Capitolo 3 - Functions

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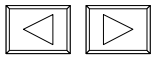

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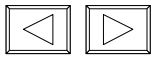
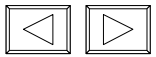


3.1 Introduction

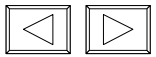
- Divide and conquer
  - Construct a program from smaller pieces or components
  - Each piece more manageable than the original program



3.2 Program Components in C++

- Programs written by
  - combining new functions with “prepackaged” functions in the C++ standard library.
  - The standard library provides a rich collection of functions.
- Functions are invoked by a function call
  - A function call specifies the function name and provides information (as arguments) that the called function needs
  - Boss to worker analogy:

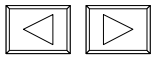
    A boss (the calling function or caller) asks a worker (the called function) to perform a task and return (i.e., report back) the results when the task is done.



3.2 Program Components in C++

- Function definitions
  - Only written once
  - These statements are hidden from other functions.
  - Boss to worker analogy:

    The boss does not know how the worker gets the job done; he just wants it done



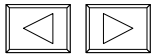
3.3 Math Library Functions

- Math library functions
  - Allow the programmer to perform common mathematical calculations
  - Are used by including the header file **<cmath>**
- Functions called by writing

  functionName (*argument*)
- Example

```
cout << sqrt( 900.0 );
```

  - Calls the **sqrt** (square root) function. The preceding statement would print **30**
  - The **sqrt** function takes an argument of type **double** and returns a result of type **double**, as do all functions in the math library



3.3 Math Library Functions

- Function arguments can be
  - Constants

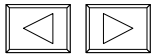
```
sqrt( 4 );
```

  - Variables

```
sqrt( x );
```

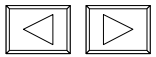
  - Expressions

```
sqrt( sqrt( x ) );
sqrt( 3 - 6x );
```

3.4 Functions

- Functions
  - Allow the programmer to modularize a program
- Local variables
  - Known only in the function in which they are defined
  - All variables declared in function definitions are local variables
- Parameters
  - Local variables passed when the function is called that provide the function with outside information



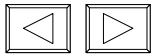
3.5 Function Definitions

- Create customized functions to
  - Take in data
  - Perform operations
  - Return the result
- Format for function definition:

  return-value-type function-name(*parameter-list*)
  {
  declarations and statements
  }

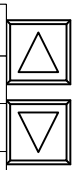
- Example:

```
int square( int y)
{
  return y * y;
}
```

```
1  // Fig. 3.3: fig03_03.cpp
2  // Creating and using a programmer-defined function
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::endl;
7
8  int square( int );   // function prototype
9
10 int main()
11 {
12    for ( int x = 1; x <= 10; x++ )
13       cout << square( x ) << "  ";
14
15    cout << endl;
16    return 0;
17 }
18
19 // Function definition
20 int square( int y )
21 {
22    return y * y;
23 }
```

Notice how parameters and return value are declared.



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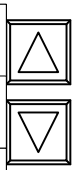
1. **Function prototype**
2. **Loop**
3. **Function definition**

```
1  4  9  16  25  36  49  64  81  100
```

Program Output



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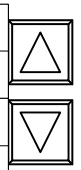
1. Function prototype (3 parameters)

2. Input values

2.1 Call function

```
1  // Fig. 3.4: fig03_04.cpp
2  // Finding the maximum of three integers
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::cin;
7  using std::endl;
8
9  int maximum( int, int, int );   // function prototype
10
11 int main()
12 {
13    int a, b, c;
14
15    cout << "Enter three integers: ";
16    cin >> a >> b >> c;
17
18    // a, b and c below are arguments to
19    // the maximum function call
20    cout << "Maximum is: " << maximum( a, b, c ) << endl;
```



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3. Function definition

```
21
22    return 0;
23 }
24
25 // Function maximum definition
26 // x, y and z below are parameters to
27 // the maximum function definition
28 int maximum( int x, int y, int z )
29 {
30    int max = x;
31
32    if ( y > max )
33       max = y;
34
35    if ( z > max )
36       max = z;
37
38    return max;
39 }
```

Program Output

```
Enter three integers: 22 85 17
Maximum is: 85
```

```
Enter three integers: 92 35 14
Maximum is: 92
```

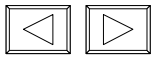
```
Enter three integers: 45 19 98
Maximum is: 98
```

3.6 Function Prototypes

- Function prototype
  - Function name
  - Parameters
    - Information the function takes in
  - Return type
    - Type of information the function passes back to caller (default **`int`**)
    - **`void`** signifies the function returns nothing
  - Only needed if function definition comes after the function call in the program
- Example:

```
int maximum( int, int, int );
```

  - Takes in 3 **`int`**s
  - Returns an **`int`**



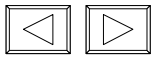
3.7 Header Files

- Header files
  - Contain function prototypes for library functions
  - **<cstdlib>** , **<cmath>**, etc.
  - Load with **#include <filename>**
    - Example:

```
#include <cmath>
```

- Custom header files
  - Defined by the programmer
  - Save as **filename.h**
  - Loaded into program using

```
#include "filename.h"
```

3.8 Random Number Generation

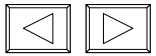
- **`rand`** function

```
i = rand();
```

  - Load **`<cstdlib>`**
  - Generates a pseudorandom number between **`0`** and **`RAND_MAX`** (usually 32767)
    - A pseudorandom number is a preset sequence of "random" numbers
    - The same sequence is generated upon every program execution
- **`srand`** function
  - Jumps to a seeded location in a "random" sequence

```
srand( seed );
srand( time( 0 ) );   //must include <ctime>
```

  - **`time( 0 )`**
    - The time at which the program was compiled
  - Changes the seed every time the program is compiled, thereby allowing **`rand`** to generate random numbers

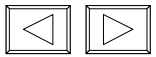


3.8 Random Number Generation

- Scaling
  - Reduces random number to a certain range
  - Modulus (`%`) operator
    - Reduces number between 0 and **`RAND_MAX`** to a number between 0 and the scaling factor
  - Example

```
i = rand() % 6 + 1;
```

    - Generates a number between **`1`** and **`6`**



```
1  // Fig. 3.7: fig03_07.cpp
2  // Shifted, scaled integers produced by 1 + rand() % 6
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::endl;
7
8  #include <iomanip>
9
10 using std::setw;
11
12 #include <cstdlib>
13
14 int main()
15 {
16    for ( int i = 1; i <= 20; i++ ) {
17       cout << setw( 10 ) << ( 1 + rand() % 6 );
18
19       if ( i % 5 == 0 )
20          cout << endl;
21    }
22
23    return 0;
24 }
```

Notice **`rand() % 6.`** This returns a number between **0** and 5 (scaling). Add 1 to get a number between **1** and **6.**

Executing the program again gives the same "random" dice rolls.

```
         5         5         3         5         5
         2         4         2         5         5
         5         3         2         2         1
         5         1         4         6         4
```

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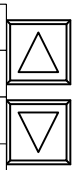
1. **Define loop**
2. **Output random number**

Program Output

```
1  // Fig. 3.9: fig03_09.cpp
2  // Randomizing die-rolling program
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::cin;
7  using std::endl;
8
9  #include <iomanip>
10
11 using std::setw;
12
13 #include <cstdlib>
14
15 int main()
16 {
17    unsigned seed;
18
19    cout << "Enter seed: ";
20    cin >> seed;
21    srand( seed );
22
23    for ( int i = 1; i <= 10; i++ ) {
24       cout << setw( 10 ) << 1 + rand() % 6;
25
26       if ( i % 5 == 0 )
27          cout << endl;
28    }
29
30    return 0;
31 }
```



Outline

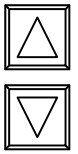
1. Initialize seed

2. Input value for seed

2.1 Use `srand` to change random sequence

2.2 Define Loop

3. Generate and output random numbers



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Program Output

```
Enter seed: 67
        1        6        5        1        4
        5        6        3        1        2

Enter seed: 432
        4        2        6        4        3
        2        5        1        4        4

Enter seed: 67
        1        6        5        1        4
        5        6        3        1        2
```

Notice how the die rolls change with the seed.

3.9 Example: A Game of Chance and Introducing `enum`

- Enumeration - set of integers with identifiers

  `enum` *typeName* {*constant1*, *constant2*...}**`;`**

  – Constants start at **`0`** (default), incremented by **`1`**

  – Unique constant names

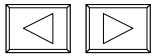
  – Example:

```
enum Status {CONTINUE, WON, LOST};
```

- Create an enumeration variable of type *typeName*

  – Variable is constant, its value may not be reassigned

```
Status enumVar;  // create variable
enumVar = WON;   // set equal to WON
enumVar = 1;     // ERROR
```

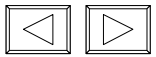



Example: A Game of Chance and Introducing `enum`(II)

- Enumeration constants can have values pre-set

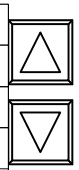
```
enum Months { JAN = 1, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY,
   JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC};
```

  - Starts at **1**, increments by **1**
- Craps simulator rules
  - Roll two dice
    - 7 or 11 on first throw, player wins
    - 2, 3, or 12 on first throw, player loses
    - 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10
      - value becomes player's "point"
      - player must roll his point before rolling 7 to win



```
1  // Fig. 3.10: fig03_10.cpp
2  // Craps
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::endl;
7
8  #include <cstdlib>
9
10 #include <ctime>
11
12 using std::time;
13
14 int rollDice( void );  // function prototype
15
16 int main()
17 {
18    enum Status { CONTINUE, WON, LOST };
19    int sum, myPoint;
20    Status gameStatus;
21
22    srand( time( 0 ) );
23    sum = rollDice();              // first roll of the dice
24
25    switch ( sum ) {
26       case 7:
27       case 11:                    // win on first roll
28          gameStatus = WON;
29          break;
30       case 2:
31       case 3:
32       case 12:                   // lose on first roll
33          gameStatus = LOST;
34          break;
```

Notice how the **enum** is defined



Outline

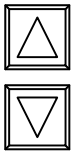
1. `rollDice` **prototype**

1.1 **Initialize variables and** `enum`

1.2 **Seed** `srand`

2. **Define** `switch` **statement for win/loss/continue**

```
35        default:                    // remember point
36           gameStatus = CONTINUE;
37           myPoint = sum;
38           cout << "Point is " << myPoint << endl;
39           break;                   // optional
40     }
41
42     while ( gameStatus == CONTINUE ) {     // keep rolling
43        sum = rollDice();
44
45        if ( sum == myPoint )        // win by making point
46           gameStatus = WON;
47        else
48           if ( sum == 7 )           // lose by rolling 7
49              gameStatus = LOST;
50     }
51
52     if ( gameStatus == WON )
53        cout << "Player wins" << endl;
54     else
55        cout << "Player loses" << endl;
56
57     return 0;
58  }
59
```



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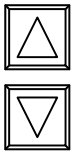
2.1 Define loop to continue playing

2.2 Print win/loss



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```
60 int rollDice( void )
61 {
62    int die1, die2, workSum;
63
64    die1 = 1 + rand() % 6;
65    die2 = 1 + rand() % 6;
66    workSum = die1 + die2;
67    cout << "Player rolled " << die1 << " + " << die2
68         << " = " << workSum << endl;
69
70    return workSum;
71 }
```

3. Define `rollDice` function

Program Output

```
Player rolled 6 + 5 = 11
Player wins
```

```
Player rolled 6 + 5 = 11
Player wins
```

```
Player rolled 4 + 6 = 10
Point is 10
Player rolled 2 + 4 = 6
Player rolled 6 + 5 = 11
Player rolled 3 + 3 = 6
Player rolled 6 + 4 = 10
Player wins
```

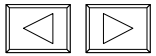
```
Player rolled 1 + 3 = 4
Point is 4
Player rolled 1 + 4 = 5
Player rolled 5 + 4 = 9
Player rolled 4 + 6 = 10
Player rolled 6 + 3 = 9
Player rolled 1 + 2 = 3
Player rolled 5 + 2 = 7
Player loses
```

3.10 Storage Classes

- Storage class specifiers
  - Storage class
    - Where object exists in memory
  - Scope
    - Where object is referenced in program
  - Linkage
    - Where an identifier is known
- Automatic storage
  - Object created and destroyed within its block
  - **`auto`**
    - Default for local variables.
    - Example:

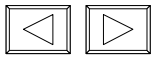
```
auto float x, y;
```

  - **`register`**
    - Tries to put variables into high-speed registers
  - Can only be used with local variables and parameters



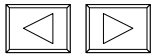
3.10 Storage Classes

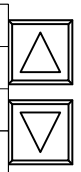
- Static storage
  - Variables exist for entire program execution
  - **`static`**
    - Local variables defined in functions
    - Keep value after function ends
    - Only known in their own function
  - **`Extern`**
    - Default for global variables and functions.
    - Known in any function



3.11 Identifier Scope Rules

- File scope
  - Defined outside a function, known in all functions
  - Examples include, global variables, function definitions and functions prototypes
- Function scope
  - Can only be referenced inside a function body
  - Only labels (**`start:`**, **`case:`**, etc.)
- Block scope
  - Declared inside a block. Begins at declaration, ends at }
  - Variables, function parameters (local variables of function)
  - Outer blocks “hidden” from inner blocks if same variable name
- Function prototype scope
  - Identifiers in parameter list
  - Names in function prototype optional, and can be used anywhere





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1. Function prototypes

1.1 Initialize global variable

1.2 Initialize local variable

1.3 Initialize local variable in block

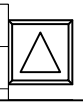
2. Call functions

3. Output results

```
1  // Fig. 3.12: fig03 12.cpp
2  // A scoping example
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::endl;
7
8  void a( void );   // function prototype
9  void b( void );   // function prototype
10 void c( void );   // function prototype
11
12 int x = 1;        // global var
13
14 int main()
15 {
16    int x = 5;     // local variable to main
17
18    cout << "local x in outer scope of main is " << x << endl;
19
20    {              // start new scope
21       int x = 7;
22
23       cout << "local x in inner scope of main is " << x << endl;
24    }              // end new scope
25
26    cout << "local x in outer scope of main is " << x << endl;
27
28    a();           // a has automatic local x
29    b();           // b has static loca
30    c();           // c uses global x
31    a();           // a reinitializes a
32    b();           // static local x retains its previous value
33    c();           // global x also retains its value
34
```

x is different inside and outside the block.

```
local x in outer scope of main is 5
local x in inner scope of main is 7
local x in outer scope of main is 5
```



Outline

Define Functions

```
35    cout << "local x in main is " << x << endl;
36
37    return 0;
38 }
39
40 void a( void )
41 {
42    int x = 25;  // initialized each time a is called
43
44    cout << endl << "local x in a is " << x
45         << " after entering a" << endl;
46    ++x;
47    cout << "local x in a is " << x
48         << " before exiting a" << endl;
49 }
50
51 void b( void )
52 {
53    static int x = 50; // Static initialization onl
54                       // first time b is called.
55    cout << endl << "local static x is " << x
56         << " on entering b" << endl;
57    ++x;
58    cout << "local static x is " << x
59         << " on exiting b" << endl;
60 }
61
62 void c( void )
63 {
64    cout << endl << "global x is " << x
65         << " on entering c" << endl;
66    x *= 10;
67    cout << "global x is " << x << " on exiting c" << endl;
68 }
```

Local automatic variables are created and destroyed each time **a** is called.

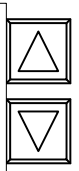
```
local x in a is 25 after entering a
local x in a is 26 before exiting a
```

Local static variables are not destroyed when the function ends.

```
local static x is 50 on entering b
local static x is 51 on exiting b
```

Global variables are always accessible. Function **c** references the global **x.**

```
global x is 1 on entering c
global x is 10 on exiting c
```



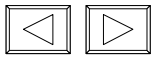
Outline

Program Output

```
local x in outer scope of main is 5
local x in inner scope of main is 7
local x in outer scope of main is 5

local x in a is 25 after entering a
local x in a is 26 before exiting a

local static x is 50 on entering b
local static x is 51 on exiting b

global x is 1 on entering c
global x is 10 on exiting c

local x in a is 25 after entering a
local x in a is 26 before exiting a

local static x is 51 on entering b
local static x is 52 on exiting b

global x is 10 on entering c
global x is 100 on exiting c
local x in main is 5
```

3.12 Recursion

- Recursive functions
  - Are functions that calls themselves
  - Can only solve a base case
  - If not base case, the function breaks the problem into a slightly smaller, slightly simpler, problem that resembles the original problem and
    - Launches a new copy of itself to work on the smaller problem, slowly converging towards the base case
    - Makes a call to itself inside the **`return`** statement
  - Eventually the base case gets solved and then that value works its way back up to solve the whole problem



3.12 Recursion

- Example: factorial

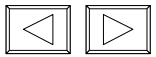
  $n! = n * (n – 1) * (n – 2) * ... * 1$

  – Recursive relationship ($n! = n * (n – 1)!$)

  $5! = 5 * 4!$

  $4! = 4 * 3!...$

  – Base case ($1! = 0! = 1$)



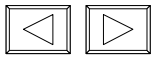
3.13 Example Using Recursion: The Fibonacci Series

- Fibonacci series: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8...
  - Each number sum of two previous ones
  - Example of a recursive formula:

```
fib(n) = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
```

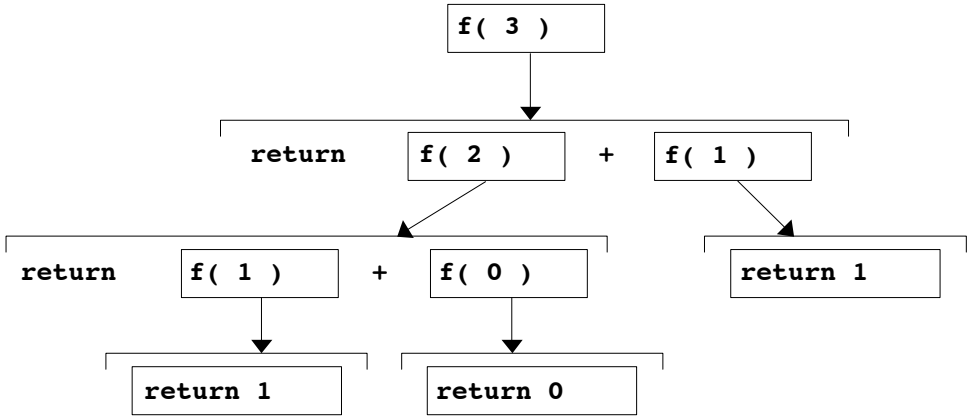
- C++ code for **`fibonacci`** function

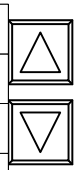
```
long fibonacci( long n )
{
  if ( n == 0 || n == 1 )  // base case
  return n;
else return fibonacci( n - 1 ) +
  fibonacci( n - 2 );
}
```

3.13 Example Using Recursion: The Fibonacci Series

- Diagram of Fibonnaci function





Outline

1. Function prototype

1.1 Initialize variables

2. Input an integer

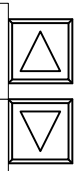
2.1 Call function `fibonacci`

2.2 Output results.

3. Define `fibonacci` recursively

```
1  // Fig. 3.15: fig03_15.cpp
2  // Recursive fibonacci function
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::cin;
7  using std::endl;
8
9  unsigned long fibonacci( unsigned long );
10
11 int main()
12 {
13    unsigned long result, number;
14
15    cout << "Enter an integer: ";
16    cin >> number;
17    result = fibonacci( number );
18    cout << "Fibonacci(" << number << ") = " << result << endl;
19    return 0;
20 }
21
22 // Recursive definition of function fibonacci
23 unsigned long fibonacci( unsigned long n )
24 {
25    if ( n == 0 || n == 1 )  // base case
26       return n;
27    else                     // recursive case
28       return fibonacci( n - 1 ) + fibonacci( n - 2 );
29 }
```

Only the base cases return values. All other cases call the **`fibonacci`** function again.



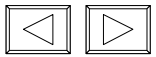
Outline

Program Output

```
Enter an integer: 0
Fibonacci(0) = 0

Enter an integer: 1
Fibonacci(1) = 1

Enter an integer: 2
Fibonacci(2) = 1

Enter an integer: 3
Fibonacci(3) = 2

Enter an integer: 4
Fibonacci(4) = 3

Enter an integer: 5
Fibonacci(5) = 5

Enter an integer: 10
Fibonacci(10) = 55

Enter an integer: 6
Fibonacci(6) = 8

Enter an integer: 20
Fibonacci(20) = 6765

Enter an integer: 30
Fibonacci(30) = 832040

Enter an integer: 35
Fibonacci(35) = 9227465
```

3.14 Recursion vs. Iteration

- Repetition
  - Iteration: explicit loop
  - Recursion: repeated function calls
- Termination
  - Iteration: loop condition fails
  - Recursion: base case recognized
- Both can have infinite loops
- Balance between performance (iteration) and good software engineering (recursion)



3.15 Functions with Empty Parameter Lists

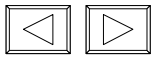
- Empty parameter lists
  - Either writing **`void`** or leaving a parameter list empty indicates that the function takes no arguments

```
void print();
```

or

```
void print( void );
```

  - Function **`print`** takes no arguments and returns no value



```
1  // Fig. 3.18: fig03_18.cpp
2  // Functions that take no arguments
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::endl;
7
8  void function1();
9  void function2( void );
10
11 int main()
12 {
13    function1();
14    function2();
15
16    return 0;
17 }
18
19 void function1()
20 {
21    cout << "function1 takes no arguments" << endl;
22 }
23
24 void function2( void )
25 {
26    cout << "function2 also takes no arguments" << endl;
27 }
```

Notice the two ways of declaring no arguments.

Outline

1. **Function prototypes (take no arguments)**
2. **Call the functions**
3. **Function definitions**

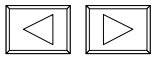
Program Output

```
function1 takes no arguments
function2 also takes no arguments
```

3.16 Inline Functions

- **`inline`** functions
  - Reduce function-call overhead
  - Asks the compiler to copy code into program instead of using a function call
  - Compiler can ignore **`inline`**
  - Should be used with small, often-used functions
- Example:

```
inline double cube( const double s )
   { return s * s * s; }
```

3.17 References and Reference Parameters

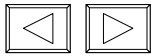
- Call by value
  - Copy of data passed to function
  - Changes to copy do not change original
  - Used to prevent unwanted side effects
- Call by reference
  - Function can directly access data
  - Changes affect original
- Reference parameter alias for argument
  - **&** is used to signify a reference

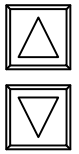
```
void change( int &variable )
    { variable += 3; }
```

  - Adds 3 to the variable inputted

```
int y = &x.
```

  - A change to **y** will now affect **x** as well

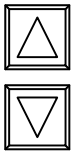




Outline

```
1  // Fig. 3.20: fig03_20.cpp
2  // Comparing call-by-value and call-by-reference
3  // with references.
4  #include <iostream>
5
6  using std::cout;
7  using std::endl;
8
9  int squareByValue( int );
10 void squareByReference( int & );
11
12 int main()
13 {
14    int x = 2, z = 4;
15
16    cout << "x = " << x << " before squareByValue\n"
17         << "Value returned by squareByValue: "
18         << squareByValue( x ) << endl
19         << "x = " << x << " after squareByValue\n" << endl;
20
21    cout << "z = " << z << " before squareByReference" << endl;
22    squareByReference( z );
23    cout << "z = " << z << " after squareByReference" << endl;
24
25    return 0;
26 }
27
28 int squareByValue( int a )
29 {
30    return a *= a;   // caller's argument not modified
31 }
```

Notice the use of the **&** operator



Outline

```
32
33 void squareByReference( int &cRef )
34 {
35    cRef *= cRef;    // caller's argument modified
36 }
```

3.1 Function Definition of `squareByReference`

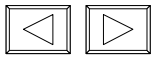
```
x = 2 before squareByValue
Value returned by squareByValue: 4
x = 2 after squareByValue

z = 4 before squareByReference
z = 16 after squareByReference
```

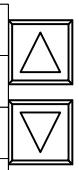
Program Output

3.18 Default Arguments

- If function parameter omitted, gets default value
  - Can be constants, global variables, or function calls
  - If not enough parameters specified, rightmost go to their defaults
- Set defaults in function prototype

```
int defaultFunction( int x = 1,
   int y = 2, int z = 3 );
```



Outline

```
1  // Fig. 3.23: fig03_23.cpp
2  // Using default arguments
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::endl;
7
8  int boxVolume( int length = 1, int width = 1, int height = 1 );
9
10 int main()
11 {
12    cout << "The default box volume is: " << boxVolume()
13         << "\n\nThe volume of a box with length 10,\n"
14         << "width 1 and height 1 is: " << boxVolume( 10 )
15         << "\n\nThe volume of a box with length 10,\n"
16         << "width 5 and height 1 is: " << boxVolume( 10, 5 )
17         << "\n\nThe volume of a box with length 10,\n"
18         << "width 5 and height 2 is: " << boxVolume( 10, 5, 2 )
19         << endl;
20
21    return 0;
22 }
23
24 // Calculate the volume of a box
25 int boxVolume( int length, int width, int height )
26 {
27    return length * width * height;
28 }
```

1. Function prototype

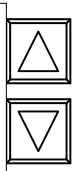
2. Print default volume

2.1 Print volume with one parameter

2.2 Print with 2 parameters

2.3 Print with all parameters.

3. Function definition



Outline

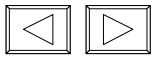
Program Output

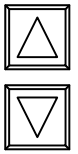
```
The default box volume is: 1

The volume of a box with length 10,
width 1 and height 1 is: 10

The volume of a box with length 10,
width 5 and height 1 is: 50

The volume of a box with length 10,
width 5 and height 2 is: 100
```

Notice how the rightmost values are defaulted.

3.19 Unary Scope Resolution Operator

- Unary scope resolution operator (`::`)
  - Access global variables if a local variable has same name
  - not needed if names are different
  - instead of **`variable`** use **`::variable`**





Outline

1. Define variables

2. Print variables

```
1  // Fig. 3.24: fig03_24.cpp
2  // Using the unary scope resolution operator
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::endl;
7
8  #include <iomanip>
9
10 using std::setprecision;
11
12 const double PI = 3.14159265358979;
13
14 int main()
15 {
16    const float PI = static_cast< float >( ::PI );
17
18    cout << setprecision( 20 )
19         << "  Local float value of PI = " << PI
20         << "\nGlobal double value of PI = " << ::PI << endl;
21
22    return 0;
23 }
```

Notice the use of `::`

Program Output

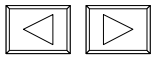
```
Local float value of PI = 3.1415927410125732
Global double value of PI = 3.1415926535897900
```

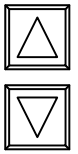
3.20 Function Overloading

- Function overloading
  - Having functions with same name and different parameters
  - Should perform similar tasks (i.e., a function to square **int**s, and function to square **float**s).

```
int square( int x) {return x * x;}
float square(float x) { return x * x; }
```

  - Program chooses function by signature
    - signature determined by function name and parameter types
  - Can have the same return types





Outline

1. Define overloaded function

2. Call function

```
1  // Fig. 3.25: fig03_25.cpp
2  // Using overloaded functions
3  #include <iostream>
4
5  using std::cout;
6  using std::endl;
7
8  int square( int x ) { return x * x; }
9
10 double square( double y ) { return y * y; }
11
12 int main()
13 {
14    cout << "The square of integer 7 is " << square( 7 )
15         << "\nThe square of double 7.5 is " << square( 7.5 )
16         << endl;
17
18    return 0;
19 }
```

Functions have same name but different parameters

Program Output

```
The square of integer 7 is 49
The square of double 7.5 is 56.25
```

3.21 Function Templates

- Function templates
  - Compact way to make overloaded functions
  - Keyword **`template`**
  - Keyword **`class`** or **`typename`** before every formal type parameter (built in or user defined)

```
template < class T >
   // or template< typename T >
T square( T value1 )
{
   return value1 * value1;
}
```

  - **`T`** replaced by type parameter in function call.

```
int x;
int y = square(x);
```

    - If **`int`**, all **`T`**'s become **`int`**s
    - Can use **`float`**, **`double`**, **`long`**...