



PROGRAMMING IN C++

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Day 2

What is static typing?

- At creation, every variable must have a type that is known to the compiler, and that type can not change for its entire lifetime.
- Programs can only produce outcomes which can be deduced entirely from source code irrespective of runtime inputs.
- Both of the above.
- The uncanny ability of many C++ programmers to type their programs without moving their fingers.

1 `while (true) { do_something(); }`

2 `for (;;) { do_something(); }`

3 `for (auto i=0.0F ; i < 1000'000'000; ++i) { do_something(); }!`

Which ones above are infinite loops ?

- A. 1 alone
- B. 2 alone
- C. 1 and 2
- D. All of them

Stack execution model

```

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{
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    }
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{
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main()

f() int i=10


```

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```

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{
    return -i;
}

```

main()

g() int i = 10

```

auto main() -> int
{
    auto N = 10;
    if (f(N) < g(N)) {
        h1(N);
    } else {
        h2(N);
    }
}

```

```

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main()

h1() int i = 10

```

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{
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    } else {
        h2(N);
    }
}

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```

main()

h1() int i = 10

h11() int i = 10

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main()

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main()

FUNCTIONS AT RUN TIME

Sin(double x)
x:0.125663..

RP:<in main()>

main()
x:3.14159265...
i:4
RP:OS

```
1  auto sin(double x) -> int {  
2      // Somehow calculate sin of x  
3      return answer;  
4  }  
5  auto main() -> int {  
6      double x{3.141592653589793};  
7      for (int i = 0; i < 100; ++i) {  
8          std::cout << i * x / 100  
9              << sin(i * x / 100) << "\n";  
10     }  
11 }
```

When a function is called, e.g., when we write

`f(value1,value2,value3)` for a function `f` declared as

`ret_type f(type1 x, type2 y, type3 z) :`

- A "workbook" in memory called a stack frame is created for the call
- The local variables `x`, `y`, `z` are created, as if using instructions `type1 x{value1}`, `type2 y{value2}`, `type3 z{value3}`.
- A return address is stored.
- The actual body of the function is executed
- When the function concludes, execution continues at the stored return address, and the stack frame is destroyed

FUNCTION ARGUMENTS

```
1  int x{ 1 };  
2  int y{ x };  
3  
4  y = y + 1;  
5  // What is x now?
```

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```
1  int x{ 1 };  
2  int& y{ x };  
3  
4  y = y + 1;  
5  // What is x now?
```

FUNCTION ARGUMENTS

```
1  auto f(int x) -> int
2  {
3      x = x + 1;
4      return x;
5  }
6  void elsewhere()
7  {
8      int z{ 0 };
9      f(z);
10     // what is z now?
11 }
```

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```
1 void get_lims(int i, int j)
2 {
3     i = 10;
4     j = 20;
5 }
6 auto main() -> int
7 {
8     auto i = 2, j = 3;
9     get_lims(i, j);
10    std::cout << i << ", " << j << "\n";
11 }
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THE REFERENCE TYPE IN FUNCTION PARAMETERS

Pass a normal type by value

- The function `find_arsenic_tolerance` needs, as the argument, an object of type `Rat`.
- So you send a `copy` or `clone` of `r`
- The clone gets injections and is eventually destroyed.

```
1 // Argument passed by value
2 auto find_arsenic_tolerance(Rat R)
3     -> double
4 {
5     double qnty = 0, dqnty = 1.0e-5;
6     while (not R.dead()) {
7         R.inject(dqnty);
8         qnty += dqnty;
9     }
10    return qnty;
11 }
12 ...
13 auto lab() -> int
14 {
15     Rat r;
16     double t = find_arsenic_tolerance(r);
17     // r is still alive! But we know
18     // how much arsenic it can take.
19 }
```

THE REFERENCE TYPE IN FUNCTION PARAMETERS

Pass a reference argument

- The function `find_arsenic_tolerance` needs, as the argument, an object of type `Rat &`, i.e., a reference to *which* `Rat`.
- So you send a *copy of the `ld` tag* on `r` to the function.
- The function acts on the `Rat` object which was referenced.

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Information about the original rat, but the rat was modified.

THE REFERENCE TYPE IN FUNCTION PARAMETERS

We want to change an object

- When we want our object to be modified in some way by a function, it is no good to pass only a copy.
- In this example, a clone of the wounded leg will be bandaged

```
1 void bandage_leg(Leg l)
2 {
3     //Select right bandage
4     //Wrap bandage around l
5 }
6 ...
7 auto main() -> int
8 {
9     Human h;
10    ...
11    // h got a wounded left leg
12    bandage_leg(h.left_leg());
13    //No benefits to h.
14 }
```

THE REFERENCE TYPE IN FUNCTION PARAMETERS

We want to change an object

- Modifying a copy of our object is useless
- But a copy of a **reference** is good enough.
- In this example, the function works on the leg that was referred to.

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We can use a function working with a reference when we want it to change our original object.

THE REFERENCE TYPE IN FUNCTION PARAMETERS

Cloning is expensive

- Sometimes, the data structures are very large, and copying them is expensive
- Functions taking that kind of classes will implicitly perform big cloning operations, slowing the program down.

```
1  auto count_bad_tires(Truck t) -> int
2  {
3      int n = 0;
4      for (int i = 0; i < t.n_wheels(); ++i) {
5          if (not t.wheel(i).good()) ++n;
6      }
7      return n;
8  }
9  ...
10 auto main() -> int
11 {
12     Truck mytruck;
13     ...
14     nbad = count_bad_tires(mytruck);
15     // Unnecessary cloning of mytruck
16 }
```

THE REFERENCE TYPE IN FUNCTION PARAMETERS

Cloning is expensive

- If the function signature asks for a reference, we only create a reference to the truck when invoking the function
- The same effect can be achieved by a pointer, but the syntax with references is cleaner

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5          if (not t.wheel(i).good()) ++n;
6      }
7      return n;
8  }
9  ...
10 auto main() -> int
11 {
12     Truck mytruck;
13     ...
14     nbad = count_bad_tires(mytruck);
15     // another reference to truck, not
16     // clone of truck
17 }
```

THE CONSTANT REFERENCE TYPE

Cloning is expensive

- We want to use a reference as the argument because it is efficient
- How do we ensure that the original object would not be allowed to change ?

```
1  auto count_bad_tires(Truck& t) -> int
2  {
3      int n = 0;
4      for (int i = 0; i < t.n_wheels(); ++i) {
5          check_pressure(t.wheel(i));
6          if (not t.wheel(i).good()) ++n;
7      }
8      return n;
9  }
10 ...
11 auto main() -> int
12 {
13     Truck mytruck;
14     ...
15     nbad = count_bad_tires(mytruck);
16     // Was there any change to mytruck ?
17 }
```

THE CONSTANT REFERENCE TYPE

Cloning is expensive

- We want to use a reference as the argument only because it is efficient
- How do we ensure that the original object would not be allowed to change ?
- Using a `const` reference

```
1  auto count_bad_tires(const Truck& t) -> int
2  {
3      int n = 0;
4      for (int i = 0; i < t.n_wheels(); ++i) {
5          check_pressure(t.wheel(i));
6          if (not t.wheel(i).good()) ++n;
7      }
8      return n;
9  }
10 ...
11 int main()
12 {
13     Truck mytruck;
14     ...
15     nbad = count_bad_tires(mytruck);
16     // Was there any change to mytruck ?
17     // Not if this compiled!
18 }
```


Runtime error handling

RUN-TIME ERROR HANDLING

Exceptions: When there is nothing reasonable to return

```
1  auto mysqrt(double x) -> double
2  {
3      const auto eps2 = 1.0e-24;
4      auto r0 = 0.5 * (1. + x);
5      auto r1 = x / r0;
6      while ((r0 - r1) * (r0 - r1) > eps2) {
7          r0 = 0.5 * (r0 + r1);
8          r1 = x / r0;
9      }
10     return r1;
11 }
```

Exceptions

- A function may be called with arguments which don't make sense
- An illegal mathematical operation
- Unexpected values, e.g., an arbitrary string when expecting a number
- Too much memory might have been requested

THROWING AND CATCHING EXCEPTIONS

```
1  using error_code = int;
2  auto mysqrt(double x) -> double
3  {
4      const auto eps = 1.0e-12;
5      const auto eps2 = eps * eps;
6      if (x < 0) throw error_code{-1};
7      auto r0 = 0.5 * (1. + x);
8      auto r1 = x / r0;
9      while ((r0 - r1) * (r0 - r1) > eps2) {
10         r0 = 0.5 * (r0 + r1);
11         r1 = x / r0;
12     }
13     return r1;
14 }
```

```
1  auto appl(double x, double y) -> double
2  {
3      try {
4          if (x < y) std::swap(x, y);
5          return mysqrt(x + y) + mysqrt(x - y);
6      } catch (error_code& error) {
7          std::cout << "Caught error_code: "
8                  << error << "\n";
9          // somehow fix the situation and
10         // return something sensible. If that
11         // doesn't work...
12         throw;
13     }
14 }
```

THROWING AND CATCHING EXCEPTIONS

```
1 using error_code = std::string;
2 auto mysqrt(double x) -> double
3 {
4     using std::format;
5     const auto eps = 1.0e-12;
6     const auto eps2 = eps * eps;
7     if (x < 0) throw
8         format("Bad input {} for mysqrt", x);
9
10    auto r0 = 0.5 * (1. + x);
11    auto r1 = x / r0;
12    while ((r0 - r1) * (r0 - r1) > eps2) {
13        r0 = 0.5 * (r0 + r1);
14        r1 = x / r0;
15    }
16    return r1;
17 }
```

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4         if (x < y) std::swap(x, y);
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13    }
14 }
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3      using std::format;
4      const auto eps = 1.0e-12;
5      const auto eps2 = eps * eps;
6      if (x < 0) throw
7          std::runtime_error{
8              format("Bad input {} for mysqrt", x)
9          };
10
11     auto r0 = 0.5 * (1. + x);
12     auto r1 = x / r0;
13     while ((r0 - r1) * (r0 - r1) > eps2) {
14         r0 = 0.5 * (r0 + r1);
15         r1 = x / r0;
16     }
17     return r1;
18 }
```

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2  {
3      try {
4          if (x < y) std::swap(x, y);
5          return mysqrt(x + y) + mysqrt(x - y);
6      } catch (std::runtime_error& error) {
7          std::cout << "Caught runtime error: "
8                  << error.what() << "\n";
9          // somehow fix the situation and
10         // return something sensible. If that
11         // doesn't work...
12         throw;
13     }
14 }
```

TRY AND CATCH BLOCKS

```
1 void f() {  
2     try {  
3         // lines  
4         try {  
5             // a line throwing an exception  
6         } catch (exception_type_0& err) {  
7             // handle errors of type 0  
8         }  
9         // more lines  
10    } catch (exception_type_1& err) {  
11        // handle errors of type 1  
12    } catch (exception_type_2& err) {  
13        // ...  
14    }  
15 }  
16 void g(int i) { if (i > -3) f(); }  
17 auto main(int argc, char* argv[]) -> int {  
18     try {  
19         g(argc)  
20     } catch (exception_type_3& err) {  
21         // handle error type 3  
22     }  
23 }
```

- Exceptions are monitored and handled in `try..catch` blocks
- When an exception is thrown in the `try` part of a `try..catch` block, the attached `catch` blocks are checked for a handler matching the **type** of the thrown exception.
- If no matching handler is found, we look for an next bigger `try..catch` block
- If an exception is thrown in an area inside a function, not inside a `try` section, the enclosing `try` section is searched based on the *call site* for the call
- This search can unwind till it reaches `main()`. If still no matching handler is found, the program exits with error.

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7             // handle errors of type 0
8         }
9         // more lines
10    } catch (exception_type_1& err) {
11        // handle errors of type 1
12    } catch (exception_type_2& err) {
13        // ...
14    }
15 }
16 void g(int i) { if (i > -3) f(); }
17 auto main(int argc, char* argv[]) -> int {
18     try {
19         g(argc)
20     } catch (exception_type_3& err) {
21         // handle error type 3
22     }
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- Once an exception is thrown, the program control flow enters a special mode
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6      auto rm = f(x - y, em);
7      if (ep and em) {
8          return rp + rm; // normal case
9      } else {
10         // handle errors
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- Cumbersome because of extra flag variables
- A value is returned even in the case of failure. A programmer can accidentally or out of carelessness, ignore checking the success/error flags. The subsequent calculations will be incorrect.

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- Normal, successful flow is separated from error handling code
- In case there is an error, it is impossible to ignore! The function does not return with a value. The only choices are to handle the error or to terminate the program.

An error handling method with functionality comparable to exceptions will have a similar cost!

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C++23 STD::EXPECTED

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12         return { r1 };
13     } else {
14         return std::unexpected { "Unexpected input!" };
15     }
16 }
17 // Elsewhere...
18 if (auto rm = mysqrt(x); rm) std::cout << "Square root = " << rm.value() << "\n";
19 else std::cout << "Error: " << rm.error() << "\n";
```

- Similar to `std::optional`, but has more capacity to describe the error
- The *unexpected* value can be of a type of our choosing, making it very flexible

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Exercise 2.3:

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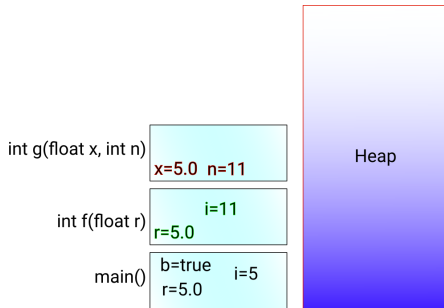
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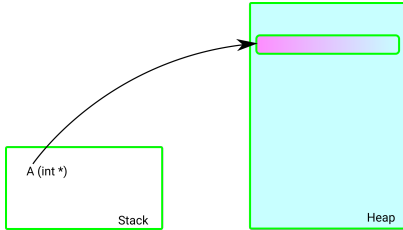
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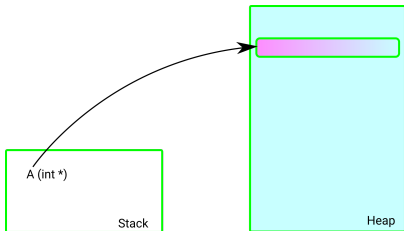
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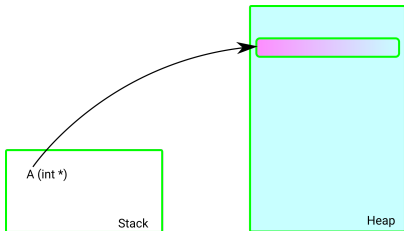
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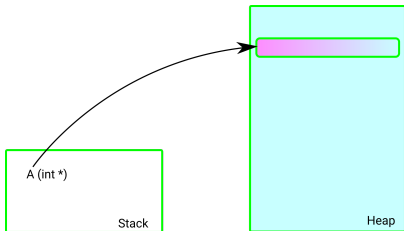
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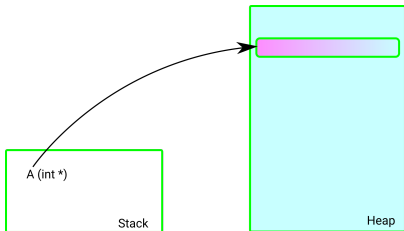
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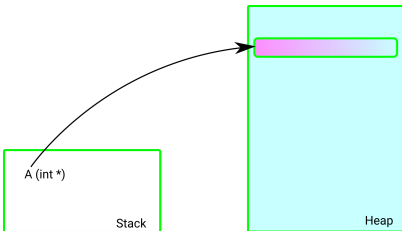


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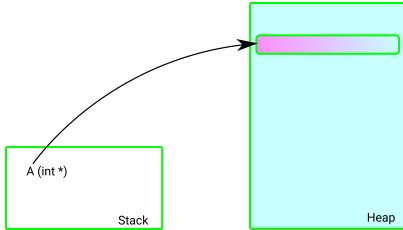
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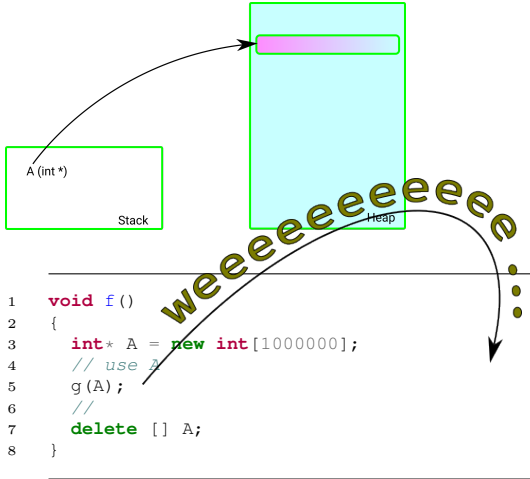
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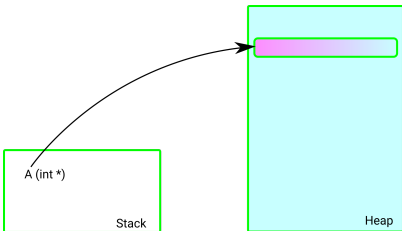
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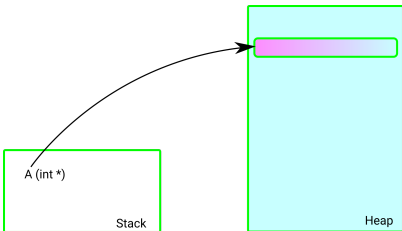
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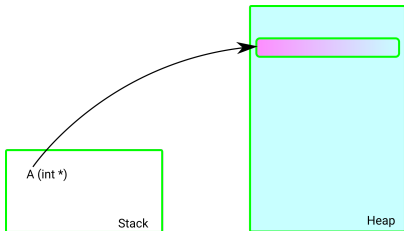
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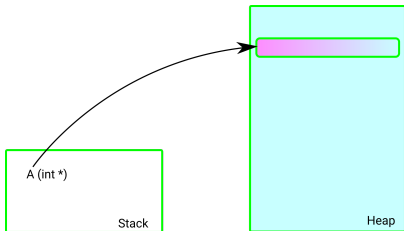
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DYNAMIC MEMORY WITH SMART POINTERS

```
1  using big = std::array<int, 1000000>;
2  int f()
3  {
4      auto u1 = std::make_unique<big>();
5      // use u1
6  } // u1 expires, and frees the allocated memory
```

- Current recommendation: avoid free `new` / `delete` calls in normal user code
- Use them to implement memory management components
- Use `unique_ptr` and `shared_ptr` to manage resources
- You can then assume that an ordinary pointer in your code is a "non-owning" pointer, and let it expire without leaking memory

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2  int asize=100; // on the stack
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5  // The memory locations they point to on the other hand, are not
6  // on the stack, but on the heap. But, you don't need to worry about
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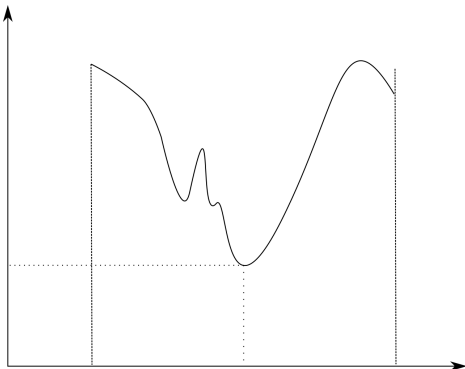
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C++ classes

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- Some times calculations involve bundles of entities which belong together, e.g., the location of a minimum of a function and the corresponding minimum value

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3 };
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8     // Find minimum somehow
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10    m.min_val = the_value;
11    return m;
12 }
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14 {
15     auto sol = minimize(0., 10., cost_func);
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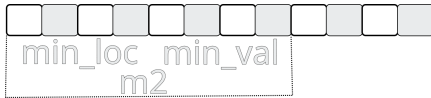
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- Structured bindings can be used to create aliases for the components. The binding names are independent of the names in the **struct**

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14 {
15     auto m1 = minimize(-10., 0., constfunc1);
16     minim_ret_type m2 = minimize(-10., 0.,
17                                 constfunc1);
18     auto * mptr = &m2;
19     if ( m1.min_val > mptr->min_val )
20         haha();
21 }
```

- A `struct` is a user defined data type
- Each *instance* has a bundle, with a `min_loc` and `min_val` member
- Members are accessed from the object using the `.` notation, and from a pointer to an object using the `->` notation. `(*mptr).min_val` is the same as `mptr->min_val`



DESIGNATED INITIALISERS

```
1 // examples/design2.cc
2 struct v3 { double x, y, z; };
3 struct pars { int offset; v3 velocity; };
4 auto operator<<(std::ostream& os, const v3& v) -> std::ostream&
5 {
6     return os << v.x << ", " << v.y << ", " << v.z << " ";
7 }
8 auto example_func(pars p)
9 {
10     std::cout << p.offset << " with velocity " << p.velocity << "\n";
11 }
12 auto main() -> int
13 {
14     example_func( {.offset = 5, .velocity = {.x=1., .y = 2., .z=3.}} );
15 }
```

- Simple struct type objects can be initialized by **designated initialisers** for each field.
- Can be used to implement a kind of "keyword arguments" for functions. But remember, at least in C++20, the field order can not be shuffled.

C++ CLASSES

```
1 // examples/trivialclassoverload.cc
2 class A {};
3 class B {};
4 void func(int i, A a)
5 {
6     cout << "Called f input types (int, A)\n";
7 }
8 void func(int i, B b)
9 {
10    cout << "Called f input types (int, B)\n";
11 }
12 auto main() -> int
13 {
14     A xa;
15     B xb;
16     func(0, xa) ;
17     func(0, xb) ;
18 }
```

- User defined data types. Independently created classes are different, even if they have the same content.
- Function overloading: The two versions of the function `func` shown here are different entities from the compiler's viewpoint. No ambiguity about which function is called in lines 16 and 17 in `main()` .

C++ CLASSES

Overloading operators

```
1 // examples/op_overload.cc
2 class A {};
3 class B {};
4 auto operator+(A x, A y) -> A
5 {
6     std::cout << "operator+(A, A)\n";
7     return x;
8 }
9 auto operator+(B x, B y) -> B
10 {
11     std::cout << "operator+(B, B)\n";
12     return x;
13 }
14 auto operator+(A x, B y) -> A {...} // similar
15 auto main() -> int {
16     A a1, a2;
17     B b1, b2;
18     a1 + a2;
19     a1 + b1;
20     b1 + b2; // b1 + a2; doesn't work. Think why!
21 }
```

- For C++ class types, operators like `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, `||`, `&&` ... are functions
- As long as at least one of the arguments to an operator is of a class type (not a built-in type like `int`, `double` ...), it is possible to provide a recipe to interpret expressions like `a1 + a2`
- `a1 + a2` is interpreted as a function call `operator+(a1, a2)`
- Using suitably chosen operators to overload, we can make expressions involving objects of a class type more intuitive

OVERLOADING OPERATORS

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----|--------|-------|----------|-----|----|-----|-----|----|
| + | - | * | / | % | & | ^ | | |
| += | -= | *= | /= | %= | &= | ^= | = | = |
| ++ | -- | && | | ! | != | == | | |
| < | > | != | == | <= | >= | <=> | = | = |
| () | [] | , | -> | ->* | << | <<= | >>= | >> |
| new | delete | new[] | delete[] | | | | | |

Table: List of operators you can overload. (But remember, *can* and *should* are not the same thing!)

- Think carefully about the impact an overloaded operator will have on the readability of your code. Whether or not the impact is beneficial depends on the use case
- Many important commonly used C++ features depend on suitably overloaded operators. E.g.,

```
std::cout << "Hello\n";
```

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In C++, objects of user defined types live on the stack by default, unless explicitly created on the heap.

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- Think of a call like `a.modulus()` as `complex::modulus(a)` The address of the object on the left of the "." is the implicit first argument to the member function.

C++ source #1

```

1 struct Example {
2     double x, y;
3     auto mod() -> double;
4 };
5
6 auto Example::mod() -> double
7 {
8     return x * x + y * y;
9 }
10
11 auto unrelated(Example* ptr) -> double
12 {
13     return ptr->x * ptr->x + ptr->y * ptr->y;
14 }
15

```

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```

1 Example::mod(): # @Example::mod()
2     movupd    xmm1, xmmword ptr [rdi]
3     mulpd     xmm1, xmm1
4     movapd    xmm0, xmm1
5     unpckhpd             xmm0, xmm1 # x
6     addsd     xmm0, xmm1
7     ret
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OPERATORS AS MEMBER FUNCTIONS

```
1  struct complex {
2      double real, imag;
3      auto modulus() -> double
4      {
5          return sqrt(real * real +
6                      imag * imag);
7      }
8      auto operator+(complex other) -> complex
9      {
10         return {real + other.real,
11                imag + other.imag};
12     }
13 };
```

- Since operators working with class types are normal functions, one can have operators as member functions
- The implicit argument (invoking instance) is on the left hand side for binary operators. That's why the binary operator `+` is defined here as a member function taking only one argument

MEMBER FUNCTIONS AND CONST

```
1 struct complex {  
2     double m_real, m_imag;  
3     auto modulus() -> double;  
4     auto operator-(const complex& b) -> complex;  
5 };  
6  
7 void somewhere_else()  
8 {  
9     complex z1, z2;  
10    auto z3 = z1 - z2;  
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1  struct complex {
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3      auto modulus() const -> double;
4      auto operator-(const complex& b) const
5          -> complex;
6  };
7
8  void somewhere_else()
9  {
10     complex z1, z2;
11     auto z3 = z1 - z2;
12     // We know z2 didn't change.
13     // We know z1 didn't change,
14     // as we called a const member
15 }
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- Answer: After the closing parentheses of the function signature.

SOME EXAMPLE CLASSES

```
1  class Angle {
2      double rd = 0;
3  public:
4      enum unit {
5          radian,
6          degree
7      };
8      Angle operator-(Angle a) const ;
9      Angle operator+(Angle a) const ;
10     Angle operator==(Angle a) ;

```

```
1  class Vector3
2  {
3  public:
4      enum crdtype {cartesian=0,polar=1};
5      inline auto x() const -> double {return dx;}
6      inline void x(double gx) {dx=gx;}
7      auto dot(const Vector3 &p) const -> double;
8      Vector3 cross(const Vector3 &p) const;

```

```
1  class IsingLattice {
2  public:
3      using update_type =
4          std::pair<size_t, size_t>;
5      IsingLattice();
6      IsingLattice(size_t Nx, double JJ);
7      void setLatticeSize(size_t ns);

```

```
1  class KMer {
2  public:
3      Nucleotide at(size_t i);
4      auto operator==(const KMer &) const -> bool;

```

```
1  class SimulationManager {
2  public:
3      void loadSettings(std::string file);
4      auto checkConfig() const -> bool;
5      void start();

```

OBJECT INITIALISATION: CONSTRUCTORS

- In C++, initialisation functions for a struct have the same name as the struct. They are called *constructors*.

```
1  struct complex {  
2      complex(double re, double im)  
3      {  
4          real = re;  
5          imaginary = im;  
6      }  
7  };
```

- Alternative syntax to initialise variables in constructors

```
1  struct complex  
2  {  
3      complex(double re, double im) : real{re}, imaginary{im} {}  
4  };
```

- A class can have as many constructors as it needs.

CONSTRUCTORS

```
1  struct complex
2  {
3      complex(double re, double im)
4      {
5          real = re;
6          imaginary = im;
7      }
8      complex()
9      {
10         real = imaginary = 0;
11     }
12     double real, imaginary;
13 };
14 ...
15 complex a(3.2, 9.3);
16 // C++11 and older
17 complex b{4.3, 1.9}; // since C++11
```

- Constructors may be (and normally are) overloaded.
- When a variable is declared, a constructor with the appropriate number of arguments is implicitly called
- The **default** constructor is the one without any arguments. That is the one invoked when no arguments are given while creating the object.

CONSTRUCTORS

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2  {
3      complex(double re, double im)
4      {
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8      complex() {}
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- Preferred syntax for initialisation of members in a constructor is shown here . This form of initialisation outside the constructor function body is only possible for constructors

FREEING MEMORY FOR USER DEFINED TYPES

What happens to the memory ? The struct `darray` has a pointer member, which points to dynamically allocated memory

- When the life of the variable `A` ends, the member variables (e.g. the pointer `data`) go out of scope.
- How does one free the dynamically allocated memory attached to the member `data` ?

```
1 struct darray
2 {
3     double *data=NULLPTR;
4     size_t sz=0;
5     darray(size_t N) : sz{N} {
6         data = new double[sz];
7     }
8 };
9
10 auto tempfunc(double phasediff) -> double
11 {
12     // find number of elements
13     darray A{large_number};
14     // do some great calculations
15     return answer;
16 }
```

FREEING MEMORY FOR USER DEFINED TYPES

For any class which explicitly allocates dynamic memory

- We need a function that cleans up all explicitly allocated memory in use, so that we call it for every object whose lifetime is about to end.
- In C++, such functions are called destructors, and have the name ~ followed by the class name.
- Destructors take no arguments, and there is exactly one for each class
- The destructor is automatically called when a variable expires. You don't call it explicitly. It is always called whenever the scope of an object ends! It is impossible to forget.

```
1  struct darray
2  {
3      double *data{nullptr};
4      size_t sz{0};
5      darray(size_t N) : sz{N} {
6          data = new double[sz];
7      }
8      ~darray() {
9          if (data) delete [] data;
10     }
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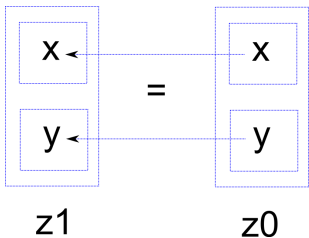
```
1  class A {  
2      A() {}  
3      ~A() {}  
4  };  
5  auto demo(A)  
6  {  
7      A v1;  
8      try {  
9          A v2;  
10         // calc  
11     } // ~A() for v2  
12     catch {  
13         // ...  
14     }  
15 } // ~A() for v1
```

- No matter how you exit a scope, if the scope of a variable ends, its destructor is invoked automatically
- What if we acquire resources in constructors and clean up in the destructor? It would be impossible to forget to free resources when we are done!

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```
1  struct complex
2  {
3      double x, y;
4  };
5  //...
6  complex z0{2.0, 3.0}, z1;
7  z1 = z0; // assignment operator
8  complex z2{z0}; //copy constructor
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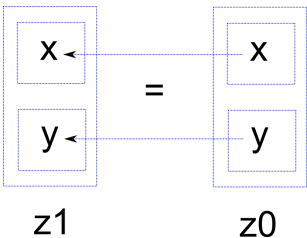
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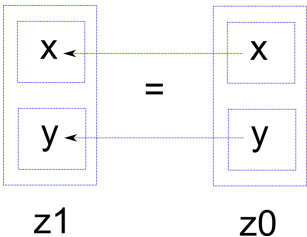
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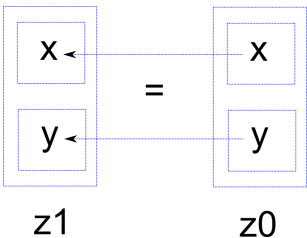
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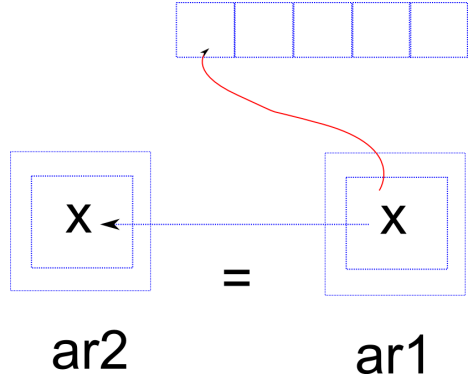
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1  struct complex
2  {
3      double x, y;
4  };
5  //...
6  complex z0{2.0, 3.0}, z1;
7  z1 = z0; // assignment operator
8  complex z2{z0}; //copy constructor
```



- While copying and assigning, in most cases, we want to assign the data members to the corresponding members
- This happens automatically, but using special functions for these copy operations
- You can redefine them for your class
- Why would you want to ?

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2      double *x;
3  };
4  darray::darray(unsigned n)
5  {
6      x=new double[n];
7  }
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9  {
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14 }
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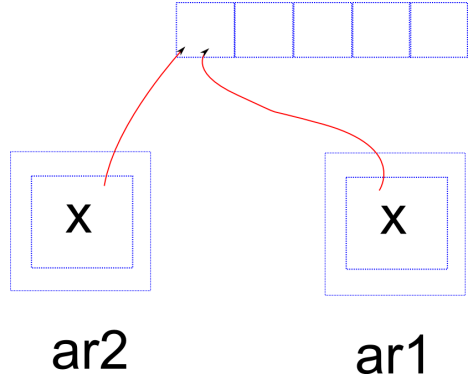


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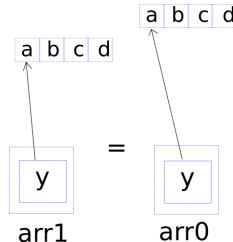
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- May not be what we want
- Leads to "double free" errors when the objects are destroyed

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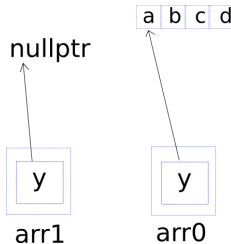
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3      unsigned int len{};
4  public:
5      // Copy constructor
6      darray(const darray &);
7      //assignment operator
8      auto operator=(const darray&) -> darray&;
9  };
10 darray::darray(const darray& other)
11 {
12     if (other.len!=0) {
13         len = other.len;
14         x = new double[len];
15         for (unsigned i = 0; i < len; ++i) {
16             x[i] = other.x[i];
17         }
18     }
19 }
20 auto darray::operator=(const darray& other) -> darray&
21 {
22     if (this != &other) {
23         if (len != other.len) {
```

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2         if (x) delete [] x;
3         x = new double[len];
4     }
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6         x[i] = other.x[i];
7     }
8 }
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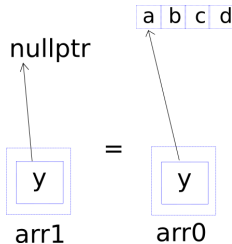
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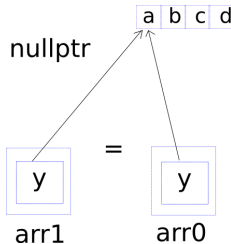
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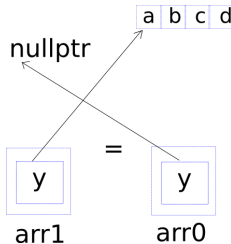
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- You can invoke the move constructor by casting the function argument to an R-value reference, e.g.

```
darray d3{std::move(d1)}
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- But you can request default versions of the any of these functions as shown

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7  };
```

- You can also explicitly request that one or more of these are not auto-generated
- In the example shown here, it will not be possible to copy objects of the class, but they can be moved

COPY AND SWAP

- We want to reuse the code in the copy constructor and destructor to do memory management

```
1  auto operator=(const darray& oth) -> darray& {
2      if (this!=&oth) {
3          if (arr && sz!=oth.sz) {
4              sz=oth.sz;
5              delete [] arr;
6              arr=new T[sz];
7          }
8          for (size_t i=0;i<sz;++i)
9              arr[i]=oth.arr[i];
10     }
11     return *this;
12 }
13 auto operator=(darray&& oth) -> darray& {
14     swap(oth);
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- Neat trick that works in most cases
- Reduces the big five to big four

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Separating interface and implementation

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- External code calling only member functions to access member data can survive
- Direct use of member variables while using a class is often messy, the implementer of the class then loses the freedom to change internal organisation of the class for efficiency or other reasons

C++ CLASSES

```
1  class complex
2  {
3  public:
4      complex(double re, double im)
5          : m_real(re), m_imag(im) {}
6      complex() = default;
7      auto real() const -> double { return m_real; }
8      auto imag() const -> double { return m_imag; }
9      ...
10 private:
11     double m_real = 0., m_imag = 0.;
12 };
```

`struct` \implies members public by default

`class` \implies members private by default

- Members declared under the keyword `private` can not be accessed from outside
- Public members (data or function) can be accessed
- Provide a consistent and useful interface through public functions
- Keep data members hidden
- Make accessor functions `const` when possible

Exercise 2.4:

The program `examples/complex_number_class.cc` contains a version of the complex number class, with all syntax elements we discussed in the class. It is heavily commented with explanations for every subsection. Please read it to revise all the syntax relating to classes. Write a `main` program to use and test the class.

CONSTRUCTOR/DESTRUCTOR CALLS

Exercise 2.5:

The file `examples/verbose_ctor_dtor.cc` demonstrates the automatic calls to constructors and destructors. The simple class `Vbose` has one `string` member. All its constructors and destructors print messages to the screen when they are called. The `main()` function creates and uses some objects of this class. Follow the messages printed on the screen and link them to the statements in the program. Does it make sense (i) When the copy constructor is called ? (ii) When is the move constructor invoked ? (iii) When the objects are destroyed ?

Suggested reading: <http://www.informit.com/articles/printerfriendly/2216986>

Exercise 2.6:

The program `examples/onexcept.cc` shows the behaviour of constructor/destructor calls when an exception is called. Observe that exiting a function via an exception is also leaving the scope, and therefore invokes the destructor.

MAKING STD::COUT RECOGNIZE CLASS

Teaching cout how to print your type: overload operator <<

```
1  auto operator<<(std::ostream& os, const complex& a) -> std::ostream&
2  {
3      os << a.real();
4      if (a.imag() < 0) os << a.imag() << " i ";
5      // If imag() is negative, it already has a - sign
6      else os << " +" << a.imag() << " i ";
7      return os;
8  }
9  complex a;
10 ...
11 std::cout << "The roots are " << a << " and " << a.conjugate() << '\n';
```

AND SIMILARLY FOR STD::CIN

```
1  auto operator>>(std::istream& is, complex& a) -> std::istream&
2  {
3      double x, y;
4      is >> x >> y;
5      a.set_real(x);
6      a.set_imag(y);
7      return is;
8  }
```

- It is up to you to decide IO operations for your classes
- The stream parameters can not be `const`, because by reading from or writing to the stream, we change its state

PRACTISE: WRITE A DATA ROW CLASS

Exercise 2.7:

You now have all the ingredients to write a data row class. A tabular data file has 5 columns. The first two are integers, the rest are doubles. Let's call the columns `id`, `cat`, `x`, `y`, and `z`, respectively. Make sure that there are IO stream overloads for the reading and writing objects of that type. Demonstrate by reading a suitable datafile "`multicolumn.dat`", and storing the rows in a vector of your `DataRow` type. You should then be able to sort the vector according to any of the data columns.

DATATYPES

| Type | Bits | Value |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| Float | 0100 0000 0100 1001 0000 1111 1101 1011 | 3.1415927 |
| Int | 0100 0000 0100 1001 0000 1111 1101 1011 | 1078530011 |

- Same bits, different rules \implies different type

From arbitrary collection of members to a new “data type”

```
1  class Date {  
2      int m_day, m_month, m_year;  
3  public:  
4      static auto today() -> Date;  
5      auto operator+(int n) const -> Date;  
6      auto operator-(int n) const -> Date;  
7      auto operator-(const Date &) const -> int;  
8  };
```

- Make sure every way to create an object results in a valid state
- Provide only those operations on the data which keep the essential properties intact

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- → a structure which always has sensible values

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4      Triangle() : ...  
5      {  
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7      }  
8      ~Triangle() { --counter; }  
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10     {  
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1 class swave
2 {
3 private:
4     double a = 1.0, omega = 1.0;
5 public:
6     swave() = default;
7     swave(double x, double w) :
8         a{x}, omega{w} {}
9     auto operator()(double t) const -> double
10    {
11        return a * sin(omega * t);
12    }
13};
```

```
1 const double pi = acos(-1);
2
3 int N = 100;
4 swave f{2.0, 0.4};
5 swave g{2.3, 1.2};
6
7 for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
8     double ar = 2 * i * pi / N;
9     std::cout << i << " " << f(ar)
10                << " " << g(ar)
11                << '\n';
12 }
```

Functionals

- Function like objects, i.e., classes which define a `()` operator

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12 }
```

Functionals

- Function like objects, i.e., classes which define a `()` operator
- If they return a `bool` value, they are called predicates

FUNCTIONALS

Using function like objects

- They are like other variables. But they can be used as if they were functions!
- You can make vectors or lists of functionals, pass them as arguments ...
- Although you can run any recipe you want by overloading an operator, most operators are limited to one or two arguments. `()` can take as many as you need. This also contributes to functionals looking like functions when in use.

WRITE YOUR OWN FUNCTIONAL!

Exercise 2.8:

Write a functional class where the return value of $f(x)$ is given by a user specified piece-wise continuous linear function. You should write a class `PieceWise`. It should have a function to read a vector of x_i, y_i values from a file. Sort them according to x values. Then implement an `operator()` function, so that when you write

```
1 PieceWise f;  
2 f.read_file("somefile.dat");  
3 auto y = f(x);
```

you get the correct piecewise linear function evaluated. Use the standard library function `std::lerp` to perform the linear interpolation.

OVERLOADING OTHER OPERATORS FOR EXPRESSIVE CODE

```
1 // examples/collect.cc
2 class collect {
3     std::vector<int> dat;
4 public:
5     auto operator|(int i) -> collect&
6     {
7         dat.push_back(i);
8         return *this;
9     }
10    auto operator~() const noexcept -> decltype(dat)
11    {
12        return dat;
13    }
14 };
15 auto main() -> int
16 {
17     auto C = collect{};
18     C | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 ;
19     for (auto el : (~C)) {
20         std::cout << el << "\n";
21     }
22 }
```

- Operator overloading is not limited to arithmetic and shift operators.
- Sometimes, choosing the right operator to overload can increase the expressiveness of the code

```
args | sv::drop(1) | sv::transform(str)
```

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- You even know how to construct with a given initial value

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4      Temperature T;
5      T.value(293.0);
6      auto U = Temperature{373.0};
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8      auto T3 = 900_K;
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USER DEFINED LITERALS

```
1  auto operator "" _K(long double d) -> Temperature
2  {
3      return { static_cast<double>(d), Temperature::Unit::K };
4  }
5  auto operator "" _C(long double d) -> Temperature
6  {
7      return { static_cast<double>(d), Temperature::Unit::C };
8  }
```

- Defining your own rules for how literals are interpreted for your class
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USER DEFINED LITERALS

Exercise

- The demo program `examples/literals.cc` shows how this is done using a simple “temperature” class
- Make something similar for a `Distance` class!

```
1 auto main() -> int
2 {
3     double N = 6.023e23;
4     auto T2 = 350_C;
5     auto T3 = 900_K;
6 }
```
