Data structures & algorithms

Tutorial 4

Lesson overview

- Recap of important topics from last week
- Function call and return statement breakdown
- Factorial problem revisited with recursion explained
- Brief call stack explanation
- Fibonacci numbers
- Adding iterators to MyVector
- Working on the assignment and questions if we have time

A quick recap of important things from last week

Templates

```
template <typename T>
T doubleValue(T a) {
  return a * 2;
```

- Templates are similar to Java's generics except better, they allow you to define a blueprint for a class or function in which the user can use any type
- We can make functions or classes templated, doing so will allow it to accept a generic type as a parameter
- The T is the generic type, and it can be called anything you want it to be... cat, guitar, dsa...etc.
- You are also allowed to include as many generic types as you want! Which can become extremely useful when creating a templated class
- When calling the doubleValue function, you can explicitly specify you type you would like... int myValueDoubled = doubleValue<int>(10)

Copy constructor

int main() {

MyVector myVector{1, 2, 3, 4}; MyVector shallowCopy{myVector}; shallowCopy[0] = 10; myVector[0]; // Returns 10 shallowCopy[0]; // Returns 10 return 0;

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- There is a primary difference between a shallow copy and a deep copy. A shallow copy is very similar to a reference, in the fact that the if you alter the shallow copy... the original gets altered as well. The only difference is a shallow copy creates a completely new object, whilst a reference creates an alias to an existing one.
- A deep copy also creates a new object but copies all the data over into a new location that won't affect the original variable.

Singly linked list



- A singly linked list is a data structure that closely resembles a vector (ArrayList). Rather than a contiguous block of memory storing each piece of data like a vector. A singly linked list stores nodes for each piece of data... each node is then linked together, with the previous node pointing at the next one.
- Since each piece of data is stored in its own node, they aren't stored in a contiguous line. Rather in random areas on the RAM. Because of this, this means singly linked lists are not accessible via an index like vectors. Which makes element access O(n) time complexity, rather than O(1)
- Sometimes linked lists will also have a variable for the head, and tail of the linked list. But not always!
 Which will allow O(1) time complexity to retrieve either value and insert or delete at either end.



- If I want to insert element 14 between nodes 1 and 9. All I would need to do is iterate through the linked lists... And tell the node containing 1 to now point to the node containing 14... then tell the node containing 14 to point to the node containing 9.
- Similarly, to push an element to the front of a linked list. All that is required is a couple of simple steps... define the new node you want to be at the head... assign that new node as the linked lists new head... and point the new head at the previous head. It's that simple

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 return 1;
 }
 return n * factorial(n - 1);

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- 3 doesn't equal 0 so we skip the base case

int factorial(3) {
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 return 3 * factorial(3 - 1)

int main() {
 int factorial = 5 * 4 * 3 * factorial(2);
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- 2 doesn't equal Ø so we skip the base case

int factorial(2) {
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 }
 return 2 * factorial(2 - 1)

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Recursion for the factorial problem

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• The program enters fibonacci(4) and will proceed to recursively call until its base case is triggered, adding each call to the call stack



return (fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2));

if(n == 0 n || n == 1) {

return n;

Call Stack fibonacci(4) main()

return fibonacci(4);



return fibonacci(3) + fibonacci(2);



Return (fibonacci(2) + fibonacci(1)) + fibonacci(2);



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- The compiler pops this call off the call stack



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return 3;

Give "Fibonacci numbers" and try and implement a solution to the problem!



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- As well as the operator function to use * to de-reference your iterator to get the value stored. So when you use *(MyVector.begin()) it will return the value 11
- This will be extremely useful when completing your first assignment, which was released yesterday

Give "Adding iterators to MyVector" a go to try and implement what we need!

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I will upload slides to the Google Drive after every class
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