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Functions in C can be categorized into several types based on their characteristics and purpose.

## Here Are Some Common Categories Of Functions:

### 1. Standard Library Functions:

- These are functions provided by the C standard library, such as <stdio.h>,<stdlib.h>,<string.h> etc.
- Standard library functions serve various purposes, including input/output operations, memory management, string manipulation, mathematical calculations, and more.
- Examples: printf(), scanf(), malloc(), strlen(), strcmp(), etc.

### 2. User-Defined Functions:

- User-defined functions are created by the programmer to perform specific tasks within a program.
- These functions provide modularity, code reusability, and abstraction, making the program easier to understand and maintain.
- Examples: Functions that perform calculations, validate input, process data, implement algorithms, etc.

### 3. Recursive Functions:

- Recursive functions are functions that call themselves directly or indirectly.
- They are useful for solving problems that can be divided into smaller sub-problems of the same type.
- Recursive functions have a base case that defines the termination condition, and a recursive case that calls the function with a smaller input.
- Examples: Calculating factorials, computing Fibonacci series, traversing data structures recursively, etc.
- Example of recursive functions:

# #include <stdio.h> int sum(int n) { // Base case: if n is 1, return 1

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if (n == 1) {
    return 1;
  }
  // Recursive case: add n to the sum of numbers from 1 to (n-1)
  return n + sum(n - 1);
}
int main() {
    int num = 5;
    int result = sum(num);
    printf("The sum of numbers from 1 to %d is: %d\n", num, result);
    return 0;
}
```

### 4. Library Functions:

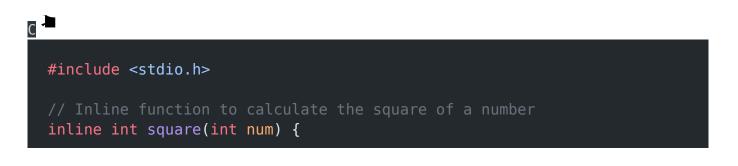
- Library functions are functions grouped together in a library for specific purposes.
- Libraries contain related functions that can be reused across multiple programs.
- These functions provide additional functionality beyond what is available in the standard library.
- Examples: Math library functions (), time-related functions (), graphics functions (), etc.

### 5. Callback Functions:

- Callback functions are functions that are passed as arguments to other functions.
- The receiving function can call the callback function at a specific point, allowing for customization and extensibility.
- Callback functions are commonly used in event-driven programming or when implementing data structures like sorting algorithms.
- Examples: Event handlers, comparison functions for sorting, callback functions in APIs, etc.

### 6. Inline Functions:

- Inline functions are small functions that are expanded at the call site instead of being called like regular functions.
- The purpose of inline functions is to avoid the overhead of function calls and improve performance.
- Inline functions are defined using the inline keyword.
- Examples: Small utility functions, simple arithmetic operations, etc.
- Example of inline function:



```
return num * num;
}
int main() {
    int num = 5;
    int result = square(num);
    printf("The square of %d is: %d\n", num, result);
    return 0;
}
```

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