

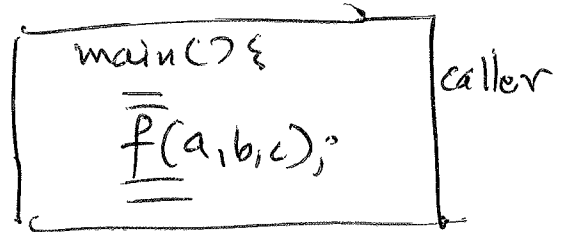
Subroutines

```
void f(in int[] x, in out int[] y, out int[] z) {
```

```
    for (int i=0; i < x.length; i++) {
```

```
        * y[i] = x[i] + y[i];  
        z[i] = y[i];
```

```
    } // f()
```



On invocation

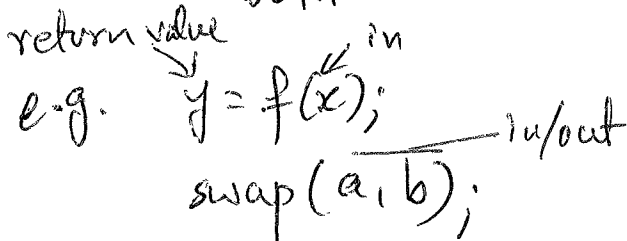
- save the CPU state
- Set up referencing environment and stack frame.
- Transfer parameters
- Execute function code

On Return

- Transfer Parameters (if needed) and return value(s)
- Restore CPU state ← pop stack frame
- Continue caller execution

Role of Parameters

- receive some data as input to subroutine
- return some results in parameters
- both



# Common Parameter Passing Schemes

1. Pass by value
2. Pass by result
3. Pass by value-result
4. Pass by reference
5. Pass by name.

BIG QUESTION  
which parameter passing scheme is used by the PLs I know??

## 1. Pass-by-value in

### Invocation

- allocate space for formal parameters on stack frame
- Evaluate actual parameters
- Copy value of actual parameters into formal parameters
- Execute function

### Return

- Transfer return value (if any)
- Pop stack frame.

## 2. Pass-by-result out

### Invocation

- Allocate space for formal parameters on stack frame
- Execute function

### Return

- Copy values of formal parameters into actual parameters
- Transfer return value (if any)
- Pop stack frame.

## 3. Pass-by-value-result in-out

### Invocation

- Same as pass by value

### Return

- Same as pass by result.

#### 4. Pass by reference in-out

##### Invocation

- Copy the reference of actual parameters into formal parameter.
- Execute function

##### Return

- Pop stack frame.

#### 5. Pass by name

##### Invocation

- Textually substitute the names (or expressions) for ~~for~~ formal parameters
- Execute the function

##### Return

- Pop the stack frame.

#### Examples

C/Java

```
void swap (int a, int b) {
```

```
    int temp = a;
```

```
    a = b;
```

```
    b = temp;
```

```
} //swap()
```

```
main()
```

```
    int x = 5, y = 7;
```

```
    swap(x, y);
```

1. pass-by-value
2. pass by result
3. pass by value-result
4. pass by reference
5. pass by name.

## Issues

① Aliasing can lead to issues.

e.g. ~~comp~~

```
int i = 3;
```

```
void f(int a, int b) {
```

```
    i = b;
```

```
}
```

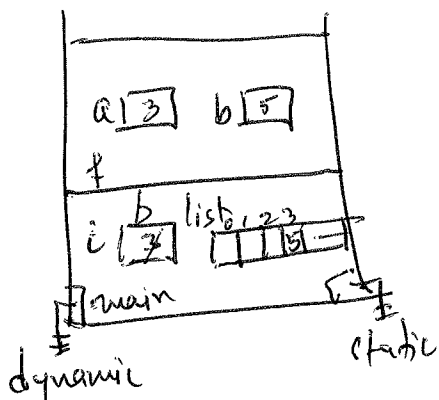
```
int list[10];
```

```
list[i] = 5;
```

```
f(i, list[i]);
```

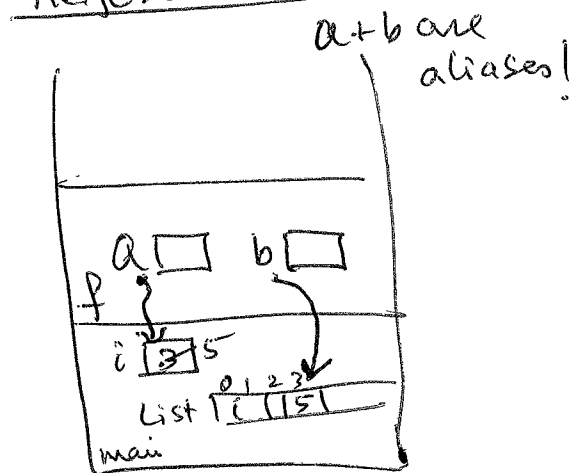
## Value-Result

~~i=3~~



on return `a=3` is copied into `i`,  
so change in `i=5` is gone.

## Reference

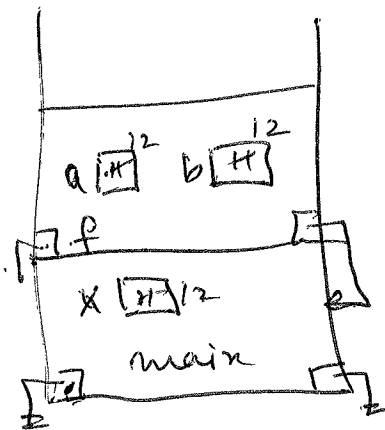


e.g.

```
void f (int a, int b) {  
    a++;  
    b++;  
}
```

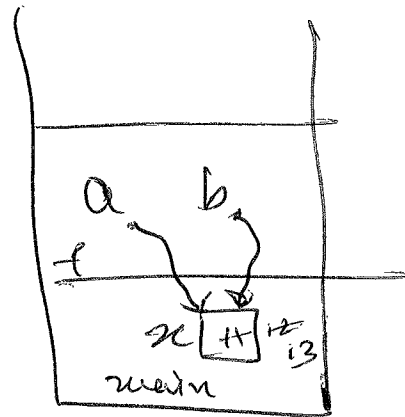
```
int x = 11;  
f(x, x);  
x = ??
```

Value-Result



x = 12

Reference



x = 13

in swap  
by  
swap(i, a[i])  
all by name.

## Parameter Passing Schemes in PLs

C: pass-by-value,

can do pass-by-reference using pointers.

Arrays are "by reference" since  $a[i] \equiv @a[i]$ .

C++: pass by value, but also has reference types

C#: pass by value, also has pass-by reference

```
void swap (ref int a, ref int b) {
```

↓  
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```
call: swap (ref x, ref y);
```

Python: ~~pass-by-value~~ assignment

- a combination of pass-by-value + pass by reference

- immutable objects (numbers, strings, tuples) use pass by value

- mutable objects (lists, dictionaries) ref to object :: assigned to formal parameter i.e. passed by reference