

EECS 10: Computational Methods in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Lecture 15

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Lecture 15: Overview

- Course Administration
 - Reminder: Midterm course evaluation
- Functions
 - Hierarchy of functions
 - Example `cylinder.c`
 - Function call graph
 - Function call trace
 - Function call stack

Course Administration

- Midterm Course Evaluation
 - Open until tonight, 8pm!
 - Oct. 29, 2008, 8am - Nov. 3, 2008, 8pm
 - Online via EEE Evaluation application
- Feedback from students to instructors
 - Completely voluntary
 - Completely anonymous
 - Very valuable
 - Help to improve this class!
- Mandatory Final Course Evaluation
 - expected for week 10 (TBA)

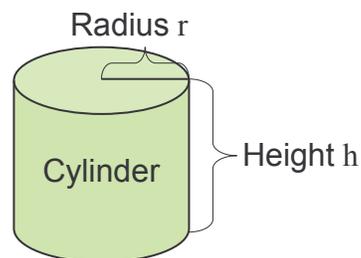
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Functions

- Hierarchy of Functions
 - functions call other functions
- Example:
 - Cylinder calculations
 - given radius and height
 - calculate surface and volume



- Circle constant $\pi = 3.14159265\dots$
- Circle perimeter $f_p(r) = 2 \times \pi \times r$
- Circle area $f_a(r) = \pi \times r^2$
- Cylinder surface $f_s(r, h) = f_p(r) \times h + 2 \times f_a(r)$
- Cylinder volume $f_v(r, h) = f_a(r) \times h$

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Functions

- Program example: `Cylinder.c` (part 1/3)

```
/* Cylinder.c: cylinder functions      */
/* author: Rainer Doemer              */
/* modifications:                     */
/* 10/25/05 RD initial version        */

#include <stdio.h>

/* cylinder functions */

double pi(void)
{
    return(3.1415927);
}

double CircleArea(double r)
{
    return(pi() * r * r);
}
...
```

Functions

- Program example: `Cylinder.c` (part 2/3)

```
...
double CirclePerimeter(double r)
{
    return(2 * pi() * r);
}

double Surface(double r, double h)
{
    double side, lid;
    side = CirclePerimeter(r) * h;
    lid = CircleArea(r);
    return(side + 2*lid);
}

double Volume(double r, double h)
{
    return(CircleArea(r) * h);
}
...
```

Functions

- Program example: `Cylinder.c` (part 3/3)

```

...
/* main function */
int main(void)
{
    double r, h, s, v;

    /* input section */
    printf("Please enter the radius: ");
    scanf("%lf", &r);
    printf("Please enter the height: ");
    scanf("%lf", &h);

    /* computation section */
    s = Surface(r, h);
    v = Volume(r, h);

    /* output section */
    printf("The surface area is %f.\n", s);
    printf("The volume is %f.\n", v);

    return 0;
} /* end of main */

```

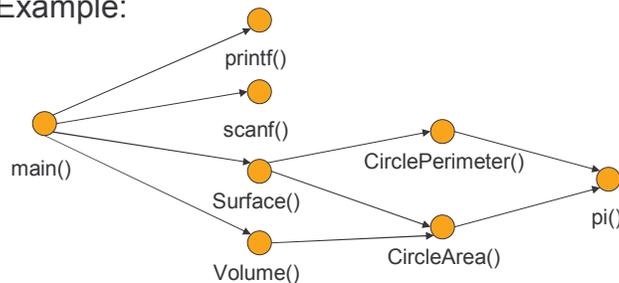
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Function Call Graph

- Graphical representation of function calls
 - Directed Graph
 - Nodes: Functions
 - Edges: Function calls
 - Shows dependencies among functions
 - Example:



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Function Call Trace

- Sequence of function calls
 - Shows execution order of functions at run-time
- Example:
 - main()
 - printf()
 - scanf()
 - printf()
 - scanf()
 - Surface()
 - CirclePerimeter()
 - » pi()
 - CircleArea()
 - » pi()
 - Volume()
 - CircleArea()
 - » pi()
 - printf()
 - printf()

Function Call Stack

- Stack Frames
 - Keep track of active function calls
 - Stack grows by one frame with each function call
 - Stack shrinks by one frame with each completed function

The diagram illustrates the function call stack. The vertical axis represents 'Stack Size' and the horizontal axis represents 'Time'. The stack starts with 'main()' at the bottom. It then grows to include 'Surface()'. 'Surface()' calls 'CirclePerimeter()' and 'Volume()'. 'CirclePerimeter()' calls 'pi()'. 'Volume()' calls 'CircleArea()', which also calls 'pi()'. The stack shrinks as each function returns, leaving 'main()' at the bottom and 'Volume()' at the top. A vertical double-headed arrow on the right indicates the height of one stack frame.

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Debugging

- Source-level Debugger `gdb`
 - Basic `gdb` commands
 - `run`
 - starts the execution of the program in the debugger
 - `break function_name`
 - inserts a breakpoint at `function_name`
 - program execution will stop at the breakpoint
 - `list line_numbers`
 - lists the current or specified `line_numbers`
 - `print variable_name`
 - prints the current value of the variable `variable_name`
 - `next`
 - executes the next statement (one statement at a time)
 - `quit`
 - exits the debugger (and terminates the program)
 - `help`
 - provides helpful details on debugger commands

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Debugging

- Source-level Debugger `gdb` (continued)
 - Additional `gdb` commands
 - `step`
 - steps into a function call
 - `finish`
 - continues execution until the current function is finished
 - `where`
 - shows where in the function call hierarchy you are
 - prints a *back trace* of current *stack frames*
 - `up`
 - steps up one stack frame (up into the caller)
 - `down`
 - steps down one stack frame (down into the callee)
 - `info locals`
 - lists the local variables in the current function (current stack frame)
 - `info scope function_name`
 - lists the variables in scope of the `function_name`

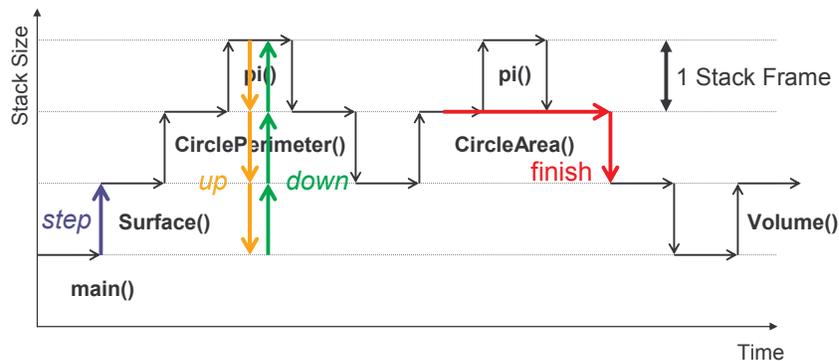
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Function Call Stack

- Navigating Stack Frames in the Debugger
 - *step*: execute and step into a function call
 - *up*, *down*: navigate stack frames
 - *finish*: resume execution until the end of the current function



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Functions

- Example session: `Cylinder.c`

```

% vi Cylinder.c
% gcc Cylinder.c -o Cylinder -Wall -ansi -g
% gdb Cylinder
GNU gdb 6.3
(gdb) break 55
Breakpoint 1 at 0x108d0: file Cylinder.c, line 55.
(gdb) run
Starting program: /users/faculty/doemer/eecs10/Cylinder/Cylinder
Please enter the radius: 10
Please enter the height: 10
Breakpoint 1, main () at Cylinder.c:56
56      s = Surface(r, h);
(gdb) step
Surface (r=10, h=10) at Cylinder.c:31
31      side = CirclePerimeter(r) * h;
(gdb) step
CirclePerimeter (r=10) at Cylinder.c:24
24      return(2 * pi() * r);
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```

Functions

- Example session: `Cylinder.c`

```
(gdb) step
pi () at Cylinder.c:14
14     return(3.1415927);
(gdb) where
#0  pi () at Cylinder.c:14
#1  0x000107bc in CirclePerimeter (r=10) at Cylinder.c:24
#2  0x000107f8 in Surface (r=10, h=10) at Cylinder.c:31
#3  0x000108e0 in main () at Cylinder.c:56
(gdb) up
#1  0x000107bc in CirclePerimeter (r=10) at Cylinder.c:24
24     return(2 * pi() * r);
(gdb) up
#2  0x000107f8 in Surface (r=10, h=10) at Cylinder.c:31
31     side = CirclePerimeter(r) * h;
(gdb) up
#3  0x000108e0 in main () at Cylinder.c:56
56     s = Surface(r, h);
...
```

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Functions

- Example session: `Cylinder.c`

```
(gdb) down
#2  0x000107f8 in Surface (r=10, h=10) at Cylinder.c:31
31     side = CirclePerimeter(r) * h;
(gdb) down
#1  0x000107bc in CirclePerimeter (r=10) at Cylinder.c:24
24     return(2 * pi() * r);
(gdb) down
#0  pi () at Cylinder.c:14
14     return(3.1415927);
(gdb) finish
Run till exit from #0  pi () at Cylinder.c:14
0x000107bc in CirclePerimeter (r=10) at Cylinder.c:24
24     return(2 * pi() * r);
Value returned is $1 = 3.1415926999999999
(gdb) finish
Run till exit from #0  CirclePerimeter (r=10) at Cylinder.c:24
0x000107f8 in Surface (r=10, h=10) at Cylinder.c:31
31     side = CirclePerimeter(r) * h;
EE ...
```

Functions

- Example session: `Cylinder.c`

```
Value returned is $2 = 62.831854
(gdb) next
32         lid = CircleArea(r);
(gdb) step
CircleArea (r=10) at Cylinder.c:19
19         return(pi() * r * r);
(gdb) finish
Run till exit from #0  CircleArea (r=10) at Cylinder.c:19
0x00010818 in Surface (r=10, h=10) at Cylinder.c:32
32         lid = CircleArea(r);
Value returned is $3 = 314.15926999999999
(gdb) cont
Continuing.
The surface area is 1256.637080.
The volume is 3141.592700.
Program exited normally.
(gdb) quit
%
```