Functions 2

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Functions: Summary from last time

- Executes on demand, like an independent program
- Calling program sends arguments and suspends.
 - ith argument placed in ith parameter
 - called function executes independently, in its own Activation frame.
 - General resources, such as cin, cout, available to function.
 - Canvas is also available, if it was created.
 - value returned, if any, = value of call.
- When function finishes, calling program resumes.

Summary (contd.)

- Function must be declared/defined above its use in the file.
- Functions can be placed in a file different from the file in which they are used.
- If a function in file F.cpp is needed by main programs in files main1.cpp and also main2.cpp, use:
- s++ main1.cpp F.cpp to compile first program
 s++ main2.cpp F.cpp to compile second program

Summary (contd.)

- main_program is a simplecpp abbreviation for int main()
- C++ requires the main program to be written as a function called main
- main cannot be called.
- main may return an int, but it is a special function and so need not.

Outline for Today

- More examples
- Recursive Functions

Function to draw a polygon

```
void polygon(int sides, double length){
 repeat(sides){
  forward(length); left(360.0/sides);
 return;
int main(){
 turtleSim();
 for(int i=3, i<10; i++) polygon(i, 100);
```

Specification of polygon

```
Input:
  sides: number of sides
  length: of side
Output:
  None. (Output: value returned)
Side-effect: Polygon is drawn on the screen.
  At position, orientation...
  Final position of pen, final orientation
```

Function with output value and side-effect

```
int printlcm(int m, int n){
 int res = lcm(m, n);
 cout << res << endl;
 return res;
Nothing new being said. Function-body can
  contain "statements", including cout << ...
```

Aside:

Creating shapes inside functions

- L1, L2, L3: variables, and also lines.
- Variables and lines both destroyed on return.
- Imprinting stays on canvas: side effect.

Shape arguments to functions

Not for now. But soon.

Button based turtle control

```
main program{
initCanvas(); Turtle t; const float bFx=150,bFy=100, ...
 Rectangle buttonF(...), buttonL(...); Text tF(..., "Forward"), tL(..., "Left Turn");
 repeat(100){
  int clickPos = getClick(); int cx = clickPos/65536; int cy = clickPos % 65536;
  if(bFx-bWidth/2<= cx && cx<= bFx+bWidth/2 &&
   bFy-bHeight/2 \le cy \& cy \le bFy+bHeight/2) t.forward(100);
  if(bLx-bWidth/2<= cx && cx<= bLx+bWidth/2 &&
   bLy-bHeight/2 \le cy \& cy \le bLy+bHeight/2) t.left(10);
} // will functions help in this?
```

Function to determine if click is inside

```
bool inside(int cx, int cy, int bx, int by,
             int w, int h){
 if(bx - w/2 \le cx \&\& cx \le bx + w/2 \&\&
   by - h/2 \le cy \&\& cy \le by + h/2
     return true;
 else return false;
```

Function to determine if click is inside

// will improve this further later.

Practice problems

Write functions to

- Decide if a given number is perfect, i.e. equal to the sum of its divisors.
- Find the GCD of 3 numbers. LCM of 3 numbers.
- Draw a house. Use it to draw a colony of houses.
- Find cube roots. Use Newton's method.

Everything we have done can be packaged as a function.

Can a function call itself?

```
int f(int n){
      int z = f(n-1) ...
int main(){
 int z = f(15);
```

Consistent with execution mechanism

Activation frame of main

Activation frame of f(15)

Activation frame of f(14)

Activation frame of ...

Can a function call itself?

```
int f(int n){
      if(n > 13) int z = f(n-1) ...
int main(){
 int z = f(15);
```

Recursion

Function called from its own body

- OK if we eventually get to a call which does not call itself.
 - Then that call will return.
 - Previous call will return...
- But could it be useful?

Euclid's Observation

```
if m \% n == 0, then GCD(m, n) = n,
else GCD(m,n) = GCD(n, m % n)
int gcd(int m, int n){
 if (m \% n == 0) return n;
 else return gcd(n, m % n);
```

Example

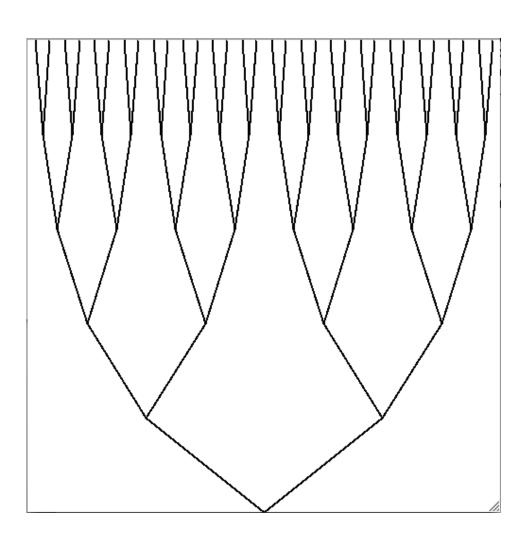
```
int main(){ cout << gcd(943,205)<<endl; }
AF of main
   suspend on: cout << gcd(943,205)<<endl;
AF of gcd(943,205):
   suspend on: return gcd(205,123);
AF of gcd(205,123):
   suspend on: return gcd(123,82);
AF of gcd(123,82):
   suspend on: return gcd(82,41);
AF of gcd(82,41):
   return 41
```

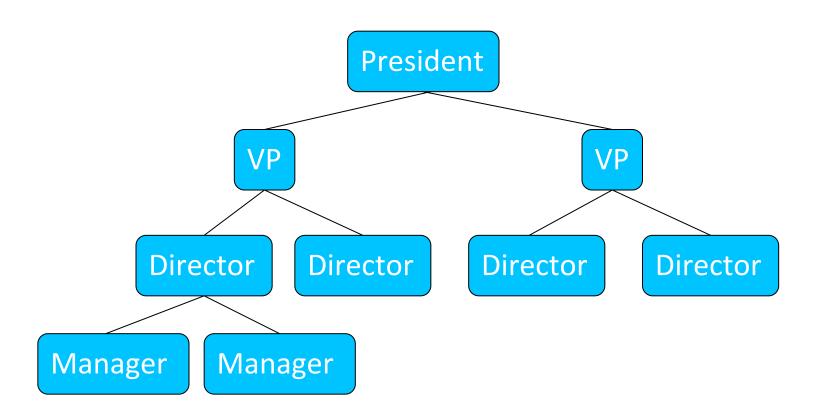
Correctness of Recursive Euclid

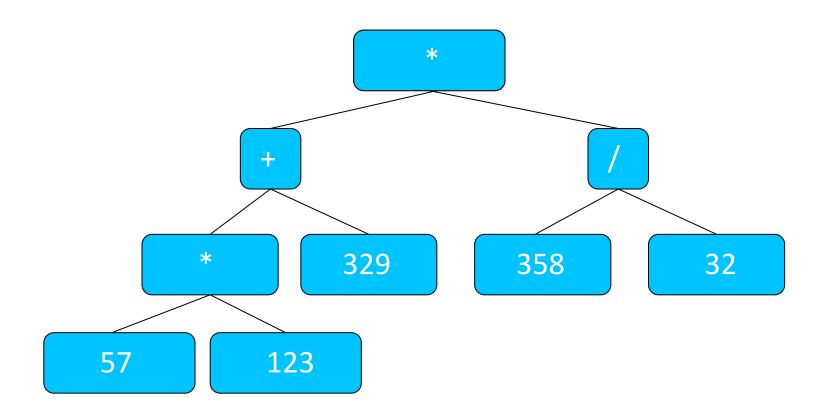
Very similar to iterative Euclid

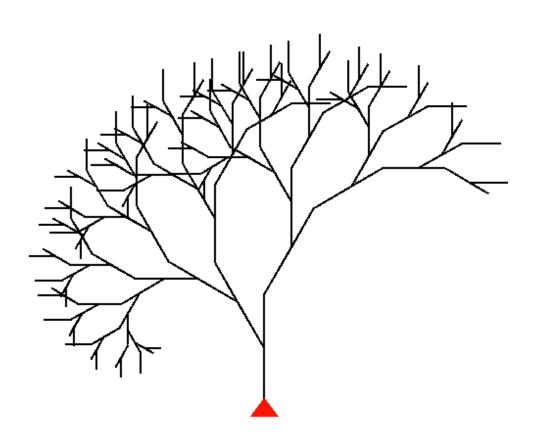
- Second argument always decreases,
- But cannot decrease below. Hence recursion is finite.
- By Euclid's theorem, GCD of values in new call is same as those in original call.

Recursive algorithms are often short and easier to prove.









Trees are everywhere!

Organization Tree

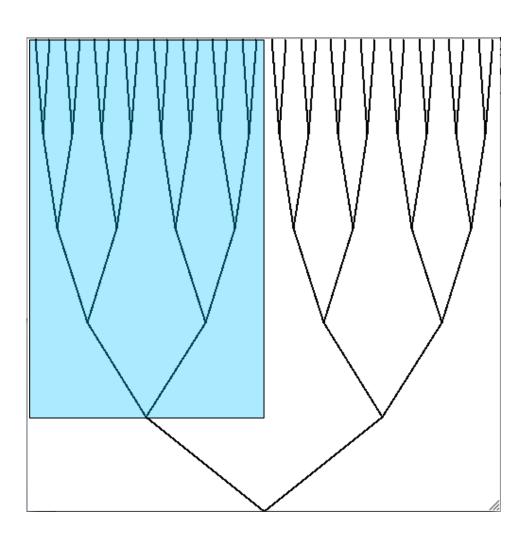
Expression Tree

Search Tree: later

Botanical trees...

Understand the structure of trees to design algorithms.

Trees = 2 small trees + V



Parts of a tree

Root

Left branch, Left subtree

Right branch, Right subtree

Subtrees have fewer levels, smaller width, smaller height

Levels = = 0? Then tree = only root.

```
void tree(int levels, double rx, double ry,
         double height, double width){
 if(levels>0){
  Line left(rx, ry, rx-width/4, ry-height/levels);
  Line right(rx, ry, rx+width/4, ry-height/levels);
  right.imprint();
  left.imprint();
  tree(levels-1, rx-width/4, ry-height/levels,
       height-height/levels, width/2);
  tree(levels-1, rx+width/4, ry-height/levels,
       height-height/levels, width/2);
```