{
    struct node *front;
    struct node *rear;
};
struct queue *q;
void create_queue(struct queue *);
struct queue *insert(struct queue *,int);
struct queue *delete_element(struct queue *);
struct queue *display(struct queue *);
int peep(struct queue *);
main()
{
    int val, option;
    create_queue(q);
    clrscr();
    do
    {
        printf("\n *****MAIN MENU*****");
        printf("\n 1. INSERT");
        printf("\n 2. DELETE");
        printf("\n 3. Peep");
        printf("\n 4. DISPLAY");
        printf("\n 5. EXIT");
        printf("\n *****");
        printf("\n\n Enter your option: ");
        scanf("%d", &option);
        switch(option)
        {
            case 1:
                printf("\n Enter the number to be inserted in the queue: ");
                scanf("%d", &val);
                q = insert(q,val);
                break;
            case 2:
                q = delete_element(q);
                break;
            case 3:
                val = peep(front);
                printf("\n The value stored at the top of the stack is: %d", val);
                break;
            case 4:
                q = display(q);
                break;
        }
    }while(option != 5);
    getch();
    return 0;
}
void create_queue(struct queue *q)
{
    q->rear = NULL;
    q->front = NULL;
}
```

```

struct queue *insert(struct queue *q,int val)
{
    struct node *ptr;
    ptr = (struct node*)malloc(sizeof(struct node *));
    ptr->data = val;
    if(q->front == NULL)
    {
        q->front = ptr;
        q->rear = ptr;
        q->front->next = q->rear->next = NULL;
    }
    else
    {
        q->rear->next = ptr;
        q->rear = ptr;
        q->rear->next = NULL;
    }
    return q;
}
struct queue *display(struct queue *q)
{
    struct node *ptr;
    ptr = q->front;
    if(ptr == NULL)
        printf("\n QUEUE IS EMPTY");
    else
    {
        printf("\n");
        while(ptr != q->rear)
        {
            printf("%d\t", ptr->data);
            ptr = ptr->next;
        }
        printf("%d\t", ptr->data);
    }
    return q;
}
struct queue *delete_element(struct queue *q)
{
    struct node *ptr;
    ptr = q->front;
    if(q->front == NULL)
        printf("\n UNDERFLOW");
    else
    {
        q->front = q->front->next;
        printf("\n The value being deleted is: %d", ptr->data);
        free(ptr);
    }
    return q;
}
int peep(struct queue *q)
{
    return q->front->data;
}

```

Output

```
*****MAIN MENU*****
1. INSERT
2. DELETE
3. PEEP
4. DISPLAY
5. EXIT
*****
Enter your option: 1
Enter the number to be inserted in the queue: 1
*****MAIN MENU*****
1. INSERT
2. DELETE
3. PEEP
4. DISPLAY
5. EXIT
*****
Enter your option: 1
Enter the number to be inserted in the queue: 2
*****MAIN MENU*****
1. INSERT
2. DELETE
3. PEEP
4. DISPLAY
5. EXIT
*****
Enter your option: 4
1 2
```

# 13

## Trees

### Learning Objective

We have already seen linear data structures such as strings, arrays, structures, stacks, and queues. In this chapter, we will read about a non-linear data structure called trees. A tree is a structure that is mainly used to store data, which is hierarchical in nature. We will first read about general binary trees. These binary trees are used to form binary search trees and heaps. They are widely used for manipulation of arithmetic expressions, construction of the symbol table, and syntax analysis.

### 13.1 BINARY TREES

A *binary tree* is a data structure that is defined as a collection of elements called nodes. Every node contains a left pointer, a right pointer, and a data element. Every binary tree has a root element pointed by a root pointer. The root element is the topmost node in the tree. If root = NULL, then it means that the tree is empty.

Figure 13.1 shows a binary tree. If the root node  $R$  is not NULL, then the two trees  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are called the left and right subtrees of  $R$ . If  $T_1$  is non-empty, then it is said to be the left successor of  $R$ . Likewise, if  $T_2$  is non-empty then it is called the right successor of  $R$ .

In Figure 13.1, node 2 is the *left successor* and node 3 is the *right successor* of the root node 1. Note that the left sub-tree of the root node consists of the nodes—2, 4, 5, 8, and 9. Similarly, the right sub-tree of the root node consists of nodes—3, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 12.

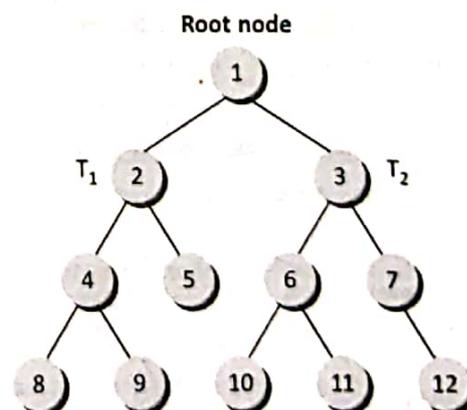


Figure 13.1 Binary tree

In a binary tree, every node has 0, 1, or at most 2 successors. A node that has no successors or 0 successors

is called a leaf or terminal node. In the tree, root node R has two successors 2 and 3. Node 2 has two successor node—4 and 5. Node 4 has two successors 8 and 9. Node 5 has no successor. Node 3 has two successor nodes—6 and 7. Node 6 has two successors—10 and 11. Finally, node 7 has only one successor, 12.

A binary tree is recursive by definition as every node in the tree contains a left sub-tree and a right sub-tree. Even the terminal nodes contain an empty left sub-tree and an empty right sub-tree. In Figure 13.1, nodes 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 have no or zero successors and thus are said to have empty sub-trees.

### 13.1.1 Key Terms

- Sibling** If N is any node in T that has a *left successor*  $S_1$  and a *right successor*  $S_2$ , then N is called the *parent* of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . Correspondingly,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are called the *left child* and the *right child* of N. Also,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are said to be *siblings*. Every node other than the root node has a parent. In other words, all nodes that are at the same level and share the same parent are called *siblings* (brothers). For example, nodes 2 and 3; nodes 4 and 5; nodes 6 and 7; nodes 8 and 9; and nodes 10 and 11 are siblings.
- Level number** Every node in the binary tree is assigned a *level number* (Figure 13.2). The root node is defined to be at level 0. The left and right child nodes of the root node has a level number 1. Similarly, every node is at one level higher than its parent. So all child nodes are defined to have their level number as parent's level number + 1.

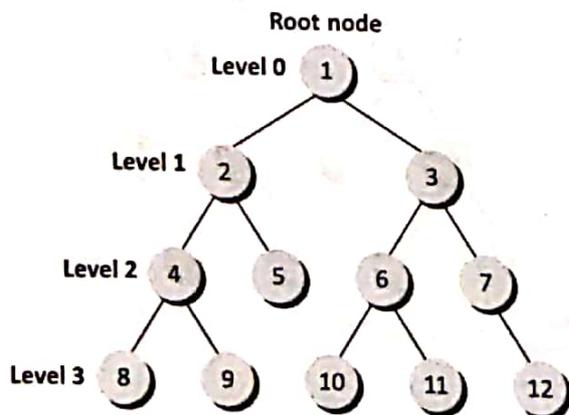


Figure 13.2 Binary tree

- Degree** Degree of a node is equal to the number of children that a node has. The degree of a leaf node is zero. For example, in the tree, the degree of node 4 is 2, degree of node 5 is zero, and degree of node 7 is 1.
- In-degree** In-degree of a node is the number of edges arriving at that node. The root node is the only node that has an in-degree equal to zero. Similarly, out-degree of a node is the number of edges leaving that node.
- Leaf node** A leaf node has no children. The leaf nodes in the tree are—8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.
- Similar binary trees** Two binary trees T and T' are said to be similar if both these trees have the same structure. Figure 13.3 shows two *similar binary trees*.

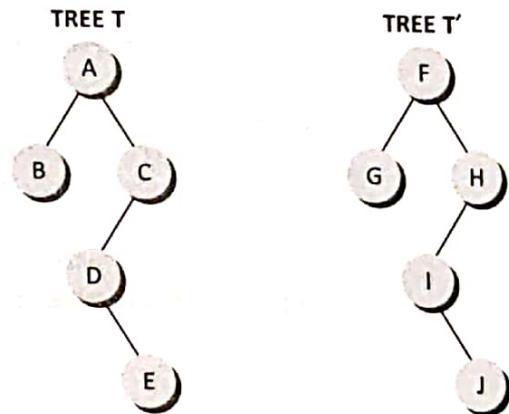


Figure 13.3 Similar binary trees

- Copies of binary trees** Two binary trees T and T' are said to be *copies* if they have similar structure and the same contents at the corresponding nodes. Figure 13.4 shows that T' is a copy of T.

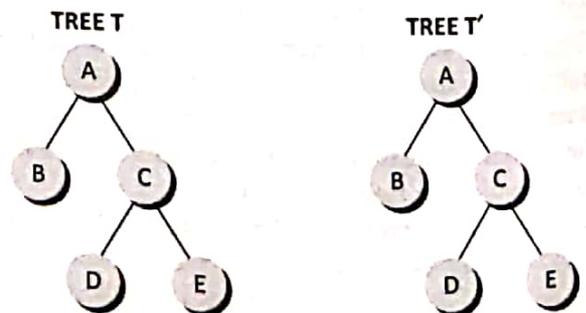


Figure 13.4 T' is a copy of T

- **Directed edge** Line drawn from a node  $N$  to any of its successors is called a *directed edge*. A binary tree of  $n$  nodes has exactly  $n - 1$  edges (because, every node except the root node is connected to its parent via an edge).
- **Path** A sequence of consecutive edges is called a *path*. For example, in Figure 13.1, the path from the root node to node 8 is given as 1, 2, 4, and 8.
- **Depth** The *depth* of a node  $N$  is given as the length of the path from the root  $R$  to the node  $N$ . The depth of the root node is zero. The *height/depth* of a tree is defined as the length of the path from the root node to the deepest node in the tree.

A tree with only a root node has a height of zero. A binary tree of height  $h$  has at least  $h$  nodes and at most  $2^h - 1$  nodes. This is because every level will have at least one node and can have at most 2 nodes. So, if every level has two nodes then a tree with height  $h$  will have at the most  $2^h - 1$  nodes, as at level 0 there is only one element called the root. The height of a binary tree with  $n$  nodes is at least  $\log_2(n+1)$

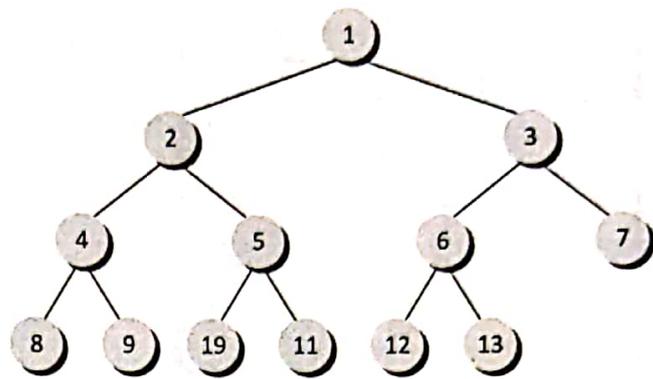
- **Ancestor and descendant nodes** Ancestors of a node are all the nodes along the path from the root to that node. Similarly, descendants of a node are all the nodes along the path from that node to the leaf node.

Binary trees are commonly used to implement binary search trees, expression trees, tournament trees, and binary heaps.

### 13.1.2 Complete Binary Trees

A *complete binary tree* is a binary tree that satisfies two properties. First, in a complete binary tree every level, except possibly the last, is completely filled. Second, all nodes appear as far left as possible.

In a complete binary tree  $T_n$ , there are exactly  $n$  nodes and level  $r$  of  $T$  can have at most  $2^r$  nodes. Figure 13.5 shows a complete binary tree. In this figure, level 0 has  $2^0 = 1$  node, level 1 has  $2^1$  nodes = 2 nodes, level 2 has  $2^2 = 4$  nodes, level 3 has  $2^3 - 2 = 6$  nodes, and so on.



**Figure 13.5** Complete binary tree

The tree  $T_{13}$  has exactly 13 nodes. They have been purposely labelled from 1 to 13, so that it is easy for the reader to find the parent node, the right child node, and the left child node of the given node. The formula can be given as, if  $K$  is a parent node, then its left child can be calculated as  $2 * K$  and its right child can be calculated as  $2 * K + 1$ . For example, the children of node 4 are 8 ( $2 * 4$ ) and 9 ( $2 * 4 + 1$ ). Similarly, the parent of the node  $K$  can be calculated as  $\lfloor K/2 \rfloor$ . Given the node 4, its parent can be calculated as  $\lfloor 4/2 \rfloor = 2$ . The height of a tree  $T_n$  having exactly  $n$  nodes is given as,

$$H_n = \lfloor \log_2 n + 1 \rfloor$$

This means that, if a tree  $T$  has 10,00,000 nodes then its height is 21.

### 13.1.3 Extended Binary Trees

A binary tree  $T$  is said to be an *extended binary tree* (or a 2-tree) if each node in the tree has either no child or exactly two children. Figure 13.6 shows how an ordinary binary tree is converted into an extended binary tree.

In an extended binary tree, nodes that have two children are called internal nodes and nodes that have no child or zero children are called external nodes. In this figure, internal nodes are represented using a circle and external nodes are represented using squares.

To convert a binary tree into an extended tree, every empty sub-tree is replaced by a new node. The original nodes in the tree are the *internal nodes* and the new nodes added are called the *external nodes*.

### 13.1.4 Representation of Binary Trees in Memory

In computer memory, a binary tree can be maintained either using a *linked representation* (as in the case of a linked list) or using *sequential representation* (as in the case of single arrays).

#### Linked Representation of Binary Trees

In linked representation of a binary tree, every node will have three parts, the data element, a pointer to the left node, and a pointer to the right node. So in C, the binary tree is built with a node type given as follows:

```
struct node {
    struct node* left;
    int data;
    struct node* right;
};
```

Every binary tree has a pointer *ROOT*, which will point to the root element (topmost element) of the tree. If *ROOT = NULL*, then it means that the tree is empty. Consider the binary tree in given Figure 13.1. The schematic diagram of the linked representation of the binary tree is shown in Figure 13.7.

In this figure, the left position is used to point to the left child of the node or in technical terms, store the address of the left child of the node. The middle position is used to store the data. Finally, the right position is used to point to the right child of the node or to store the address of the right child of the node. Empty sub-trees are represented using X (meaning NULL) in the figure.

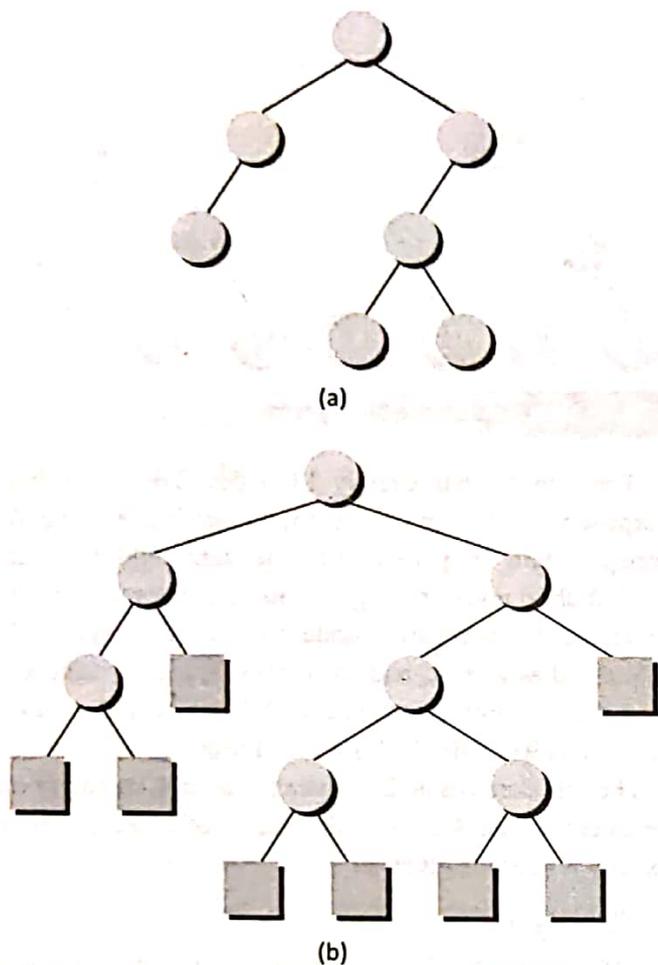


Figure 13.6 (a) Binary tree (b) Extended binary tree

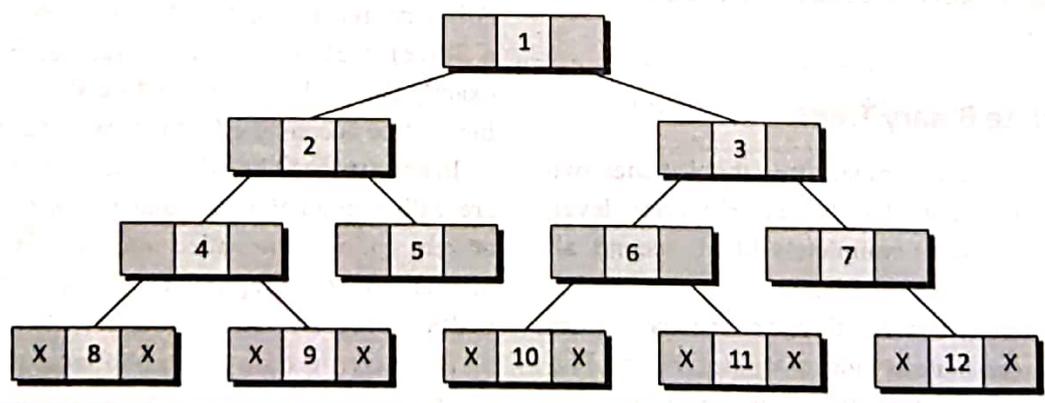


Figure 13.7 Linked representation of a binary tree

Look at the tree given in Figure 13.8. Note how this tree is represented in the main memory using a linked list (Figure 13.9).

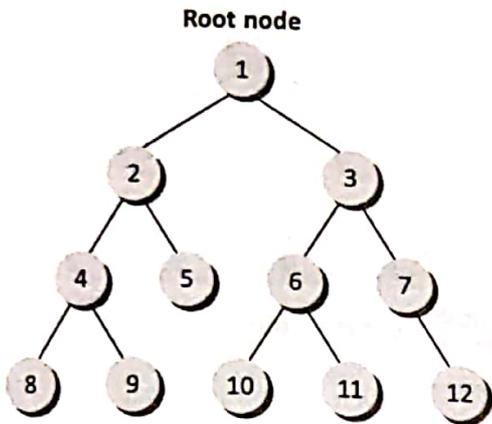


Figure 13.8 Binary tree T

LEFT	NAMES	RIGHT
1		
2		
3	Pallav	12
4		
5		13
6		
7	Deepak	19
8		
9	Janak	-1
10		
11	Kuvam	-1
12	Rudraksh	-1
13	Raj	20
14		
15	Kunsh	-1
16		
17	Tanush	-1
18		
19	Ridhiman	-1
20	Sanjay	15

Figure 13.10 Linked representation of a family tree

Using the information in the above figure, we traverse each node by finding the value in the LEFT and RIGHT fields to find out the successor of each node. For example, the root node stores the address—3. So the value at this address is the value of the root node of the family binary tree. Now, the LEFT field of root node stores 9. So the value stored at address 9 is one of the successors of the root node. The other successors of the root node is the value stored at address 13. In this way, for each node we find the successors until the LEFT and RIGHT field of the node contains -1. Figure 13.11 shows the binary tree for the data given in Figure 13.10.

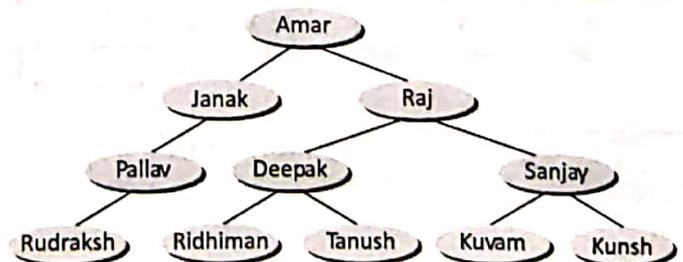


Figure 13.11 Binary tree representation for data in Figure 13.10

LEFT	DATA	RIGHT
1	-1	8
2	-1	10
3	5	1
4		
5	9	2
6		
7		
8	20	3
9	1	12
10		
11	-1	7
12	-1	9
13		
14	-1	5
15		
16	-1	11
17		
18	-1	12
19		
20	2	6

Figure 13.9 Linked representation of binary tree T shown in Figure 10.8

**Example 13.1** Given the memory representation of a tree that stores the names of family members, construct the corresponding binary tree from the given data. The linked representation of a family tree (binary) is shown in Figure 13.10.

### Sequential Representation of Binary Trees

Sequential representation of trees is done using single or one-dimensional array. Although it is the simplest technique for memory representation, it is very inefficient as it requires a lot of memory space. A sequential binary tree follows the following rules:

- One-dimensional array called TREE, will be used.
- The root of the tree will be stored in the first location, i.e., TREE[0] will store the data of the root element.
- The children of a node K, will be stored in location (2\*K) and (2\*K+1).
- The maximum size of the array TREE is given as  $(2^{d+1} - 1)$ , where d is the depth of the tree.
- An empty tree or sub-tree is specified using NULL. If TREE[0] = NULL, then the tree is empty.

Figure 13.12 shows a binary tree and its corresponding sequential representation. The tree has nodes and its depth is 4.

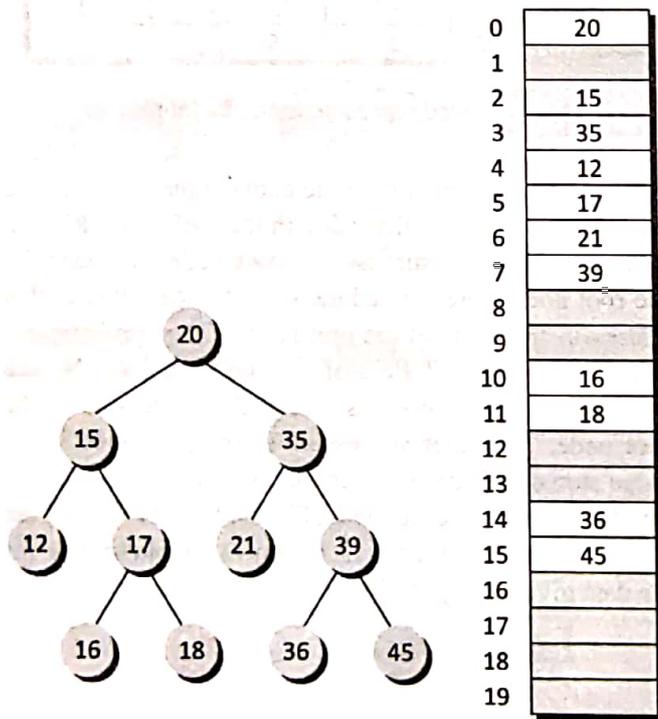


Figure 13.12 Binary tree and its sequential representation

### 13.2 EXPRESSION TREES

Binary trees are widely used to store algebraic expressions. For example, consider the algebraic expression Exp given as,

$$\text{Exp} = (a - b) + (c * d)$$

This expression can be represented using a binary tree as shown in Figure 13.13.

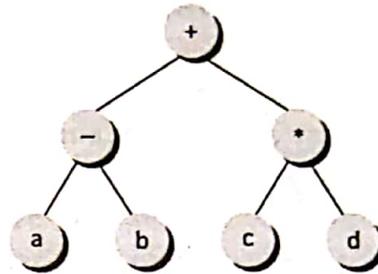
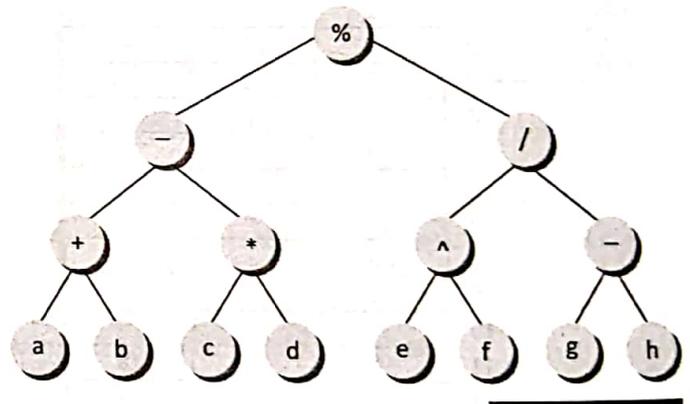


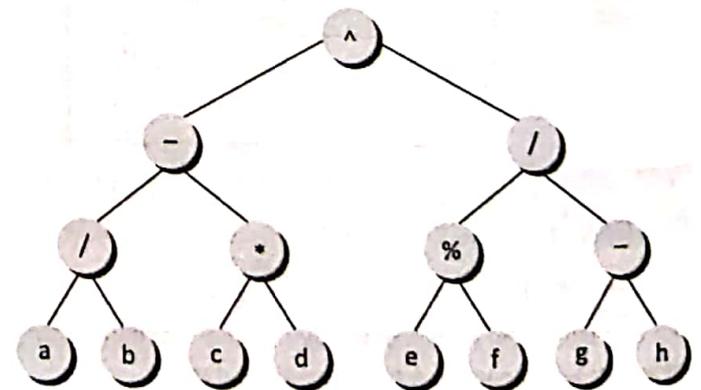
Figure 13.13 Expression tree

**Example 13.2** Given an expression,  $\text{Exp} = ((a + b) - (c * d) \% ((e \wedge f) / (g - h)))$ , construct the corresponding binary tree.

Solution:



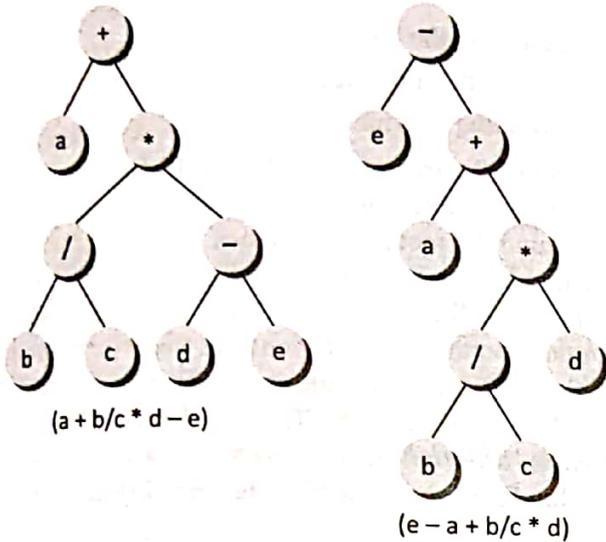
**Example 13.3** For the binary tree given below, write down the expression that it represents.



Solution:  $\{ (a/b) + (c * d) \} \wedge \{ (e \% f) / (g - h) \}$

**Example 13.4** Given the expression,  $Exp = a + b/c * d - e$ , construct the corresponding binary tree.

*Solution:*



**Figure 13.14** Binary tree

The pre-order traversal of the tree is given as A, B, C; first the root node, second the left sub-tree, and then the right sub-tree. Pre-order traversal is also called *depth-first traversal*. In this algorithm, the left sub-tree is always traversed before the right sub-tree. The word 'pre' in pre-order specifies that the root node is accessed prior to or before any other nodes in the left and right sub-trees. Pre-order algorithm is also known as *NLR (node-left-right) traversal algorithm*. The algorithm for pre-order traversal is shown in Figure 13.15.

**13.3 TRAVERSING A BINARY TREE**

Traversing a binary tree is the process in which each node in the tree is visited exactly once, in a systematic way. Unlike linear data structures in which the elements are traversed sequentially, a tree is a non-linear data structure in which the elements can be traversed in many different ways. There are different algorithms for tree traversals. These algorithms differ in the order in which the nodes are visited. In this section, we will read about these algorithms.

**13.3.1 Pre-order Algorithm**

To traverse a non-empty binary tree in **pre-order**, the following operations are performed recursively at each node. The algorithm starts with the root node of the tree and continues by,

1. visiting the root node;
2. traversing the left subtree; and
3. traversing the right subtree.

Consider the tree given in Figure 13.14.

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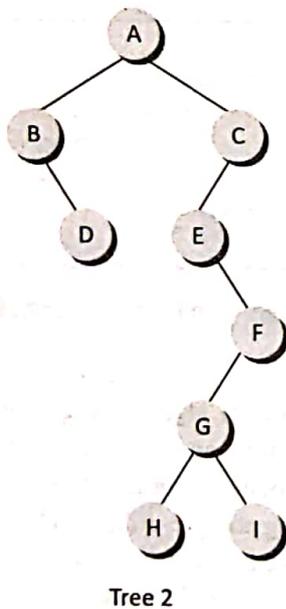
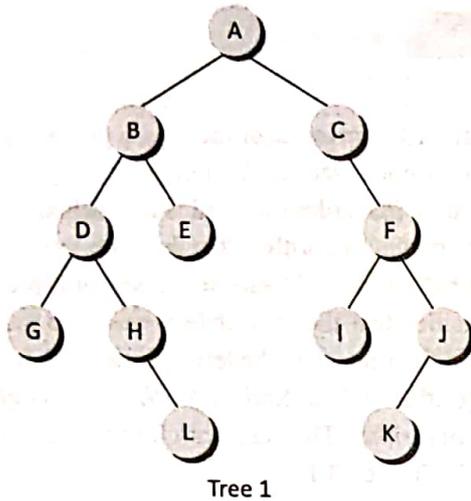
Step 1: Repeat Steps 2 to 4 while TREE != NULL
Step 2:         Write "TREE -> DATA"
Step 3:         PREORDER (TREE -> LEFT)
Step 4:         PREORDER (TREE -> RIGHT)
                [END OF WHILE]
Step 5: END
    
```

**Figure 13.15** Algorithm for pre-order traversal

Pre-order traversal algorithms are used to extract a prefix notation from an expression tree. For example, consider the expression given as follows. When we traverse its elements using the pre-order traversal algorithm, the expression that we get is a prefix expression.

- + - a b \* c d (as obtained from Figure 13.11)
- % - + a b \* c d / ^ e f - g h (as obtained from Exercise 2)
- ^ + / a b \* c d / % f g - h i (as obtained from Exercise 3)
- e + a \* / b c d (as obtained from Exercise 4)

**Example 13.5** For the following trees, give the sequence of nodes that will be visited using the pre-order traversal algorithm.



**Solution:** A, B, D, G, H, L, E, C, F, I, J, and K (Tree 1)

A, B, D, C, E, F, G, H, and I (Tree 2)

### 13.3.2 In-order algorithm

To traverse a non-empty binary tree in **in-order**, the following operations are performed recursively at each node. The algorithm starts with the root node of the tree and continues by

1. traversing the left subtree;
2. visiting the root node; and
3. traversing the right subtree.

Consider the tree given in Figure 13.14. The in-order traversal of the tree is given as B, A, C; first the left subtree, second the root node, and then the right sub-tree. In-order traversal is also called *symmetric traversal*. In this algorithm, the left sub-tree is always traversed before the root node and the right sub-tree. The word 'in' in in-order specifies that the root node is accessed in between the left and the right sub-trees. The in-order algorithm is also known as *LNR (left-node-right) traversal algorithm*. The algorithm for in-order travel is shown in Figure 13.16.

```

Step 1: Repeat Steps 2 to 4 while TREE != NULL
Step 2:     INORDER(TREE -> LEFT)
Step 3:     Write "TREE -> DATA"
Step 4:     INORDER(TREE -> RIGHT)
            [END OF WHILE]
Step 5: END
    
```

**Figure 13.16** Algorithm for in-order traversal

The in-order traversal algorithm is usually used to display the elements of a binary search tree. With in-order traversal, all elements having a lower value than a given value are accessed before the elements having a higher value. We will read more about binary search trees in the next section.

**Example 13.6** For the trees given in Exercise 5, give the sequence of nodes that will be visited using the in-order traversal algorithm.

**Solution:** G, D, H, L, B, E, A, C, I, F, K, and J (Tree 1)

B, D, A, E, H, G, I, F, and C (Tree 2)

### 13.3.3 Post-order Algorithm

To traverse a non-empty binary tree in **post-order**, the following operations are performed recursively at each node. The algorithm starts with the root node of the tree and continues by

1. traversing the left subtree;
2. traversing the right subtree; and
3. visiting the root node.

Consider the tree given in Figure 13.14. The post-order traversal of the tree is given as B, C, A; first the left subtree, second the right subtree, and then the root node. In this algorithm, the left sub-tree is always traversed before the right sub-tree and the root node. The word 'post' in post-order specifies that the root node is accessed after the left and the right sub-trees. The post-order algorithm is also known as *LRN (left-right-node) traversal algorithm*. The algorithm for post-order traversal is shown in Figure 13.17.

```

Step 1: Repeat Steps 2 to 4 while TREE != NULL
Step 2:   INORDER (TREE -> LEFT)
Step 3:   INORDER (TREE -> RIGHT)
Step 4:   Write "TREE -> DATA"
          [END OF WHILE]
Step 5: End
    
```

**Figure 13.17** Algorithm for post-order traversal

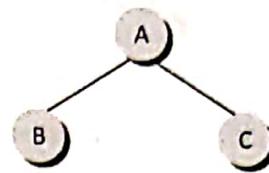
**Example 13.7** For the trees given in Exercise 5, give the sequence of nodes that will be visited using the post-order traversal algorithm.

**Solution:** G, L, H, D, E, B, I, K, J, F, C, and A (Tree 1)

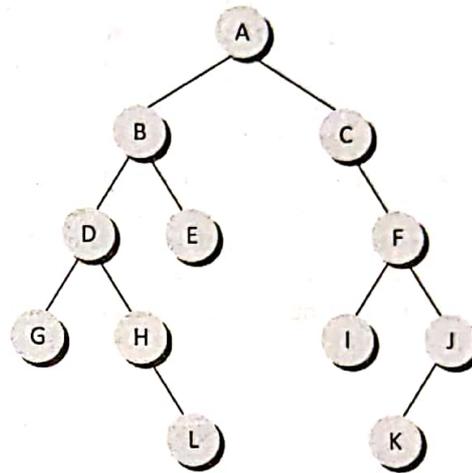
D, B, H, I, G, F, E, C, and A (Tree 2)

### 13.3.4 Level-order Traversal

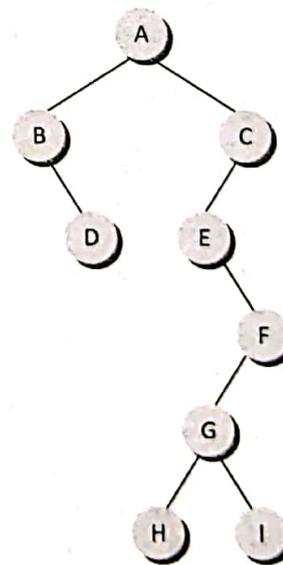
In level-order traversal, all the nodes at a level are accessed before going to the next level. This algorithm is also called *breadth-first traversal algorithm*. Consider the trees given in Figure 13.18 and note the level-order of these trees.



(a)  
A, B, and C



(b)  
A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, L, and K



(c)  
A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I

**Figure 13.18** Binary trees

## SUMMARY

- A tree is a structure which is mainly used to store data that is hierarchical in nature. In a binary tree every node has 0, 1, or at most 2 successors. A node that has no successors or 0 successors is called a leaf node or the terminal node. Every node other than the root node has a parent.
- Degree of a node is equal to the number of children that a node has. The degree of a leaf node is zero. All nodes that are at the same level and share the same parent are called siblings.
- Two binary trees are said to be copies if they have similar structures and the same contents as the corresponding nodes.
- A binary tree of  $n$  nodes has exactly  $n - 1$  edges. The *depth* of a node  $N$  is given as the length of the path from the root  $R$  to the node  $N$ . The depth of the root node is zero. A binary tree of height  $h$ , has at least  $h$  nodes and at most  $2^h - 1$  nodes.
- The height of a binary tree with  $n$  nodes is at least  $n$  and at most  $\log_2(n+1)$ . *In-degree* of a node is the number of edges arriving at that node. The root node is the only node that has an in-degree equal to zero. Similarly, *out-degree* of a node is the number of edges leaving that node.
- A binary tree  $T$  is said to be an extended binary tree (or a 2-tree) if each node in the tree has either no child or exactly two children.
- Pre-order traversal is also called depth-first traversal. It is also known as NLR traversal algorithm (node-left-right) and is used to extract a prefix notation from an expression tree. The in-order algorithm is also known as LNR (left-node-right) traversal algorithm. Post-order algorithm is also known as LRN (left-right-node) traversal algorithm.

## GLOSSARY

**Ascendant** A parent of a node in the tree.

**Binary tree** A tree in which every node can have at most two children.

**Breadth-first search** A search algorithm that considers neighbours of a node, that is, outgoing edges of the vertex's predecessor in the search, before any outgoing edges of the node, i.e., the extremes are searched last.

**Child node** A node of a tree that is referred by a parent node. Every node in the tree, except the root, is the child of some parent.

**Complete binary tree** A binary tree in which every level, except the last, is completely filled. At depth  $n$ , all nodes must be as far left as possible.

**Degree** Degree of a node is equal to the number of edges connected to it. That is, degree of a node is the number of child nodes it has.

**Depth** Depth of a node is defined as the distance from the node to the root of the tree.

**Depth-first search** A search algorithm that considers outgoing edges of a node before any of the node's siblings, i.e., the extremes are searched first.

**Descendant** A child of a node in the tree.

**Extended binary tree** A binary tree with special nodes replacing every null sub-tree in such a way that every

regular node has two children, and every special node has no children.

**Full binary tree** A binary tree in which every node has exactly zero or two children.

**Height** The maximum distance of any leaf node from the root node of the tree. If a tree has only one node (the root), the height is zero.

**In-order traversal** The traversal technique in which all nodes of a tree are processed by recursively processing the left sub-tree first, then processing the root, and finally the right sub-tree.

**Internal node** A node that is not a leaf is an internal node. That is, node of the tree that has one or more child nodes.

**Leaf node** A node in a tree that has zero or no children.

**Level-order traversal** The traversal technique in which all nodes of a tree are processed by depth: first the root and then the children of the root. It is equivalent to a breadth-first search from the root.

**Parent node** The parent of a node is one that is conceptually above or closer to the root than the node and which has a link to the node.

**Post-order traversal** The traversal technique in which all nodes of a tree are processed by recursively processing all the sub-trees and then finally processing the root.

**Pre-order traversal** The traversal technique in which all nodes of a tree are processed by processing the root first and then recursively processing all the sub-trees.

**Recursive data structure** A data structure that is partially composed of smaller or simpler instances of the same data structure. For example, a tree is composed of smaller trees (often known as sub-trees) and leaf nodes.

**Root node** The initial node of the tree that has no parents.

**Sub-tree** A tree that is the child of a node.

**Tree** A data structure accessed at the beginning of the root node. Each node in the tree is either a leaf or an internal node. An internal node can have one or more child nodes and is called the parent of its child nodes. All children of the same node are siblings.

### Fill in the Blanks

1. A parent node is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ node.
2. Depth of the tree is basically the number of \_\_\_\_\_ in the tree.
3. Maximum number of nodes at the  $k^{\text{th}}$  level of a binary tree is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the best data structure to implement a priority queue.
5. In a binary tree every node can have maximum \_\_\_\_\_ successors.
6. Nodes at the same level that share the same parent are called \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Two binary trees are said to be copies if they have similar \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The height of a binary tree with  $n$  nodes is at least \_\_\_\_\_ and at most \_\_\_\_\_.
9. A binary tree  $T$  is said to be an extended binary tree if \_\_\_\_\_.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ traversal algorithms are used to extract a prefix notation from an expression tree.

### Multiple Choice Questions

1. Degree of a leaf node is
 

(a) 0	(b) 1
(c) 2	(d) 3
2. The depth of the root node is
 

(a) 0	(b) 1
(c) 2	(d) 3
3. A binary tree of height  $h$ , has at least  $h$  nodes and at most \_\_\_\_\_ nodes.
 

(a) $2h$	(b) $2^h$
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- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| (c) $2^{h+1}$ | (d) $2^{h-1}$ |
|---------------|---------------|
4. Pre-order traversal is also called
 

(a) depth-first	(b) breadth-first
(c) level-order	(d) in-order
  5. Total number of nodes in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  level of a binary tree can be given as
 

(a) $2h$	(b) $2^h$
(c) $2^{h+1}$	(d) $2^{h-1}$

### State True or False

1. Nodes that branch into child nodes are called parent nodes.
2. The size of a tree is the number of nodes in the tree.
3. A leaf node does not branch out further.
4. A node that has no successors is called the root node.
5. A binary tree of  $n$  nodes has exactly  $n - 1$  edges.
6. Every node has a parent.
7. The internal path length of a binary tree is defined as the sum of all path lengths summed over each path from the root to the external node.

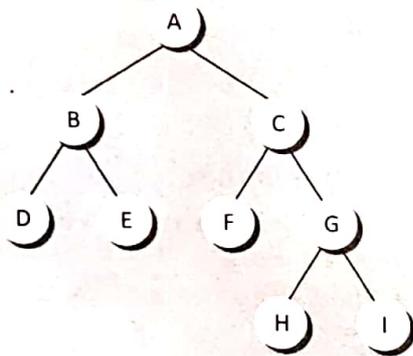
### Review Questions

1. Explain the concept of trees. Give its applications.
2. How many binary trees are possible with four nodes?
3. Write a program to traverse the nodes of a binary tree.
4. Is it possible to implement binary trees using linear arrays? If yes, explain how?

**EXERCISES**

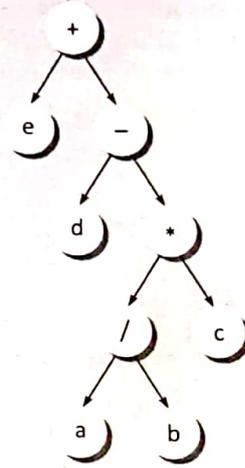
5. What are the two ways of representing binary trees in memory? Which one do you prefer and why?
6. List all possible non-similar binary trees having four nodes.
7. Draw the binary expression tree that represents the following postfix expression:  $A B + C * D -$
8. Write short notes on:
  - Complete binary tree
  - Extended binary trees
  - Tournament trees
  - Expression trees

9. Consider the tree given below. Now can you do the following?
  - Make a list of the leaf nodes
  - Name the leaf nodes
  - Name the non leaf nodes

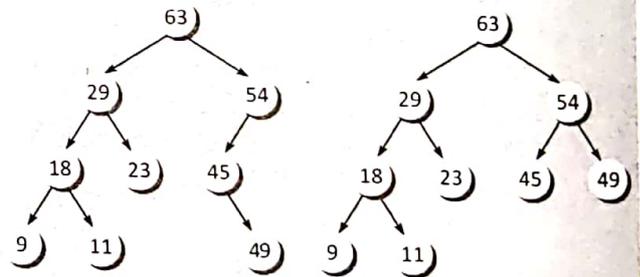


- Name the ancestors of node E
  - Descendants of A
  - Sibling of C
  - Height of the tree
  - Height of sub-tree at E
  - Level of node E
  - Give the in-order traversal of the tree
  - Give the pre-order traversal of the tree
  - Give the post-order traversal of the tree
  - Give the level-order traversal of the tree
10. Use the expression tree given below and do the following:
    - extract the infix expression it represents
    - give the corresponding prefix expression

- give the corresponding postfix expression
- evaluate the infix expression given  $a = 30, b = 10, c = 2, d = 30, e = 10$



11. Convert the prefix expression  $-/ab*+bcd$  into infix expression and then draw the corresponding expression tree.
12. Consider the trees given below and state whether it is a complete binary tree or a full binary tree



13. What is the maximum number of levels that a binary search tree with 100 nodes can have?
14. Write a program to delete all nodes in the binary tree.
15. What is the maximum length and height of a tree with 32 nodes?
16. Give the maximum number of nodes that can be found in a binary node in level 3, 4, and 12.
17. Draw all possible non-similar binary trees having three nodes.
18. Give the binary tree having the following memory representation

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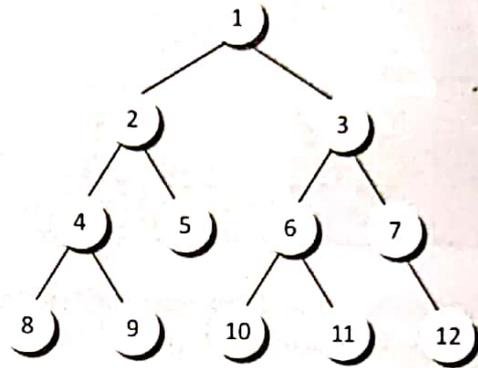
ROOT

3

	LEFT	DATA	RIGHT
1	-1	8	-1
2	-1	10	-1
3	5	1	8
4			
5	9	2	14
6			
7			
8	20	3	11
9	1	4	12
10			
11	-1	7	18
12	-1	9	-1
13			
14	-1	5	-1
15			
16	-1	11	-1
17			
18	-1	12	-1
19			
20	2	6	16

15  
AVAIL

19. Give the memory representation of the binary tree given as follows.



## Learning Objective

In this chapter, we will learn about another abstract type data structure—graphs. We will discuss the representation of graphs in memory and read about different operations that can be performed on them. We will also learn some of the applications of graphs in the real world.

### 14.1 INTRODUCTION

A *graph* is an abstract data structure that is used to implement the graph concept from mathematics. A graph is basically a collection of vertices (also called nodes) and edges that connect these vertices. A graph is often viewed as a generalization of the tree structure, where, instead of having a mere parent-to-child relationship between tree nodes, any kind of complex relationship among the nodes can be represented.

#### 14.1.1 Why Graphs are Useful?

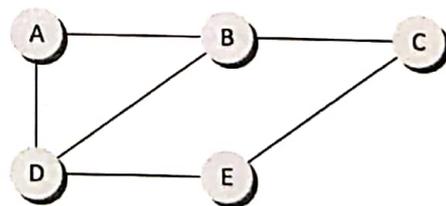
Graphs are widely used to model any situation where entities or things are related to each other in pairs; for example, the following information can be represented by graphs:

- *Family trees* in which the member nodes have an edge from the parents to each of their children.
- *Transportation networks* in which nodes are airports, intersections, ports, etc. The edges can be airline flights, one-way roads, shipping routes, etc.

#### 14.1.2 Definition

A graph  $G$  is defined as an ordered set  $(V, E)$ , where  $V(G)$  represents the set of vertices and  $E(G)$  represents the edges that connect the vertices.

Figure 14.1 shows a graph with  $V(G) = \{A, B, C, D \text{ and } E\}$  and  $E(G) = \{(A, B), (B, C), (A, D), (B, D), (D, E), (C, E)\}$ . Note that there are 5 vertices or nodes and 6 edges in the graph.



**Figure 14.1** Graph

A graph can be directed or undirected. In an undirected graph, the edges do not have any direction associated with

them, i.e., if an edge is drawn between the nodes A and B, then the nodes can be traversed from A to B as well as from B to A. Figure 14.1 shows an undirected graph because it does not give any information about the direction of the edges.

Look at Figure 14.2, which shows a directed graph. In a directed graph, edges form an ordered pair. If there is an edge from A to B, then there is a path from A to B but not from B to A. The edge (A, B) is said to initiate from node A (also known as *initial node*) and terminate at node B (*terminal node*).

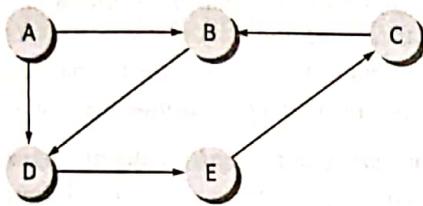


Figure 14.2 Directed graph

### 14.1.3 Graph Terminology

**Adjacent nodes or neighbours** For every edge,  $e = (u, v)$  that connects nodes  $u$  and  $v$ , the nodes  $u$  and  $v$  are the end-points and are said to be the adjacent nodes or neighbours.

**Degree of a node** Degree of a node  $u$ ,  $\text{deg}(u)$ , is the total number of edges containing the node  $u$ . If  $\text{deg}(u) = 0$ , it means that  $u$  does not belong to any edge and such a node is known as an *isolated node*.

**Regular graph** Regular graph is a graph where each vertex has the same number of neighbours, i.e., every node has the same degree. A regular graph with vertices of degree  $k$  is called a  $k$ -regular graph or regular graph of degree  $k$ . Figure 14.3 shows regular graphs.

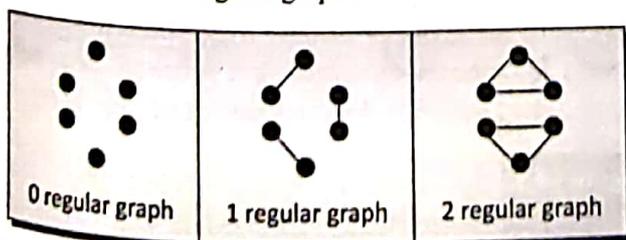


Figure 14.3 Regular graphs

**Path** A path  $P$ , written as  $P = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , of length  $n$  from a node  $u$  to  $v$  is defined as a sequence of  $(n+1)$  nodes. Here,  $u = v_0$ ,  $v = v_n$ , and  $v_{i-1}$  is adjacent to  $v_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

**Closed path** A path  $P$  is known as a closed path if the edge has the same end-points, i.e., if  $v_0 = v_n$ .

**Simple path** A path  $P$  is known as a simple path if all the nodes in the path are distinct with an exception that  $v_0$  may be equal to  $v_n$ . If  $v_0 = v_n$ , then the path is called a closed simple path.

**Cycle** A closed simple path with length 3 or more is known as a cycle. A cycle of length  $k$  is called a  $k$ -cycle.

**Connected graph** A graph in which there exists a path between any two of its nodes is called a connected graph. This means that there are no isolated nodes in a connected graph. A connected graph that does not have any cycle is called a *tree*. Therefore, a tree is treated as a special graph (Figure 14.4 (a)).

**Complete graph** A graph  $G$  is said to be complete, if all its nodes are fully connected, i.e., there is a path from one node to every other node in the graph. A complete graph has  $n(n-1)/2$  edges, where  $n$  is the number of nodes in  $G$ .

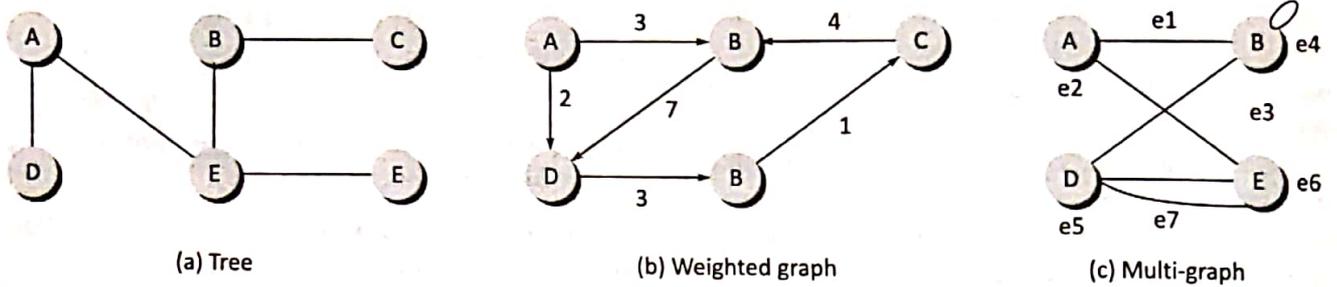
**Labelled graph or weighted graph** A graph is said to be labelled if every edge in the graph is assigned some data. In a weighted graph, the edges of the graph are assigned some weight or length. Weight of the edge, denoted by  $w(e)$  is a positive value indicating the cost of traversing the edge. Figure 14.4 (b) shows a weighted graph.

**Multiple edges** Distinct edges that connect the same end points are called multiple edges. That is,  $e = (u, v)$  and  $e' = (u, v)$  are known as multiple edges of  $G$ .

**Loop** An edge that has identical end-points is called a loop. That is,  $e = (u, u)$ .

**Multi-graph** A graph with multiple edges and/or a loop is called a multi-graph. Look at Figure 14.4(c), which shows a multi-graph.

**Size of the graph** The size of a graph is the total number of edges in it.



**Figure 14.4** Multi-graph, tree, and a weighted graph

### 14.1.4 Directed Graph

A directed graph  $G$ , also known as a *digraph*, is a graph in which every edge has a direction assigned to it. An edge of a directed graph is given as an ordered pair  $(u, v)$  of nodes in  $G$ . For an edge  $(u, v)$ ,

- (a) the edge begins at  $u$  and terminates at  $v$ .
- (b)  $u$  is known as the *origin* or the initial point of  $e$ . Correspondingly,  $v$  is known as the *destination* or the terminal point of  $e$ .
- (c)  $u$  is the *predecessor* of  $v$ . Correspondingly,  $v$  is the *successor* of  $u$ .
- (d) nodes  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent to each other.

#### Terminology of a directed graph

**Out-degree of a node** The out-degree of a node  $u$ , written as  $\text{outdeg}(u)$ , is the number of edges that originate at  $u$ .

**In-degree of a node** The in-degree of a node  $u$ , written as  $\text{indeg}(u)$ , is the number of edges that terminate at  $u$ .

**Degree of a node** Degree of a node, written as  $\text{deg}(u)$ , is the sum of in-degree and out-degree of that node. Therefore,  $\text{deg}(u) = \text{indeg}(u) + \text{outdeg}(u)$ .

**Source** A node  $u$  is known as a source if it has a positive out-degree but its in-degree = 0.

**Sink** A node  $u$  is known as a sink if it has a positive in-degree but a zero out-degree.

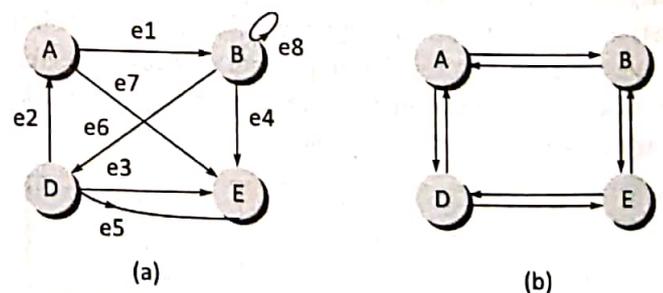
**Reachability** A node  $v$  is said to be reachable from node  $u$ , if and only if there exists a (directed) path from node  $u$  to node  $v$ . For example, if you consider the directed graph given in Figure 14.5 (a), you will observe that node  $D$  is reachable from node  $A$ .

**Strongly connected directed graph** A digraph is said to be strongly connected if and only if there exists a path from every pair of nodes in  $G$ , i.e., if there is a path from node  $u$  to  $v$ , then there must be a path from node  $v$  to  $u$ .

**Unilaterally connected graph** A digraph is said to be unilaterally connected if there exists a path from any pair of nodes  $u, v$  in  $G$  such that there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$  or a path from  $v$  to  $u$  but not both.

**Parallel/multiple edges** Distinct edges which connect the same end points are called multiple edges.  $e = (u, v)$  and  $e' = (u, v)$  are known as multiple edges of  $G$ . In Figure 14.5 (a),  $e_3$  and  $e_5$  are multiple edged connecting nodes  $C$  and  $D$ .

**Simple directed graph** A directed graph  $G$  is said to be a simple directed graph if and only if it has no parallel edges. However, a simple directed graph may contain a cycle with an exception that it cannot have more than one loop at a given node.



**Figure 14.5** (a) Directed acyclic graph (b) Strongly connected directed acyclic graph

The graph  $G$ , given in Figure 14.5 (a) is a directed graph in which there are 4 nodes and 8 edges. Note that edges  $e_3$

and  $e_5$  are parallel since they begin at C and end at D. The edge  $e_8$  is a loop since it originates and terminates at the same node. The sequence of the nodes A, B, D, and C does not form a path because (D, C) is not an edge. Although there is a path from node C to D, there is no way from node D to C.

In the graph, we see that there is no path from node D to any other node in G, so the graph is not strongly connected. However, G is said to be unilaterally connected. We also observe that node D is a sink since it has a positive out-degree but a zero in-degree.

### 14.2 REPRESENTATION OF GRAPHS

There are two common ways of storing graphs in the computer memory. They are:

- Sequential representation by using an adjacency matrix
- Linked representation by using an adjacency list that stores the neighbours of a node using a linked list

In this section, we will discuss both these schemes in detail.

#### 14.2.1 Adjacency Matrix Representation

An *adjacency matrix* is used to represent the nodes that are adjacent to one another. By definition, we have learnt that, two nodes are said to be adjacent if there is an edge connecting them.

In a directed graph G, if node v is adjacent to node u, then surely there is an edge from u to v, i.e., if v is adjacent to u, we can get from u to v by traversing one edge. For any graph G having n nodes, the adjacency matrix will have dimensions of  $n \times n$ .

In an adjacency matrix, the rows and columns are labelled by graph vertices. An entry  $a_{ij}$  in the adjacency matrix will contain 1, if vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are adjacent to each other. However, if the nodes are not adjacent,  $a_{ij}$  will be set to zero. To summarize, look at Figure 14.6.

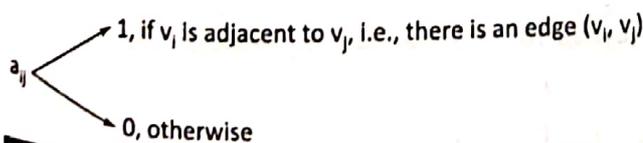


Figure 14.6 Adjacency matrix entry

Since an adjacency matrix contains only 0s and 1s, it is called a *bit matrix* or a *Boolean matrix*. The entries in the matrix depend on the ordering of the nodes in G. Therefore, a change in the order of nodes will result in a different adjacency matrix. Figure 14.7 shows some graphs and their corresponding adjacency matrices.

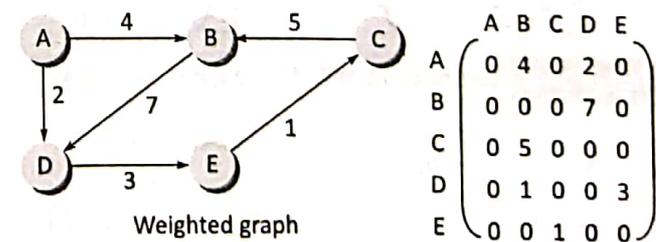
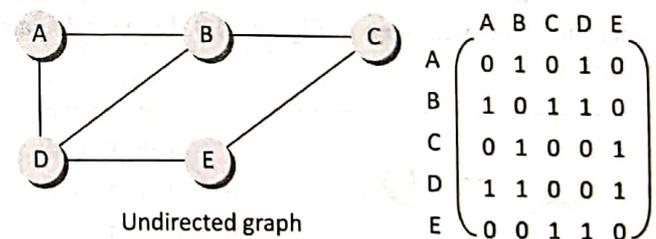
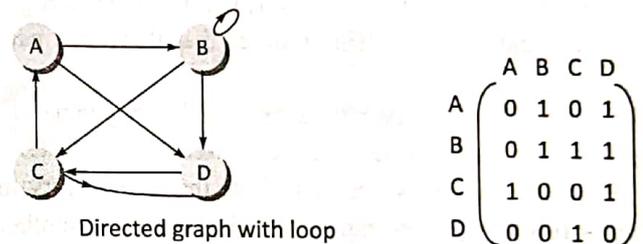
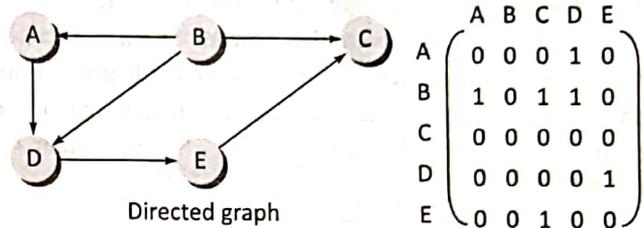


Figure 14.7 Graphs and their corresponding adjacency matrices

From the examples discussed we can draw the following conclusions:

- For a simple graph (that has no loops), the adjacency matrix has 0s on the diagonal.

- The adjacency matrix of an undirected graph is symmetric.
- The memory use of an adjacency matrix is  $O(n^2)$ , where  $n$  is the number of nodes in the graph.
- Number of 1s (or non-zero entries) in an adjacency matrix is equal to the number of edges in the graph.
- The adjacency matrix for a weighted graph contains the weight of the edge connecting the nodes.

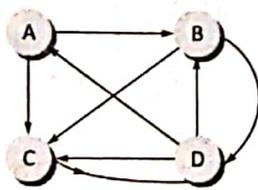
Now let us talk about the powers of an adjacency matrix. From adjacency matrix  $A^1$ , we have learnt that an entry 1 in the  $i^{th}$  row and  $j^{th}$  column means that there exists a path of length 1 from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ . Now consider  $A^2$ ,  $A^3$ , and  $A^4$ .

$$a_{ij}^2 = \sum a_{ik} a_{kj}$$

Any entry  $a_{ij} = 1$ , if  $a_{ik} = a_{kj} = 1$ , i.e., if there are edges  $(v_i, v_k)$  and  $(v_k, v_j)$ . This implies that there is a path from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  of length 2.

Similarly, every entry in the  $i^{th}$  row and  $j^{th}$  column of  $A^3$  gives the number of paths of length 3 from node  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ .

In general terms, we can conclude that every entry in the  $i^{th}$  row and  $j^{th}$  column of  $A^n$  (where  $n$  is the number of nodes in the graph) gives the number of paths of length  $n$  from node  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ . Consider a directed graph and its adjacency matrix  $A$  given in Figure 14.8. Let us calculate  $A^2$ ,  $A^3$ , and  $A^4$ .



	A	B	C	D
A	0	1	1	0
B	0	0	1	1
C	0	0	0	1
D	1	1	0	0

Figure 14.8 Directed graph with its adjacency matrix

$A^2 = A^1 \times A^1$ , therefore,

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, based on these calculations, we define a matrix  $B$  such that

$$B^r = A^1 + A^2 + A^3 + \dots + A^r$$

An entry in the  $i^{th}$  row and  $j^{th}$  column of the matrix  $B^r$  gives the number of paths of length  $r$  or less than  $r$  from vertex  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ . The main goal for defining matrix  $B$  is to obtain the path matrix  $P$ . The path matrix  $P$  can be calculated from  $B$  by setting an entry  $P_{ij} = 1$  if  $B_{ij}$  is non-zero and  $P_{ij} = 0$ , otherwise. The path matrix is used to show whether there exists a simple path from node  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  or not. This is shown in Figure 14.9.

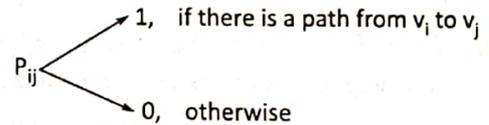


Figure 14.9 Path matrix entry

Let us now calculate matrices  $B$  and  $P$  for the graph in Figure 14.8.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 & 6 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 5 \\ 6 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now the path matrix  $P$  can be given as,

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

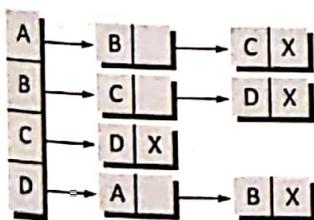
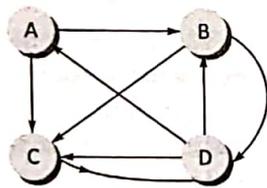
### 14.2.2 Adjacency List

The adjacency list is another way in which graphs can be represented in the computer memory. This structure consists of a list of all nodes in  $G$ . Furthermore, every node is in turn linked to its own list that contains the names of all other nodes that are adjacent to itself.

The key advantages of using an adjacency list include the following:

- It is easy to follow, and clearly shows the adjacent nodes of a particular node.
- It is often used for storing graphs that have a small to moderate number of edges, i.e., an adjacency list is preferred for representing sparse graphs in the computer's memory. Otherwise, an adjacency matrix is a good choice.
- Adding new nodes in  $G$  is easy and straightforward when  $G$  is represented using an adjacency list. Adding new nodes in an adjacency matrix is a difficult task as the size of the matrix needs to be changed and existing nodes may have to be reordered.

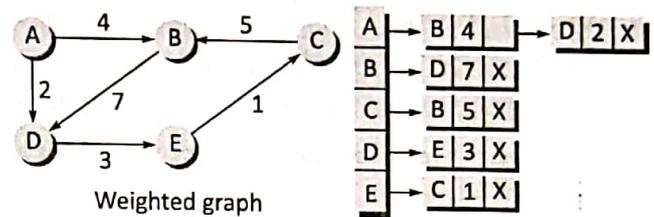
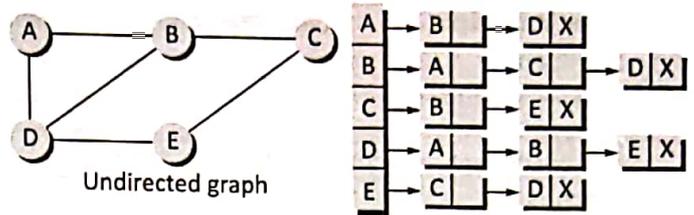
Consider the graph given in Figure 14.10 and see how its adjacency list is stored in memory.



**Figure 14.10** Graph  $G$  and its adjacency list

For a directed graph, the sum of lengths of all the adjacency lists is equal to the number of edges in  $G$ . However, for an undirected graph, the sum of lengths of all the adjacency lists is equal to twice the number of edges in  $G$  because an edge  $(u, v)$  means an edge from node  $u$  to  $v$  as well as an edge from node  $v$  to  $u$ . The adjacency list can also be modified to store weighted graphs. Let us now

see an adjacency list for an undirected graph as well as a weighted graph. This is shown in Figure 14.11.



**Figure 14.11** Adjacency list for an undirected graph and a weighted graph

1. Write a program to create a graph of  $n$  vertices using an adjacency list. Also write the code to read and print its information and finally to delete a desired node.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <alloc.h>
struct node
{
    char vertex;
    struct node *next;
};
struct node *gnode;
void displayGraph (struct node *adj [], int no_of_nodes);
void deleteGraph (struct node *adj [], int no_of_nodes);
void readGraph (struct node *adj [], int no_of_nodes);
main()
{
    struct node *Adj [10];
    int i, no_of_nodes;
    clrscr ();
    printf ("\n Enter the number of nodes in G: ");
    scanf ("%d", &no_of_nodes);
    for (i = 0; i <= no_of_nodes; i++)
```

```

    Adj[i] = NULL;
    readGraph(Adj, no_of_nodes);
    printf("\n The graph is: ");
    displayGraph(Adj, no_of_nodes);
    deleteGraph(Adj, no_of_nodes);
    getch();
    return 0;
}

void readGraph(struct node *Adj[], int no_of_
nodes)
{
    struct node *new_node, *last;
    int i, j, n, val;
    for(i = 0; i <= no_of_nodes; i++)
    {
        last = NULL;
        printf("\n Enter the number of neighbours
of %d: ", i);
        scanf("%d", &n);
        for(j = 1; j <= n; j++)
        {
            printf("\n Enter neighbour of %d: ", j, i);
            scanf("%d", &val);
            new_node = (struct node *)
malloc(sizeof(struct node));
            new_node->vertex = val;
            new_node->next = NULL;
            if (Adj[i] == NULL)
                Adj[i] = new_node;
            else
                last->next = new_node;
            last = new_node
        }
    }
}

void displayGraph(struct node *Adj[], int no_
of_nodes)
{
    struct node *ptr;
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i <= no_of_nodes; i++)
    {
        ptr = Adj[i];
        printf("\n The neighbours of node %d are:
", i);
        while(ptr != NULL)
        {
            printf("\t%d", ptr->vertex);
            ptr = ptr->next;
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }
}

void deleteGraph(struct node *Adj[], int no_
of_nodes)
{
    int i;
    struct node *temp, *ptr;
    for(i = 0; i <= no_of_nodes; i++)
    {
        ptr = Adj[i];
        while(ptr != NULL)
        {
            temp = ptr;
            ptr = ptr->next;
            free(temp);
        }
        Adj[i] = NULL;
    }
}

```

### Output

```

Enter the number of nodes in G: 3
Enter the number of neighbours of 0: 1
Enter the neighbour 0 of 0: 2
Enter the number of neighbour of 1: 2
Enter the neighbour 0 of 1: 0
Enter the neighbour 1 of 1: 2

Enter the number of neighbours of 2: 1
Enter the neighbour 0 of 2: 1
The neighbours of node 0 are: 1
The neighbours of node 1 are: 0 2
The neighbours of node 2 are: 0

```

Had it been a weighted graph, then the structure of the node would have been

```

typedef struct node
{
    int vertex;
    int weight;
    struct node *next;
};

```

## 14.3 GRAPH TRAVERSAL ALGORITHMS

In this section, we will read about *traversing* a graph. By traversing a graph, we mean the method of examining the nodes and edges of the graph. There are two standard methods of graph traversal which we will discuss in this section. These two methods are

- Breadth-first search
- Depth-first search

While breadth-first search uses a queue as an auxiliary data structure to store nodes for further processing, the depth-first search scheme uses a stack. However, both these algorithms make use of a variable STATUS. During the execution of the algorithm, every node in the graph will have the variable STATUS set to 1, 2, 3 or depending on its current state. Table 14.1 shows the value of STATUS and its significance.

**Table 14.1** Value of STATUS and its significance

STATUS	State of the node	Description
1	Ready	The initial state of the node N
2	Waiting	Node N is placed on the queue or stack and waiting to be processed
3	Processed	Node N has been completely processed

### 14.3.1 Breadth-First Search

Breadth-first search (BFS) is a graph search algorithm that begins at the root node and explores all the neighbouring nodes. Then for each of those nearest nodes, the algorithm (Figure 14.12) explores their unexplored neighbour nodes, and so on, until it finds the goal.

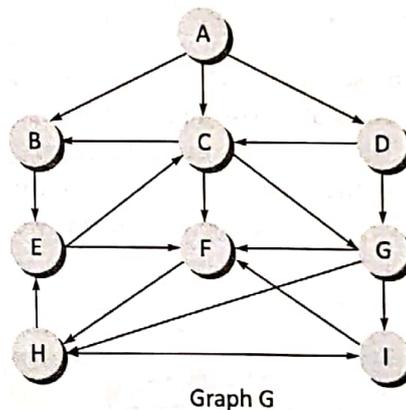
Algorithm for breadth-first search in a graph G beginning at the starting node A

- Step 1: SET STATUS = 1 (ready state) for each node in G.
- Step 2: Enqueue the starting node A and set its STATUS = 2 (waiting state).
- Step 3: Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until QUEUE is empty.
- Step 4: Dequeue a node N. Process it and set its STATUS = 3 (processed state).
- Step 5: Enqueue all the neighbours of N that are in the ready state (whose STATUS = 1) and set their STATUS = 2 (waiting state).  
[END OF LOOP]
- Step 6: EXIT

**Figure 14.12** Algorithm for breadth-first search

We start examining the node A and then all the neighbours of A are examined. In the next step, we examine the neighbours of neighbours of A, and so on. This means that we need to track the neighbours of the node and guarantee that every node in the graph is processed and also no node is processed more than once. This is accomplished by using a queue that will hold the nodes that are waiting for further processing and a variable STATUS to represent the current state of the node.

**Example 14.1** Consider the graph G given below. The adjacency list of G is also given. Assume that G represents the daily flights between different cities and we want to fly from city A to I with minimum stops, i.e., to find the minimum path P from A to I given that every edge has a length = 1.



Adjacency lists
A: B, C, D
B: E
C: B, G
D: C, G
E: C, F
F: H
G: F, H, I
H: E, I
I: F, H

The minimum path P can be found by applying the breadth-first search algorithm that begins at city A and ends when I is encountered. During the execution of the algorithm, we will use two arrays QUEUE and ORIG. While QUEUE will be used to hold the nodes that have to be processed, ORIG will be used to keep track of the origin of each edge. The algorithm is as follows:

- (a) Initially add A to QUEUE and add NULL to ORIG, so

FRONT = 1	QUEUE = A
REAR = 1	ORIG = \0

- (b) Dequeue a node by setting FRONT = FRONT + 1 (remove the FRONT element of QUEUE) and enqueue the neighbours of A. Also add A as the ORIG of its neighbours, so

FRONT = 2	QUEUE = A B C D
REAR = 4	ORIG = \0 A A A

- (c) Dequeue a node by setting  $FRONT = FRONT + 1$  and enqueue the neighbours of B. Also add B as the ORIG of its neighbours, so

FRONT = 3	QUEUE = A B C D E
REAR = 5	ORIG = \0 A A A B

- (d) Dequeue a node by setting  $FRONT = FRONT + 1$  and enqueue the neighbours of C. Also add C as the ORIG of its neighbours. Note that C has two neighbours B and G. Since B has already been added to the queue and it is not in the Ready state, we will not add B and add only G, so

FRONT = 4	QUEUE = A B C D E G
REAR = 6	ORIG = \0 A A A B C

- (e) Dequeue a node by setting  $FRONT = FRONT + 1$  and enqueue the neighbours of D. Also add D as the ORIG of its neighbours. Note that D has two neighbours C and G. Since both of them have already been added to the queue and they are not in the Ready state, we will not add them again, so

FRONT = 5	QUEUE = A B C D E G
REAR = 6	ORIG = \0 A A A B C

- (f) Dequeue a node by setting  $FRONT = FRONT + 1$  and enqueue the neighbours of E. Also add E as the ORIG of its neighbours. Note that E has two neighbours C and F. Since C has already been added to the queue and it is not in the Ready state, we will not add C and add only F, so

FRONT = 6	QUEUE = A B C D E G F
REAR = 7	ORIG = \0 A A A B C E

- (g) Dequeue a node by setting  $FRONT = FRONT + 1$  and enqueue the neighbours of G. Also add G as the ORIG of its neighbours. Note that G has three neighbours F, H, and I.

FRONT = 7	QUEUE = A B C D E G F H I
REAR = 10	ORIG = \0 A A A B C G G G

Since I is our final destination, we stop the execution of this algorithm as soon as it is encountered and add to

the QUEUE. Now backtrack from I using ORIG to find the minimum path P. Thus, we have P as A → C → G → I.

2. Write a program to implement breadth-first search algorithm.

```
include <stdio.h>
#define MAX 10
void breadth_first_search(int adj[][MAX], int visited[], int start)
{
    int queue[MAX], rear = -1, front = -1, i;
    queue[++rear] = start;
    visited[start] = 1;
    while(rear != front)
    {
        start = queue[++front];
        if(start == 4)
            printf("5\t");
        else
            printf("%c\t", start + 65);
        for(i = 0; i < MAX; i++)
        {
            if(adj[start][i] == 1 && visited[i] == 0)
            {
                queue[++rear] = i;
                visited[i] = 1;
            }
        }
    }
}
int main()
{
    int visited[MAX] = {0};
    int adj[MAX][MAX], i, j;
    printf("\n Enter the adjacency matrix: ");
    for(i = 0; i < MAX; i++)
        for(j = 0; j < MAX; j++)
            scanf("%d", &adj[i][j]);
    breadth_first_search(adj, visited, 0);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Enter the adjacency matrix:
0 1 0 1 0
1 0 1 1 0
0 1 0 0 1
1 1 0 0 1
0 0 1 1 0
A B D C E
```

### Features of Breadth-first-search Algorithm

**Space complexity:** In the breadth-first search algorithm, all the nodes at a particular level must be saved until their child nodes in the next level have been generated. The space complexity is therefore, proportional to the number of nodes at the deepest level of the graph. Given a graph with branching factor  $b$  (number of children at each node) and depth  $d$ , the asymptotic space complexity is the number of nodes at the deepest level,  $O(b^d)$ .

If the number of vertices and edges in the graph are known ahead of time, the space complexity can also be expressed as  $O(|E| + |V|)$  where  $|E|$  is the total number of edges in  $G$  and  $|V|$  is the number of nodes or vertices.

**Time complexity:** In the worst case, breadth-first search has to traverse through all the paths to all possible nodes, the time complexity of this algorithm asymptotically approaches  $O(b^d)$ . However, the time complexity can also be expressed as  $O(|E| + |V|)$  since every vertex and every edge will be explored in the worst case.

**Completeness:** Breadth-first search is said to be a complete algorithm because if there is a solution, breadth-first search will find it regardless of the kind of graph. In case of an infinite graph, where there is no possible solution, the breadth-first search will diverge.

**Optimality:** For a graph that has edges of equal length, breadth-first search is optimal since it always returns the result with the fewest edges between the start node and the goal node. But generally, in real world applications, we have weighted graphs that have costs associated with each edge, so the goal next to the start node does not have to be the cheapest goal available.

### Applications of Breadth-first Search

Breadth-first search can be used to solve many problems such as:

- Finding all connected components in a graph  $G$ .
- Finding all nodes within an individual connected component.
- Finding the shortest path between two nodes  $u$  and  $v$  of an unweighted graph.
- Finding the shortest path between two nodes  $u$  and  $v$  of a weighted graph.

### 14.3.2 Depth-first Search Algorithm

The depth-first search algorithm (Figure 14.13) progresses by expanding the starting node of  $G$  and thus going deeper and deeper until a goal node is found, or until a node that has no children is encountered. When a dead-end is reached, the algorithm backtracks, returning to the most recent node that has not been completely explored.

Algorithm for depth-first search in a graph  $G$  beginning at the starting node  $A$

- Step 1 : SET STATUS = 1 (ready state) for each node in  $G$ .
- Step 2 : Push the starting node  $A$  on the stack and set its STATUS = 2 (waiting state).
- Step 3 : Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until STACK is empty.
- Step 4 : Pop the top node  $N$ . Process it and set its STATUS = 3 (processed state).
- Step 5 : Push on the stack all the neighbors of  $N$  that are in the ready state (whose STATUS = 1) and set their STATUS = 2 (waiting state).  
[END OF LOOP]
- Step 6: EXIT

**Figure 14.13** Algorithm for depth first search

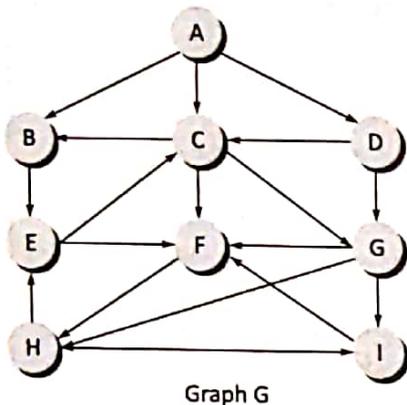
In other words, the depth-first search algorithm begins at a starting node  $A$ , which becomes the current node. Then it examines each node  $N$  along a path  $P$ , which begins at  $A$ . That is, we process a neighbour of  $A$ , then a neighbour of neighbour of  $A$  and so on. During the execution of the algorithm, if we reach a path that has a node  $N$  which has already been processed, then we backtrack to the current node. Otherwise, the un-visited node (un-processed node) becomes the current node.

The algorithm proceeds this way until we reach a dead-end (end of path  $P$ ). On reaching the dead-end, we backtrack to find another path  $P'$ . The algorithm terminates when backtracking leads back to the starting node  $A$ . In the depth-first search algorithm, edges that lead to a new vertex are called *discovery edges* and edges which lead to an already visited vertex are called *back edges*.

Observe that the depth-first search algorithm is similar to the in-order traversal of a binary tree. Its implementation

is similar to that of breadth-first search algorithm, but here we will use a stack instead of a queue. Again, we will use a variable STATUS to represent the current state of the node.

**Example 14.2** Consider the given graph G. The adjacency list of G is also given. Suppose we want to print all nodes that can be reached from the node H (including H itself). One alternative is to use a depth-first search of G starting at node H. The procedure can be explained as follows.



Adjacency lists	
A:	B, C, D
B:	E
C:	B, G
D:	C, G
E:	C, F
F:	H
G:	F, H, I
H:	E, I
I:	F, H

(a) Push H on to the stack

STACK: H

(b) Pop and print the top element of the STACK, i.e., H. Push all the neighbours of H that are in the ready state on to the stack. The STACK now becomes:

STACK: E, I

PRINT: H

(c) Pop and print the top element of the STACK, i.e., I. Push all the neighbours of I that are in the ready state on to the stack. The STACK now becomes

STACK: E, F

PRINT: I

(d) Pop and print the top element of the STACK, i.e., F. Push all the neighbours of F that are in the ready state on to the stack. (Note F has two neighbours C and H, but only C will be added as H is not in the ready state). The STACK now becomes

STACK: E, C

PRINT: F

(e) Pop and print the top element of the STACK, i.e., C. Push all the neighbours of C that are in the ready state on to the stack. The STACK now becomes

STACK: E, B, G

PRINT: C

(f) Pop and print the top element of the STACK, i.e., G. Push all the neighbours of G that are in the ready state on to the stack. Since there are no neighbours of G that are in the ready state, no push operation is performed. The STACK now becomes.

STACK: E, B

PRINT G:

(g) Pop and print the top element of the STACK, i.e., B. Push all the neighbours of B that are in the ready state on to the stack. Since there are no neighbours of B that are in the ready state no push operation is performed. The STACK now becomes

STACK: E

PRINT B:

STACK:

(h) Pop and print the top element of the STACK, i.e., E. Push all the neighbours of E that are in the ready state on to the stack. Since there are no neighbours of E that are in the ready state no push operation is performed. The STACK now becomes empty.

PRINT: E

Since the STACK is now empty, the depth-first search of G starting at node H is complete and the nodes which were printed are

H, I, F, C, G, B, E.

These are the nodes that are reachable from the node H.

3. Write a program to implement depth-first search algorithm.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX 5
void depth_first_search(int adj[][MAX], int visited[], int start)
```

```

{
    int stack[MAX];
    int top = -1, i;
    printf("%c-", start + 65);
    visited[start] = 1;
    stack[++top] = start;
    while(top != -1)
    {
        start = stack[top];
        for(i = 0; i < MAX; i++)
        {
            if(adj[start][i] && visited[i] == 0)
            {
                stack[++top] = i;
                printf("%c-", i + 65);
                visited[i] = 1;
                break;
            }
        }
        if(i == MAX)
            top--;
    }
}

int main()
{
    int adj[MAX][MAX];
    int visited[MAX] = {0}, i, j;
    printf("\nEnter the adjacency matrix: ");
    for(i = 0; i < MAX; i++)
        for(j = 0; j < MAX; j++)
            scanf("%d", &adj[i][j]);
    printf("DFS Traversal: ");
    depth_first_search(adj, visited, 0);
    printf("\n");
    return 0;
}

```

**Output**

```

Enter the adjacency matrix:
0 1 0 1 0
1 0 1 1 0
0 1 0 0 1
1 1 0 0 1
0 0 1 1 0
DFS Traversal: A->C->E->

```

**Features of Depth-first Search Algorithm**

*Space complexity:* The space complexity of a depth-first search is lower than that of the breadth-first search.

*Time complexity:* The time complexity of a depth-first search is proportional to the number of vertices plus the number of edges in the graphs that are traversed. The time complexity can be given as  $O(|V| + |E|)$ .

*Completeness:* Depth-first search is said to be a complete algorithm because if there is a solution, depth-first search will find it regardless of the kind of graph. In case of an infinite graph, where there is no possible solution, the depth-first search will diverge.

**Applications of Depth-first Search Algorithm**

Depth-first search (DFS) is useful for

- finding a path between two nodes  $u$  and  $v$  of an unweighted graph.
- finding a path between two nodes  $u$  and  $v$  of a weighted graph.
- finding whether or not a graph is connected.
- computing a spanning tree of a connected graph.

**14.4 APPLICATIONS OF GRAPHS**

Graphs are constructed for various types of applications such as

- In circuit networks where points of connection are drawn as vertices and component wires become the edges of the graph.
- In transport networks where stations are drawn as vertices and routes become the edges of the graph.
- In maps that draw cities/states/regions as vertices and adjacency relations as edges.
- In program flow analyses, where procedures or modules are treated as vertices and calls to these procedures are drawn as edges of the graph.
- Once we have a graph of a particular concept, they can be easily used for finding shortest paths, project planning, etc.

## SUMMARY

- A graph is basically, a collection of vertices (also called nodes) and edges that connect these vertices.
- Degree of a node  $u$ ,  $\text{deg}(u)$ , is the total number of edges containing the node  $u$ . When the degree of a node is zero, it is also called an isolated node. A path  $P$  is known as a closed path if the edge has the same end-points. A closed simple path with length 3 or more is known as a cycle.
- A graph in which there exists a path between any two of its nodes is called a connected graph. An edge that has identical end-points is called a loop. The size of a graph is the total number of edges in it.
- The out-degree of a node, written as  $\text{outdeg}(u)$ , is the number of edges that originate at  $u$ .
- The in-degree of a node, written as  $\text{indeg}(u)$ , is the number of edges that terminate at  $u$ . A node  $u$  is known as a sink if it has a positive in-degree but a zero out-degree.
- A transitive closure of a graph is constructed to answer reachability questions.
- Since an adjacency matrix contains only 0s and 1s, it is called a bit matrix or a Boolean matrix. The memory use of an adjacency matrix is  $O(n^2)$ , where  $n$  is the number of nodes in the graph.
- For a graph  $G$  with branching factor  $b$  (number of children at each node) and depth  $d$ , the asymptotic space complexity is the number of nodes at the deepest level,  $O(b^d)$ .
- Topological sort of a directed acyclic graph (DAG),  $G$ , is defined as a linear ordering of its nodes in which each node comes before all nodes to which it has outbound edges. Every DAG has one or more number of topological sorts.
- A vertex  $v$  of  $G$  is called an articulation point if removing  $v$  along with the edges incident to  $v$ , results in a graph that has at least two connected components.
- A bi-connected graph is defined as a connected graph that has no articulation vertices.
- Breadth-first search (BFS) is a graph search algorithm that begins at the root node and explores all the neighbouring nodes. Then for each of those nearest nodes, the algorithm explores their unexplored neighbour nodes, and so on, until it finds the goal.
- The Depth-first-search algorithm progresses by expanding the starting node of  $G$  and thus going deeper and deeper until a goal node is found, or until a node that has no children is encountered.

## GLOSSARY

**Acyclic graph** A graph (undirected) that has no path starting and ending at the same node.

**Adjacency list** A representation of a directed graph with  $n$  nodes using an array of  $n$  lists of nodes. List  $i$  contains vertex  $j$  if there is an edge from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ . However, a weighted graph may be represented with a list of node/weight pairs.

**Adjacency matrix** A representation of a directed graph using an  $n \times n$  matrix where  $n$  is the number of nodes. An entry at  $(i, j)$  is 1 if there is an edge from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ ; otherwise the entry is 0. A weighted graph contains the weight as the entry. However, an undirected graph may be represented using the same entry in both  $(i, j)$  and  $(j, i)$ .

**Bridge** An edge of a connected graph which when removed would make the graph unconnected.

**Complete graph** An undirected graph that has an edge between every pair of nodes.

**Connected components** Connected components comprise of the set of maximally connected components of an undirected graph.

**Connected graph** An undirected graph in which there exists a path between every pair of nodes.

**Cycle** A path that starts and ends at the same node.

**Depth-first search** A traversal algorithm that marks all nodes in a directed graph in the order they are discovered and finished, partitioning the graph into a forest. This is typically implemented using a stack.

**Directed acyclic graph** A directed graph that has no path starting and ending at the same node.

**Directed graph** A graph that has edges represented by ordered pairs of nodes. In a directed graph, each edge can be followed from one vertex to another vertex.

**Edge** A connection between two nodes of a graph. In a weighted graph, each edge has a weight associated with it. In a directed graph, an edge goes from one

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**node (source) to another node (destination) thereby making a connection in only one direction.**

**Graph** A set of nodes connected by edges. i.e., a graph is a set of nodes and a binary relation among the nodes (adjacency).

**In-degree** In-degree of a node is equal to the number of incoming edges of that node in a directed graph.

**Labelled graph** A graph that has labels associated with each edge or node.

**Multi-graph** A graph whose edges are unordered pairs of nodes and the same pair of nodes can be connected by multiple edges.

**Node** A unit of reference in a data structure. In graphs and trees, a node is also called a vertex. A node is basically a collection of information which must be kept at a single memory location.

**Out-degree** The number of outgoing edges of a node in a directed graph.

**Path** A list of nodes of a graph where each node has an edge from it to the next node.

**Shortest path** The problem of finding the shortest path in a graph from one node to another. The word shortest may denote the least number of edges, the least total weight, etc.

**Sibling** A node in a tree that has the same parent as another node.

**Sink** A node with zero out-degree, i.e., a node of a directed graph with no outgoing edges.

**Source** A node of a directed graph with no incoming edges, i.e., a node with a zero in-degree.

**Strongly connected graph** A directed graph that has a path from a node to every other node in the graph.

**Sub-graph** A graph whose nodes and edges are subsets or a part of another graph.

**Undirected graph** A graph that has edges that are unordered pairs of nodes, i.e., each edge in the graph connects two nodes.

**Weighted directed graph** A directed graph in which each edge is associated with a weight (or numeric value).

**Weighted graph** A graph in which each edge has a weight associated with it.

EXERCISES

Fill in the Blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ has a zero degree.
2. In-degree of a node  $v$  is the number of edges that \_\_\_\_\_ at  $u$ .
3. Adjacency matrix is also known as a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A path  $P$  is known as a \_\_\_\_\_ path if the edge has the same end-points.
5. A closed simple path with length 3 or more is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A graph with multiple edges and/or a loop is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Vertices that are a part of the minimum spanning tree  $T$  are called \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A \_\_\_\_\_ of a graph is constructed to answer reachability questions.
9. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a vertex  $v$  of  $G$  if removing  $v$  along with the edges, incident to  $v$ , results in a graph that has at least two connected components
10. An edge is called a \_\_\_\_\_ if removing that edge results in a disconnected graph.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. An edge that has identical end-points is called a
 

(a) multi-path	(b) loop
(c) cycle	(d) multi-edge
2. Total number of edges containing the node  $u$  is called its
 

(a) in-degree	(b) out-degree
(c) degree	(d) none of these
3. A graph in which there exists a path between any two of its nodes is called a
 

(a) complete graph	(b) connected graph
(c) digraph	(d) in-directed graph
4. The number of edges that originate at  $u$  is called its
 

(a) in-degree	(b) out-degree
(c) degree	(d) source
5. The memory use of an adjacency matrix is
 

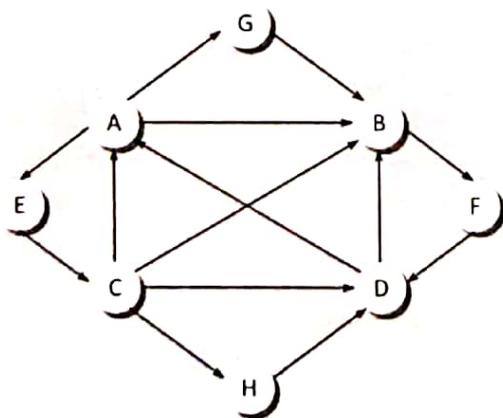
(a) $O(n)$	(b) $O(n^2)$
(c) $O(n^3)$	(d) $O(\log n)$

**State True or False**

1. Graph is a linear data structure.
2. In-degree of a node is the number of edges leaving that node.
3. The size of a graph is the total number of vertices in it.
4. A sink has a zero in-degree but a positive out-degree.
5. The space complexity of a depth-first search is lower than that of a breadth-first search.
6. A node is known as a sink if it has a positive out-degree but an in-degree = 0.
7. A directed graph that has no cycles is called a directed acyclic graph.

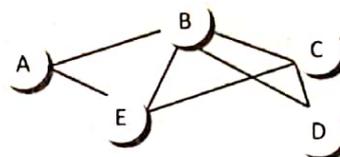
**Review Questions**

1. Explain the relationship between a linked list structure and a digraph.
2. What is a graph? Explain its key terms.
3. How are graphs represented inside a computer's memory? Which method do you prefer and why?
4. Write a program to create and print a graph.
5. Consider the following graph
  - Write the adjacency matrix of G.
  - Write the path matrix of G.
  - Is the graph complete?

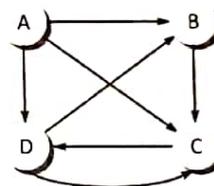


6. Explain the graph traversal algorithms in detail with examples.
7. Draw a complete undirected graph having 5 nodes.

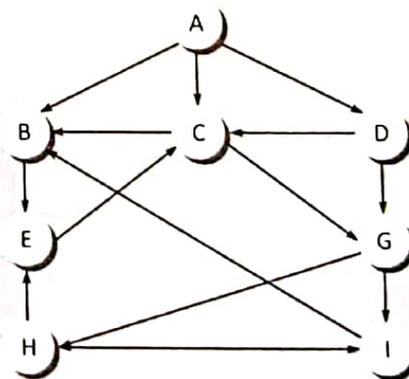
8. Consider the following graph and give the degree of each node.



9. Consider the following graph. State all the simple paths from A to D, B to D, and C to D. Also give the in-degree and out-degree of each node. Is there any source or sink in the graph?

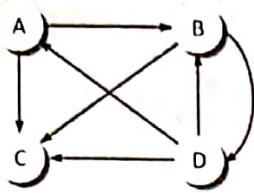


10. Consider the following graph. Give its depth-first and breadth-first traversal schemes.



11. Differentiate between depth-first search and breadth-first search traversal of graphs.
12. Explain topological sorting of a graph G.
13. Given the adjacency matrix of a graph, write (a) a program to calculate the degree of a node N in the graph (b) a program to calculate the in-degree and out-degree of a node N in the graph. (c) a function isFullConnectedGraph, which returns 1 if the graph is fully connected and 0 otherwise.

14. Consider the following graph and show its adjacency list in memory.



15. Consider the graph given in the previous question and show the changes in the graph as well as its adjacency list when node E and edges (A, E) and (C, E) are added to it. Also delete edge (B, D) from the graph.

16. Write a program to determine whether there is at least one path from the source to the destination of a graph.

17. Given the following adjacency matrix, draw the weighted graph.

	A	B	C	D	E
A	0	4	0	2	0
B	0	0	0	7	0
C	0	5	0	0	0
D	0	0	0	0	3
E	0	0	1	0	0

18. Given below are five cities—(1) New Delhi, (2) Mumbai, (3) Chennai, (4) Bangalore, and (5) Kolkata, and a list of flights that connect these cities. Use the given information to construct a graph.

Flight No	ORIG	DEST
101	2	3
102	3	2
103	5	3
104	3	4
105	2	5
106	5	2
107	5	1
108	1	4
109	5	4
110	4	5



# Case Study for Chapter 14

## TOPOLOGICAL SORTING

*Topological sort* of a directed acyclic graph (DAG)  $G$ , is defined as a linear ordering of its nodes in which each node comes before all nodes to which it has outbound edges. Every DAG has one or more number of topological sorts.

A topological sort of a directed acyclic graph (DAG)  $G$  is an ordering of the vertices of  $G$  such that if  $G$  contains an edge  $(u, v)$ , then  $u$  appears before  $v$  in the ordering. Note that topological sort is possible only on directed acyclic graphs that do not have any cycle. For a DAG that contains a cycle, no linear ordering of its vertices is possible.

In simple words, a topological ordering of a DAG  $G$ , is an ordering of its vertices such that any directed path in  $G$ , traverses vertices in an increasing order.

Topological sorting is widely used in scheduling applications, jobs, or tasks. The jobs that have to be completed are represented by nodes, and there is an edge from node  $u$  to  $v$  and job  $u$  must be completed before job  $v$  can be started. A topological sort of such a graph gives an order in which the given jobs must be performed.

**Example 1** Consider three DAGs and possible topological sorts for them as given in Figure 1.

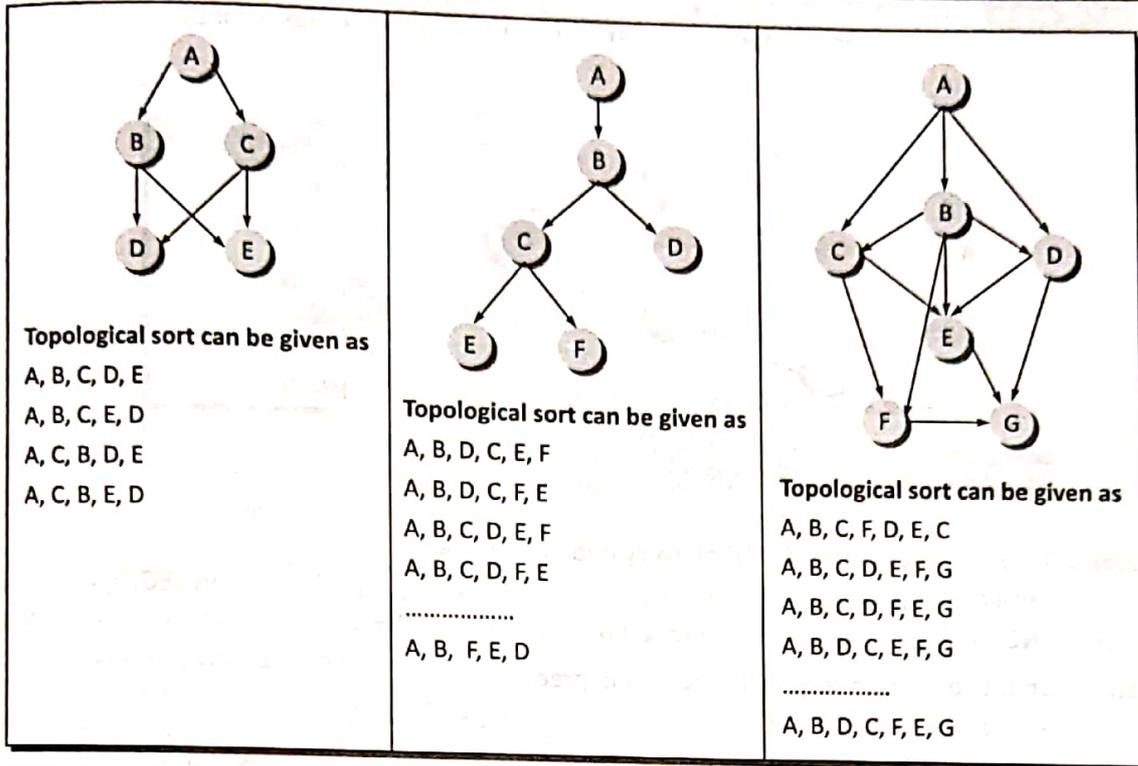
One main property of a DAG is that, more the number of edges in a DAG, fewer the number of topological orders it has. This is because each edge  $(u, v)$  forces node  $u$  to occur before  $v$ , which restricts the number of valid permutations of the nodes.

### Algorithm

The algorithm for topological sort of a graph (Figure 11) that has no cycles, focusses on selecting a node  $N$  with a zero in-degree, i.e., a node that has no predecessor. The two main steps involved in the topological sort algorithm include the following:

- Selecting a node with a zero in-degree
- Deleting  $N$  from the graph along with its edges

We will use a `QUEUE` to hold the nodes that have a zero in-degree. The order in which the nodes will be deleted from the graph will depend on the sequence in which the nodes are inserted in the `QUEUE`. Then we will use a variable `INDEG`, where `INDEG(N)` will represent the in-degree of node  $N$ .



**Figure I** Directed acyclic graphs and topological sorts

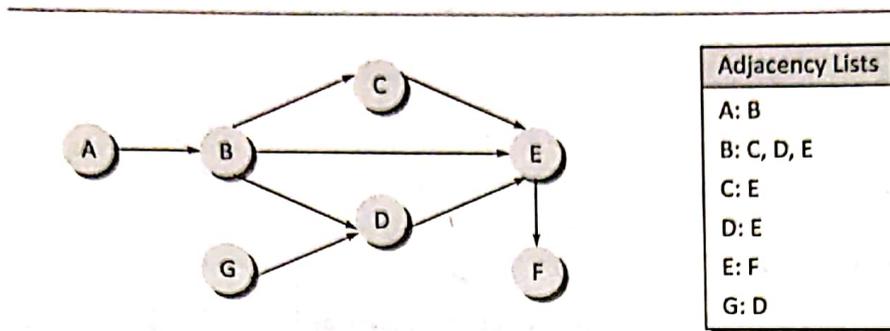
**Note** The in-degree can be calculated in two ways—either by counting the incoming edges from the graph or traversing through the adjacency list.

Step 1: Find the in-degree  $INDEG(N)$  of every node in the graph  
 Step 2: Enqueue all the nodes with a zero in-degree  
 Step 3: Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until the QUEUE is empty  
 Step 4: Remove the front node  $N$  of the QUEUE by setting  $FRONT = FRONT + 1$   
 Step 5: Repeat for each neighbour  $M$  of node  $N$ :  
     a) Delete the edge from  $N$  to  $M$  by setting  $INDEG(M) = INDEG(M) - 1$   
     b) IF  $INDEG(M) = 0$ , then enqueue  $M$ , i.e., add  $M$  to the rear of the queue  
     [END OF INNER LOOP]  
     [END OF LOOP]  
 Step 6: Exit

**Figure II** Algorithm for topological sort

**Note** The running time of the algorithm for topological sorting can be given linearly as the number of nodes plus the number of edges  $O(|V| + |E|)$ .

**Example II** Consider a directed acyclic graph  $G$  given in Figure III. We use the algorithm given above to find a topological sort  $T$  of  $G$ . The steps are given as follows.



**Figure III** Directed acyclic graph

**Step 1:** Find the indegree  $INDEG(N)$  of every node in the graph

$INDEG(A) = 0$        $INDEG(B) = 1$        $INDEG(C) = 1$        $INDEG(D) = 2$   
 $INDEG(E) = 3$        $INDEG(F) = 1$        $INDEG(G) = 0$

**Step 2:** Enqueue all the nodes with a zero in-degree

$FRONT = 1$        $REAR = 2$        $QUEUE = A, G$

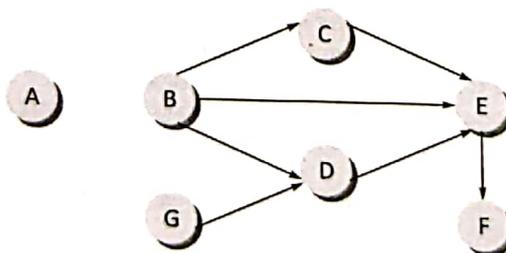
**Step 3:** Remove the front element  $A$  from the queue by setting  $FRONT = FRONT + 1$ , so

$FRONT = 2$        $REAR = 2$        $QUEUE = A, G$

**Step 4:** Set  $INDEG(B) = INDEG(B) - 1$ , since  $B$  is the neighbour of  $A$ . Note that  $INDEG(B)$  is 0, so add it in the queue. The queue now becomes

$FRONT = 2$        $REAR = 3$        $QUEUE = A, G, B$

Delete the edge from  $A$  to  $B$ . The graph now becomes as shown in Figure IV.



**Figure IV** Graph

**Step 5:** Remove the front element  $G$  from the queue by setting  $FRONT = FRONT + 1$ , so

$FRONT = 2$        $REAR = 3$        $QUEUE = A, G, B$

**Step 6:** Set  $INDEG(D) = INDEG(D) - 1$  since  $D$  is the neighbour of  $G$ . Now,

$INDEG(C) = 1$        $INDEG(D) = 1$        $INDEG(E) = 3$        $INDEG(F) = 1$

Delete the edge from  $G$  to  $D$ . The graph now becomes as shown in Figure V.

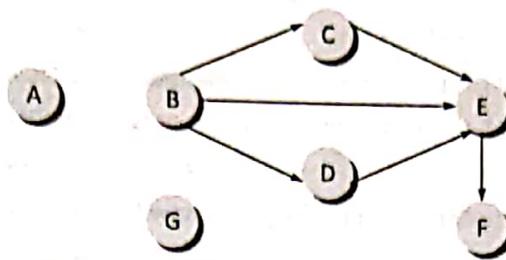


Figure V Graph

Step 7: Remove the front element B from the queue by setting  $FRONT = FRONT + 1$ , so  
 $FRONT = 4$        $REAR = 3$        $QUEUE = A, G, B$

Step 8: Set  $INDEG(C) = INDEG(C) - 1$ ,  $INDEG(D) = INDEG(D) - 1$ ,  $INDEG(E) = INDEG(E) - 1$ , since C, D, and E are the neighbours of B. Now,  
 $INDEG(C) = 0$ ,  $INDEG(D) = 0$  and  $INDEG(E) = 2$

Step 9: Since, in-degree of node C and D is zero, add C and D at the rear of the queue. The queue can be given as follows.

$FRONT = 4$        $REAR = 5$        $QUEUE = A, G, B, C, D$

The graph now becomes as shown in Figure VI.

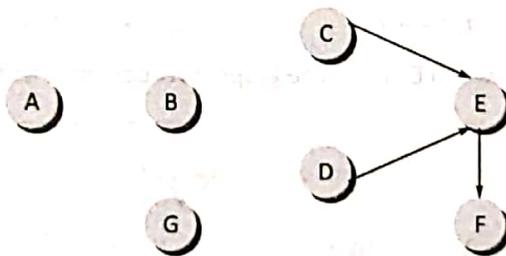


Figure VI Graph

Step 10: Remove the front element C from the queue by setting  $FRONT = FRONT + 1$ , so  
 $FRONT = 5$        $REAR = 5$        $QUEUE = A, G, B, C, D$

Step 11: Set  $INDEG(E) = INDEG(E) - 1$  since E is the neighbor of C. Now,  $INDEG(E) = 1$

The graph now becomes as shown in Figure VII

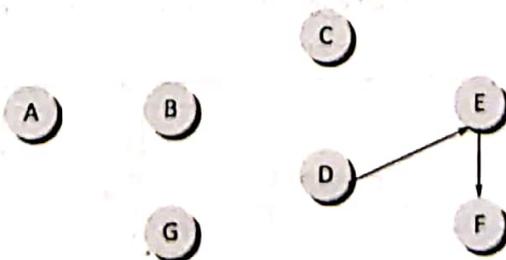


Figure VII Graph

Step 12: Remove the front element D from the queue by setting  $FRONT = FRONT + 1$ , so

$FRONT = 6$        $REAR = 5$        $QUEUE = A, B, G, C, D$

Step 13: Set  $INDEG(E) = INDEG(E) - 1$  since E is the neighbour of D. Now,

$INDEG(E) = 0$ , so add E to the queue. The queue now becomes,  
 $FRONT = 6$        $REAR = 6$        $QUEUE = A, G, B, C, D, E$

Step 14: Delete the edge between D and E. The graph now becomes as shown in Figure VIII.

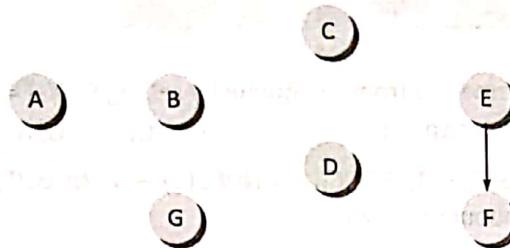


Figure VIII Graph

Step 15: Remove the front element D from the queue by setting  $FRONT = FRONT + 1$ , so

$FRONT = 7$        $REAR = 6$        $QUEUE = A, G, B, C, D, E$

Step 16: Set  $INDEG(F) = INDEG(F) - 1$  since F is the neighbour of E. Now,

$INDEG(F) = 0$ , so add F to the queue. The queue now becomes,  
 $FRONT = 7$        $REAR = 7$        $QUEUE = A, G, B, C, D, E, F$

Step 17: Delete the edge between E and F. The graph now becomes as shown in Figure IX.



Figure IX Graph

There are no more edges in the graph and all nodes have been added to the queue, so the topological sort T of G can be given as—A, G, B, C, D, E, F (Figure X). When we arrange these nodes in a sequence, we find that if there is an edge from u to v, where u appears before v.

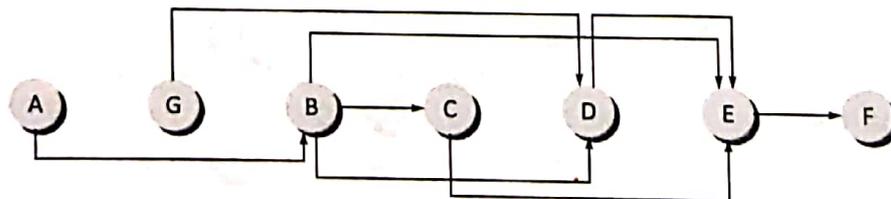


Figure X Topological sort

## 1. Write a program to implement topological sorting.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#define MAX 10
int n, adj [MAX] [MAX] ;
int front = -1, rear = -1, queue [MAX] ;
void create_graph(void);
void display();
void insert_queue(int);
int delete_queue(void);
int find_indegree(int);
main()
{
    int node, j = 0, del_node, I;
    int topsort [MAX] , indeg [MAX] ;
    create_graph();
    printf ("\n The adjacency matrix is:");
    display();
    /*Find the in-degree of each node*/
    for(node = 1; node <= n; node++)
    {
        indeg [node] = find_indegree (node);
        if ( indeg [node] == 0 )
            insert_queue (node);
    }
    while (front <= rear) /*Continue loop until queue is empty */
    {
        del_node = delete_queue ();
        topsort [j] = del_node; /*Add the deleted node to topsort*/
        j++;
        /*Delete the del_node edges */
        for (node = 1; node <= n; node++)
        {
            if ( adj [del_node] [node] == 1 )
            {
                adj [del_node] [node] = 0;
                indeg [node] = indeg [node] - 1;
                if (indeg [node] == 0)
                    insert_queue (node);
            }
        }
    }
    printf ("The topological sorting can be given as: \n");
    for (node = 0; i < j; node++)
        printf ("%d ", topsort [node] );
}
void create_graph()
{
    int i, max_edges, org, dest;

```

```
printf("\nEnter number of vertices: ");
scanf("%d", &n);
max_edges = n*(n-1);
for(i = 1; i <= max_edges; i++)
{
    printf("\nEnter edge %d(0 to quit): ", i);
    scanf("%d %d", &org, &dest);
    if((org == 0) && (dest == 0))
        break;
    if (org > n || dest > n || org <= 0 || dest <= 0)
    {
        printf("\nInvalid edge");
        i--;
    }
    else
        adj[org][dest] = 1;
}
}

void display()
{
    int i, j;
    for(i = 1; i <= n; i++)
    {
        printf("\n");
        for(j = 1; j <= n; j++)
            printf("%3d", adj[i][j]);
    }
}

void insert_queue(int node)
{
    if (rear == MAX-1)
        printf("\nOVERFLOW ");
    else
    {
        if (front == -1) /*If queue is initially empty */
            front = 0;
        queue[++rear] = node;
    }
}

int delete_queue()
{
    int del_node;
    if (front == -1 || front > rear)
    {
        printf("\nUNDERFLOW ");
        return;
    }
    else
    {
```

```
        del_node = queue[front++];
        return del_node;
    }
}
int find_indegree(int node)
{
    int i, in_deg = 0;
    for(i = 1; i <= n; i++)
        if(adj[i][node] == 1)
            in_deg++;
    return in_deg;
}
```

### Output

```
Enter number of vertices: 7
Enter edge 1 (0 to quit): 1 2
Enter edge 2 (0 to quit): 2 3
Enter edge 3 (0 to quit): 2 5
Enter edge 4 (0 to quit): 2 4
Enter edge 5 (0 to quit): 3 5
Enter edge 6 (0 to quit): 4 5
Enter edge 7 (0 to quit): 5 6
Enter edge 8 (0 to quit): 7 4
The topological sorting can be given as:
1 7 2 3 4 5 6
```

## Appendix

# A

# ANSI C Library Functions

```
<ctype.h>
int isalnum(int c);
// to check if c is an alphabet or a digit
int isalpha(int c);
// to check if c is an alphabet
int iscntrl(int c);
// to check if c is a control character
int isdigit(int c);
// to check if c is a decimal digit
int isgraph(int c);
// to check if c is a printing character other
    than space
int islower(int c);
// to check if c is a lower-case character
int isprint(int c);
// to check if c is a printing character
    including space
int ispunct(int c);
// to check if c is a printing character other
    than space, letter, or digit
int isspace(int c);
// to check if c is a space, formfeed, newline,
    carriage return, tab, or vertical tab
int isupper(int c);
// to check if c is an upper-case character
int isxdigit(int c);
// to check if c is a hexadecimal digit
int tolower(int c);
// to convert c into its lower-case equivalent
int toupper(int c);
// to convert c into its upper-case equivalent
```

```
<errno.h>
errno
// object to which certain library functions
    assign specific positive values when an error
    occurs
EDOM // code used for domain errors
ERANGE // code used for range errors
```

```
<limits.h>
CHAR_BIT
// Specifies the number of bits in a char
CHAR_MAX
// Specifies the maximum value of type char
CHAR_MIN
// Specifies the minimum value of type char
SCHAR_MAX
// Specifies the maximum value of type signed
    char
SCHAR_MIN
// Specifies the minimum value of type signed
    char
UCHAR_MAX
// Specifies the maximum value of type unsigned
    char
SHRT_MAX
// Specifies the maximum value of type short
SHRT_MIN
// Specifies the minimum value of type short
```

```

USHRT_MAX
// Specifies the maximum value of type unsigned
short

INT_MAX
// Specifies the maximum value of type int

INT_MIN
// Specifies the minimum value of type int

UINT_MAX
// Specifies the maximum value of type unsigned
int

LONG_MAX
// Specifies the maximum value of type long

LONG_MIN
// Specifies the minimum value of type long

ULONG_MAX
// Specifies the maximum value of type unsigned
long

<math.h>
double exp(double x);
// Calculates the exponential value of x

double log(double x);
// Calculates the natural logarithm of x

double log10(double x);
// Calculates the base-10 logarithm of x

double pow(double x, double y);
// Calculates the value of x raised to power y

double sqrt(double x);
// Calculates the square root of x

double ceil(double x);
// Calculates the smallest integer not less
than x

double floor(double x);
// Calculates the largest integer not greater
than x

double fabs(double x);
// Calculates the absolute value of x

double ldexp(double x, int n);
// Calculates the x times 2 to the power n

double fmod(double x, double y);
// If y is non-zero, floating-point remainder of
x/y, with the same sign as x is returned, else
the result is implementation-defined

double sin(double x); // Calculates the sine of x

double cos(double x);
// Calculates the cosine of x

```

```

double tan(double x);
// Calculates the tangent of x

double asin(double x);
// Calculates the arc-sine of x

double acos(double x);
// Calculates the arc-cosine of x

double atan(double x);
// Calculates the arc-tangent of x

double atan2(double y, double x);
// Calculates the arc-tangent of y/x

double sinh(double x);
// Calculates the hyperbolic sine of x

double cosh(double x);
// Calculates the hyperbolic cosine of x

double tanh(double x);
// Calculates the hyperbolic tangent of x

```

## &lt;stddef.h&gt;

```

NULL // Specifies the null pointer constant

offsetof(stype, m)
// gives the offset (in bytes) of member m from
start of structure type stype.

size_t
// Specifies the type for objects declared to
store the result of the sizeof operator

```

## &lt;stdio.h&gt;

```

BUFSIZ
// Specifies the size of the buffer used by
setbuf

EOF // Indicates the end-of-stream or an error

FILENAME_MAX
// Specifies the maximum length of characters to
hold a filename

FOPEN_MAX
// Specifies the maximum no. of files you can open
simultaneously

L_tmpnam
// Specifies the no. of characters required for a
temporary filename

NULL // Specifies the null pointer constant

SEEK_CUR
// Used in fseek() for specifying the current
file position

SEEK_END
// Used in fseek() for specifying the end of file

```

```

SEEK_SET
// Used in fseek() for specifying the beginning
  of a file

TMP_MAX
// Specifies the minimum no. of unique filenames
  generated

_IOFBF
// Used in setvbuf() for specifying full
  buffering

_IOLBF
// Used in setvbuf() for specifying line
  buffering

_IONBF
// Used in setvbuf() for specifying no buffering

stdin
// Specifies the file pointer for standard input
  stream. Automatically opened when program
  execution begins.

stdout
// Specifies the file pointer for standard output
  stream. Automatically opened when program
  execution begins.

stderr
// Specifies the file pointer for standard error
  stream. Automatically opened when program
  execution begins.

FILE
// Specifies the type of object holding
  information necessary to control a stream

fpos_t
// Specifies the type for objects declared to
  store file position information

size_t
// Specifies the type for objects declared to
  store result of sizeof operator

FILE* fopen(const char* filename, const char*
  mode);
// To open a file filename. It returns a stream,
  or NULL on failure. mode may be one of the
  following for text files-
  r: reading, w: writing, a: append, r+:
  update (reading and writing), w+: update,
  discarding previous content (if any), a+:
  append, reading, and writing at end or one of
  those strings with b included (after the first
  character), for binary files.

FILE* freopen(const char* filename, const char*
  mode, FILE* stream);
// To close a file associated with stream, then
  opens file filename with specified mode and
  associates it with stream. It either returns
  stream or NULL in case of failure.

int fflush(FILE* stream);
// To flush the stream. It returns zero on success
  or EOF on error. Note that fflush(NULL) flushes
  all output streams.

int fclose(FILE* stream);
// To close the stream (also flushes it if it is
  an O/P stream). Returns EOF on error, zero
  otherwise.

int remove(const char* filename);
// To remove the specified file. Returns non-zero
  on failure.

int rename(const char* oldname, const char*
  newname);
// To change name of file oldname to newname.
  Returns zero on success and a non-zero value
  on failure.

FILE* tmpfile();
// To create a temporary file (mode "wb+") which
  will be removed when closed or on normal
  program termination. The function returns
  stream or NULL on failure.

int setvbuf(FILE* stream, char* buf, int mode,
  size_t size);
// To control buffering for stream. mode can be _
  IOFBF, _IOLBF or _IONBF. The function returns
  non-zero value on error. However, the function
  must be called before any other operation on
  the stream.

void setbuf(FILE* stream, char* buf);
// To control buffering for stream. For null buf,
  turns off buffering, otherwise it is equivalent to
  (void) setvbuf(stream, buf, _IOFBF, BUFSIZ).

int fprintf(FILE* stream, const char* format,
  ...);
// To convert (according to format) and writes
  output to stream. Returns either the no. of
  characters written, or negative value on
  error.

int printf(const char* format, ...);
// printf(f, ...) is equivalent to fprintf(stdout,
  f, ...)

int sprintf(char* s, const char* format, ...);
// The function is same as fprintf, but the output
  is written into string s, which must be large

```

enough to hold the output. It terminates the string with '\0' and returns length of s

```
int vfprintf(FILE* stream, const char* format,
va_list arg);
```

// Same as fprintf but with variable argument list replaced by arg, which must have been initialised by the va\_start macro

```
int vprintf(const char* format, va_list arg);
```

// Same as printf but with variable argument list replaced by arg, which must have been initialised by the va\_start macro

```
int vsprintf(char* s, const char* format, va_list arg);
```

// Same as sprintf but with variable argument list replaced by arg, which must have been initialised by the va\_start macro

```
int fscanf(FILE* stream, const char* format,
...);
```

// To perform formatted input conversion, reading from stream according to the specified format. The function returns no. of items converted and assigned, or EOF if end-of-file or error occurs before any conversion.

```
int scanf(const char* format, ...);
```

// scanf(f, ...) is same as fscanf(stdin, f, ...)

```
int sscanf(char* s, const char* format, ...);
```

// Same as fscanf but input is read from string s.

```
int fgetc(FILE* stream);
```

// Used to return next character from (input) stream or an EOF on end-of-file or error.

```
char* fgets(char* s, int n, FILE* stream);
```

// Used to copy characters from input stream stream to s until either n - 1 characters are copied, newline is copied, end-of-file is reached or an error occurs. If no error, s is NULL-terminated. Returns NULL on end-of-file or error, s otherwise.

```
int fputc(int c, FILE* stream);
```

// To write the character c to stream. Returns c or EOF on error.

```
char* fputs(const char* s, FILE* stream);
```

// To write s, to the output stream. Returns non-negative on success or EOF on error.

```
int getc(FILE* stream);
```

// Same as fgetc except that it may be a macro

```
int getchar(void); // Same as getc(stdin)
```

```
char* gets(char* s);
```

// To copy characters from stdin into s until either a newline is encountered, end-of-file is reached, or error occurs. Note that it does not copy newline and terminates s with a '\0'. Returns s, or NULL on end-of-file or error. Should not be used because of the potential for buffer overflow.

```
int putc(int c, FILE* stream);
```

// Same as fputc except that it may be a macro

```
int putchar(int c); // Same as putc(c, stdout)
```

```
int puts(const char* s);
```

// To write s (excluding terminating NUL) and a newline to stdout. Returns a non-negative value on success or EOF on error.

```
int ungetc(int c, FILE* stream);
```

// To push c (which must not be EOF), onto the input stream such that it will be returned by the next read. Returns c or EOF on error.

```
size_t fread(void* ptr, size_t size, size_t nobj, FILE* stream);
```

// To read (at most) nobj objects of size size from stream stream into ptr and returns number of objects read.

```
size_t fwrite(const void* ptr, size_t size, size_t nobj, FILE* stream);
```

// To write to stream stream, nobj objects of size size from array ptr. Returns number of objects written.

```
int fseek(FILE* stream, long offset, int origin);
```

// To set file position for stream stream and clears end-of-file indicator. For a binary stream, file position is set to offset bytes from the position indicated by origin: SEEK\_SET, SEEK\_CUR, or SEEK\_END. Returns non-zero on error.

```
long ftell(FILE* stream);
```

// Returns current file position for stream or -1 on error

```
void rewind(FILE* stream);
```

// Same as fseek(stream, 0L, SEEK\_SET);

```
int fgetpos(FILE* stream, fpos_t* ptr);
```

// To store current file position for stream in \*ptr. Returns non-zero on error.

```
int fsetpos(FILE* stream, const fpos_t* ptr);
```

// To set current position of stream to \*ptr. Returns non-zero on error.

```

void clearerr(FILE* stream);
// To clear the end-of-file and other error
  indicators for stream
int feof(FILE* stream);
// To returns non-zero if end-of-file indicator
  is set for stream
int ferror(FILE* stream);
// To return non-zero if error indicator is set
  for stream
void perror(const char* s);
// To print (if non-null) and strerror(errno) to
  standard error

<stdlib.h>
EXIT_FAILURE
// Specifies value for status argument to exit
  indicating failure
EXIT_SUCCESS
// Specifies value for status argument to exit
  indicating success
RAND_MAX
// Specifies maximum value returned by rand()
NULL // Specifies Null pointer constant
div_t
// Specifies the return type of div(). Structure
  having members: int quot, int rem;
ldiv_t
// Specifies the return type of ldiv(). Structure
  having members: long quot, rem;
size_t
// Specifies type for objects declared to store
  result of sizeof operator
int abs(int n); // Returns absolute value of n
long labs(long n); // Returns absolute value of n
div_t div(int num, int denom);
// Returns quotient and remainder of num/denom
ldiv_t ldiv(long num, long denom);
// Returns quotient and remainder of num/denom
double atof(const char* s);
// Same as strtod(s, (char**)NULL) except that
  errno is not necessarily set on conversion
  error
int atoi(const char* s);
// Same as (int)strtol(s, (char**)NULL, 10)
  except that errno is not necessarily set on
  conversion error

long atol(const char* s);
// Same as strtol(s, (char**)NULL, 10) except
  that errno is not necessarily set on conversion
  error
double strtod(const char* s, char** endp);
// To convert initial characters (ignoring
  leading white space) of s to type double. If
  endp non-null, stores pointer to unconverted
  suffix in *endp.
long strtol(const char* s, char** endp, int
  base);
// To convert initial characters (ignoring
  leading white space) of s to type long. If
  endp non-null, stores pointer to unconverted
  suffix in *endp. If base lies between 2 and
  36, that base is used for conversion; if 0X
  or 0x implies hexadecimal; 0 implies octal,
  otherwise decimal assumed.
unsigned long strtoul(const char* s, char**
  endp, int base);
// Same as strtol except result is unsigned long
void* calloc(size_t nobj, size_t size);
// Returns pointer to allocated space for an array
  of nobj objects each of size size, or NULL on
  error
void* malloc(size_t size);
// Returns pointer to allocated space for an
  object of size size, or NULL on error
void* realloc(void* p, size_t size);
// Returns pointer to allocated space for an
  object of size size to existing contents of p
  (if non-null), or NULL on error. On successful
  operation, old object is deallocated, else
  remains unchanged.
void free(void* p);
// De-allocates space to which p points (if p is
  not null)
void abort();
// To abnormally terminate the program
void exit(int status);
// To terminate the program normally. When
  exit() is called, open files are flushed, open
  streams are closed and control is returned
  to environment. status is returned to
  environment. Zero or EXIT_SUCCESS indicates
  successful termination and EXIT_FAILURE
  indicates unsuccessful termination. However,
  implementations may define other values.

```

```

char* getenv(const char* name);
// Returns string associated with name name from
// implementation's environment, or NULL if no
// such string exists

void* bsearch(const void* key, const void* base,
    size_t n, size_t size, int (*cmp)(const void*
    keyval, const void* datum));
// To search a sorted array base (of n objects each
// of size size) for item matching key according
// to comparison function cmp. cmp must return
// negative value if first argument is less than
// second, zero if equal and positive if greater.
// The function either returns a pointer to
// an item matching key if successful or returns
// NULL if a match is not found.

void qsort(void* base, size_t n, size_t size,
    int (*cmp)(const void*, const void*));
// To arrange the elements of an array base
// (of n objects each of size size) according
// to comparison function cmp into ascending
// order cmp must return negative value if first
// argument is less than second, zero if equal,
// and positive if greater.

int rand(void);
// To return a pseudo-random number in the range
// 0 to RAND_MAX

void srand(unsigned int seed);
// To return a new sequence of pseudo-random
// numbers using the specified seed. Initial
// seed is 1.

<string.h>
NULL // Specifies the Null pointer constant

size_t
// Specifies the type for objects declared to
// store result of sizeof operator

char* strcpy(char* s, const char* ct);
// Copies ct to s (including '\0') and returns s

char* strncpy(char* s, const char* ct, size_t
    n);
// Copies at most n characters of ct to s. If ct
// is of length less than n then appends a '\0'
// character to s and returns s.

char* strcat(char* s, const char* ct);
// Concatenates ct to s and returns s

char* strncat(char* s, const char* ct, size_t n);
// To concatenate at most n characters of ct to s.
// Appends a '\0' character to s and returns it.

int strcmp(const char* cs, const char* ct);
// To compare cs with ct, returning negative value
// if cs < ct, zero if cs==ct, positive value if cs
// > ct.

int strncmp(const char* cs, const char* ct,
    size_t n);
// To compare the first n characters of cs and ct,
// returning negative value if cs < ct, zero if
// cs==ct, positive value if cs > ct.

int strcoll(const char* cs, const char* ct);
// To compare cs with ct, returning negative value
// if cs < ct, zero if cs==ct, positive value if
// cs > ct.

char* strchr(const char* cs, int c);
// Returns pointer to first occurrence of c in cs,
// or NULL if not found

char* strrchr(const char* cs, int c);
// Returns pointer to last occurrence of c in cs,
// or NULL if not found

size_t strspn(const char *str1, const char
    *str2);
// The function returns the index of the first
// character in str1 that doesn't match any
// character in str2.

size_t strcspn(const char *str1, const char
    *str2);
// The function returns the index of the first
// character in str1 that matches any of the
// characters in str2.

char *strpbrk(const char *str1, const char
    *str2);
// The function strpbrk() returns a pointer to
// the first occurrence in str1 of any character
// in str2, or NULL if none are present.

char* strstr(const char* cs, const char* ct);
// To return a pointer to first occurrence of ct
// within cs, or NULL if none is found

size_t strlen(const char* cs);
// To return the length of cs

char* strerror(int n);
// To return a pointer to implementation-defined
// message string corresponding with error n.

char *strtok(char *str1, const char *delimiter);
// The strtok function is used to isolate
// sequential tokens in a null-terminated
// string, str. These tokens are separated in the
// string using delimiters. The first time that

```

strtok is called, str should be specified; subsequent calls, wishing to obtain further tokens from the same string, should pass a null pointer instead. However, the delimiter must be supplied each time, though it may change between calls.

```
size_t strxfrm(char* s, const char* ct, size_t n);
// To store in no more than n characters (including
'\0') of a string produced from ct according
to a locale-specific transformation. Returns
length of entire transformed string.

void* memcpy(void* s, const void* ct, size_t n);
// To copy n characters from ct to s and returns s.
In case of object overlap, s may be corrupted.

void* memmove(void* s, const void* ct, size_t n);
// To copy n characters from ct to s and returns
s. In case of object overlap, s will not be
corrupted.

int memcmp(const void* cs, const void* ct,
size_t n);
// To compare at most the first n characters of cs
and ct, returning negative value if cs < ct,
zero if cs == ct, positive value if cs > ct.

void* memchr(const void* cs, int c, size_t n);
// To return a pointer to first occurrence of c in
first n characters of cs, or NULL if not found.

void* memset(void* s, int c, size_t n);
// To replace each of the first n characters of s
by c and return s

<time.h>
CLOCKS_PER_SEC
// Specifies the number of clock_t units per
second

clock_t
// Specifies an arithmetic type elapsed processor
representing time

time_t
// Specifies an arithmetic type representing
calendar time

struct tm
// Specifies the components of calendar time:
```

```
int tm_sec; // Gives seconds after the minute
int tm_min; // Gives minutes after the hour
int tm_hour; // Gives hours since midnight
int tm_mday; // Gives the day of the month
int tm_mon; // Gives months since January
int tm_year; // Gives years since 1900
int tm_wday; // Gives days since Sunday
int tm_yday; // Gives days since January 1

int tm_isdst; // Specifies the Daylight
Saving Time flag. It is positive if DST is
in effect, zero if not in effect, negative
if information is not known.

clock_t clock(void);
// Returns elapsed processor time used by program
or -1 if not available

time_t time(time_t* tp);
// Returns current calendar time or -1 if not
available. If tp != NULL, return value is also
assigned to *tp.

double difftime(time_t time2, time_t time1);
// Returns the difference in seconds between
time2 and time1

char* asctime(const struct tm* tp);
// Returns the given time as a string of the form:
Sun Jan 3 13:08:42 1988\n\n0

char* ctime(const time_t* tp);
// Returns string equivalent to calendar time tp
converted to local time

struct tm* gmtime(const time_t* tp);
// Returns calendar time *tp converted to
Coordinated Universal Time, or NULL if not
available

struct tm* localtime(const time_t* tp);
// Returns calendar time *tp converted into local
time

size_t strftime(char* s, size_t smax, const
char* fmt, const struct tm* tp);
// Formats *tp into s according to fmt. Places no
more than smax characters into s, and returns
either no. of characters produced (excluding
'\0'), or 0 if greater than smax.
```

# Type Qualifiers and Inline Functions

## B.1 VOLATILE AND RESTRICT TYPE QUALIFIERS

### Type Qualifier: Volatile

In C, a variable or object declared with the `volatile` keyword will not be optimized by the compiler because the compiler must assume that their values can change at any time.

For example, consider the code given below. Here, the value stored in `WAIT` is 0. It then starts to poll that value repeatedly until it changes to 255.

```
static int WAIT;
void func (void)
{
    WAIT = 0;
    while (WAIT != 255);
}
```

An optimizing compiler will observe that no other code is changing the value stored in `WAIT`, and therefore assumes that it will remain equal to 0 at all times. The compiler will then replace the function body with an infinite loop similar to the one given below:

```
void func_optimized(void)
{
    foo = 0;
    while (true);
}
```

However, `func` might represent a location that can be changed by other elements of the computer system at any time (for example, a hardware register of a device

connected to the CPU). The above code would never detect such a change. So when the `volatile` keyword is used, the compiler assumes that the current program is the only part of the system that could change the value. The declaration of `WAIT` must therefore be modified as:

```
static volatile int WAIT;
void bar (void)
{
    WAIT = 0;
    while (WAIT != 255);
}
```

Now, the compiler will not optimize the loop and the system will detect the change when it occurs. The `volatile` keyword is basically used to allow access to memory-mapped devices and make use of variables in signal handlers.

### Points to remember

- C permits declaration and definition of a `volatile` or `const` function only if it is a non-static member function.
- C permits declaration and definition of a function that returns a pointer to a `volatile` or `const` function.
- An object can be both `const` and `volatile`. Such an object cannot be legitimately modified by its own program but can be modified by some asynchronous process.
- If you put more than one qualifier on a declaration, then the compiler will ignore duplicate type qualifiers.

- The `volatile` keyword indicates to the compiler, that a variable may be modified outside the scope of the program. A `volatile` variable is normally used in multitasking (threading) systems, when writing drivers with interrupt service routines, or in embedded systems, where the peripheral registers may also be modified by hardware alone.
- When you use the `volatile` keyword, your program will run slower, because of the extra read operations. Also the program will be larger since the compiler is not allowed to optimize as thoroughly.

### When to use the `volatile` keyword?

A variable must be declared using the `volatile` type qualifier when:

- a variable is used in more than one context
- a common variable is used in more than one task or thread
- a variable is used both in a task and one or more interrupt service routines
- a variable corresponds to processor-internal registers configured as input

### Type Qualifier: `restrict`

The `restrict` type qualifier may only be applied to a pointer. A pointer declaration with the `restrict` keyword establishes a special association between the pointer and the object it accesses, making the pointer and expressions based on that pointer, the only way to directly or indirectly access the value of that object.

We have studied that a pointer is the address of a memory location. More than one pointer can be used to access the same memory location and modify it during the course of a program. The `restrict` type qualifier indicates the compiler that, if the memory addressed by the `restrict`-qualified pointer is modified, no other pointer will access that same memory. The compiler may choose to optimize code involving `restrict`-qualified pointers in a way that might otherwise result in incorrect behaviour.

### Points to remember

- It is a new addition for C99 (the standard from 1999) which is not available in older compilers.

- If a particular piece of memory is not altered then it can be aliased using more than one `restrict` pointer.
- In the absence of the `restrict` keyword, other pointers can alias the object.
- Caching the value in an object designated through a `restrict`-qualified pointer is safe at the beginning of the block in which the pointer is declared since no pre-existing aliases may also be used to reference that object.

However, the cached value must be restored to the object by the end of the block, where some pre-existing aliases again become available. If new aliases are formed within the block, they can be identified and adjusted to refer to the cached value.

### The `restrict` qualifier and aliasing

The `restrict` qualifier addresses the issue that potential aliasing can inhibit optimizations. Specifically, if a compiler is unable to determine that two different pointers are referencing different objects, then it cannot apply optimizations such as maintaining the values of the objects in registers other than in memory, or reordering loads and stores of these values.

The `restrict` qualifier usually extends two types of aliasing information already specified in the language.

- First, if a single pointer is directly assigned the return value from an invocation of `malloc`, then that pointer is the only way of accessing the allocated object (i.e., another pointer can access that object only by being assigned a value that is based on the value of the first pointer).
- Second, in Appendix V, you must have observed that there are two versions of an object copying function. This is because on many systems a faster copy is possible if it is known that the source and target arrays do not overlap. The `restrict` qualifier can be used to express the restriction on overlap in a new prototype that is compatible with the original version:

```
void *memcpy(void *restrict s1, const void
             *restrict s2, size_t n);
void *memmove(void *s1, const void *s2, size_t n);
```

The `restrict` keyword provides a straightforward implementation of `memcpy` in C, which gives a level of performance that previously required assembly language or other non-standard means.

## B.2 INLINE FUNCTIONS IN C

An *inline function* is a programming language construct which instructs the compiler to perform inline expansion on a particular function. For an inline function, the compiler will copy the code from the function definition directly into the code of the calling function rather than creating a separate set of instructions in memory. So, instead of transferring control to and from the calling function and the called function, a modified copy of the function body may be substituted directly for the function call. In this way, the performance overhead of a function call is avoided.

The general format of an inline function is as follows:

```
inline return_data_type function_
    name (arguments)
```

A function is declared inline by using the `inline` function specifier. However, the `inline` specifier is just a request to the compiler that it should perform inline expansion. The compiler is free to ignore the request.

### Example B.1

Look at the inline function below which returns the greatest of two integer values.

```
inline int large (int x, int y)
{
    return ((x > y) ? x : y);
}
```

The function may be called in the same way as an ordinary function is called. The statement given below demonstrates how an inline function can be called.

```
int a = 7, b = 9;
int big = large (a, b);
```

Look at another inline function which is used to add two integer values.

```
inline int ADD(int a, int b) { return a + b; }
```

Remember that the `inline` specifier does not change the meaning of the function.

## Motivation

When a function is called, the control is transferred from the calling program to the function. After the called function is completely executed, the control is transferred back to the calling program. This concept of function execution may be time consuming since the registers and other processes must be saved before the function gets called.

The extra time and space required may be justified for larger functions but for small functions, the programmer may wish to place the code of the called function in the calling program for it to be executed. This is done by using an inline function.

An inline function reaps the benefits of a function while avoiding its overhead. Inline expansion is used to eliminate the overhead involved in a function call. Inline functions are usually used for functions that are executed frequently. They provide space benefit for very small functions and enable transformation for other optimizations.

In the absence of inline functions, the compiler automatically decides which functions to inline. The programmer has little or no control over which functions are inlined and which are not.

## Comparison to macros

Initially in C, inline expansion was accomplished at the source level using parameterized macros. However, C99 opened the way for true inline functions which provided several benefits over macros. These include the following:

- When a macro is invoked, no type checking is performed. However, function calls usually do.
- A macro cannot use the `return` keyword, i.e., a macro cannot return something which is not the result of the last expression invoked inside it.
- Since macros usually use mere textual substitution, this may cause unintended side-effects and inefficiency due to re-evaluation of arguments and order of operations.
- Compiler errors within macros are often difficult to understand.
- Many constructs are awkward or impossible to express using macros. Moreover, it uses a significantly different syntax. Inline functions, on the other hand, use the same syntax as ordinary functions.

- Debugging a macro is much more difficult than debugging an inlined code.

**Advantages**

- An inline function generates faster code as it saves the time required to execute function calls
- Small inline functions (three lines or less) create

less code than the equivalent function call, as the compiler does not have to generate code to handle function arguments and a return value.

- Inline functions are subject to code optimizations that are usually not available to normal functions, as the compiler does not perform inter-procedural optimizations.

# Versions of C

## C.1 K&R C

In 1978, Brian Kernighan and Dennis Ritchie published the first edition of *The C Programming Language*. Their book, known as 'K&R' served for many years as an informal specification of the language. The version of C that it describes is commonly referred to as K&R C. However, the second edition of the book covers the later ANSI C standard. K&R introduced several language features such as:

- standard I/O library
- long int data type
- unsigned int data type
- compound assignment operators of the form `=op` (such as `-=`) were changed to the form `op=` to remove the semantic ambiguity created by such constructs. For example, `count = - 1`, which was incorrectly interpreted as `count = 1`.

Even after the publication of the 1989 C standard, K&R C was considered to be the essential component of C required by a C compiler. The C programmers restricted themselves to use K&R C when maximum portability was desired, since many older compilers were still in use, and because carefully written K&R C code can be legal Standard C as well.

In early versions of C, only those functions had to be declared which returned a non-integer value and were used before the function definition. A function that did not have any previous declaration was assumed to return an integer (if its value was used).

In K&R C, function declarations did not include any information about function arguments. Therefore, function parameter type checks were not performed. However, some compilers would issue a warning message if a local function was called with the wrong number of arguments or if multiple calls to an external function used different numbers or types of arguments. This led to the development of separate tools such as Unix's lint utility that (among other things) could check for consistency of functions used across multiple source files.

After several years of publication of K&R C, a number of unofficial features were added to the language that was supported by compilers from AT&T and some other vendors. These included:

- void functions
- functions returning struct or union types (rather than pointers)
- assignment for struct data types
- enumerated types

Finally the popularity of K&R C, large number of extensions, lack of agreement on a standard library, and the fact that not even the Unix compilers precisely implemented the K&R specification led to the standardization of the language.

## C.2 ANSI C

ANSI C is the standard published by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for the C programming language. Software developers using C language to

develop their programs are encouraged to conform to the requirements stated in the document, as it encourages easily portable code.

### History of ANSI C and ISO C

The first standard for C was published by ANSI. Although this document was subsequently adopted by International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and subsequent revisions published by ISO have been adopted by ANSI, the name ANSI C (rather than ISO C) is still more widely used. Some software developers call it as ISO C, whereas some tend to be neutral and use the term Standard C.

#### C89

In 1983, the American National Standards Institute formed a committee, X3J11, to establish a standard specification of the C language. This standard was completed in 1989 and it is this version of C that is commonly known as 'ANSI C', or sometimes 'C89' (to distinguish it from C99).

#### C90

In the year 1990, the ANSI C standard together with a few minor modifications was adopted by the International Organization for Standardization as ISO/IEC 9899:1990. This version came to be known as C90. Therefore, the terms 'C89' and 'C90' refer to essentially the same language.

#### C99

In March 2000, ANSI adopted the ISO/IEC 9899:1999 standard. This standard came to be popular as C99 which is the current standard for C programming language.

Today, ANSI C is supported by almost all the widely used compilers. Needless to say, these days most of the C code being written is based on ANSI C. Any program written *only* in standard C and without any hardware dependent assumptions is virtually guaranteed to compile correctly on any platform with a conforming C implementation. In the absence of such precautions, programs may compile only on a certain platform or with a particular compiler.

### Compliance Detectability

To mitigate the differences between K&R C and the ANSI C standard, the `__STDC__` ('standard c') macro can be used to split code into ANSI and K&R sections.

```
#if __STDC__
// use code that can use new features
#else
// use code that still uses obsolete
features
#endif
```

### C.3 C99

C99 is a modern version of the C programming language. It extends the previous version (C89) to make better use of available computer hardware and to utilize the latest advances in compiler technology. The extensions in C99 are helpful to the programmers because they provide:

- convenient ways of expressing particular algorithm constructs
- better control for numerical purposes, for directing optimizations, etc.

#### History

After ANSI C was developed, the C language specification remained relatively static for some time, and C++ continued to evolve, largely during its own standardization effort. Although a new standard for the C language was developed in 1995, but it was done only to correct some details of the C89 standard and to add more extensive support for international character sets. However, the standard underwent further revision in the late 1990s that resulted in the publication of ISO/IEC 9899:1999 in 1999. This standard is commonly referred to as "C99." It was adopted as an ANSI standard in May 2000.

#### Design

C99 is mostly backward compatible with C90 but is stricter in some ways. In particular, a declaration that does not have a type specifier is no longer assumed to be `int`. The C standards committee decided that it was more important for the compiler to diagnose inadvertent omission of the type specifier than to silently process legacy code that relied on implicit `int`. Practically, the compilers are likely

to display a warning while compiling, *assume int and continue translating the program*.

C99 also added certain new features, many of which had already been implemented as extensions in several compilers:

- Inline functions
- Intermingled declarations and code. With this, a variable declaration is no longer restricted to file scope or the start of a compound statement (block)
- Addition of new data types, such as: `long`, `long int`, `boolean`, and a `complex` type to represent complex numbers
- Arrays of variable-length
- Support for single-line comments beginning with `//`
- Addition of new library functions, such as `snprintf`
- Addition of new header files such as `stdbool.h` and `inttypes.h`
- Addition of type-generic math functions (in `tgmath.h`)
- Enhanced support for IEEE floating point
- Designated initializers
- Compound literals
- Support for macros that have variable arity
- Addition of `restrict` type qualifier that allows more aggressive code optimization
- Addition of universal character names to enable user variables to contain characters other than the standard character set

#### Future work

After the ratification of the 1999 C standard, the standards working group has prepared technical reports specifying improved support for embedded processing, additional character data types (Unicode support), and library functions with improved bounds checking. Effort is still on to make technical reports addressing decimal floating point, additional mathematical special functions, and additional dynamic memory allocation functions. Moreover, the C and C++ standards committees have been collaborating on specifications for threaded programming.

In 2007, effort has also started in anticipation of another revision of the C standard, informally called 'C1X'. The C standards committee has laid guidelines that restrict the adoption of new features that have not been tested by existing implementations.

### C.4 C1X

C1X is the unofficial name given to the planned new standard for the C programming language. The new standard will replace the existing C standard. Although, the new standard is not yet finalized, the most recent working draft, N1494, was published in June 2010 which includes several changes to the C99 language and library specifications such as:

- Specification of alignment such as `_Align` specifier, `alignof` operator, `aligned_alloc` function
- Support for multi-threading by having `_Thread_local` storage-class specifier, `<threads.h>` header file that includes thread creation/management functions, `mutex`, condition variable and thread-specific storage functionality
- Enhanced support for Unicode by having `char16_t` and `char32_t` types for storing UTF-16/UTF-32 encoded data, including the corresponding `u` and `U` string literal prefixes and conversion functions in `<uchar.h>`
- Removal of the `gets()`
- Interfaces for checking bounds
- Analysability features

### C.5 LANGUAGES RELATED TO C

The programming language C has directly or indirectly influenced many other computer languages like Java, Perl, PHP, JavaScript, LPC, C#, and Unix's C Shell. The most pervasive influence has been syntactical as all of the languages mentioned above combines the statement and (more or less recognizably) expression syntax of C with type systems, data models, and/or large-scale program structures that differ from those of C, sometimes radically.

The object-oriented languages such as C++ and Objective-C that had become popular were originally implemented as *source-to-source compilers*, i.e. source code was translated into C, and then compiled with a C compiler.

Bjarne Stroustrup developed C++ to provide object-oriented functionality with C-like syntax. C++ adds greater typing strength, scoping, and other tools useful in object-oriented programming and permits generic programming via templates. Usually considered as a superset of C, C++ now supports most of C programming, with a few exceptions.

Unlike C++, which is generally backward compatible with C, the D language makes a clean break with C while maintaining the same general syntax. The D language abandons several features of C which Walter Bright (the designer of D) considered undesirable, including the C preprocessor and trigraphs. However, some of D's extensions to C overlaps with those of C++.

The object oriented programming language—Objective-C is a strict superset of C that permits object-oriented features using a hybrid dynamic/static typing paradigm. Objective-C derives its syntax from both C and Smalltalk. For example, the syntax that involves preprocessing, expressions, function declarations, and function calls is inherited from C, while the syntax for object-oriented features was originally taken from Smalltalk.

Limbo is a computer programming language developed by the same team at Bell Labs that was responsible for C and Unix. It not only retains some of the syntax and the general style of C but also introduced garbage collection, CSP-based concurrency, and other major innovations.

Python has a different sort of C heritage. Although the syntax and semantics of Python are strikingly different from C the most commonly used Python implementation, CPython, is an open source C program. This enables C programmers to extend Python with C, or embed Python into C programs. This close relationship among other factors has resulted in Python's success as a general-use dynamic language.

Perl is another popular programming language rooted in C. Perl's syntax closely follows the C syntax. Moreover, the standard Perl implementation is written in C and supports extensions written in C.

## C.6 PROS AND CONS OF C LANGUAGE

### Advantages of C Language

C has always been one of the most important of all computer programming languages that have been developed so far. Programming with C language has the following advantages:

- It is the most widely used language for writing system software (i.e., operating systems, other programming languages, and compilers).
- It is a very popular language for writing application programs.
- It is a portable language and is easily available on many machines. Programs written in standard C can therefore, run on any of them.
- It is a procedural language. Therefore, the programmer can give step-by-step instructions for the CPU or other processors.
- It is an efficient programming language.
- It is a flexible language.
- It has small memory requirements to store the program.
- Programs written in C are capable of exploiting multi-user and multi-tasking features.
- It provides support for handling data stored in files.
- Programs written in C can be used for inter-process communication (for example, by using pipes).
- It has an extensive set of libraries to provide easy access to useful functions.

### Disadvantages of C Language

Besides the key advantages, C language has the following shortcomings:

- It follows the philosophy—'Programmers knows what to do'. It does not support error detection, i.e., C language does not help, assist, or warn you about anything, unless there is some syntactical error. Programming pitfalls such as type mismatch, macro redefinition, or array's index out of bound, etc., are not detected by the language.

- It supports extensive use of pointers. However, in modern programming languages, pointers are avoided as they have proven to be insecure in certain domains.
- It does not have efficient garbage collection.
- It is a procedural language. This traditional approach to solve problems is more time consuming and difficult to understand.
- C compilers generally do not check variable types on memory pointed to by pointers. So an error in pointer arithmetic can result in pointing to invalid values that the compiler cannot check. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the programmer to do any such checking. This calls for careful design and implementation of programs.
- Many programmers find it difficult to understand the concept of pointers. Since a good program must be readable by other people, a potential confusion can lead to future maintenance-induced code errors.
- C programs dealing with pointers are often prone to errors.
- C language does not support inheritance. Hence, the programmer has to write a lot of code, from scratch, which is very time consuming.

**Conclusion** C is a powerful language that is widely used for developing system software. It is a universal programming language, which considerably eases the work of a professional programmer.

# Algorithms

## D.1 ALGORITHM

Typically, *algorithm means a formally defined procedure for performing some calculation*. If a procedure is formally defined, then it must be implemented using some formal language, and such a language is often known as a *programming language*. In general terms, an algorithm provides a blueprint to write a program to solve a particular problem. It is considered to be an effective procedure for solving a problem in a finite number of steps. A well-defined algorithm always provides an answer and is guaranteed to terminate.

Algorithms are mainly used to achieve *software re-use*. Once we have an idea or a blueprint of a solution, we can implement in any high level language such as C, C++, Java, and so on.

An algorithm is basically a set of instructions that solve a problem. It is common to have multiple algorithms to tackle the same problem but the choice of a particular algorithm must depend on its time and space complexity. In this section, we will read how we can analyse algorithms to determine which one is the most efficient, but first let us look at few examples of algorithms.

## D.2 KEY FEATURES OF AN ALGORITHM

Any algorithm has a finite number of steps and some steps may involve decision making, repetition, etc. Broadly

speaking, an algorithm exhibits three key features that can be given as:

- Sequence
- Decision
- Repetition

### Sequence

*Sequence* means that each step of the algorithm is executed in the specified order. Let us write an algorithm to add two numbers (Figure D.1). This algorithm performs the steps in a purely sequential order.

```
Step 1: Input the first number as A
Step 2: Input the second number as B
Step 3: SET SUM = A + B
Step 4: PRINT SUM
Step 5: END
```

Figure D.1 Algorithm to add two numbers

### Decision

Decision statements are used when the outcome of the process depends on some condition. For example, IF  $x = y$ , then print "EQUAL". The general form of IF construct can be given as

IF condition then process

A *condition* in this context is any statement that may evaluate either to a true *value* or a false value. In the above

example, a variable  $x$  can either be equal to  $y$  or not equal to  $y$ . However, it cannot be both true and false. If the condition is true then the process is executed. A decision statement can also be stated in the following manner.

```
IF condition
  Then process1
ELSE process2
```

This form is popularly known as the *if-else construct*. Here, if the condition is true then process1 is executed else process2 is executed. Figure D.2 shows an algorithm that checks if two numbers are equal.

```
Step 1: Input the first number as A
Step 2: Input the second number as B
Step 3: IF A = B
      Then PRINT "EQUAL"
      ELSE
      PRINT "NOT EQUAL"
Step 4: END
```

**Figure D.2** Algorithm to test for equality of two numbers

## Repetition

Repetition which involves executing one or more steps for a number of times can be implemented using constructs like the while, do-while and for loops. These loops execute one or more steps until some condition is true. Figure D.3 shows an algorithm that prints the first 10 natural numbers.

```
Step 1: [INITIALIZE] SET I = 0, N = 10
Step 2: Repeat Step while I <= N
Step 3: PRINT I
Step 4: END
```

**Figure D.3** Algorithm to print first 10 natural numbers

## D.3 SOME MORE ALGORITHMS

Let us write some more algorithms

1. Write an algorithm for interchanging/swapping two values.

```
Step 1: Input first number as A
Step 2: Input second number as B
```

```
Step 3: SET TEMP = A
Step 4: SET A = B
Step 5: SET B = TEMP
Step 6: PRINT A, B
Step 7: END
```

2. Write an algorithm to find the largerst of two numbers.

```
Step 1: Input first number as A
Step 2: Input second number as B
Step 3: IF A > B
      then PRINT A
      ELSE
      IF A < B
      then PRINT B
      ELSE
      PRINT "The numbers are equal"
Step 4: END
```

3. Write an algorithm to find whether a number is even or odd.

```
Step 1: Input the first number as A
Step 2: IF A % 2 = 0
      Then Print "EVEN"
      ELSE
      PRINT "ODD"
Step 3: END
```

4. Write an algorithm to print the grade obtained by a student using the following rules.

Marks	Grade
Above 75	O
60-75	A
50-60	B
40-50	C
Less than 40	D

```
Step 1: Enter the Marks obtained as M
Step 2: IF M > 75
      then PRINT O
Step 3: IF M >= 60 AND M < 75
      then PRINT A
Step 4: IF M >= 50 AND M < 60
      then PRINT B
Step 5: IF M >= 40 AND M < 50
      then PRINT C
      ELSE
      PRINT D
Step 6: END
```

5. Write an algorithm to find the sum of the first N natural numbers.

```

Step 1: Input N
Step 2: SET I = 0, SUM = 0
Step 3: Repeat Step 3 and 4 while I <= N
Step 4:   SET SUM = SUM + I
         SET I = I + 1
Step 5: PRINT SUM
Step 6: END

```

## D.4 TIME AND SPACE COMPLEXITY OF ALGORITHM

Analysing an algorithm means determining the amount of resources (such as time and storage) needed to execute it. Algorithms are generally designed to work with an arbitrary number of inputs, so the efficiency or complexity of an algorithm is stated in terms of time complexity and space complexity.

The *time complexity* of an algorithm is basically the running time of the program as a function of the input size. On similar grounds, *space complexity* of an algorithm is the amount of computer memory required during the program execution, as a function of the input size.

In other words, *the number of machine instructions which a program executes during its execution is called its time complexity*. This number is primarily dependent on the size of the program's input and the algorithm used.

Generally, the space needed by a program depends on two main parts:

- *Fixed part*, that varies with problem to problem. It includes space needed for storing instructions, constants, variables, and structured variables (like arrays, structures).
- *Variable part*, that varies from program to program. It includes space needed for recursion stack, and for structured variables that are allocated space dynamically during the run-time of the program.

However, running time requirements are more critical than memory requirements. Therefore, do not worry much about the memory requirement. In this section, we will thus concentrate on running time efficiency of the algorithm.

## Worst Case, Average Case, Best Case, and Amortized Time Complexity

- *Worst case running time* This denotes the behaviour of the algorithm with respect to the worst possible case of the input instance. The worst-case running time of an algorithm is an upper bound on the running time for any input. Therefore, the knowledge of it gives us an assurance that the algorithm will never take any longer.
- *Average case running time* The average-case running time of an algorithm is an estimate of the running time for an *average input*. It specifies the expected behaviour of the algorithm when the input is randomly drawn from a given distribution. Average case running time assumes that all inputs of a given size are equally likely.
- *Amortized running time* When calculating the amortized running time, the time required to perform a sequence of (related) operations is averaged over all the operations performed. Amortized analysis guarantees the average performance of each operation in the worst case.
- *Best-case running time*: The term *best-case performance* is used to analyse an algorithm under optimal conditions. For example, the best case for a simple linear search on an array occurs when the desired element is the first in the list. However, while developing and choosing an algorithm to solve a problem, we hardly base our decision on the best-case performance. It is always recommended to improve the average performance and worst-case performance of the algorithm.

## Time-Space Trade-off

The best algorithm to solve a particular problem at hand is no doubt the one that requires less memory space and takes less time to complete its execution. But practically speaking, designing such an ideal algorithm is not a trivial task. There can be more than one algorithm to solve a particular problem but one may require less memory space while the other may require less CPU time to execute. Thus, it is common to sacrifice one thing for the other. Hence, there exists a time-space trade-off among algorithms.

So, if space is a big constraint, then one might choose a program that takes less space at the cost of more CPU time. On the contrary, if time is a major constraint then one might choose a program that takes minimum time to execute but at the cost of more space.

### Expressing Time and Space Complexity

The time and space complexity can be expressed using a function  $f(n)$ , where  $n$  is the input size for a given instance of the problem being solved. Expressing the complexity is badly needed in the following cases:

- when we want to predict the rate of growth of complexity as the size of the problem increases
- when there are multiple algorithms that find a solution to a given problem and we need to find the algorithm that is most efficient

The most widely used notation to express this function  $f(n)$  is Big Oh notation. The Big Oh notation provides the upper bound for the complexity.

### Algorithm Efficiency

If a function is linear (without any loops or recursions), the efficiency or the running time of this algorithm can be given as the number of instructions it contains. However, if an algorithm contains certain loops or recursive functions then the efficiency of the algorithm may vary depending on the number of loops and the running time of each loop in the algorithm.

The efficiency of an algorithm is expressed in terms of the number of elements that has to be processed. So, if  $n$  is the number of elements, then the efficiency can be stated as

$$f(n) = \text{efficiency}$$

Let us consider different cases in which loops determine the efficiency of the algorithm.

#### Linear loops

To calculate the efficiency of an algorithm that has a single loop, we need to first determine the number of times the statements in the loop will be executed. This is because the number of iterations is directly proportional to the loop factor. Higher the loop factor more is the number of iterations. For example, consider the loop given below.

```
for (i = 0; i < 100; i++)
    statement block;
```

Here 100 is the loop factor. We have already seen that efficiency is directly proportional to the number of iterations. Hence the general formula in case of linear loops may be given as

$$f(n) = n$$

Calculating efficiency is not as simple as given in the example above. Consider the loop given below.

```
for (i = 0; i < 100; i += 2)
    statement block;
```

Here the number of iterations is just half the number of the loop factor. So, here the efficiency can be given as

$$f(n) = n/2$$

#### Logarithmic Loops

We have seen that in linear loops, the loop update either adds or subtracts. However in logarithmic loops, the loop controlling variable is either multiplied or divided during each iteration of the loop. For example, look at the loops given below.

```
for (i = 1; i < 100; i *= 2)      for (i = 0; i < 100; i /= 2)
    statement block;              statement block;
```

If we consider the first for loop in which the loop controlling variable  $i$  is multiplied by 2 after each iteration of the loop, the loop will be executed only 10 times and not 100 times. Therefore, putting this analysis in general terms, we can conclude that the iterations in loops that divide/multiply the loop controlling variables, the efficiency can be given as

$$f(n) = \log n$$

#### Nested Loops

Loops that contain loops are known as *nested loops*. In order to analyse nested loops, we need to determine the number of iterations each loop completes. The total is then obtained as the product of the number of iterations in the inner and outer loops.

Total no. of iterations = no. of iterations in  
inner loop \* no. of iterations in outer loop

In case of nested loops, we will analyse the efficiency of the algorithm based on whether it's a *linear logarithmic*, *quadratic*, or *dependent quadratic nested loop*.

### Linear logarithmic

Consider the code given below in which the loop controlling variable of the inner loop is multiplied after each iteration. The number of iterations in the inner loop is  $\log 10$ . This inner loop is controlled by an outer loop which iterates 10 times. Therefore, according to the formula, the number of iterations for this code can be given as

```
10 log 10
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    for (j = 1; j < 10; j *= 2)
        statement block;
```

In more general terms, the efficiency of such loops can be given as  $f(n) = n \log n$ .

### Quadratic Loop

In a quadratic loop, the number of iterations in the inner loop is equal to that in the outer loop. Consider the code given below in which the outer loop executes 10 times and for each iteration of the outer loop, the inner loop also executes 10 times. Therefore, the efficiency here is 100.

```
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    for (j = 1; j < 10; j++)
        statement block;
```

The generalized formula for quadratic loop can be given as,  $f(n) = n^2$ .

### Dependent Quadratic

In a dependent quadratic loop, the number of iterations in the inner loop is dependent on the outer loop. Consider the code given below which shows such an example.

```
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    for (j = 1; j < i; j++)
        statement block;
```

In this code, the inner loop will execute just once in the first iteration, twice in the second iteration, thrice in the third iteration, and so. In this way the number of iterations can be calculated as,

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + \dots + 9 + 10 = 55$$

If we calculate the average of this loop ( $55/10 = 5.5$ ), we will observe that it is equal to the number of iterations in the outer loop (10) plus 1 divided by 2. In general terms, the inner loop iterates  $(n + 1)/2$  times. Therefore, the efficiency of such a code (number of iterations in inner loop \* number of iterations in outer loop) can be given as

$$f(n) = n(n + 1)/2$$

## D.5 BIG OH NOTATION

In today's era of massive advancement in computer technology, we are hardly concerned about the efficiency of algorithms. Rather we are more interested in knowing the generic order of magnitude of the algorithm. If we have two different algorithms to solve the same problem where one algorithm executes in 10 iterations and the other in 20 iterations, the difference between the two algorithms is not much. However, if the first algorithm executed 10 iterations and the other executed 1000 iterations, then this is a matter of big concern.

We have seen that the number of statements executed in the function for  $n$  elements of data is a function of the number of elements, expressed as  $f(n)$ . Even if the equation derived for a function may be complex, a dominant factor in the equation is sufficient to determine the order of magnitude of the result and hence the efficiency of the algorithm. This factor is the big-O, as in 'on the order of' and is expressed as  $O(n)$ .

Big-Oh notation where the 'O' stands for 'order of' is concerned with what happens for very large values of  $n$ . For example, if a sorting algorithm performs  $n^2$  operations to sort just  $n$  elements, then that algorithm would be described as an  $O(n^2)$  algorithm. When expressing complexity using Big Oh notation, constant multipliers are ignored. So a  $O(4n)$  algorithm is equivalent to  $O(n)$ , which is how it should be written.

If  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  are functions defined on a positive integer number  $n$ , then

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

i.e,  $f$  of  $n$  is big oh of  $g$  of  $n$  if and only if there exists positive constants  $c$  and  $n$ , such that

$$f(n) \leq Cg(n) \leq n$$

This means that for large amounts of data,  $f(n)$  will grow no more than a constant factor than  $g(n)$ . Hence,  $g$  provides an upper bound.

Here  $C$  is a constant which depends on various factors like:

- the programming language used
- the quality of the compiler or interpreter
- the CPU
- the size of the main memory and its access time
- the knowledge of the programmer, and
- the algorithm itself, which may require simple but time-consuming machine instructions.

Now let us look at some examples of  $g(n)$  and  $f(n)$ . Table D.1 shows the relationship between  $g(n)$  and  $f(n)$ . Note that the constant values will be ignored because the main purpose of the Big Oh notation is to analyse the algorithm in a general fashion, so the anomalies that appear for small input sizes are simply ignored.

**Table D.1** Examples of  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$

$g(n)$	$f(n) = O(g(n))$
10	$O(1)$ a constant
$2n^3 + 1$	$O(n^3)$
$3n^2 + 5$	$O(n^2)$
$2n^3 + 3n^2 + 5n - 10$	$O(n^3)$

### Categories of Algorithms

The Big Oh notation categorizes the algorithm into the following categories:

- Constant time algorithms that have running time complexity given as  $O(1)$
- Linear time algorithms that have running time complexity given as  $O(n)$
- Logarithmic time algorithms that have running time complexity given as  $O(\log n)$
- Polynomial time algorithms that have running time complexity given as  $O(n^k)$  where  $k > 1$
- Exponential time algorithms that have running time complexity given as  $O(2^n)$

Table D.2 shows the number of operations that would be performed for various values of  $n$ .

**Table D.2** Number of operations for different functions of  $n$

$n$	$O(1)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^3)$
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	2	2	4	8
4	1	2	4	8	16	64
8	1	3	8	24	64	512
16	1	4	16	64	256	4096

Hence, Big O notation is a convenient way to express the worst-case scenario for a given algorithm, although it can also be used to express the average-case.

The big O notation is derived from  $f(n)$  using the following steps:

**Step 1:** Set the coefficient of each term to 1.

**Step 2:** Rank each term starting from lowest to highest. Then keep the largest term in the function and discard the others. For example, look at the terms given below that are ranked from lowest to highest.

$$\log n \quad n \log n \quad n^2 \quad n^3 \quad \dots \quad n^k \quad \dots \quad 2^n \quad \dots \quad n!$$

### Example D.1

Calculate the big O notation for the given  $f(n)$ .

$$f(n) = n(n+1)/2$$

The function can be expanded as  $\frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n$

Step 1: Set the coefficient of each term to 1, so now we have

$$n^2 + n$$

Step 2: Keep the largest term and discard the others, so discard  $n$  and the big O notation can be given as  $O(f(n)) = O(n^2)$ .

### Limitations of Big Oh Notation

There are certain limitations with the Big Oh notation of expressing complexity of the algorithms. These limitations include the following:

- Many algorithms are simply too hard to analyse mathematically.
- There may not be sufficient information to calculate the behaviour of the algorithm in average case.
- Big Oh analysis only tells how the algorithm grows with the size of the problem, not how efficient it is. It contains no consideration of programming effort.
- It ignores important constants. For example, if one algorithm takes  $O(n^2)$  time to execute and the other takes  $O(100000n^2)$  time to execute, as per Big Oh, both algorithms have equal time complexity. In real time systems, this may be a serious consideration.

## Appendix

# E

## Graphics Programming

The C programming language has a good collection of graphics libraries. To start with graphics programming, let us write a small program that displays a circle on the screen.

```
#include <graphics.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int gd = DETECT, gm;
    initgraph(&gd, &gm, "c:\\turbo3\\bgi");
    circle(250, 150, 100);
    getch();
    closegraph();
}
```

To run this program, you must include "graphics.h" header file, graphics.lib library file, and Graphics driver (BGI file) in the program folder. These files are part of Turbo C package. In the programs in this annexure we will be using 640 × 480 VGA monitor, so the programs are according to that specification. If your screen resolution is different then you must make the necessary changes to your programs. For VGA monitor, the graphics driver used is EGAVGA.BGI.

Here, `initgraph()` function initializes the graphics, i.e., mode and clears the screen initializes the graphics system. Its prototype can be given as:

```
void far initgraph(int far *graphdriver, int far
    *graphmode, char far *pathtodriver);
```

The function `initgraph` initializes the graphics system by loading a graphics driver from disk (or validating a registered driver) and then putting the system into graphics mode. The function resets all graphics settings (color, palette, current position, viewport, etc.) to their defaults and then resets `graphresult` to 0.

`*graphdriver` is an integer that specifies the graphics driver to be used. `graphdriver` can be assigned a value using a constant of the graphics drivers enumeration type.

`*graphmode` is an integer that specifies the initial graphics mode (unless `*graphdriver = DETECT`). If `*graphdriver = DETECT`, `initgraph` sets `*graphmode` to the highest resolution available for the detected driver. `*graphmode` can be assigned a value using a constant of the `graphics_modes` enumeration type.

`pathtodriver` is used to specify the directory path where `initgraph` looks for graphics drivers (\*.BGI) first. If the driver is not present there, `initgraph` looks in the current directory. If `pathtodriver` is null, the driver files must be in the current directory.

`closegraph()` function clears the screen and switches back the screen from graphics mode to text mode. Any graphics program must make a call to the `closegraph()` function at the end of graphics. Otherwise DOS screen will not go to text mode after running the program. Here, `closegraph()` is called after `getch()` because the screen must not be cleared until the user hits a key.

In case you have the BGI file in the same folder of your program, you can just leave it as "". You need not mention `*graphmode` if you give `*graphdriver` as `DETECT`.

In graphics mode, screen coordinates are mentioned in terms of pixels. Number of pixels in the screen decides *resolution of the screen*. In the example, a circle is drawn with x-coordinate of 250, y-coordinate 150, and radius 100 pixels. All the coordinates are mentioned from the top-left corner of the screen.

Let us look at another program.

```
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int gd = DETECT, gm;
    int polypoints[10] = {350, 450, 350, 410,
        430, 400, 350, 350, 300, 430};

    initgraph(&gd, &gm, "c:\\turbo3\\bgi");

    circle(120, 120, 70);
    outtextxy(100, 200, "CIRCLE");

    rectangle(200, 50, 300, 100);
    outtextxy(250, 180, "RECTANGLE");

    ellipse(500, 100, 0, 360, 100, 50);
    outtextxy(480, 170, "ELLIPSE");

    line(100, 200, 500, 200);
    outtextxy(250, 250, "LINE");

    sector(150, 400, 30, 300, 100, 50);
    outtextxy(120, 460, "SECTOR");

    drawpoly(5, polypoints);
    outtextxy(340, 460, "POLYGON WITH FIVE
        SIDES");

    getch();
    closegraph();
}
```

In the above program, the `circle()` function takes the x-, y- coordinates of the circle with respect to top left corner of the screen and radius of the circle in terms of pixels as arguments.

The `outtextxy()` function is used to display a string in graphical mode. You can use different fonts, text sizes, alignments, colours, and directions of the text to be displayed. The `outtextxy()` accepts x and y coordinates of the position on the screen where text is to be displayed as parameters. There is another function `outtext()` that

displays a text in the current position. Current position is the place where the last drawing ends. The prototypes of these functions can be given as

```
void far outtextxy(int x, int y, char *text);
void far outtext(char *text);
```

The `arc()` is used to draw a circular arc in the current drawing colour. The prototype of `arc()` can be given as

```
void far arc(int x, int y, int stangle, int
    endangle, int radius);
```

The `pieslice()` is used to draw a pie slice in the current drawing colour, then fills it using the current fill pattern and fill color.

```
void far pieslice(int x, int y, int stangle, int
    endangle, int radius);
```

In the above prototypes of `arc()` and `pieslice()`,

- (x,y) denotes the centre point of arc, or the pie slice
- stangle specifies the start angle in degrees
- endangle gives the end angle in degrees
- radius denotes the radius of arc and pieslice

Note that stangle and endangle are specified in degrees starting from the +ve x-axis in the polar coordinate system in the anti-clockwise direction. If stangle is 0, endangle is 360, it will draw a full circle.

To draw a border, use the `rectangle()` function with the coordinates of outline. In order to draw a square, use rectangle with same height and width. Therefore, the `rectangle()` draws a rectangle in the current line style, thickness, and drawing color. The prototype of `rectangle()` can be given as

```
void far rectangle(int left, int top, int right,
    int bottom);
```

Here, left and top specifies the upper left corner of the rectangle, right and bottom specifies the lower right corner of the rectangle.

Similarly, `drawpoly()` and `fillpoly()` are two functions useful to draw any polygons. To use these functions, we need to store the coordinates of the shape in an array and pass the address of the array as an argument to the function.

The function `fillpoly()` is used to fill in the shape with current fill colour. The function `drawpoly()` draws the polygon using the current line style and colour. On

similar grounds, `fillpoly()` draws the outline of a polygon using the current line style and colour, then fill the polygon using the current fill pattern and fill color.

Let us now have a quick look at the prototype of these functions:

```
void far drawpoly(int numpoints, int far
    *polypoints);
void far fillpoly(int numpoints, int far
    *polypoints);
```

In the above prototypes,

- `numpoints` is used to specify the number of points
- `polypoints` gives the sequence of integers which is equal to  $(numpoints \times 2)$ . Each pair of integers gives the x- and y- coordinates of a point on the polygon.

Basically there are 16 colors declared in `graphics.h` as listed below.

COLOR	COLOR CODE
BLACK	0
BLUE	1
GREEN	2
CYAN	3
RED	4
MAGENTA	5
BROWN	6
LIGHTGRAY	7
DARKGRAY	8
LIGHTBLUE	9
LIGHTGREEN	10
LIGHTCYAN	11
LIGHTRED	12
LIGHTMAGENTA	13
YELLOW	14
WHITE	15

These colors can be used by using functions such as `setcolor()`, `setbkcolor()`, and `setfillstyle()`.

The `setcolor()` function is used to set the current drawing color. If we use `setcolor(YELLOW)` then if you draw any shape, line or text after that, the drawing will be in yellow color.

Note that instead of writing the color name, you may also specify the color code like `setcolor(14);`.

The function `setbkcolor()` is used to set the background colour for drawing. The function `setfillstyle()` is used to set fill pattern and fill colors. After calling `setfillstyle()`, if we use functions like `floodfill()`, `fillpoly()`, `bar` etc., the shapes will be filled with fill color and pattern set using `setfillstyle()`. The prototypes of these functions can be given as

```
void far setfillstyle(int pattern, int color);
void far setcolor(int color);
void far setbkcolor(int color);
```

The parameter `pattern` in `setfillstyle` is as follows:

STYLE	VALUE	EFFECT
EMPTY_FILL	0	Back ground color
SOLID_FILL	1	Solid Fill
LINE_FILL	2	—
LTSLASH_FILL	3	///
SLASH_FILL	4	/// (thick lines)
BKSLASH_FILL	5	\\ (thick lines)
LTBACKSLASH_FILL	6	\\
HATCH_FILL	7	Light hatch
XHATCH_FILL	8	Heavy cross hatch
INTERLEAVE_FILL	9	Interleaving lines
WIDE_DOT_FILL	10	Widely spaced dots
CLOSE_DOT_FILL	11	Closely spaced dots
USER_FILL	12	User-defined fill pattern

Look at the program given below which demonstrates the use of `setfillstyle()`, `setcolor()` and `setbkcolor()`.

```
#include <graphics.h>
#include <conio.h>
main()
{
    int gd = DETECT, gm;
    initgraph(&gd, &gm, "c:\\turbo3\\bgi");

    setbkcolor(11);
    setcolor(4);
    setfillstyle(SOLID_FILL, LIGHTRED);
    bar(100, 100, 300, 250);

    getch();
    closegraph();
}
```

# Mouse Programming

In C programs, mouse can be used in text mode as well as in graphics mode. It is most commonly used in graphics mode, so in this section we will switch over to graphics mode for handling mouse operations. We use the `initgraph()` function for switching the mode from text to graphics. `DETECT` is a macro defined in `graphics.h`. It requests `initgraph()` to automatically determine which graphics driver to load in order to switch to the highest resolution graphics mode. We have already studied about `initgraph()` function in the Annexure on Graphics Programming.

The various mouse functions can be accessed by setting up the `AX` register with different values (service number) and issuing interrupt number 51. The functions are listed below

INTERRUPT SERVICE 51 or 0X33	
Service	Purpose
0	<b>Reset mouse and get status</b> Call with <code>AX = 0</code> Returns: <code>AX = FFFFh</code> If mouse support is available <code>AX = 0</code> If mouse support is not available
1	<b>Show mouse pointer</b> Call with <code>AX = 1</code> Returns: Nothing
2	<b>Hide mouse pointer</b> Call with <code>AX = 2</code> Returns: Nothing

(contd.)

3	<b>Get mouse position and button status</b> Call with <code>AX = 3</code> Returns: <code>BX = mouse button status</code> Bit Significance 0 button not pressed 1 left button is pressed 2 right button is pressed 3 centre button is pressed <code>CX = x-coordinate</code> <code>DX = y-coordinate</code>
4	<b>Set mouse pointer position</b> Call with <code>AX = 4</code> <code>CX = x-coordinate</code> <code>DX = y-coordinate</code> Returns: Nothing
7	<b>Set horizontal limits for pointer</b> Call with <code>AX = 7</code> <code>CX = minimum x-coordinate</code> <code>DX = maximum x-coordinate</code> Returns: Nothing
8	<b>Set vertical limits for pointer</b> Call with <code>AX = 8</code> <code>CX = minimum x-coordinate</code> <code>DX = maximum y-coordinate</code> Returns: Nothing

Besides the above services, other less commonly used interrupt 0x33 services include the following:

Service	Purpose	Service	Purpose
9	Set mouse graphics cursor	10	Mouse conditional off
13	Set mouse double speed threshold	14	Swap interrupt subroutines

(contd.)

(contd.)

15	Get mouse driver state and memory requirements	16	Save mouse driver state
17	Restore mouse driver state	18	Set alternate subroutine call mask and address
19	Get user alternate interrupt address	20	Enable mouse driver
21	Reset mouse software	22	Set language for messages
23	Get language number	24	Get driver version, mouse type, & ~IRQ~ number
A	Set mouse text cursor	B	Read mouse motion counters
C	Set mouse user defined subroutine and input mask	D	Mouse light pen emulation on
E	Mouse light pen emulation off	F	Set mouse mickey pixel ratio
1A	Set mouse sensitivity	1C	Set mouse interrupt rate (In port only)
1D	Set mouse CRT page	1E	Get mouse CRT page
1F	Disable mouse driver		

Let us consider a program which makes use of the above functions.

```
#include <graphics.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <dos.h>
union REGS in, out;

int detect_mouse()
{
    in.x.ax = 0;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
    if(out.x.ax == 0)
    {
        printf("\n Mouse could not be
            initialized");
    }
}
```

```
        return 0;
    }
    else
    {
        printf("\n Mouse was successfully
            initialized");
        return 1;
    }
}

int call_mouse()
{
    in.x.ax = 1;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
    return 1;
}

void mouse_position(int &pos_x, int &pos_y, int
    &click)
{
    in.x.ax = 3;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
    click = out.x.bx;
    pos_x = out.x.cx;
    pos_y = out.x.dx;
}

int hide_mouse()
{
    in.x.ax = 2;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
    return 1;
}

void set_position(int &pos_x, int pos_y)
{
    in.x.ax = 4;
    in.x.cx = pos_x;
    in.x.dx = pos_y;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
}

main()
{
    int x, y, click, a = 100, b = 200, flag = 0;
    int gd = DETECT, gm;
    clrscr();
    initgraph(&gd, &gm, "c:\\turbo3\\bgi");

    flag = detect_mouse();
    if(flag == 0)
        return 1;
}
```

```

set_position(a,b);
call_mouse();
while(!kbhit())
{
    mouse_position(&x, &y, &click);
    gotoxy(100,100);
    printf("\n The position of the mouse is:
        %d,%d", x,y);
    if(click == 1)
        printf("\n LEFT CLICK");
    else if (click == 2)
        printf("\n RIGHT CLICK);
    if(click == 3)
        printf("\N CENTRE CLICK");
    delay(200);
}
getch();
hide_mouse();
getch();
closegraph();
return 0;
}

```

In the above program, in the `detect_mouse()` function, `AX` is set to 0. The function is used to reset the mouse and check its status, to ensure whether the mouse was correctly initialized or not.

In the `call_mouse()` function, `AX` is set to 1. When this function is called in `main()` it displays the mouse pointer. At any time the position of the pointer can be changed by using the mouse.

In the `hide_mouse()` function, `AX` is set to 2. When the function is called from `main()`, it hides the mouse pointer. The `hide_mouse()` is useful while drawing figures. For example, initially the mouse pointer is hidden, then the figure is drawn and again the mouse pointer is being called.

In the `mouse_position()` function `AX` is set to 3. This function returns the position of the mouse pointer. It contains three parameters— `pos_x`, `pos_y`, and `click` in which the value of `x-co-ordinate`, `y-co-ordinate`, and `click` is set respectively. Note that `click` is an integer variable which returns the values 1, 2, 3 corresponding to the button pressed on the mouse and 0 when no button on the mouse has been pressed.

In the `set_position()` function, `AX` is set to 4. This function is used to set the mouse pointer to a specific position. When the function is executed, `CX` and `DX` are

loaded by `x-coordinate` and `y-coordinate` of the mouse pointer, respectively.

In the while loop, if any key is pressed `kbhit` returns a non-zero integer; if not it returns zero. Let us consider another program.

```

#include <graphics.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <dos.h>
union REGS in, out;

int detect_mouse()
{
    in.x.ax = 0;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
    if(out.x.ax == 0)
    {
        printf("\n Mouse could not be
            initialized");
        return 0;
    }
    else
    {
        printf("\n Mouse was successfully
            initialized");
        return 1;
    }
}

int call_mouse()
{
    in.x.ax = 1;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
    return 1;
}

void restrict_mouse(int start_x, int start_y,
    int end_x, int end_y)
{
    in.x.ax = 7;
    in.x.cx = start_x;
    in.x.cx = end_x;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
    in.x.ax = 8;
    in.x.cx = start_y;
    in.x.cx = end_y;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
}

```

```
main()
{
    int x, y, click, a = 100, b=200, flag=0;
    int gd = DETECT, gm;
    clrscr();
    initgraph(&gd, &gm, "c:\\turbo3\\bgi");

    flag = detect_mouse();
    if(flag==0)
        return 1;

    rectangle(100, 100, 300, 200);
    call_mouse();
    restrict_mouse(100,100, 300, 200);
    getch();
    closegraph();
    return 0;
}
```

In the above program, in the restrict\_mouse() function when AX is set to 7, the horizontal barrier for the pointer which restricts the mouse pointer to pass that limit is specified. In the function, CX and DX are loaded with minimum and maximum x-coordinate respectively.

In the same function, restrict\_mouse(), AX is set to 8. This is done to set the vertical barrier for the pointer which restricts the mouse pointer to pass that limit. In the function, CX and DX are loaded with minimum and maximum y-coordinate respectively.

Let us now write a program for freehand drawing.

```
#include <graphics.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <dos.h>
union REGS in, out;

int detect_mouse()
{
    in.x.ax = 0;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
    if(out.x.ax == 0)
    {
        printf("\n Mouse could not be
        initialized");
        return 0;
    }
    else
    {
        printf("\n Mouse was successfully
```

```
initialized");
        return 1;
    }
}

int call_mouse()
{
    in.x.ax = 1;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
    return 1;
}

void mouse_position(int &pos_x, int &pos_y, int
&click)
{
    in.x.ax = 3;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
    click = out.x.bx;
    pos_x = out.x.cx;
    pos_y = out.x.dx;
}

int hide_mouse()
{
    in.x.ax = 2;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
    return 1;
}

void set_position(int &pos_x, int pos_y)
{
    in.x.ax = 4;
    in.x.cx = pos_x;
    in.x.dx = pos_y;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
}

void restrict_mouse(int start_x, int start_y,
int end_x, int end_y)
{
    in.x.ax = 7;
    in.x.cx = start_x;
    in.x.dx = end_x;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
    in.x.ax = 8;
    in.x.cx = start_y;
    in.x.dx = end_y;
    int86(0x33, &in, &out);
}
```

```

main()
{
    int x, y, click, prev_x, prev_y, max_x,
    max_y;
    int gd = DETECT, gm;
    clrscr();
    initgraph(&gd, &gm, "c:\\turbo3\\bgi");

    flag = detect_nouse();
    if(flag==0)
        return 1;

    max_x = getmaxx();
    max_y = getmaxy();
    rectangle(0,0, max_x, max_y);
    setviewport(1,1, max_x-1, max_y-1, 1);

    restrict_mouse(1,1, max_x-1, max_y-1);
    call_mouse();

    set_position(a,b);
    call_mouse();

    while(!kbhit())
    {
        mouse_position(&x, &y, &click);
        if(click == 1)

```

```

{
    hide_mouse();
    prev_x = x;
    prev_y = y;
    while(click == 1)
    {
        line(prev_x, prev_y, x, y);
        prev_x = x;
        prev_y = y;
        mouse_position(&x, &y, &click);
    }
    call_mouse();
}
}
getch();
closegraph();
return 0;
}

```

In the program, inside main() there is a while loop which will execute until a key from the keyboard is hit. The freehand drawing can be done by pressing the left button of the mouse and dragging it simultaneously on the screen. When the left button is released, the freehand drawing is terminated. When the drawing is being done, the mouse is hidden and when the drawing terminates, it appears again on the screen.



# Frequently Asked Questions

Give the output of the following:

```
1. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    char far *ch;
    printf(:"\n Size of far pointer is : %d",
    sizeof(ch));
}
```

Ans: 2

\*\*\*\*\*

```
2. #include <stdio.h>
int num = 10;
main()
{
    int num = 20;
    {
        printf("\n %d", num);
    }
    printf(" %d", num);
}
```

Ans: 20 10

\*\*\*\*\*

```
3. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int arr[10] = {1,2,3,4,5,,6};
```

```
printf("%d %d %d %d", arr[0], arr[2],
arr[4], arr[6], arr[8]);
}
```

Ans: 1 3 5 6 0

When an automatic structure is partially initialized, the remaining elements of the structure are automatically initialized to 0

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```
4. #include <stdio.h>
void display(struct stud);
struct student
{
    int roll_no;
    char name[100];
};
main()
{
    struct student s;
    s.roll_no = 10;
    s.name = "ABC";
    display(s);
}
display(struct student s1)
{
    printf("\n %d %s", s1.roll_no, s1.name);
}
```

Ans: ERROR.

Structure must be displayed before the function

\*\*\*\*\*

```
5. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    struct student
    {
        char name[100];
        int rno;
        float fees;
    };
    struct student s = {"Kamesh"};
    printf("\n %s %d %f", s.name, s.rno, s.fees);
}
```

Ans: Kamesh 0 0.0

When an automatic structure is partially initialized, the remaining elements of the structure are automatically initialized to 0

\*\*\*\*\*

```
6. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int option = 5;
    switch(option)
    {
        default: printf("Please check your option");
        case 1: printf("\n SUM");
            break;
        case 2: printf("\n SUBTRACT");
            break;
        case 3: printf("\n MULTIPLY");
            break;
    }
}
```

Ans: Please check your option

\*\*\*\*\*

```
7. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int option = 2, i;
    switch(option)
    {
        default: printf("Please check your option");
        case 1: printf("\n SUM");

```

```
        break;
        case 2: printf("\n SUBTRACT");
            break;
        case 1: printf("\n MULTIPLY");
            break;
    }
}
```

Ans: Error.  
Cannot use i in the case statement

\*\*\*\*\*

```
8. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int option = 1;
    switch(option)
    {
        default: printf("Please check your option");
        case 1: printf("\n SUM");
            break;
        case 2: printf("\n SUBTRACT");
            break;
        case 1*2+1: printf("\n MULTIPLY");
            break;
    }
}
```

Ans: MULTIPLY

\*\*\*\*\*

```
9. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int option = 1;
    switch(option)
    {
        {}
        printf("\n Program to end");
    }
}
```

Ans: Program to end

\*\*\*\*\*

```
10. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
```

```
int i = 1;
for(;;)
{
    printf("%d", i);
    if (i==5)
        break;
}
}
```

Ans: 1 2 3 4

\*\*\*\*\*

```
11. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int i = 1;
    while()
    {
        printf("%d", i);
        if (i==5)
            break;
    }
}
```

Ans: ERROR, condition in the while loop is a must. The statement should be re-written as while (1)

\*\*\*\*\*

```
12. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num = 10;
    while (num != 100)
    {
        printf("\n %d", num*10);
        if (num == 80)
            goto print_mesg;
    }
}
void fun()
{
    print_mesg:
    printf("\n Hello World");
}
```

Ans: ERROR, goto cannot take the control outside the function (main() in this case)

\*\*\*\*\*

```
13. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    int num = 7;
    printf("%d", num++);
    num = num+1;
    printf("%d", ++num);
}
```

Ans: 7 10

\*\*\*\*\*

```
14. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    float num = 0.5;
    if (num < 0.5)
        printf("GOOD");
    else
        printf("\n BAD");
}
```

Ans: BAD

\*\*\*\*\*

```
15. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    printf("\n Good Morning");
    main();
}
```

Ans: The program will print Good Morning until the stack overflows

\*\*\*\*\*

```
16. Sum(int num1, int num2)
{
    int num1 = 20;
    int num2 = 30;
    return (num1 + num2);
}
```

Ans: Redeclaration of variables- num1 and num2

\*\*\*\*\*

```
17. main()
{
    int num;
    num = find(7);
    if (num == 1)
        printf("\n Positive");
    else
        printf("\n Negative");
}
```

```
int find(int n)
{
    n > 0? return(1) : return(0);
}
```

**Ans:** Illegal use of return statement. Rather use it as  
return ( n > 0 ? 1:0);

\*\*\*\*\*

```
18. #include <stdio.h>
void main()
{
    int const * num = 7;
    printf("%d", ++(*num));
}
```

**Ans:** Error because num is a pointer to a "constant integer" and its value is being changed.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
19. main()
{
    char str[] = "abc";
    int i;
    while (s[i] != '\0')
    {
        printf("\n%c%c%c%c", str[i], *(str+i),
            *(i+str), i[str]);
        i++;
    }
}
```

**Ans:**

aaaa  
bbbb  
cccc

Because str[i], \*(i+str), \*(str+i), i[str] are all different ways of accessing the i<sup>th</sup> element of the array- str.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
20. main()
{
    static int counter = 5;
```

```
    printf("%d ", counter--);
    if (counter)
        main();
}
```

**Ans:** 5 4 3 2 1

because static variables are initialized only once and their value persist between function calls.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
21. main()
{
    int arr[] = {1,2,3,4,5};
    int i, *parr = arr;
    for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        printf(" %d ", *arr);
        ++parr; }
}
```

**Ans:** 1 1 1 1 1

because parr is being incremented and we are printing the value of arr.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
22. main()
{
    int arr[] = {1,2,3,4,5};
    int i, *parr = arr;
    for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        printf(" %d ", *parr);
        ++parr; }
}
```

**Ans:** 1 2 3 4 5.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
23. main()
{
    int a=-1, b=-1, c=0, d=2, res;
    res = a++ && b++ && c++ || d++;
    printf("%d %d %d %d %d", a, b, c, d, res);
}
```

**Ans:** 0 0 1 3 1

\*\*\*\*\*

```
24. main()
{
    char *str;
    printf("%d %d", sizeof(*str), sizeof(str));
}
```

**Ans:** 1 2

Since str is a pointer to a character type, its value needs 1 byte in memory and the address of this value will be of 2 bytes.

\*\*\*\*\*

```

25. main()
{
char str[]="Hello World";
show(str);
}
void show(char *str)
{
printf("%s", str);
}

```

**Ans:** ERROR. The default argument type and return type of a function is int. So a function that has any other type of arguments and/or return type must be declared before it is called. In this case, the return type is void and argument type is char and there is no declaration statement which gives the details to the compiler in advance. Hence it is an error because the compiler assumes that the function will accept and return an integer value.

\*\*\*\*\*

```

26. main()
{
int num = 2;
printf("c=%d", --2);
}

```

**Ans:** ERROR. Unary operator — can be applied to variables and not to constants. Since 2 is a constant, therefore the program generates error.

\*\*\*\*\*

```

27. #define int char
main()
{
int num = 65;
printf("%d", sizeof(num));
}

```

**Ans:** 1  
Because num is actually a char, not an int. See the #define statement

\*\*\*\*\*

```

28. main()
{
int res=5;
res = !i > 6;
printf("res = %d", res);
}

```

**Ans:** res = 0  
Because res = 5 in line 1. In line 2, when we write !res, here ! is the negation operator which converts the value of res to Zero. Now, 0 is not > Than 5. Therefore the value of res = 0.

\*\*\*\*\*

```

29. main()
{
char str[] = {'a', 'b', 'c', '\n', 'c', '\0'};
char *p, *pstr;
p=&str[3];
printf("%d", *p);
pstr=str;
printf("%d", ++*pstr);
}

```

**Ans:** 10 98

Because p is pointing to the third character in str which is '\n'. The ascii value of new line character is 10. pstr stores the address of the first character in the str which is 'a'. The value of \*pstr is being incremented, therefore it is 98. The ascii value of a + 1 = 97 + 1 = 98

\*\*\*\*\*

```

30. main()
{
int arr[2][2][2] = { {1,3,5,7}, {2,4,6,8} };
int *p, *q;
p=&arr[2][2][2];
*q = **a;
printf("%d %d", *p, *q);
}

```

**Ans:** Garbage Value 1

Although arr is declared as a 3-D array, the third dimension is not initialized. Therefore, \*p will contain garbage value as no value exists for arr[2][2][2]. \*q contains the address of the first element in the array, that is 1 in this case.

\*\*\*\*\*

```

31. main()
{
int num = 5;
printf(„%d %d %d %d %d %d", num++, num--,
++num, --num, num);
}

```

**Ans:** 4 5 5 4 5

Because evaluation is done from right to left.

\*\*\*\*\*

```

32. #define square(x) x*x
main()
{
int res;
res = 125/square(5);
}

```

```
printf("%d", res);
}
```

Ans: 125

Because when the macro gets expanded

```
res = 125/5 * 5 = 125.*4 = 64
```

\*\*\*\*\*

```
33. main()
{
char *pstr="hello", *pstr1;
pstr1=pstr;
while(*pstr != '\0') ++*pstr++;
printf("%s", pstr);
printf("%s", pstr1);
}
```

Ans: efmmp

Evaluate the expression in the following manner  $(++(*pstr))++$ . This means the value of `pstr` is incremented first and then the address of `pstr` is incremented so that it points to the next character. After the `while` loop gets executed every character in `pstr` is incremented and `pstr` finally points to the null character. Therefore, the first `printf` statement prints nothing and the second statement prints the modified contents of `pstr`.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
34. #include <stdio.h>
#define num 5
main()
{
#define num 100
printf("%d", num);
}
Ans: 100
Redefining preprocessor directive anywhere
in the program is absolutely legal.
```

\*\*\*\*\*

```
35. #define ABC 1
main()
{
ABC;
printf("\n HELLO");
}
Ans: HELLO
```

\*\*\*\*\*

```
36. main()
{
printf("%p", main);
}
```

Ans: Address of the `main()` will be printed. `%p` specifies that the address be displayed in hexadecimal numbers.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
37. main()
{
char far *str;
printf("%d", sizeof(str));
}
Ans: 4
```

\*\*\*\*\*

```
38. main()
{
char str[]="Hello";
char pstr = str;
printf("%c\n", *&pstr);
}
Ans: H
Because *pstr = H. &(*pstr) = pstr. Finally,
*( &(*pstr) ) = H
```

\*\*\*\*\*

```
39. main()
{
int arr[2][3] = {{1,2,3}, {4,5,6}};
int i;

arr[1]=arr[2];

for (i=0; i<2; i++)
printf("%d", arr[i]);
}
Ans: ERROR
```

Because array names are pointer constants, so it cannot be modified.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
40. main()
{
int num = scanf("%d", &num);
printf("%d", res);
}
Ans: 1
Because scanf returns the number of items read
successfully. In this case, you will be entering only
1 value, so scanf reads only 1 item and reports 1.
```

\*\*\*\*\*

```
41. #include <stdio.h>
main()
{
struct x
```

```
{
int roll_no=1;
char name[]="RAM";
};
struct x stud;
printf("%d", s.roll_no);
printf("%s",s.name);
}
```

**Ans:** ERROR  
Because you cannot initialize structure members within the structure declaration.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
42. main()
{
extern num;
printf("%d", num);
}
int num = -1;
```

**Ans:** -1

\*\*\*\*\*

```
43. main()
{
int arr[] = {1,2,3,4,5};
for(j = 0; j < 5; j++)
{
printf("%d" ,*a);
a++;
}
}
```

**Ans:** ERROR  
arr is the name of an array and not a pointer variable so writing arr++ creates an error

\*\*\*\*\*

```
44. main()
{
void *pv;
char ch = 'r', *pstr = "music", print_char;
int num = 10;
pv = &ch;
print_char = *(char *)pv;
printf("%c", print_char);
pv = &num;
print_char = *(int *)pv;
printf("%d", print_char);
pv = pstr;
printf("%s", (char *)pv + 2);
}
```

**Ans:** r10sic

\*\*\*\*\*

```
45. main()
{
int i, n;
char *str = "bird";
n = strlen(str);
*str = str[n];
for(i = 0; i < n; ++i)
{
printf("%s\n", str);
str++;
}
}
```

**Ans:**

(blank space)

ird

rd

d

Because the strlen function returns 4, i.e, the length of the string. In the next statement the value of the n<sup>th</sup> location is assigned to the first location. In the for loop, the string is printed in each iteration. The only difference is that during each iteration the starting position of the string is incremented. The first iteration prints a blank space because as soon as printf statement encounters '\0', it prints nothing and simply increments the pointer value.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
46. main()
{
printf("\n HELLO");
main();
}
```

**Ans:** Runtime error will occur because of stack overflow. \*\*\*\*\*

```
47. main()
{
void *pnum, num;
num = 0;
pnum = &num;
printf(„%v", num);
}
```

**Ans:** ERROR

You can create a variable of void \* but not of void.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
48. main()
{
char *str="BIRD";
```

```
char str1 []="BIRD";
printf ("%d %d", sizeof (str), sizeof (str1));
}
```

Ans: 2 5

```
49. main()
{
int *pnum;
{
int num = 1;
pnum = &num;
}
printf ("%d", *pnum);
}
```

Ans: 1

```
main()
{
int num = -5;
printf ("num = %d", -num = %d \n", num, -num);
}
```

Ans: num = -5, -num = 5.  
-(-5) becomes 5

```
50. main()
{
const int num = 5;
int res = ++num;
printf ("%d ", res);
}
```

Ans: ERROR

The value of a constant cannot be changed.

```
51. main()
{
register num = 5;
float fnum = 1.5;
printf ("%d %f", num, fnum);
}
```

Ans: 5 1.5

Register values are same as other values. The only difference is that the variable declared as register may either be in register or in memory.

```
53. main()
{
int a = 2, b = 3, res;
printf ("res = %d", a+++b);
}
```

Ans: 5

Because the expression is evaluated from right to left as a++ + b

54. struct complex

```
{
int real;
int imag;
};
struct complex c, *pc;
main()
{
pc = &c;
printf (" Complex number is (%d+%di)\n", (*pc).real, (*pc).imag);
}
```

Ans: Complex number is (0 + 0i).

Because when a structure is declared, all its members are automatically initialized to 0.

55. main()

```
{
int res = f(7);
printf ("%d\n", --res);
}
int f(int x)
{
return (x++);
}
```

Ans: 6

The return statement will first return the value of x and then print it. Writing --res, will first decrement and then print the value.

56. main()

```
{
char *pstr;
int *pnum;
long *plong;
pstr = 0 ; pnum = 0; plong = 0;
pstr++;
pnum++;
plong++;
printf ("%p...%p...%p", pstr, pnum, ,plong);
printf ("\n SIZE OF - pstr=%d... pnum = %d...
plong = %d", sizeof (pstr), sizeof (pnum),
sizeof (plong);
}
```

Ans: 1 2 4

2 2 2

The sizeof operator returns the size of the pointer variable which is 2 in all the cases. So the second printf displays 2 2 2. In the first printf statement, the post increment operator adds the values of pnum, pstr, and plong depending upon their data types. (1 for char, 2 for int, 4 for long)

\*\*\*\*\*

57. main()

```
{
char ch='a';
ch = convert(ch);
printf("%c", ch);
}
convert(ch)
{
return ch-32;
}
```

Ans: ERROR

Function declaration error

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58. int arr[] = {1, 2, 3};

```
main()
{
int *parr;
parr = arr;
printf("%d", *(parr + 5));
}
```

Ans: garbage value because array index is out of range.

59. Mesg1() {

```
printf("GOOD");
}
Mesg2(){
printf("Average");
}
Mesg3(){
printf("BAD");
}
main()
{
int (*pfun[3])();
pfun[0]=Mesg1;
pfun[1]=Mesg2;
pfun[2]=Mesg3;
pfun[1]();
}
```

Ans: AVERAGE

Only pfun[1] () is called from main()

\*\*\*\*\*

60. main()

```
{
FILE *fp;
char ch;
fp = fopen("student.txt", "r");
while((ch = fgetc(fp)) != EOF)
printf("%c", ch);
}
```

Ans: Infinite loop because the condition should have been checked against NULL and not EOF

\*\*\*\*\*

61. main()

```
{
char *p;
p="d\n";
p = p+2;
printf("%c", *(p-2));
}
```

Ans: %

\*\*\*\*\*

62. IsEqual(int x, int y)

```
{
if(x == y)
return 1;
else
return 0;
}
main()
{
int fun(), Is Equal();
printf("%d", fun(IsEqual, 2, 3));
}
int fun((*pf)(), int a, int b)
{
return((*pf)(a, b));
}
```

Ans: 0

\*\*\*\*\*

63. main()

```
{
static int num=4;
num = num - 1;
if(num >= 0) {
main();
printf("%d", num);
}
}
```

Ans: 0 0 0 0

num is a static variable, so its value persists in between function calls. After main() has been

called for 4 times, the value of num becomes 0 and the same value is printed.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
64. main()
{
char str[]="abcd\0";
printf("%d", strlen(str));
}
```

Ans: 4

\*\*\*\*\*

```
65. main()
{
char *str="\0";
if(printf("%s", str))
printf("GOOD");
else
printf("BAD");
}
```

Ans: GOOD

\*\*\*\*\*

```
66. main()
{
int a = a++;
static int p = p++;
printf("%d %d", a, p);
}
```

Ans: GarbageValue 1 because a is an int which has not been initialized whereas p is a static int which is initialized to zero by default.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
67. main()
{
unsigned int i = 5;
i = i-1;
while(i)
printf("%u ", i);
}
```

Ans: Infinite loop because 'i' is an unsigned integer, so its value can never be less than 0. As soon as the value gets decremented after reaching 0, 'i' will be assigned positive value like 65535.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
68. main()
{
int arr[] = {1,2,3,4,5};
printf("%d", *arr+1-*arr+3);
}
```

Ans:

4 because \*arr and -\*arr cancel out and only 1 + 3 is left

\*\*\*\*\*

```
69. #define mul(x,y) x * y
main()
{
int num1 = 5, num2 = 7, res;
res = mul(num1 + 2, num2 - 5)
printf("%d", res);
}
```

Ans: 14

On macro expansion, the expression becomes 5 + 2 \* 7 - 5

\*\*\*\*\*

```
70. main()
{
unsigned int num = 125;
while(num-->0);
printf("%d", num);
}
```

Ans: -1

As soon as num becomes zero, the loop terminates. The post decrement operator subtracts 1 from num which had become 0, hence the result.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
71. main()
{
int num = 0;
while((num--) != 0)
num++;
printf("%d", num);
}
```

Ans: -1

\*\*\*\*\*

```
72. main()
{
float fnum1 = 5, fnum2 = 2.5;
printf("%f\n", fnum1<<2);
printf("%lf\n", fnum1&fnum2);
}
```

Ans: ERROR

Left shift operator does not work for floating point numbers. % is used for integers. For floating point numbers use, fmod().

\*\*\*\*\*

```
73. main()
{
unsigned char ch = 0;
```

```
while(ch >= 0) {ch++;
printf("%d\n", ch);
}
```

**Ans:** Infinite loop because the value of ch will never be negative as it is declared as unsigned.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
74. main()
{
unsigned int num = -1;
if (-0 == num)
printf("HELLO");
}
```

**Ans:** HELLO

Internal representation of 0 is same as that of unsigned -1.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
75. main()
{
char *str = "plmno";
printf("%c", ++*(str++));
}
```

**Ans:** q

\*\*\*\*\*

```
76. main()
{
int num = 2;
printf("%d", ++num == 3);
}
```

**Ans:** 1

The expression in the printf statement is evaluated as 3==3, which is true and returns 1.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
77. main()
{
int res;
res = strcmp("abc", "abc\0");
printf("%d", res);
}
```

**Ans:** 0

Ending the string constant with \0 explicitly makes no difference. So both abc and abc\0 are same.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
78. main()
{
int num = 3;
int *pnum1 = &num, *pnum2 = &num;
num += 2;
*pnum1 += 3;
```

```
*pnum2 += 4;
printf(„%d %d %d", num, *pnum1, *pnum2);
}
```

**Ans:** 12 12 12

All the three variables are different names for the same memory location. So any increment to their value results in the same value being updated.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
79. main()
{
char *str = "BAD";
printf("\n sizeof (str) = %d, sizeof (*str) = %d, strlen (str) = %d", sizeof (str), sizeof (*str), strlen (str));
}
```

**Ans:**

sizeof (str) = 2, sizeof (\*str) = 1, strlen (str) = 3

\*\*\*\*\*

```
80. main()
{
char str [] = "BAD";
printf("\n sizeof (str) = %d, strlen (str) = %d", sizeof (str), strlen (str));
}
```

**Ans:** sizeof (str) = 5

( length of the string + 1 for null character) strlen (str) = 3

\*\*\*\*\*

```
81. main()
{
char * str = "GOOD";
char * pstr = str;
char ch = 127;
while (*pstr++)
ch = (*ptr < ch) ? *ptr : ch;
printf("%d", ch);
}
```

**Ans:** 0

The ascii value of null character is '\0' which is less than 127.

\*\*\*\*\*

```
82. main()
{
struct Date;
struct student
{
```

```

char name[30];
struct Address add;
struct Date DOB;
}stud;
struct Address
{
    char a[100];
};
struct Date
{
    int dd, mm, yy;
};
scanf("%s%s %d %d %d", stud.name, student.
add.a, &stud.DOB, dd, &stud.DOB.mm, &stud.
DOB.yy);
printf("%s%s %d %d %d", stud.name, student.
add.a, stud.DOB, dd, stud.DOB.mm, stud.DOB.
yy);
}

```

Ans: ERROR

Struct Address should be defined before being used in struct student. Forward declaration is not permissible in C. Same is the case with struct DOB.

\*\*\*\*\*

```

83. main()
{
    char str[4]="GOOD";
    printf("%s", str);
}

```

Ans: GOOD @\* & # @ ! @ ? ? ? @ ~ ~ !

The string does not have space for storing the null character, therefore str does not end properly and it continues to print garbage values till it accidentally comes across a NULL character.

```

84. char *f1()
{
    char *temp = "GOOD";
    return temp;
}

```

```

char *f2()
{
    char temp[] = "BAD";
    return temp;
}

```

```

main()
{
    puts(f1());
}

```

```

printf("%s", f2());
}

```

Ans: GOOD

Garbage value

The answer is OK for the first function f1() but in case of f2(), temp is a character array for which memory is allocated in heap and is initialized with "BAD". Temp is created dynamically when the function gets called, and is deleted dynamically when the control passes out of the function. Therefore, temp is not visible in main(). Hence, garbage value is printed.

### State True or False

- extern int a; is a declaration statement. (True, it is a declaration).
- Global variables have one definition but several declarations. (True)
- A function can have several definitions but can have only one declaration. (False)
- A function prototype is used to declare the function. (True)
- num1 > num2: large = 1 : large = 2; If num1 = 10, then large = 2. (False because the statement should have been written as num1 > num2: large = 1 : (large = 2);
- If-else should be preferred over switch statement. (False)
- To check for values within ranges if-else statement is preferred over switch statement. (True)
- Continue statement can also be used inside a switch statement. (False)
- By default, any real number is treated as a double. (True)
- By default, the return type of any function is float. (false — int)
- Void functions have no return type associated with it. (True)
- We can define a function within another function. (False)
- There can be more than one return statement in a function. (False)
- Any function including the main() can be called recursively. (True)

15. Recursive functions execute faster than functions defined using loops. (False)
16. Compilers can perform arithmetic operations on void \* pointer. (False. Before performing any arithmetic operation, void pointers you must cast the pointer to an appropriate type)
17. The following statement is a declaration statement. int (\*x) [10]; (False, definition statement because x is defined to be a pointer to an array of 10 integers).
18. char \*str="abc" and char \*str1="abc\0" are same. (False)
19. void swap(int \*a, int \*b) { \*a ^= \*b, \*b ^= \*a, \*a ^= \*b; } This is a correct code to swap two integers without using a temporary variable. (True)
20. The statement: ptr = (int \*) 0x400; is correct. (True because the pointer ptr will point at the integer in the memory location 0x400).
21. free () cannot be used to free memory allocated by calloc. (False)

**Answer the Following**

1. Briefly explain which integer type should be used in which situation.
  - (a) If the program needs data whose range of values may vary from -32767 to +32767, use *int*.
  - (b) If the program needs data whose range of values may either be less than -32767 or greater than +32767, use *long*.
  - (c) If consumption of space is a big issue, use *short*.
  - (d) If the program needs data whose value will either be zero or any positive number but never a negative number, then use *unsigned int*.

The same rules are applied for other data types as well.

2. How will you use the preprocessing operator # to insert the value of a symbolic constant into a message?

```
#define my_str(s) #s
#define xStr(s) my_str(s)
#define OP Equal
char *opname = xStr(OP);
```

The execution of the above code will set the opname to 'Equal'.

3. How is char const \*str different from char \* const str?

char const \*str is a pointer to a constant character. Declaring str in this way will not allow you to make any changes to the character. However char \* const p is a constant pointer to a character variable which will not allow you to change the pointer.

4. Will writing char str[3] = "abc" result in a correct code?

The above statement declares a string str of three characters— a, b, and c. However, no space is allotted for the null character. So the program code will not work correctly.

5. Is char str[] similar to \*str?

No, pointer-to-char is not the same as array-of-character. In no case arrays are treated as pointers. When we write char str[6], space is allocated for six characters and will be known as "str". But char \*str is used to hold the address of a character variable.

6. How will you dynamically allocate memory for a multidimensional array?

The best practice to dynamically allocate memory for a multi-dimensional array is to first allocate an array of pointers and then initializing every pointer to a dynamically-allocated row. For example,

```
int **my_array = (int **) malloc(nrows *
    sizeof(int *));
for(i = 0; i < nrows; i++)
    my_array[i] = (int *) malloc(ncolumns *
    sizeof(int));
```

**Some Important Points To Remember**

- When functions are called before they are declared, the compiler assumes that the return type of the function will be int. So any function that is supposed to return a variable of type other than int or does not return any variable must be declared before it is called.
- Defining a variable means actually allocating space for it and/or assigning value to it.
- There can be any number of declarations of a global variable but definition must be done only once.
- Global variables must be placed (defined) in a separate file with a .c extension. These variables must also be declared in a header ('.h') file, which should be included wherever the declaration is needed. Even the .c file containing the definition

for the global variable must also `#include` the header file containing the external declaration. This would help the compiler to check if the declarations match.

- `extern int i` means that a variable named `i` has already been declared in another source file. However, there is no difference otherwise when we say `int i` or `extern int i`.
- The default return type of any function including `main()` is `int`.
- In C, arrays can not be relocated and resized.
- `stdin`, `stdout`, `stderr` (standard input, standard output, standard error) are the files which are automatically opened when a C file is executed.
- Void pointer is a generic pointer type. No pointer arithmetic can be done on it. Void pointers are normally used for the following;
  - (a) passing generic pointers to functions and returning such pointers
  - (b) as an intermediate pointer type
    - (c) used when the exact pointer type will be known at a later point of time
- Increment operators return rvalues and hence it cannot appear on the left hand side of an assignment operation.
- The memory space allocated by `malloc` is uninitialized, whereas `calloc` returns the allocated memory space initialized to zeros.
- `&` (address of) operator cannot be applied on register variables.
- Switch statements can be applied only to integral types.
- The pointer to any type is of same size. So, be it `void *`, `int *`, `char *`, etc, all have a size of 2.
- As a programmer, you must free every individual pointer that has been returned from `malloc`.
- `Free()` does not return freed memory to the operating system, but makes that piece of memory available for future `malloc` calls within the same process.
- Only when the program exits, the memory is given back to the OS.



# Answers to Objective Questions

## CHAPTER 1

### Fill in the Blanks

1. software; 2. software; 3. programming; 4. programming language; 5. compiler; 6. driver software; 7. operating system; 8. system software; 9. Cryptographic utilities; 10. label, an operation code, and one or more operands

### True or False

- |         |          |         |          |          |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 1. true | 2. true  | 3. true | 4. false | 5. false |
| 6. true | 7. false | 8. true | 9. false | 10. true |

### Multiple Choice Questions

1. ROM; 2. FORTRAN; 3. assembly language; 4. all of these; 5. machine language; 6. linker; 7. anti-virus; 8. BIOS; 9. computer hardware; 10. operating system

## CHAPTER 2

### Fill in the Blanks

1. Dennis Ritchie; 2. function; 3. main() ; 4. ASCII codes; 5. operating system; 6. modulus operator; 7. Logical NOT; 8. unary; 9. type casting; 10. number of values that are successfully read 11. default case; 12. printf(); 13. abs() in math.h; 14. single quotes; 15. closing bracket ; 16. math.h; 17. \n; 18. double; 19. const; 20. the sign of the first operand is positive; 21. the direction in which the operator having the same precedence acts on the operands; 22. parenthesis; 23. sizeof; 24. %hd; 25. x; 26. -

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. relational; 2. Logical AND and Logical OR; 3. 3; 4. Bitwise NOT; 5. comma; 6. %hd; 7. 'bb', "A"; 8. 'a', "1", pi; 9. Initial.Name, A+B, \$amt, 1<sup>st</sup>\_row, Col Amt; 10. %

**State True or False**

- |          |           |           |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. false | 2. false  | 3. true   | 4. false  | 5. true   |
| 6. false | 7. true   | 8. false  | 10. false | 11. true  |
| 12. true | 13. false | 14. false | 15. false | 16. true  |
| 17. true | 18. false | 19. false | 20. false | 21. false |

**CHAPTER 3**

**State True or False**

- |          |           |           |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. false | 2. false  | 3. true   | 4. true   | 5. true   |
| 6. true  | 7. true   | 8. false  | 9. true   | 10. true  |
| 11. true | 12. false | 13. false | 14. true  | 15. false |
| 16. true | 17. true  | 18. false | 19. true  | 20. true  |
| 21. true | 22. true  | 23. true  | 24. false | 25. false |

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. there is no matching else; 2. integral; 3. n for every if statement; 4. break/continue; 5. infinite; 6. loop; 7. decision control; 8. integral; 9. iterative; 10. post test loops; 11. sentinel controlled; 12. goto; 13. goto

**CHAPTER 4**

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. function name; 2. calling function; 3. calling function; 4. arguments/parameters; 5. operating system; 6. function header and function body; 7. call-by-reference; 8. goto label; 9. recursive; 10. system stack; 11. recursive; 12. zero or no; 13. global; 14. main(); 15. int; 16. arguments; 17. local variable

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. called function; 2. all of these; 3. void; 4. defined; 5. static; 6. extern; 7. static; 8. auto

**State True or False**

- |          |           |          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. false | 2. true   | 3. true  | 4. true   | 5. true   |
| 6. false | 7. true   | 8. false | 9. true   | 10. true  |
| 11. true | 12. false | 13. true | 14. false | 15. false |
| 16. true | 17. true  |          |           |           |

**CHAPTER 5**

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. collection of similar data elements; 2. subscript/index; 3. integral; 4. consecutive; 5. n; 6. pointer; 7. data type, name and size; 8. the element being referenced; 9. index; 10. array name; 11. the number of elements stored in it; 12. traversing; 13. sorted array; 14. O(n); 15. consecutive; 16. constant; 17. array of arrays; 18. fourth; 19. linear;

**State True or False**

- |           |           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. true   | 2. false  | 3. true   | 4. true   | 5. true   |
| 6. false  | 7. true   | 8. false  | 9. true   | 10. false |
| 11. false | 12. false | 13. true  | 14. true  | 15. false |
| 16. true  | 17. true  | 18. true  | 19. true  | 20. true  |
| 21. true  | 22. false | 23. false | 24. false | 25. false |
| 26. true  | 27. false |           |           |           |

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. 10; 2. 7; 3. 200; 3. 50; 4. 25; 5. greater; 6. O(log n); 7. best case; 8. all of these;

**CHAPTER 6**

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. a null-terminated character array; 2. null character; 3. 5; 4. zero; 5. consecutive; 6. 99; 7. scanf(); 8. zero; 9. 65-91; 10. convert a character into upper case; 11. when in dictionary order S1 will come after S2; 12. strrev(); 13. ORNING; 14. 15; 15. index; 16. stdlib.h; 17. Appends the string pointed to by str2 to the end of the string pointed str2 to the end of the string pointed; 18. if str1 is greater than str2 respectively x; 19. strlen(); 20. puts();

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. 0; 2. 97-123; 3. XPPPXXYYYYZZZ; 4. XXXYZZ; 5. world; 6. string.h; 7. all of these; 8. XXABYYZZZ; 9. 7; 10. strcat(s,1(strcat(s2,s3))); 11. 23; 12. strcat();

**State True or False**

- |           |           |           |          |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. false  | 2. false  | 3. false  | 4. true  | 5. false  |
| 6. false  | 7. true   | 8. false  | 9. false | 10. false |
| 11. true  | 12. true  | 13. false | 14. true | 15. false |
| 16. false | 17. false |           |          |           |

**CHAPTER 7**

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. 1 byte; 2. dynamic memory allocation; 3. address, pointer; 4. null; 5. data type; 6. 2; 7. rvalue; 8. memory addresses; 9. pointers; 10. \*; 11. main memory; 12. stack; 13. stack; 14. executable image of shared libraries that are being used by the program; 15. a pointer (of cast type) to an area of memory with size byte-size; 16. free(), heap; 17. void pointer, null pointer; 18. to change the memory size already allocated by calloc() and malloc(); 19. pointer-to-pointer-to-int; 20. garbage value; 21. address of a pointer variable; 22. 0; 23. pointer-to-pointer-to-int; 25. free(); 26. arrays of varying sizes;

**State True or False**

- |           |           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. true   | 2. true   | 3. true   | 4. true   | 5. true   |
| 6. false  | 7. true   | 8. false  | 9. true   | 10. false |
| 11. true  | 12. false | 13. true  | 14. true  | 15. false |
| 16. true  | 17. true  | 18. false | 19. true  | 20. true  |
| 21. false | 22. false | 23. false | 24. false | 25. true  |
| 26. true  |           |           |           |           |

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. Dereferencing operator; 2. num; 3. all of these; 4. address; 5. &; 6. stack; 7. heap; 8. stdlib.h; 9. calloc();

**CHAPTER 8**

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. user defined; 2. records; 3. array; 4. structure; 5. structure variable declaration; 7. structure declaration; 8. structure; 9. structure name; 10. typedef; 11. 0; 12. \0; 13. dot operator; 14. nested structure; 15. self referential; 16. create a new data type name for an existing data type; 17. union; 18. refer to the individual members for the actual parameters; 19. union;

**State True or False**

- |           |           |          |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. false  | 2. false  | 3. false | 4. true   | 5. true   |
| 6. false  | 7. false  | 8. true  | 9. true   | 10. true  |
| 11. false | 12. false | 13. true | 14. false | 15. false |
| 16. true  | 17. false | 18. true | 19. false | 20. true  |
| 21. true  |           |          |           |           |

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. all of these; 2. structure; 3. Structure variable declaration; 4. dot operator; 5. nested structure; 6. dot operator; 7. all of these; 8. int;

**CHAPTER 9**

**State True or False**

- |           |          |          |          |           |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. false  | 2. false | 3. true  | 4. true  | 5. false  |
| 6. false  | 7. false | 8. false | 9. true  | 10. false |
| 11. false | 12. true | 13. true | 14. true | 15. true  |

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. file; 2. stderr, stdin, stdout; 3. standard stream; 4. w/a; 5. rewind(); 6. binary; 7. fread(); 8. stdout; 9. buffer; 10. operating system; 11. binary files; 12. fflush(); 13. stdout; 14. fseek() or rewind(); 15. stdio.h, -1;

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. ftell(); 2. fwrite(); 3. all of these; 4. stderr; 5. buffer; 6. fopen(); 7. fgetc();

**CHAPTER 10**

**Fill in the blanks**

1. pre-processor; 2. pre-processor; 3. preprocessor directives; 4. preprocessor directives; 5. #define statement; 6. give symbolic names to numeric constants; 7. #define directive; 8. arguments in the invocation that exceed the number of parameters in the definition; 9. #; 10. merge operator; 11. angular brackets; 12. 10; 13. #define; 14. #pragma; 15. conditional directive; 16. a closing #endif; 17. #if directive; 18. #error directive; 19. #warning directive; 20. \_STDC\_;

**State True or False**

- |           |          |           |          |           |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. false  | 2. true  | 3. false  | 4. true  | 5. false  |
| 6. true   | 7. false | 8. true   | 9. true  | 10. false |
| 11. false | 12. true | 13. false | 14. true | 15. false |

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. #; 2. \; 3. #line; 4. #ifdef; 5. defined; 6. \_TIMESTAMP\_;

**CHAPTER 11**

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. AVAIL; 2. O(1); 3. O(n); 4. two; 5. one; 6. two; 7. two; 8. one; 9. two; 10. one; 11. node; 12. START; 13. node; 14. there is no memory that can be allocated for the new node to be inserted; 15. first;

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. Sequential access structure; 2. both; 3. all of these; 4. doubly linked list;

**State True or False**

- |          |         |          |          |          |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. true  | 2. true | 3. false | 4. false | 5. false |
| 6. false | 7. true | 8. false | 9. true  | 10. true |

**CHAPTER 12**

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. LIFO; 2. Push(); 3. stack; 4. queue; 5. rear; 6. postfix notation;

**True or False**

- |         |          |          |
|---------|----------|----------|
| 1. true | 2. false | 3. false |
|---------|----------|----------|

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. rear; 2. stack; 3. stack; 4. an attempt is made to delete an element from an empty stack/queue; 5. left to right;

**CHAPTER 13**

**True or False**

1. true      2. true      3. true      4. true      5. false  
7. false

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. 0; 2. 0; 3.  $2^{h-1}$ ; 4. Depth-first traversal; 5.  $2^{h-1}$ ;

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. ancestor; 2. length of the path from the root R to the node N; 3.  $2^{k-1}$ ; 4. 2; 5. siblings; 6. contents and structure; 7. at least n and at most  $\log_2(n+1)$  8. each node in the tree has either no child or exactly two children; 9. Pre-order traversal algorithms

**CHAPTER 14**

**State True or False**

1. false      2. false      3. true      4. false      5. true  
6. false      7. true

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. loop; 2. Degree; 3. connected graph; 4. Out-degree; 5.  $O(n^2)$ ;

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. isolated node; 2. terminate; 3. Bit matrix or Boolean matrix; 4. closed path; 5. cycle; 6. multi-graph;



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