

Algorithms for Numbers and Public-Key Cryptography

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- Algorithms for numbers
 - Describe basic algorithms for dealing with numbers
 - Implement them on a computer
- Public-key cryptography
 - Describe the basic public-key algorithms
 - Implement them on a computer

- Basics of C programming
 - This is to ensure that everybody has the same minimal background in programming.
 - However you can choose any other language.
 - Python, with the Sage Library.
- Number theory.
 - GCD
 - Euclid's algorithm

- Bases of C programming.
 - Structure of a C program.
 - Variables and types.
 - Printing.
 - Control structures: if and while.
 - For loop.
 - Arrays
 - argc and argv

Structure of a C program

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define A 10
int main()
{
    printf("Hello world \n");
    printf("A=%d\n",A);
}
```

- `#include`: include libraries
- `#define`: definition of constants.
- `int main()`: definition of main function.

- A program can store variables in memory.
- One must declare a variable before using it.
 - `int a;` declaration of variable `a` as integer.
- Integer variables
 - short: 16 bits ± 32767 .
 - int: 16 or 32 bits ± 32767 or $\pm 2 \cdot 10^9$.
 - long: 32 bits $\pm 2 \cdot 10^9$.
- `unsigned short`, `unsigned int`, `unsigned long` → non-negative integers.

- Encoding
 - Mantissa: m .
 - Exponent: e .
 - $m * 2^e$.
- float: 24+8 bits.
 - $< 10^{38}$.
- double: 53+11 bits.
 - $< 10^{308}$.
- long double: 64+16 bits.
 - $< 10^{4932}$.

- Assignment:
 - $a = b;$
 - the content of variable b is copied in variable a .
- Arithmetic operations:
 - $a + b$: addition.
 - $a - b$: subtraction.
 - $a * b$: multiplication.
 - a/b : division.
 - Euclidean division for integers :
 - $a \% b$: remainder.

Example

- Incrementation of a variable :
 - `i=i+1;`
- Circumference of a circle with radius in variable `float r`:
 - `float c;`
`c=2*3.14*r;`
- Average of variables `x` and `y`:
 - `float x,y,m;`
`m=(x+y)/2;`

Initialization of variables

- When a variable has been declared, its value is arbitrary.
- One can initialize it simultaneously :

```
#include <stdio.h>
int u=3;
int main()
{
    int a=2;
    printf("a=%d,u=%d\n",a,u);
}
```

Printing variables

- `printf` can print text and variable value on the standard output.
 - `%d` for an `int` or `long`.
 - `%f` for an `float` or `double`.

```
float a=2.3;  
int b=4;  
printf("a=%f,b=%d\n",a,b);
```

- `scanf` enables to read a variable value from keyboard.

```
float a;
int b;
printf("Give a float:");
scanf("%f",&a);
printf("Give an integer:");
scanf("%d",&b);
```

Example

- Computing the circumference and area of a disk :

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    float x;
    scanf ("%f",&x);
    float pi=3.1415926;
    float c=2*pi*x;
    float a=pi*x*x;
    printf ("circonference=%f\n",c );
    printf ("aire=%f\n",a );
}
```

Conditions

- if then else

```
if (test)
{
    instructions if true
}
else
{
    instructions if false
}
```

- else { . . . } is optional.

- Possibles tests :
 - Equality: $a == b$
 - Non-equality: $a != b$
 - Comparison: $a < b$
 - Comparison: $a <= b$
- Operations on tests :
 - Negation: $!(\text{test})$.
 - And: $((\text{test1}) \And (\text{test2}))$
 - Or: $((\text{test1}) \Or (\text{test2}))$

Example

- Ask for two integers and print them in increasing order :

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a,b;
    printf("entrez deux entiers:\n");
    scanf("%d%d",&a,&b);
    if(a<b)
    {
        printf("%d %d\n",a,b);
    }
    else
    {
        printf("%d %d\n",b,a);
    }
}
```

While

- Repeat instruction while test is true.

```
while (test)
{
    instruction
}
```

- Example: determine the bit-size of a :

```
unsigned int a; int t=0;
while(a>0)
{
    a=a/2;
    t=t+1;
}
```

For loop

- Repeat the same instruction many times with a counter.
- Syntax: `for(< init >;< test >;< counter >)`
- Example: print integers from 1 to 10.
 - `for (i=1;i<=10;i++) printf("%d\n",i);`
- `< init >`: initialize counter.
- `< test >`: test counter.
- `< counter >`: increment counter.

Example

- Compute 2^n given n :

```
int c=1;
int i;
for(i=0;i<n;i++)
{
    c=c*2;
}
// c contains  $2^n$ .
```

Arrays in C

- Arrays can store a group of variables of the same type.
 - For example:

```
int notes[5]; // array of 5 integers
notes[0]=15; // first entry
notes[1]=8;
notes[2]=16;
notes[3]=17;
notes[4]=9; // 5th entry
```

- Arrays type:
 - float tabf[5]: array of 5 float.
 - double tabd[10]: array of 10 double.
 - int tabi[7]: array of 7 int.
- Index:
 - An array of n elements is indexed from 0 to $n - 1$:
 - int tabi[7].
 - From tab[0] to tab[6].

Constant size

- An array must be of constant size.
 - This size must be written in the program, for example `int tab[10]`
 - `#define`:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 10      // one defines N=10
int main()
{
    int tab[N];
    int autretab[5];
}
```

Characters

- Stored in a byte (8 bits).
 - ASCII encoding:
 - 'A' → 65, 'B' → 66, ...
 - '0' → 48, ...
- Printing a character:

```
char x;  
x='A';  
printf("%c",x);
```

- A string is an array of characters.
 - `char ch[10] = "hello";` creates an array of characters such that :
 - `ch[0] = 'h', ch[1] = 'e', ch[2] = 'l', ch[3] = 'l', ch[4] = 'o'`
 - `ch[5] = '\0'` is the last character.
 - The others elements are not initialized.
- Printing a string :
 - `printf("%s", ch);`

Initialization of an array

- Using for:

```
#define N 10
int main( )
{
    int tab[N];
    int i;
    for(i=0;i<N;i++)
    {
        tab[i]=0;
    }
}
```

Example

- Factorial using array :

- $n! = n \cdot (n - 1) \cdots 2 \cdot 1$

```
#define N 10
int main()
{
    int fac[N];
    int i;
    fac[0]=1;
    for(i=1;i<N;i++)
    {
        fac[i]=fac[i-1]*i;
    }
}
```

2-dimensional arrays

- One can declare arrays with two dimensions or more :
 - int tab[4][3]; declares an array of size 4*3.
- Initialization :

```
#define M 10
#define N 5
int main()
{
    int tab[M][N];
    int i,j;
    for(i=0;i<M;i++)
        for(j=0;j<N;j++)
            tab[i][j]=0;
}
```

Command-line arguments

- Obtaining command-line arguments :
 - One would like to be able to write :

```
$ fact 5
120
```
- Advantage :
 - No need to write `int n=5` in the code (then code needs to be recompiled each time `n` is changed).
 - Avoid a `scanf`.

argc and argv

- Command-line arguments are stored in array argv.
- argc contains the number of arguments (size of argv).

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc,char *argv[ ])
{
    int i;
    for(i=0;i<argc;i++)
    {
        printf("%s\n",argv[i]);
        // print each argv[i] word
    }
}
```

Using argc and argv

- If the previous program is named `affiche`, then :
 - \$ `affiche hello world 2`
`affiche`
`hello`
`world`
`2`
- Here `argc=4`.

Converting a string to an integer

- int atoi() enables to convert a string to an integer.
 - Example : print the square of an integer.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc,char *argv[])
{
    int a=atoi(argv[1]); // conversion
    printf("%d\n",a*a);
}
```

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- Common divisor :
 - Let a, b be two integers. A common divisor of a and b is an integer m such that $m|a$ and $m|b$.
- GCD.
 - GCD of two integers a and b is the greatest common divisor of a and b .
 - If $d = \text{GCD}(a, b)$, then for all m such that $m|a$ and $m|b$, we have $m|d$.
- Example
 - $\text{GCD}(9, 6) = 3$
 - $\text{GCD}(7, 5) = 1$.

Euclid's algorithm

- Euclid's algorithm :

- Input: a, b .
- Let $r_0 = a$ and $r_1 = b$.
- For $i \geq 0$, one defines the sequence (r_i) and (q_i) such that :

$$r_i = q_i \cdot r_{i+1} + r_{i+2}$$

where q_i and r_{i+2} are the quotient and remainder of the division of r_i by r_{i+1}

- There exists $k > 0$ such that $r_k = 0$.
- Then $\text{GCD}(a, b) = r_{k-1}$.

- Let $a > 0$ and $b \geq 0$.
 - If $b = 0$, then $\text{GCD}(a, b) = \text{GCD}(a, 0) = a$
 - Otherwise, let $a = b \cdot q + r$ with $0 \leq r < b$.
 - Then $\text{GCD}(a, b) = \text{GCD}(b, r)$.
 - (b, r) is less than (a, b) .
- $\text{GCD}(a, b) = \text{GCD}(b, r)$
 - If $d|a$ and $d|b$, then $d|r$, and then $d|\text{GCD}(b, r)$. Then $\text{GCD}(a, b)|\text{GCD}(b, r)$.
 - If $d'|b$ and $d'|r$, then $d'|a$, and then $d'|\text{GCD}(a, b)$. Then $\text{GCD}(b, r)|\text{GCD}(a, b)$.
 - Then $\text{GCD}(a, b) = \text{GCD}(b, r)$.