EECS 10: Computational Methods in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Lecture 6

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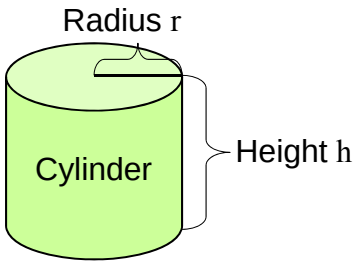
Lecture 6.1: Overview

- Functions
  - Hierarchy of functions
    - Example **`Cylinder.c`**
  - Function call graph
  - Function call trace
  - Function call stack
- Debugging
  - Navigating stack frames

Functions

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



- Circle constant $\pi = 3.14159265...$
- 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 $f_v(r, h) = f_a(r) \times h$

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);
}
...
```

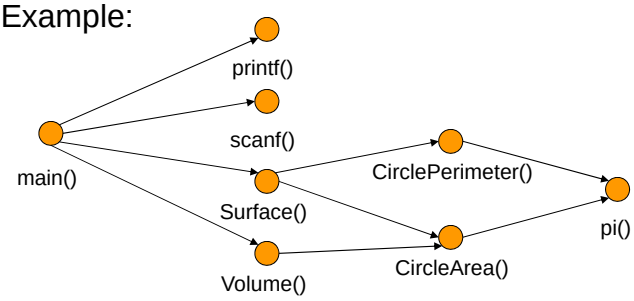

Functions

- 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 */
```

Function Call Graph

- Graphical representation of function calls
  - Directed Graph
    - Vertices: 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()`
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- Stack Frames
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    - Stack grows by one frame with each function call
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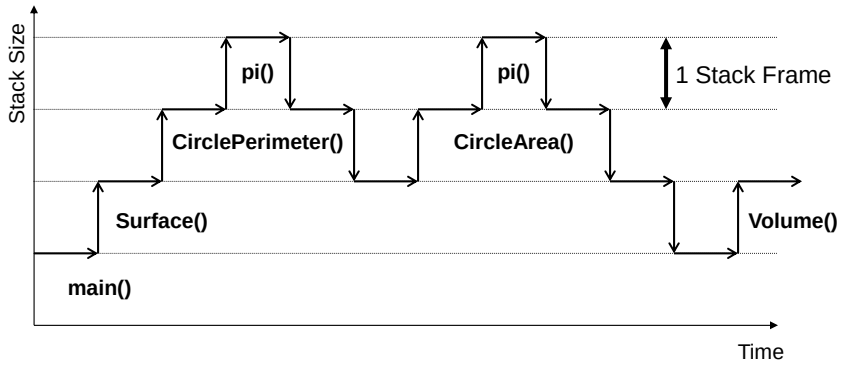

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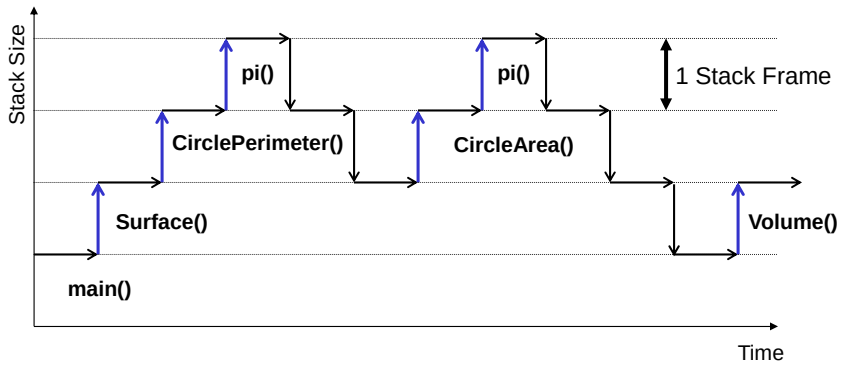

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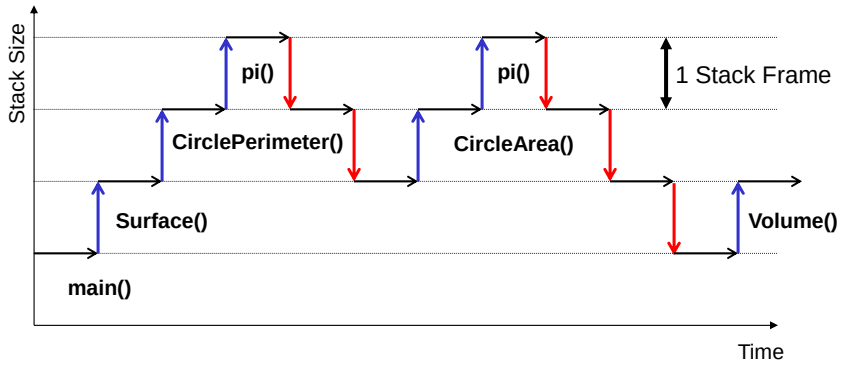


Debugging

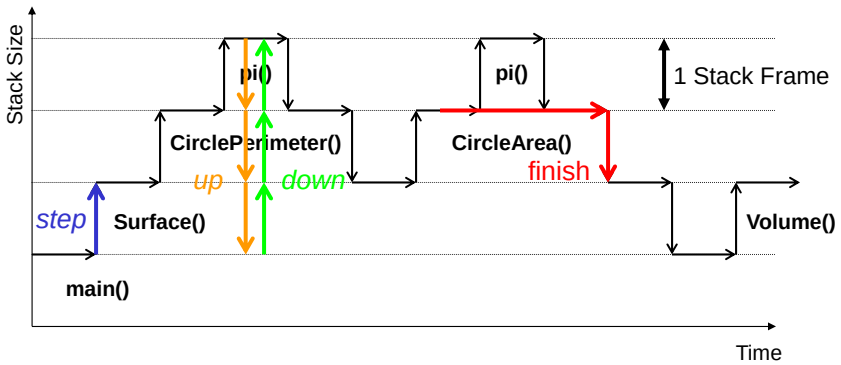
- Source-level Debugger **gdb**
  - Basic **gdb** commands
    - **`run`**
      - starts the execution of the program in the debugger
    - **`break`** ***`function_name`*** *(or* ***`line_number`****)*
      - inserts a breakpoint; program execution will stop at the breakpoint
    - **`cont`**
      - continues the execution of the program in the debugger
    - **`list`** ***`from_line_number,to_line_number`***
      - lists the current or specified range of 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

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)

Debugging

- 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



Debugging

- 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);
...
```


Debugging

- 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);
...
```

Debugging

- 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;
...
```


Debugging

- 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
%
```