

CSCI 135 Software Design and Analysis, C++

Homework 2

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Problem 1

Do labs 3 and 4 on the course website.

Problem 2: Nested loops

The objective of this problem is to explore nested loops, i.e. a loop which has another loop in its body, here's an example:

```
while (cond1) {  
    . . .  
    while (cond2) {  
        . . .  
    }  
    . . .  
}
```

The above code shows an example of nested loops. In general, a **while**, **for**, or **do while** may be used for either loops. Of course nesting can have as many levels as we want. For instance, we may have 3 or 4 nested loops.

Here's an example that would produce the multiplication table with two nested loops (try it):

```
for (int i=1; i<10; i=i+1) {  
    for (int j=1; j<10; j=j+1) {  
        if (i*j<10)  
            cout<<' ' <<' ';<br>            cout<<i*j<<' ' <<' ';<br>    }  
    cout<<' '\n' <<' ';<br>}
```

The first for loop iterates values of i from 1 to 9. The body of the first for loop contains a second for loop that iterates values of j from 1 to 9. The body of the second for loop outputs $i \times j$ in some appropriate format (using an if

statement). This is possible since the second loop is contained in the body of the first loop and, therefore, i is also in the scope of the second loop. Finally, when the second loop ends, the first loop prints a new line.

(a) Write a function called `fact` that computes the factorial of an integer n , denoted $n!$, where

$$n! = \prod_{i=1}^n i = 1 \times 2 \dots \times n$$

The factorial of 0 is 1 by definition (empty product). You will only need a single loop inside the function to do that.

```
int fact(int n) {
    //some declarations

    while (. . .) {

        //do the work
    }

    return . . .
}
```

(b) Write a program that outputs the following Pascal triangle using two nested for loops.

```
1
1 1
1 2 1
1 3 3 1
1 4 6 4 1
1 5 10 10 5 1
1 6 15 20 15 6 1
1 7 21 35 35 21 7 1
1 8 28 56 70 56 28 8 1
```

Note that for a given row i and a given column j , the value in the triangle

$$P(i, j) = \binom{i}{j} = \frac{i!}{j!(i-j)!}, j \leq i$$

where both rows and columns start at 0.

(c) A better alternative to compute the entries of the triangle is to note that, for $j > 0$,

$$\frac{P(i, j)}{P(i, j-1)} = \frac{i-j+1}{j}$$

Therefore, starting with $P(i, 0) = 1$, we can compute the rest of the entries of the i^{th} row. Implement this idea using loops.