

Function Overview (1A)

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3 Return Types of Functions

```
int func1( int a ) {  
  
    a *= 999;  
    return a;  
}
```

```
int func2( int a ) {  
  
    if (a < 0) return -a;  
    else return a ;  
}
```

```
void func3( int a ) {  
  
    printf("%d \n", a) ;  
    // return;  
}
```

S= func1(100);

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S= func2(100);

S= func2(100);

func3(100);

3 Return Types of Functions – Errors and Warnings

```
int func1( int a ) {  
    a *= 999;  
}
```

return val missing

```
int func2( int a ) {  
    if (a < 0) -a;  
    else  
        return a ;  
}
```

return val missing

```
void func3( int a ) {  
    printf("%d \n", a );  
    return a ;  
}
```

void : no return value
return; can be used

```
S= func1(100);  
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```

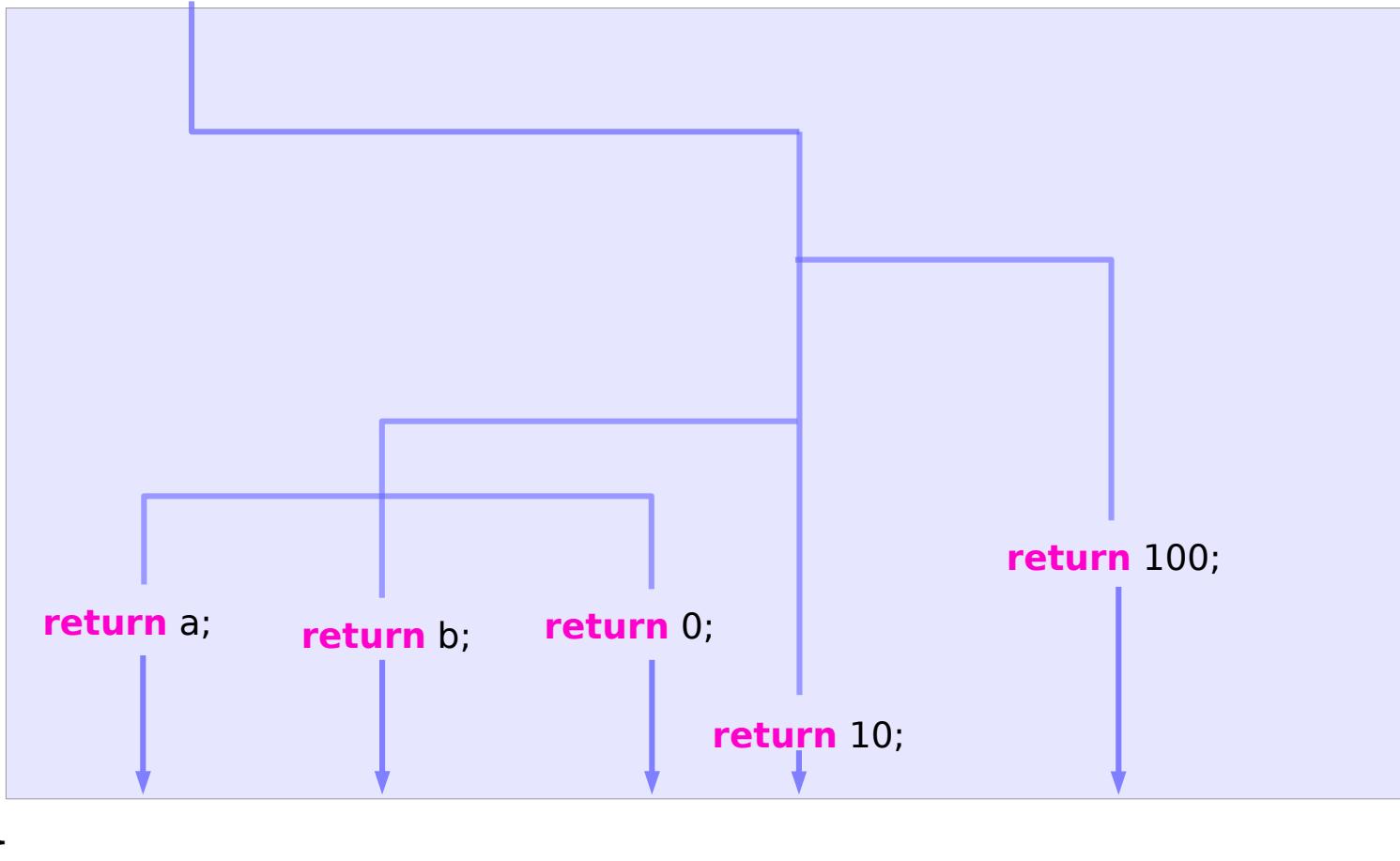
```
S= func2(100);  
S= func2(100);
```

```
func3( 100 );  
S= func3(100);
```

void returns no value
cannot assign a variable

Every branch must return an integer value

```
int func2( int a ) {
```



2 Passing Types of Functions

```
void val_func( int a ) {  
  
    X = a; // input  
  
    a = Y; // meaningless  
  
}
```

```
void ref_func( int *p ) {  
  
    X = *p; // input  
  
    *p = Y; // output  
}
```

```
int m;  
  
val_func( m );
```

```
int m;  
  
ref_func( &m );
```

```
int *n;  
  
val_func( *n );
```

```
int *n;  
  
ref_func( n );
```

In-bound, Out-bound, and Bi-directional Parameters

in-bound only

```
void valf( int a ) {  
  
    X = a; // input  
  
    a = Y; // meaningless  
}
```

bi-directional

```
void reff( int*p ) {  
  
    X = *p; // input  
  
    *p = Y; // output  
}
```

in-bound only

```
void reff( const int*p ) {  
  
    X = *p; // input  
  
    *p = Y; // prohibited  
}
```

out-bound

```
void reff( int*p ) {  
  
    *p = Y; // output  
}
```

Extra Outputs (1)

a single output

```
int func1( int a ) {  
    X = a; // input  
  
    return Z;  
}
```

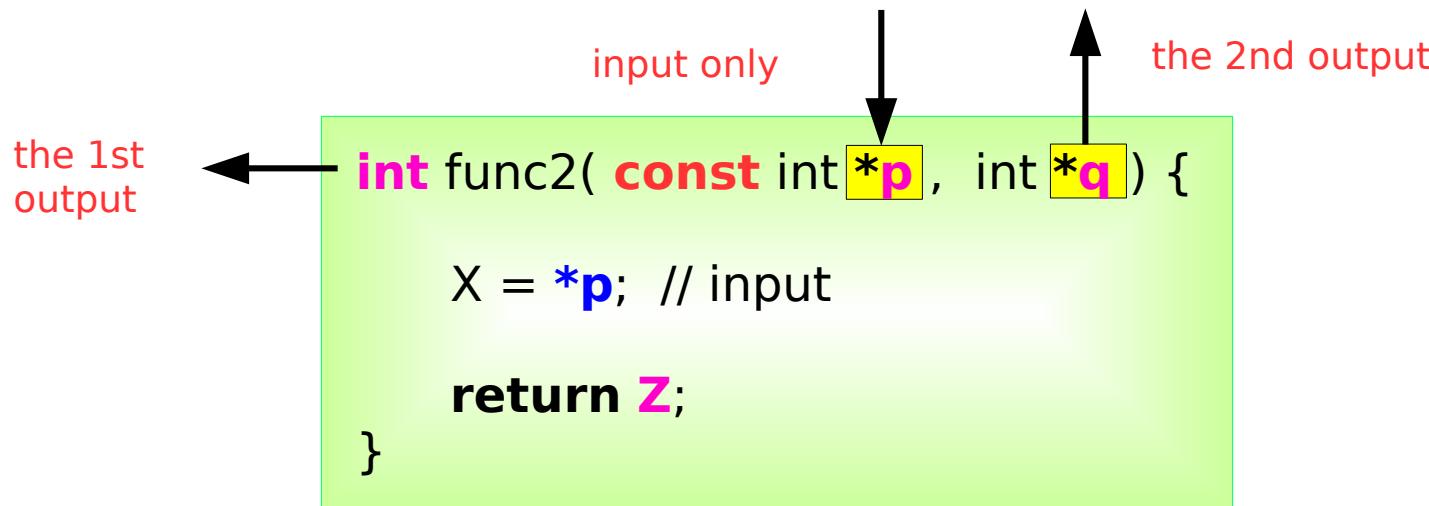
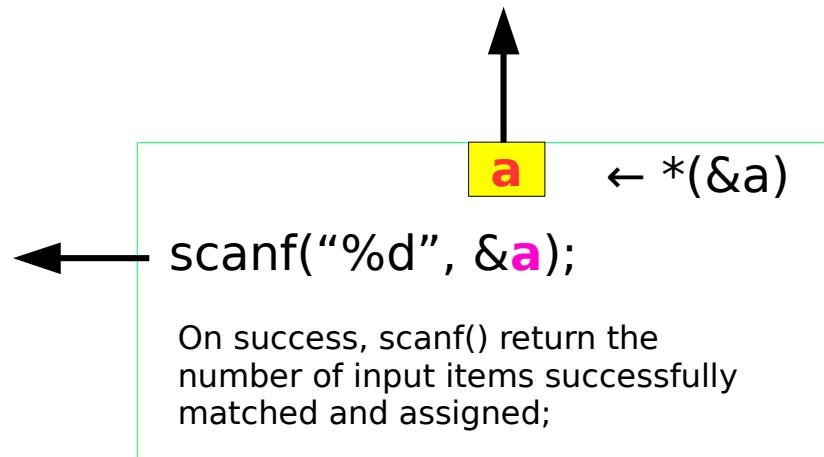
the 1st output

input only

the 2nd output

```
int func2( const int*p, int*q ) {  
    X = *p; // input  
  
    return Z;  
}
```

Extra Outputs (2)



Function Calls and Control Transfers

```
int main( void ) {  
    m_stat1;  
    m_stat2;  
    m_stat3;  
  
    func();  
  
    m_stat4;  
    m_stat5;;  
}
```

```
int func( ) {  
    f_stat1;  
    f_stat2;  
    f_stat3;  
    f_stat4;  
    f_stat5;  
}
```

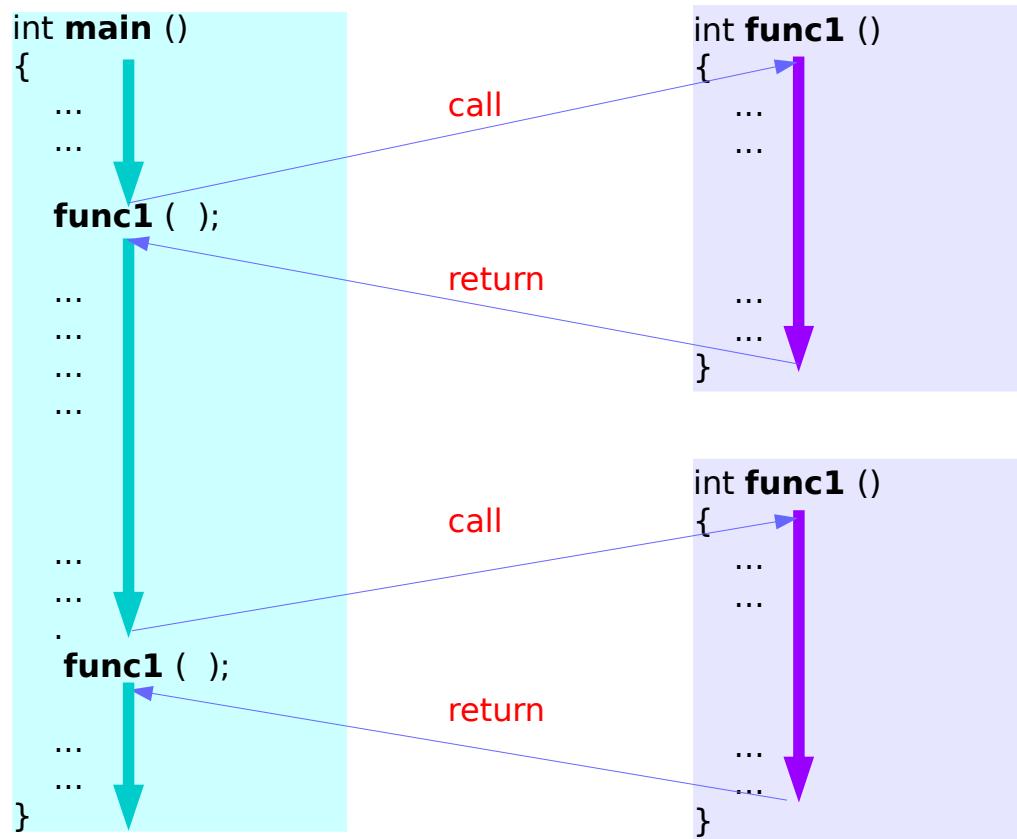
m_stat1;
m_stat2;
m_stat3;

f_stat1;
f_stat2;
f_stat3;
f_stat4;
f_stat5;

m_stat4;
m_stat5;;

**Return address
Local variables**

Return Addresses

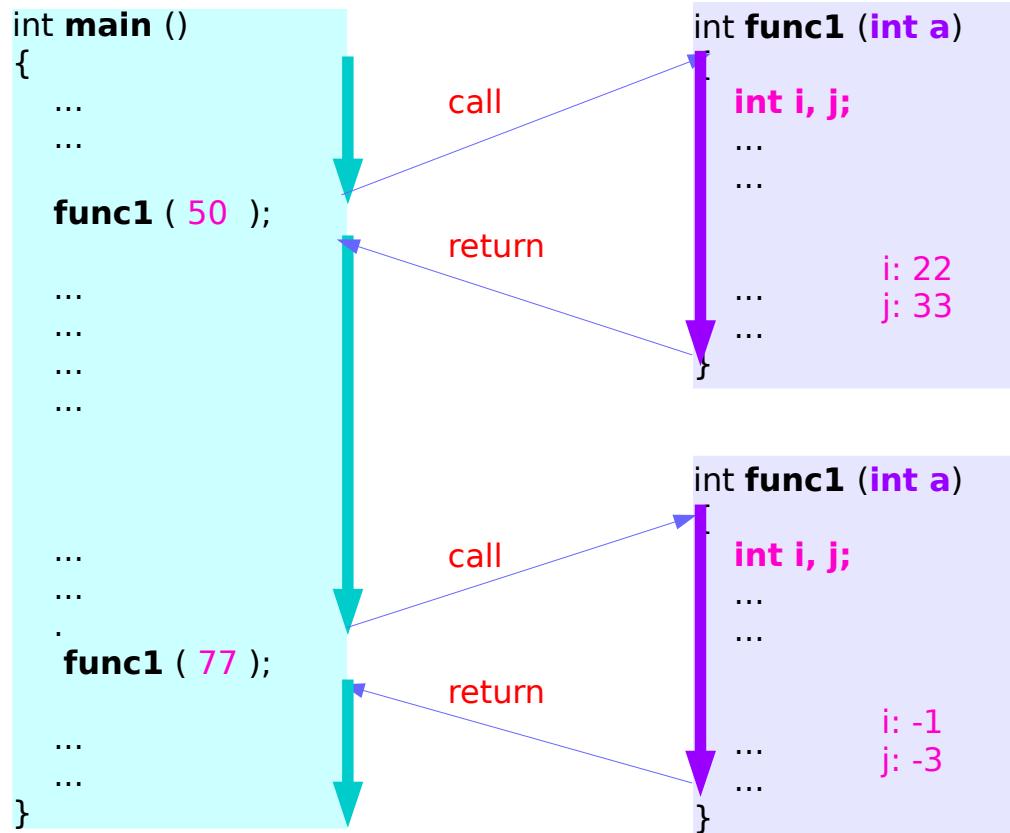


each invocation of the same function can have different return addresses

each invocation, its own return address

Return address

Local Variables



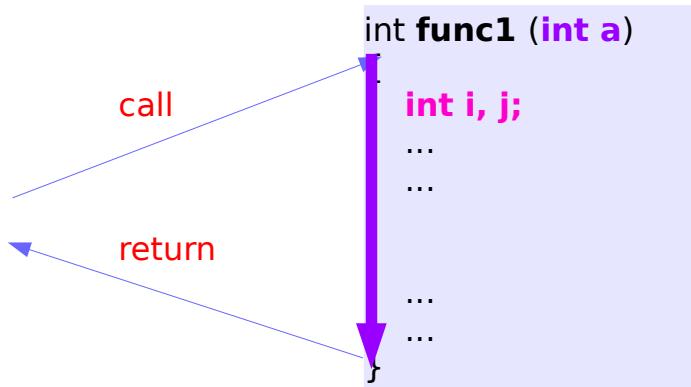
in each invocation of the same function
the local variables usually have
different values

each invocation, its own local variables

these local variables are must be
preserved until the function returns
(while the function is active)

Local variables

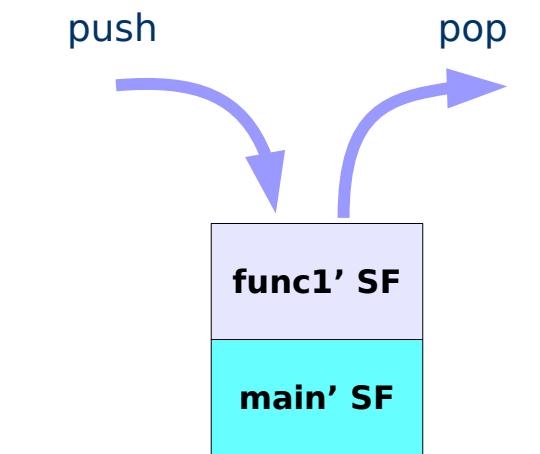
Stack Data Structure



from the beginning and
to the end of a function call
(while the function is active)

- its return address
- its local variables

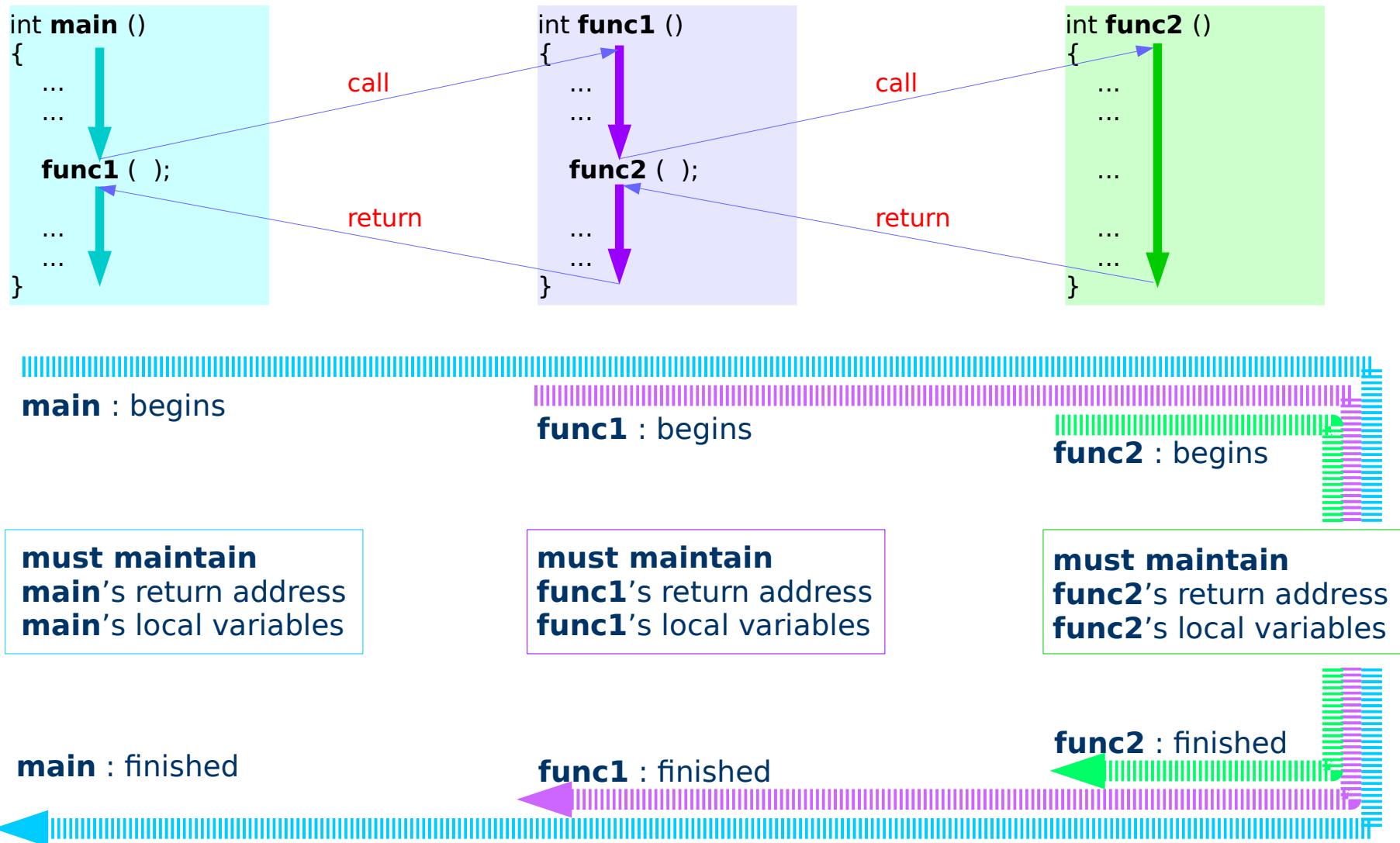
must be preserved



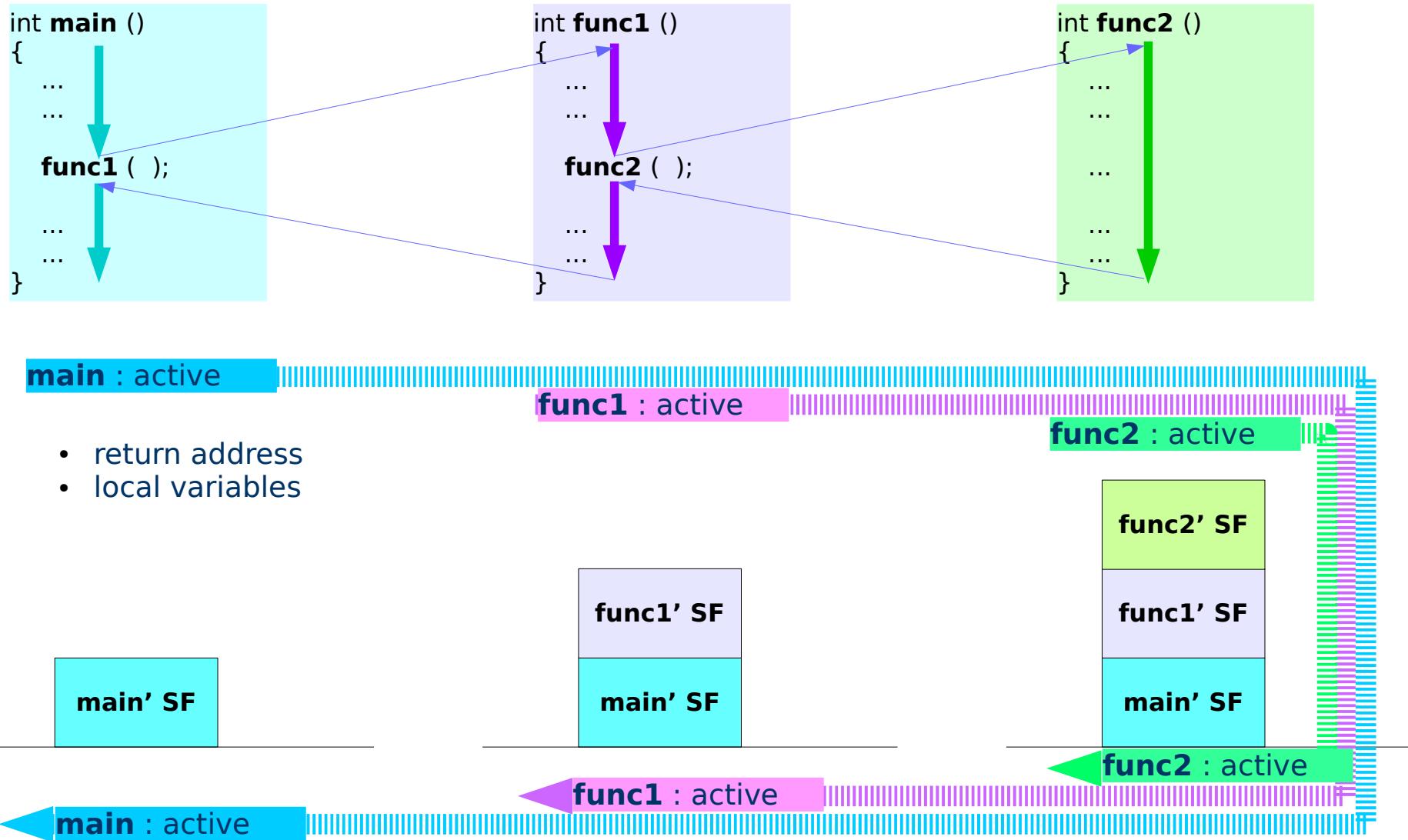
each function has its own Stack Frame
where each function stores its own
return address and local variables

Stack Data Structure
(Last In First Out)

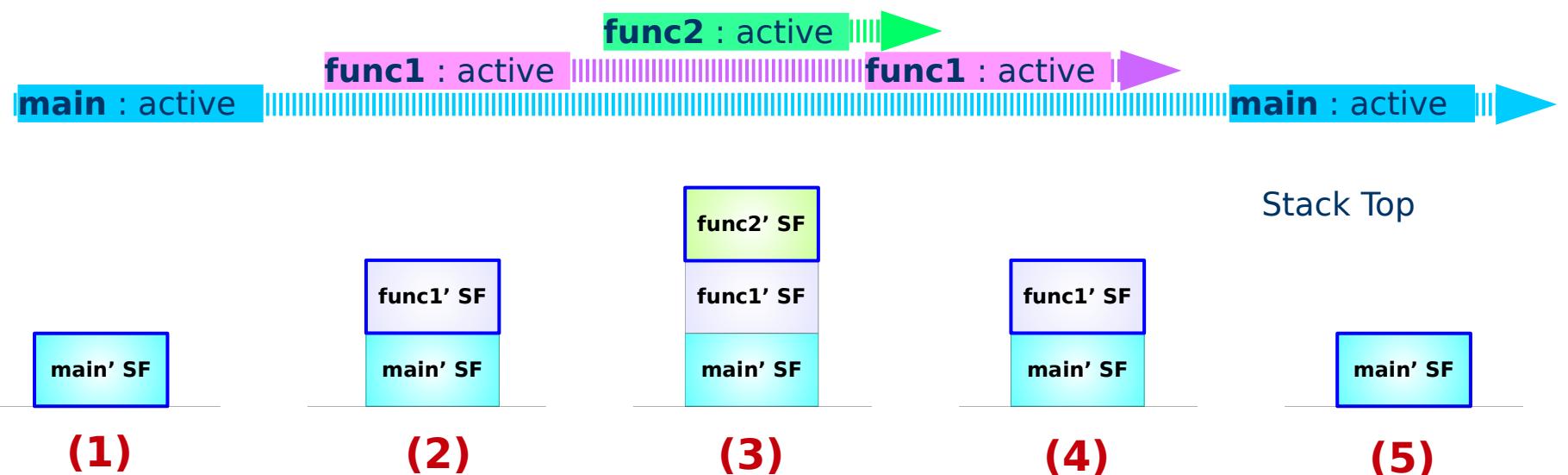
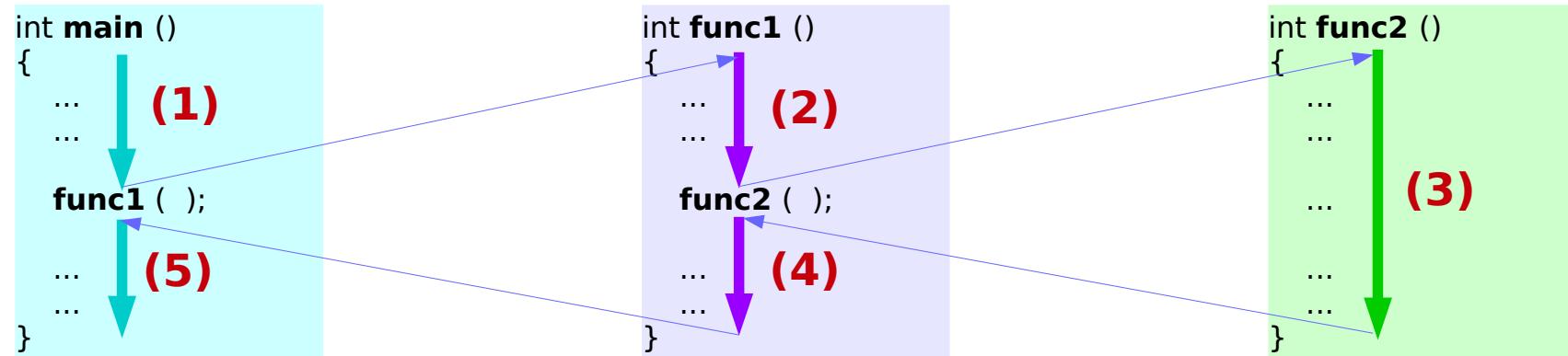
Nested function calls



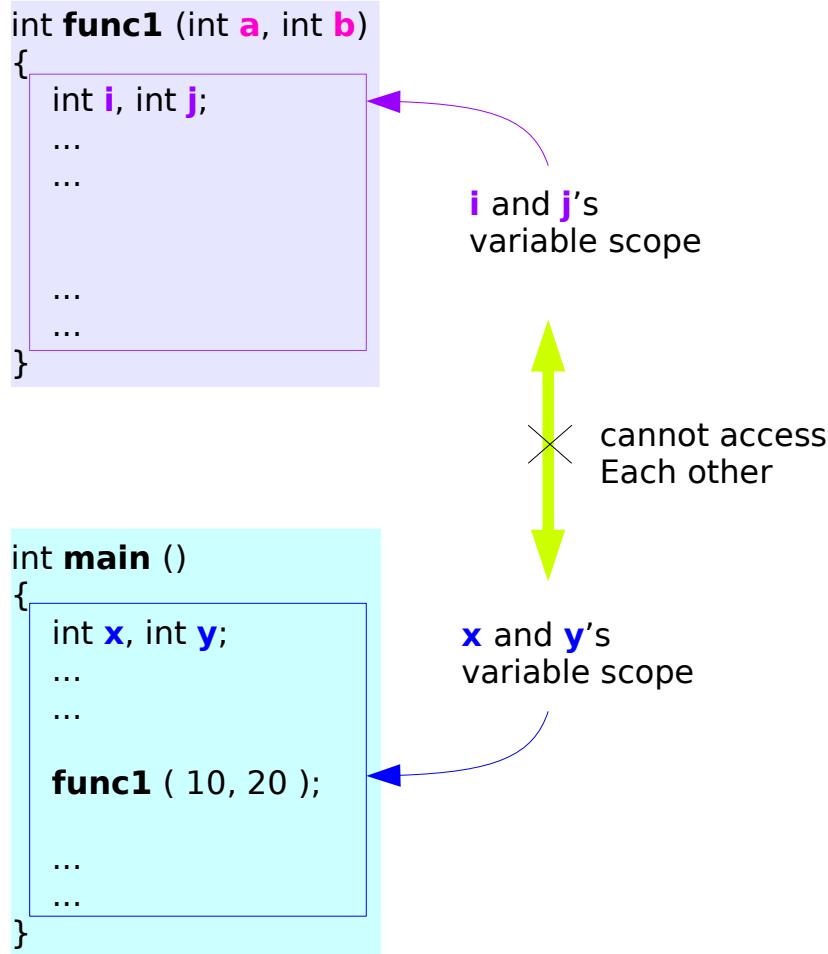
Nested function calls and stack frames



Storage Duration

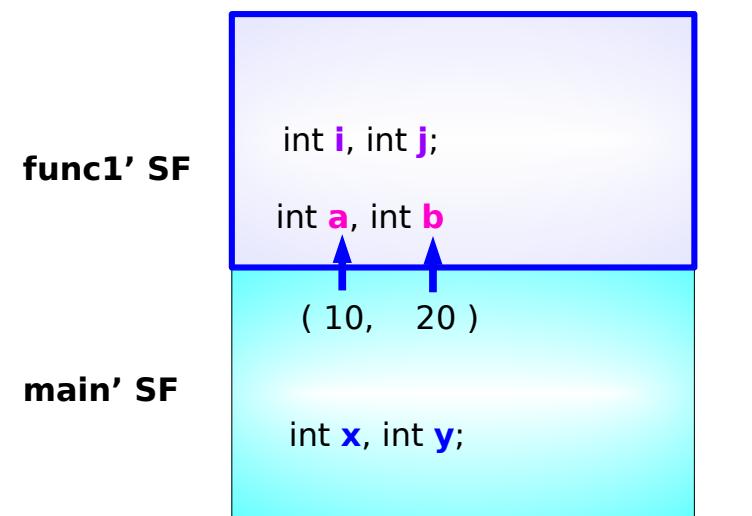


Variable Scopes



Only **top** stack frame is active and its variable can be accessed

Communications are performed only through the **parameter** variables



Task: Finding 3 Partial Sums

$$S_{\textcolor{magenta}{n}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\textcolor{magenta}{n}} k$$

$$\begin{aligned}S_1 &= \sum_{k=1}^1 k \\S_2 &= \sum_{k=1}^2 k \\S_3 &= \sum_{k=1}^3 k\end{aligned}$$

$$S_1 = 1$$

```
printf("S1 = %d \n", S1);
```

$$S_2 = 1 + 2$$

```
printf("S2 = %d \n", S2);
```

$$S_3 = 1 + 2 + 3$$

```
printf("S3 = %d \n", S3);
```

Finding 3 Partial Sums – 3 for loops

$$S_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{(1)} k = 1$$

$$S_2 = \sum_{k=1}^{(2)} k = 1 + 2$$

$$S_3 = \sum_{k=1}^{(3)} k = 1 + 2 + 3$$

```
S1 = 0;  
for (k=1; k<=1; ++k) S1 += k;
```

```
printf("S1 = %d \n", S1);
```

```
S2 = 0;  
for (k=1; k<=2; ++k) S2 += k;
```

```
printf("S2 = %d \n", S2);
```

```
S3 = 0;  
for (k=1; k<=3; ++k) S3 += k;
```

```
printf("S3 = %d \n", S3);
```

3 blocks with local variables

```
1 => n;  
{ // block 1  
    int n =>;  
    int k, s = 0;  
    for (k=1; k<=n; ++k) s += k;  
}  
s1 => s;
```

```
printf("S1 = %d \n", s1);
```

```
2 => n;  
{ // block 2  
    int n =>;  
    int k, s = 0;  
    for (k=1; k<=n; ++k) s += k;  
}  
s2 => s;
```

```
printf("S2 = %d \n", s2);
```

```
3 => n;  
{ // block 3  
    int n =>;  
    int k, s = 0;  
    for (k=1; k<=n; ++k) s += k;  
}  
s3 => s;
```

```
printf("S3 = %d \n", s3);
```

Local Variables

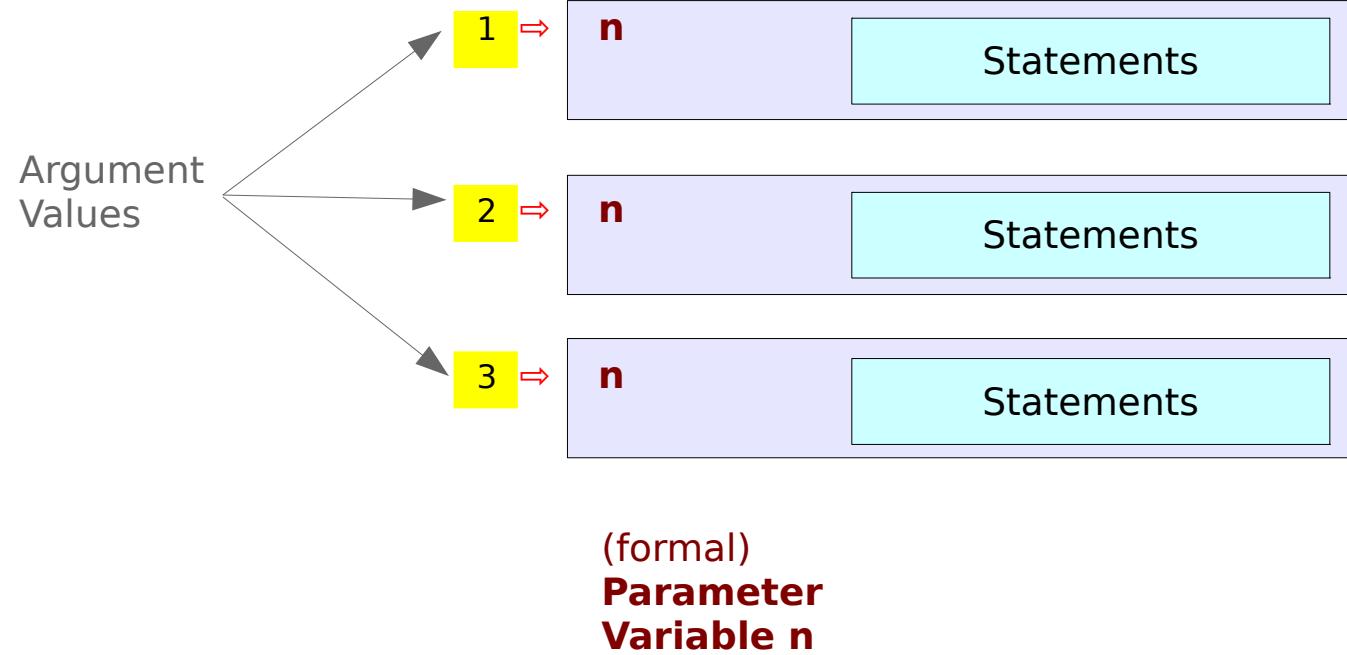
```
int n ;  
int k, s = 0;
```

X 3

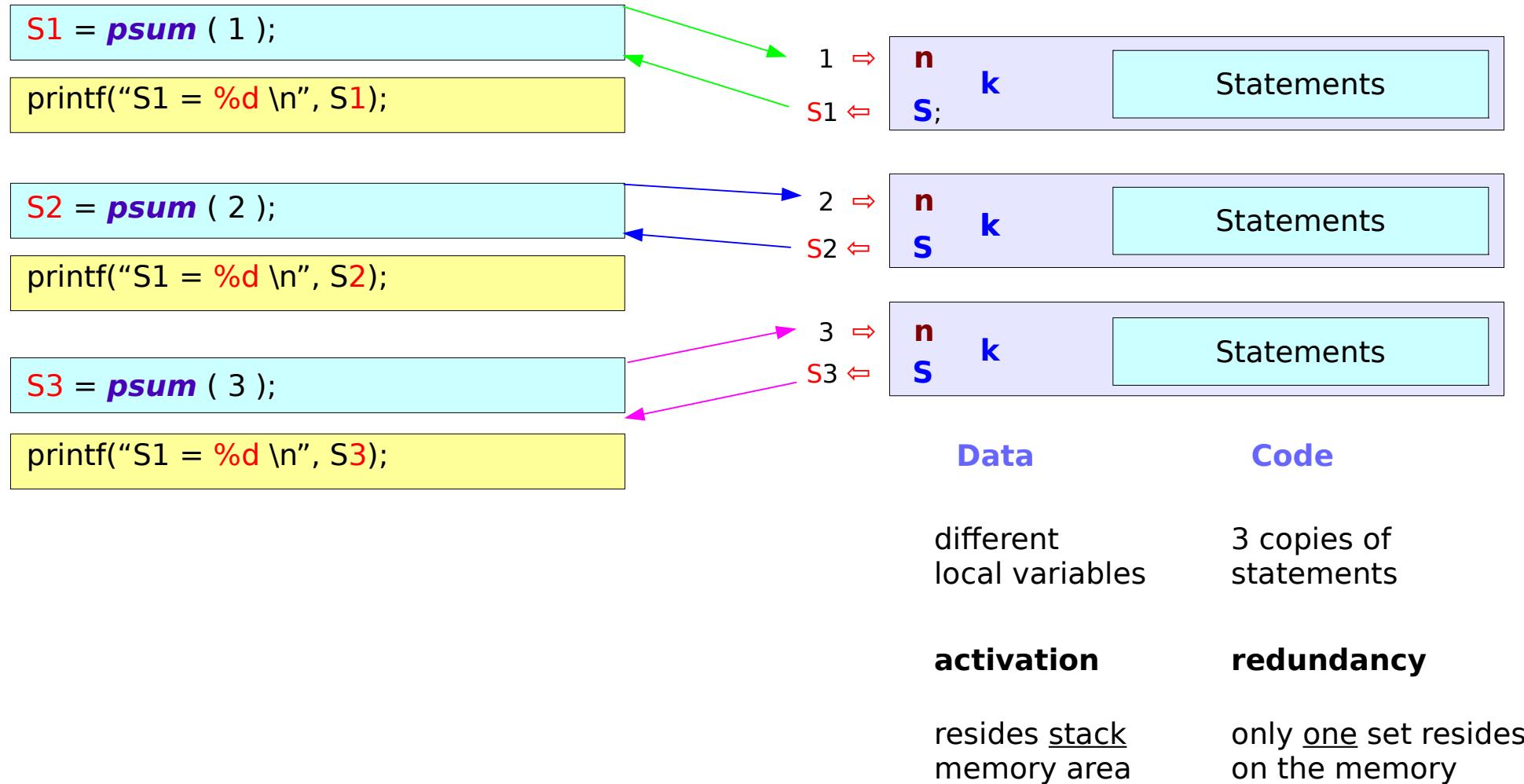
the same named variables
with different values

Arguments and Parameters

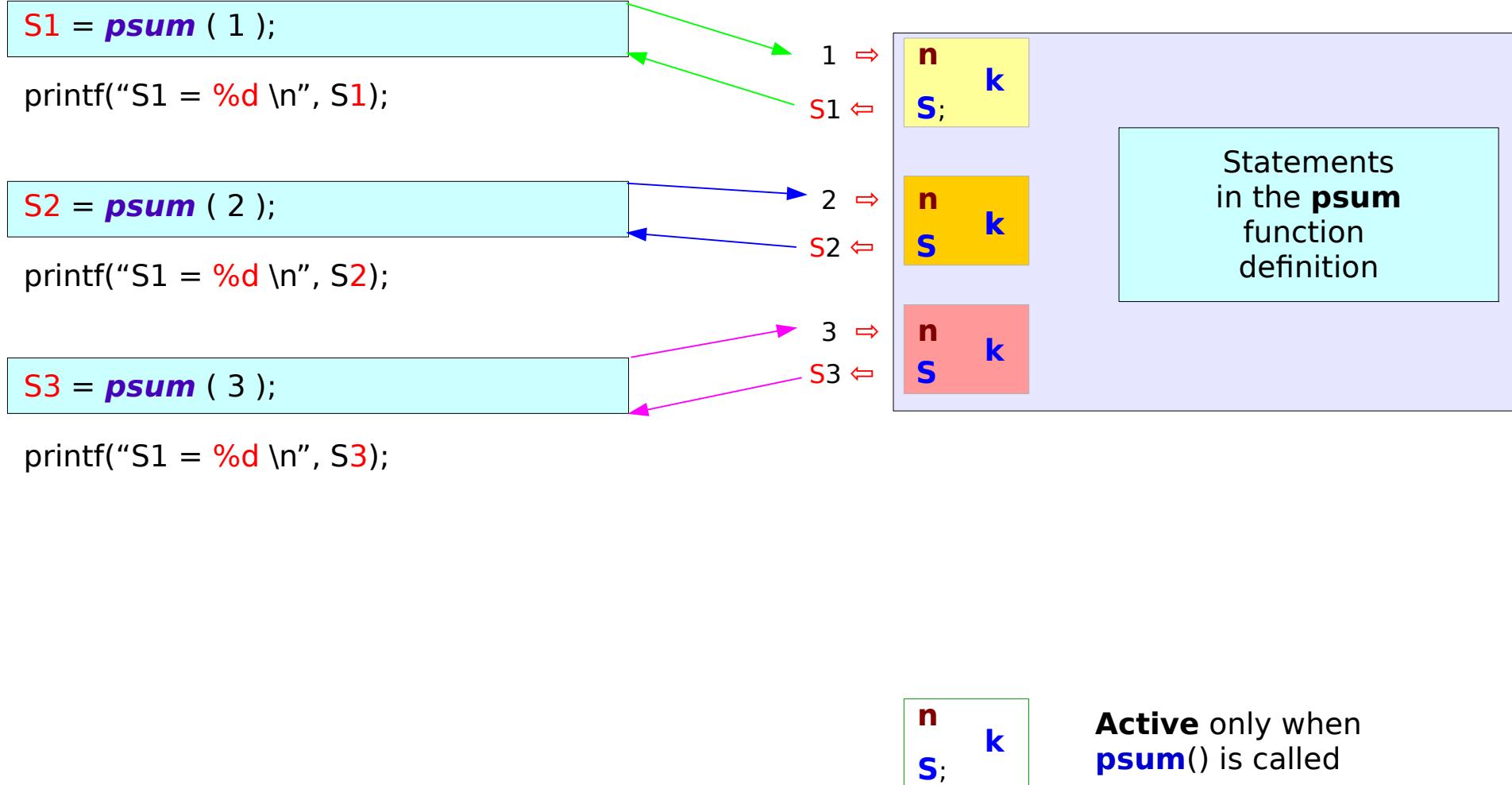
```
S1 = psum ( 1 );  
S2 = psum ( 2 );  
S2 = psum ( 3 );
```



Data and Code



Local Variables



Function Prototype and Definition

```
■ → ;  
{  
    int n = input_n;  
    int k, S = 0;  
    for (k=1; k<=n; ++k) S += k;  
}  
← S;
```

Function Prototype

```
← int psum (int n) ;
```

Function Definition

```
int psum (int n)  
{  
    int k, S = 0;  
    for (k=1; k<=n; ++k) S += k;  
    return S;  
}
```

Function Prototype & Definition in a File

src1.c

The diagram illustrates the relationship between a function declaration and its definition. At the top, a separate file named 'src1.h' contains the declaration:

```
int psum (int n) ;
```

Below it, the main program 'src1.c' contains the definition of the function 'psum' and its execution:

```
int main (void)
{
    int S1, S2, S3;

    S1 = psum ( 1 );
    printf("S1 = %d \n", S1);
    S2 = psum ( 2 );
    printf("S2 = %d \n", S2);
    S3 = psum ( 3 );
    printf("S3 = %d \n", S3);

    return 0;
}
```

At the bottom, the function 'psum' is defined in a separate file 'src1.h':

```
int psum (int n)
{
    int k, S = 0;
    for (k=1; k<=n; ++k) S += k;
    return S;
}
```

Three blue arrows point from the three calls to 'psum' in the 'main' function down to the definition of 'psum' in 'src1.h'.

To inform the compiler
that **psum** is the **name of a function**
which has one integer type input
and whose output type is integer

Since **psum** identifier is declared,
psum can be used here.

What the function **psum** actually does
is defined here.

```
gcc -o run src1.c
./run
```

Only Function Definition in a File

src2.c

```
int psum (int n)
{
    int k, S = 0;
    for (k=1; k<=n; ++k) S += k;
    return S;
}
```

```
int main (void)
{
    int S1, S2, S3;

    S1 = psum ( 1 );
    printf("S1 = %d \n", S1);
    S2 = psum ( 2 );
    printf("S2 = %d \n", S2);
    S3 = psum ( 3 );
    printf("S3 = %d \n", S3);

    return 0;
}
```

The function **psum** is defined here.

Since **psum** identifier is declared
(actually the function is defined),
psum can be used here.

gcc -o run src2.c

./run

One File Examples

src1.c

```
int psum (int n) ;  
  
int main (void)  
{  
    int S1, S2, S3;  
  
    S1 = psum ( 1 );  
    printf("S1 = %d \n", S1);  
    S2 = psum ( 2 );  
    printf("S2 = %d \n", S2);  
    S3 = psum ( 3 );  
    printf("S3 = %d \n", S3);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
int psum (int n)  
{  
    int k, S = 0;  
    for (k=1; k<=n; ++k) S += k;  
    return S;  
}
```

src2.c

```
int psum (int n)  
{  
    int k, S = 0;  
    for (k=1; k<=n; ++k) S += k;  
    return S;  
}
```

```
int main (void)  
{  
    int S1, S2, S3;  
  
    S1 = psum ( 1 );  
    printf("S1 = %d \n", S1);  
    S2 = psum ( 2 );  
    printf("S2 = %d \n", S2);  
    S3 = psum ( 3 );  
    printf("S3 = %d \n", S3);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Two File Examples

src3.c

```
int psum (int n) ;  
  
int main (void)  
{  
    int S1, S2, S3;  
  
    S1 = psum ( 1 );  
    printf("S1 = %d \n", S1);  
    S2 = psum ( 2 );  
    printf("S2 = %d \n", S2);  
    S3 = psum ( 3 );  
    printf("S3 = %d \n", S3);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

src4.c

```
int psum (int n)  
{  
    int k, S = 0;  
    for (k=1; k<=n; ++k) S += k;  
    return S;  
}
```

gcc -c src3.c → src3.o

gcc -c src4.c → src4.o

gcc -o run src3.o src4.o

./run

Header File Examples

src5.h

```
int psum (int n) ;
```

src5.c

```
#include "src4.h"  
  
int main (void)  
{  
    int S1, S2, S3;  
  
    S1 = psum ( 1 );  
    printf("S1 = %d \n", S1);  
    S2 = psum ( 2 );  
    printf("S2 = %d \n", S2);  
    S3 = psum ( 3 );  
    printf("S3 = %d \n", S3);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

src6.c

```
int psum (int n)  
{  
    int k, S = 0;  
    for (k=1; k<=n; ++k) S += k;  
    return S;  
}
```

gcc -c src5.c → src5.o

gcc -c src6.c → src6.o

gcc -o run src5.o src6.o

./run

Function Definitions (1)

```
int func1 (void)  
{  
}  
}
```

```
int func2 (void)  
{  
}  
}
```

```
int main (void)  
{  
}  
}
```

functions are defined
outside the main function

Function Definitions (2)

```
int func1 (void)
```

```
{
```

```
    int func3 (void)
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

Nested function definitions
are not allowed

```
int main (void)
```

```
{
```

```
    int func2 (void)
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

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