

AMATH 483/583
High Performance Scientific
Computing

Lecture 4:

Data Abstraction, Classes and Objects, class Vector

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Overview

- Recap of Lecture 3
 - Compilation
 - Program organization: header files, source files
 - Make, makefile
- class Vector
- Member Functions
- Constructor
- Accessor
- Operator Functions: `operator+`, `operator()`
- Overloading

l-values and r-values

- How is the value used in the function
- With following declarations:

```
double sqrt583(const double& y) {  
    double x = 0.0, dx;  
  
    do {  
        dx = - (x*x-y) / (2.0*x);  
        x += dx;  
    } while (abs(dx) > 1.e-9);  
  
    return x;  
}
```

Const lvalue ref

```
double sqrt583(double x);
```

```
double sqrt583(double& x);
```

Temp x+y can be referenced if read only

```
double sqrt583(const double& x);
```

OK to reference const rvalue

l-values and r-values

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    y = x;  
  
    return x;  
}
```

Const lvalue ref

```
$ g++ -c s111.cpp
```

```
error: cannot assign to variable 'y' with  
const-qualified type 'const double &'
```

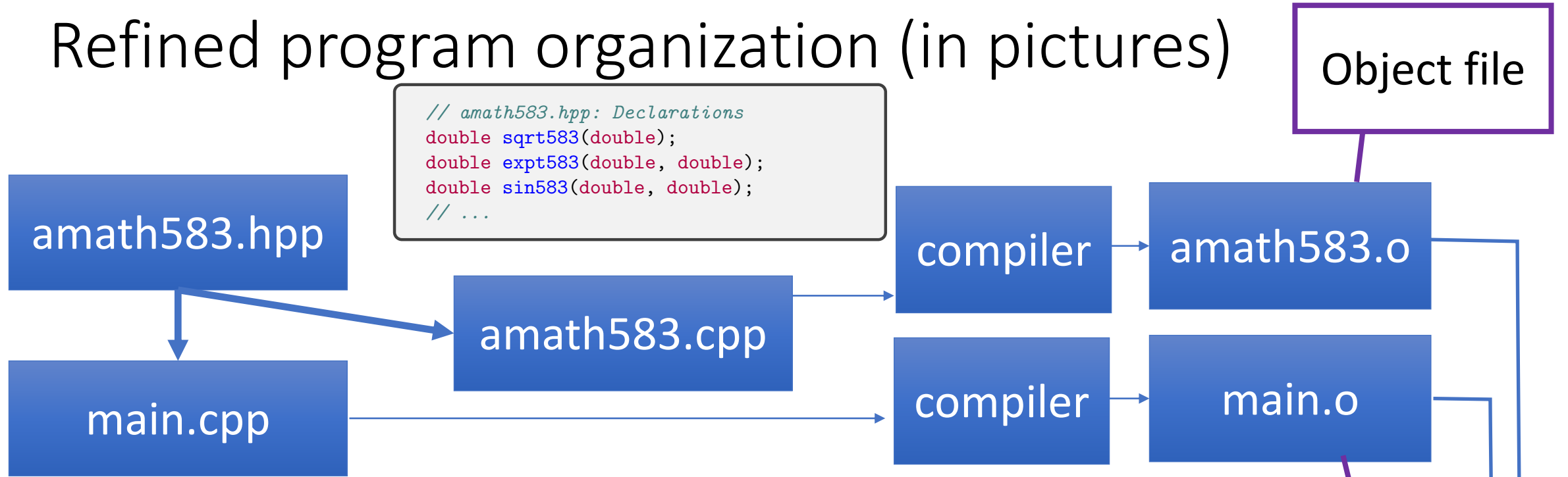
```
    y = x;  
    ~ ^
```

```
s111.cpp:3:30: note: variable 'y' declared const here
```

```
double sqrt583(const double& y) {  
    ~~~~~~^
```

```
1 error generated.
```

Refined program organization (in pictures)



```
#include <iostream>
#include "amath583.hpp"

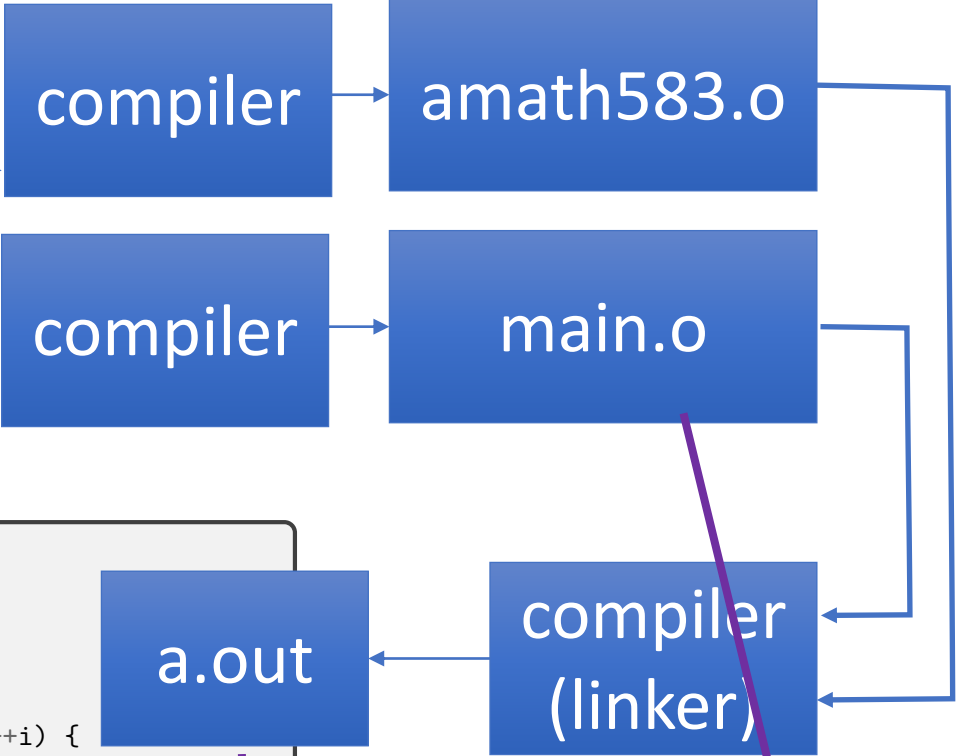
int main () {

    std::cout << sqrt583(42.0) << std::endl;
    std::cout << expt583(42.0, pi) << std::endl;
    std::cout << sin583(42.0 * pi) << std::endl;
    // ...

    return 0;
}
```

```
#include <cmath>
#include "amath583.hpp"

double sqrt583(double z) {
    double x = 1.0;
    for (size_t i = 0; i < 32; ++i) {
        double dx = - (x*x-z) / (2.0*x) ;
        x += dx;
        if (abs(dx) < 1.e-9) break;
    }
    return x;
}
// ...
```



Executable

Object file

Multifile Multistage Compilation

Compile main.cpp to
main.o object file

Tell the compiler to
generate object

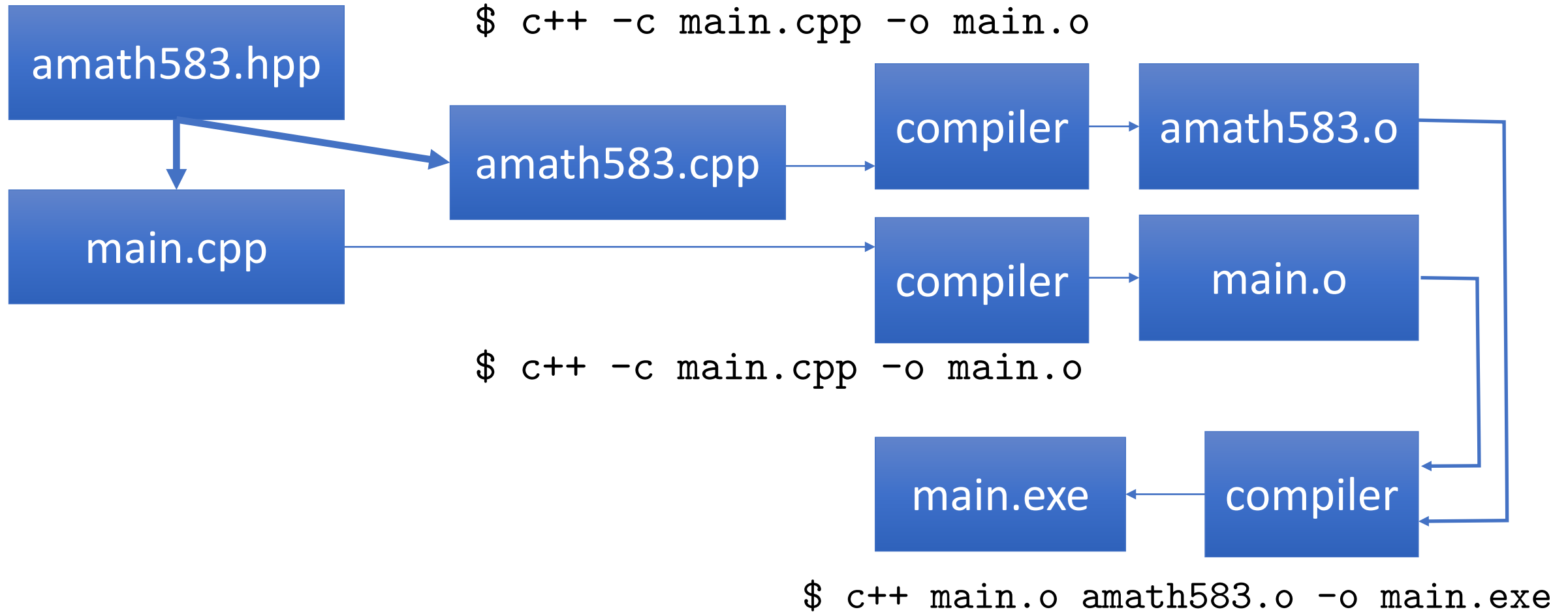
```
$ g++ -c main.cpp -o main.o
```

Tell the compiler
name of the object

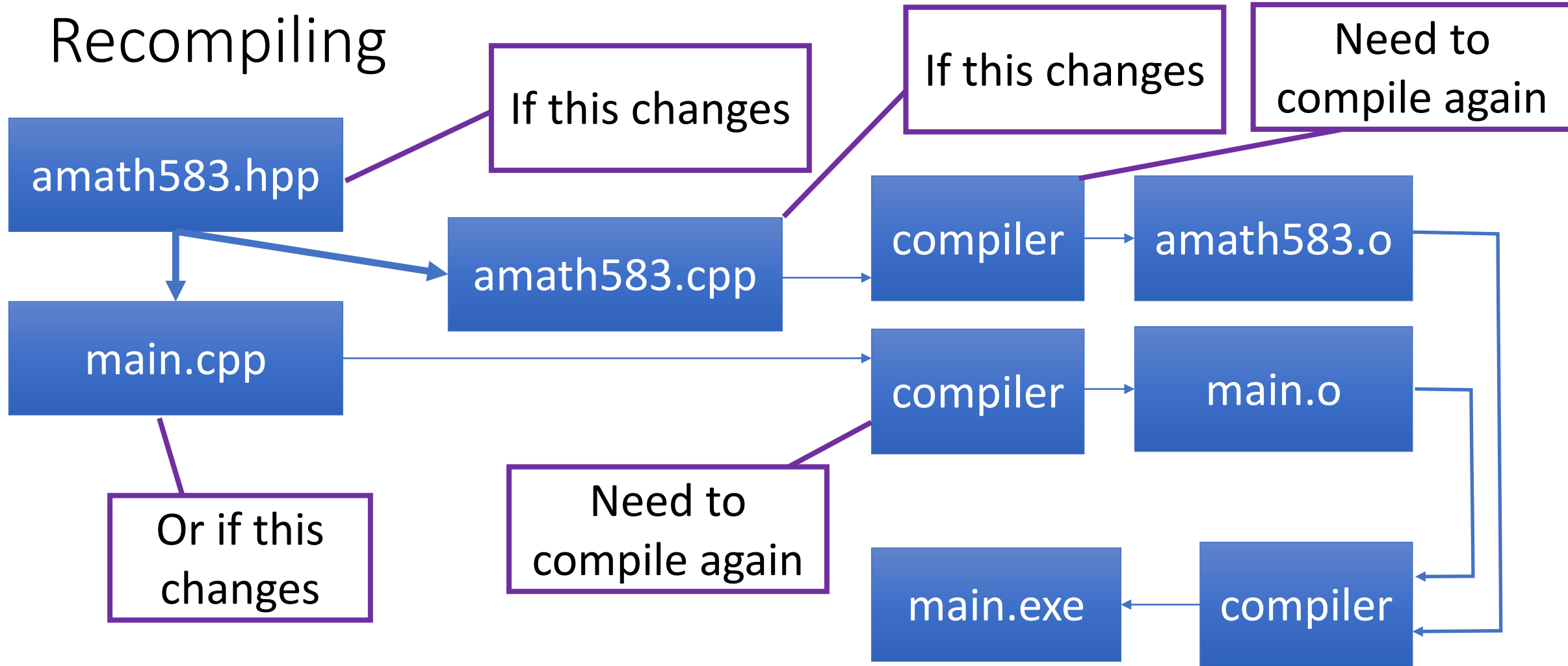
```
$ g++ -c amath583.cpp -o amath583.o
```

```
$ g++ main.o amath583.o -o main.exe
```

Multistage compilation (pictorially)



Recompiling



Dependencies

- main.o depends on main.cpp and amath583.hpp
- amath583.o depends on amath583.cpp
- main.exe depends on amath583.o and main.o



Automating: The Rules

- If main.o is newer than main.exe → recompile main.exe
- If amath583.o is newer than main.exe → recompile main.exe
- If main.cpp is newer than main.o → recompile main.o
- If amath583.cpp is newer than amath583.o → recompile amath583.o
- If amath583.hpp is newer than main.o → recompile main.o

Make

- Tool for automating compilation (or any other rule-driven tasks)
- Rules are specified in a makefile (usually named “Makefile”)
- Rules include
 - Dependency
 - Target
 - Consequent

Target

```
main.exe: main.o amath583.o
    c++ main.o amath583.o -o main.exe

main.o: main.cpp amath583.hpp
    c++ -c main.cpp -o main.o

amath583.o: amath583.cpp
    c++ -c amath583.cpp -o amath583.o
```

Dependencies

Consequent

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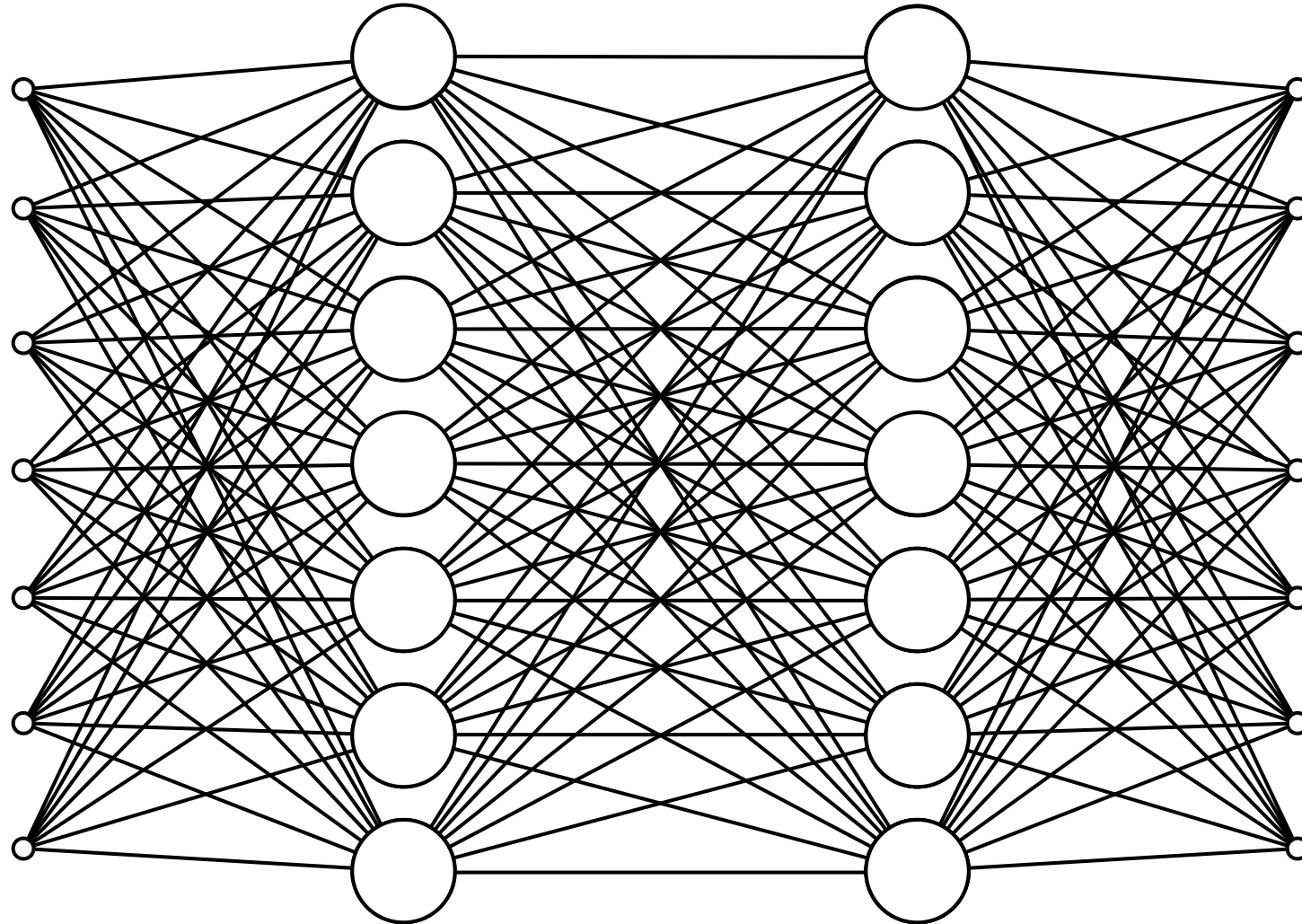
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```
$ make
c++ -c main.cpp -o main.o
c++ -c amath583.cpp -o amath583.o
c++ main.o amath583.o -o main.exe
```

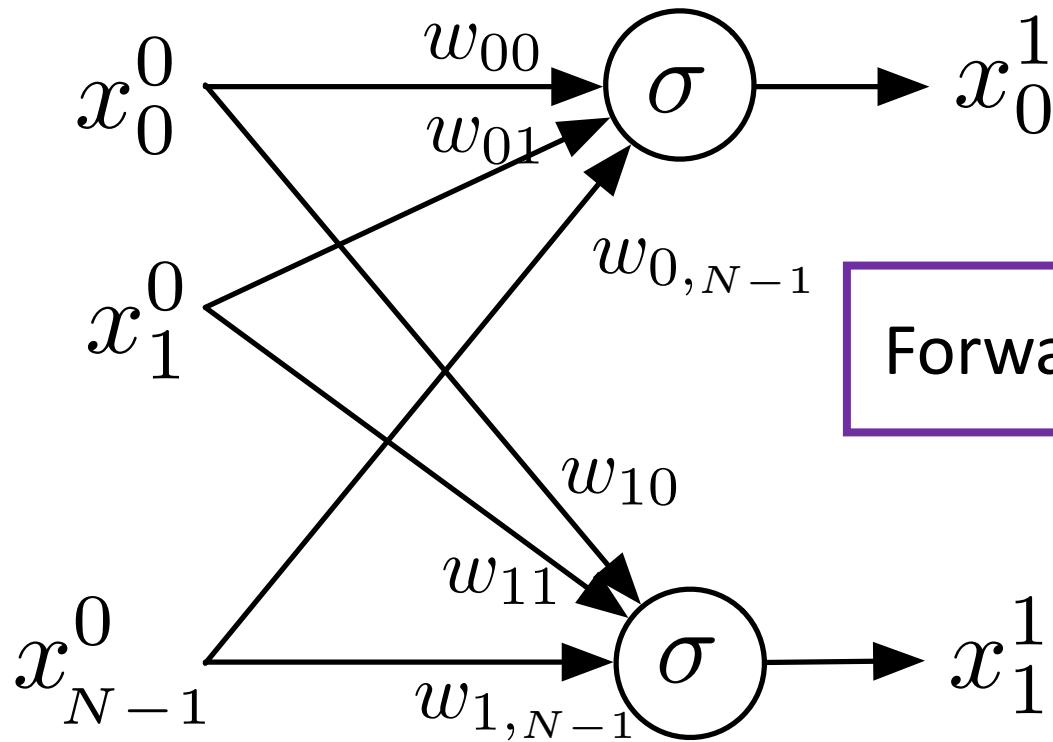
- Edit amath583.hpp

```
$ make
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```

Neural Network



Zoom In On Two "Neurons"



Forward

$$S(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma(x_0) \\ \sigma(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma(x_{N-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x^1 = S(W x^0)$$

vector

matrix

vector

Mathematical Vector Space

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1. To every pair x and y of vectors in V there corresponds a vector $x + y$ called the *sum* of x and y in such a way that

commutative

associative

We need to be able to add 2 vectors \rightarrow vector

(a) addition is commutative, $x + y = y + x$

(b) addition is associative, $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$

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(d) to every vector x in V there corresponds a unique vector $-x$ such that $x + (-x) = 0$

2. To every pair a and x where a is a scalar and x is a vector in V , there corresponds a vector ax in V called the product of a and x in such a way that

Identity over +

(a) multiplication by scalars is associative $a(bx) = (ab)x$, and

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Identity over x

associative

distributive

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- Set of all complex numbers
- Set of all polynomials
- Set of all n-tuples of real numbers

The vector space
used in scientific
computing

R^N

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C++ does not have an n-tuple type with these properties

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Classes

- First principles: Abstraction, simplicity, consistent specification
 - Domain: Scientific computing
 - Domain abstractions: Matrices and vectors
 - Programming abstractions: Matrix and Vector
-
- C++ classes enable encapsulation of related data and functions
 - User-defined types
 - Provides visible interface
 - Hides implementation

`std::vector<double>`

- Before rushing off to implement fancy interfaces
- Understand what we are working with
- And how hardware and software interact
- `std::vector<double>` will be our storage
- But its interface won't be our interface
 - Doesn't have associated arithmetic operations
 - We will gradually build up to complete Vector
 - And complete Matrix

Hardware



Software

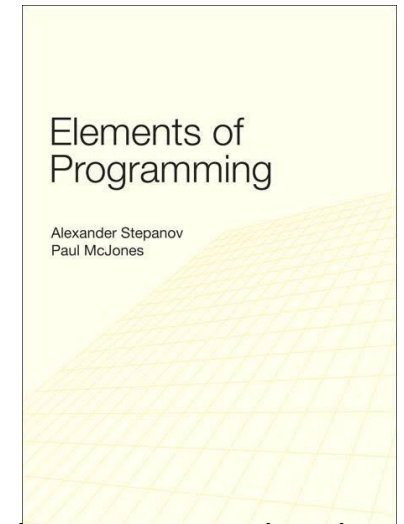
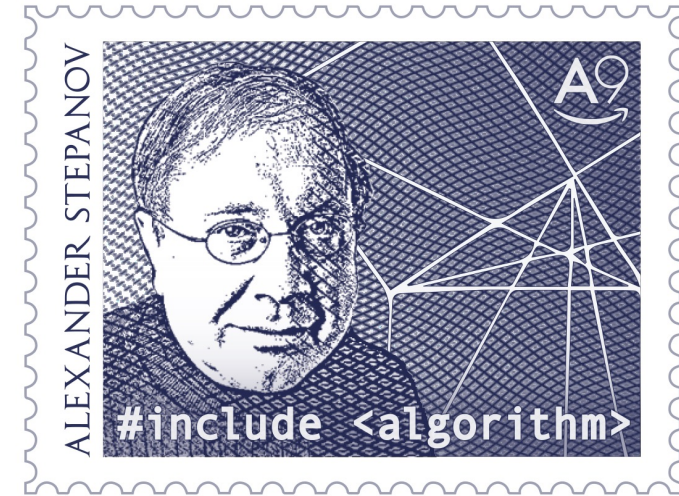
The Standard Template Library

- In early-mid 90s Stepanov, Musser, Lee applied principles of **generic programming** to C++
- Leveraged templates / parametric polymorphism

```
std::set  
std::list  
std::map  
std::vector  
...
```

```
ForwardIterator  
ReverseIterator  
RandomAccessIterator
```

```
std::for_each  
std::sort  
std::accumulate  
std::min_element  
...
```



Alexander Stepanov and Paul McJones. 2009. *Elements of Programming* (1st ed.). Addison-Wesley Professional.

Generic Programming

- Algorithms are **generic** (parametrically polymorphic)
- Algorithms can be used on **any** type that meets algorithmic reqts
 - Valid expressions, associated types
 - Not just std. ::types

Standard Library container



```
vector<double> array(N);
```

```
...
```

```
std::accumulate(array.begin(), array.end(), 0.0);
```

iterator



iterator



Initial value



std Containers

- Note that all containers have **same** interface
- (Actually a hierarchy, we'll come back to this)
- We will primarily be focusing on vector

Headers		<vector>	<deque>	<list>
Members		vector	deque	list
	constructor	vector	deque	list
	operator=	operator=	operator=	operator=
iterators	begin	begin	begin	begin
	end	end	end	end
capacity	size	size	size	size
	max_size	max_size	max_size	max_size
	empty	empty	empty	empty
	resize	resize	resize	resize
element access	front	front	front	front
	back	back	back	back
	operator[]	operator[]	operator[]	
modifiers	insert	insert	insert	insert
	erase	erase	erase	erase
	push_back	push_back	push_back	push_back
	pop_back	pop_back	pop_back	pop_back
	swap	swap	swap	swap

std Containers

- std containers “contain” elements

```
vector<double> array(N);
```

vector of doubles

```
vector<int> array(N);
```

vector of ints

```
list<vector<complex<double> > > thing;
```

list of vectors of complex doubles

- Implementation of list, vector, complex is the same regardless of what is being contained

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std Containers

- The std containers are *class templates* (not “template classes”)

```
template <typename T> class vector;  
template <typename T> class deque;  
template <typename T> class list;
```

What follows is
a template

The template
parameter is a
type placeholder

A class
template

- Don't need details for now

```
vector<double>
```

Our goal

- Extract maximal performance from one core, multiple cores, multiple machines for computational (and data) science
- Two algorithms: matrix-matrix product, (sparse) matrix-vector product

$$A, B, C \in R^{N \times N} \quad C = A \times B \quad C_{ij} = \sum_k A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

```
Matrix A(M,N);  
...  
for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)  
        for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k)  
            C(i,j) += A(i,k) * B(k,j)
```

What does
the hard-
ware do?

Hardware



Software

Vector desiderata

- Mathematically we say let $v \in \mathbb{R}^N$
- There are N real number elements
- Accessed with subscript
- (Vectors can be scaled, added)

- Programming abstraction
- Create a Vector with N elements
- Access elements with “subscript”

Access elements with
subscript (index)

Declare (construct) a Vector
with num_rows elements

```
int main() {  
    size_t num_rows = 1024;  
  
    Vector v1(num_rows);  
  
    for (size_t i = 0; i < v1.num_rows(); ++i) {  
        v1(i) = i;  
    }  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Anatomy of a C++ class

Declares an
interface

Hides
implementation

```
class Vector {  
public:  
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}  
  
    double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }  
  
    size_t num_rows() const { return num_rows_; }  
  
private:  
    size_t          num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

C++ Core Guidelines related to classes

- [C.1: Organize related data into structures \(structs or classes\)](#)
- [C.3: Represent the distinction between an interface and an implementation using a class](#)
- [C.4: Make a function a member only if it needs direct access to the representation of a class](#)
- [C.10: Prefer concrete types over class hierarchies](#)
- [C.11: Make concrete types regular](#)

<http://isocpp.github.io/CppCoreGuidelines/CppCoreGuidelines>

Anatomy of Classes and Structs in C++

Declare our own type

Name of our type

```
class Vector {  
    size_t M;  
    std::vector<double> storage_  
};
```

A vector has row size and column size (M and N)

A vector has its 1D storage object

Groups together pieces of logically related data (abstraction!)

Compound Data Type
Data Structure
Record

Anatomy of Classes and Structs in C++

A class is a formula for what an object will be

A vector has "M" rows

```
class Vector {  
    size_t M;  
    std::vector<double> storage_  
};
```

A vector has its 1D storage object

Any Vector has its size and data bound together as a single entity (**object**)

If I declare something to be of type Vector, I have **instantiated** an **object** of type Vector

```
Vector A; size_t M;  
std::vector<double> storage_;
```

Each Vector contains its **own** data: its own M and its own storage_

```
Vector B; size_t M;  
std::vector<double> storage_;
```

Each Vector contains its own data: M, and storage_

Classes and Structs in C++ (Usage)

```
class Vector {  
    size_t M;  
    std::vector<double> storage_  
};
```

Dot means evaluate
the M belonging to x

```
size_t foo = x.M;
```

Vector
object x

Data
Member M

Write
to it

```
size_t foo = x.M;  
y.M = 42;
```

```
x.storage_[27] = 3.14;
```

Acts just
like a size_t

Read
from it

```
Vector x; size_t M;  
std::vector<double> storage_;
```

```
Vector y; size_t M;  
std::vector<double> storage_;
```

Aside (Hygiene)

```
#include <vector>
```

Include declarations

```
class Vector {  
    size_t M;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

Fully qualified type

Using the
std::vector class

Recall core guideline: No
“using” statements in
header files

Hygiene for code
you are sharing
with others

Member Functions

- Bundling together related data is deeper than just putting them together into a single object for convenience
- There are also *invariants* that need to be maintained
- So we can't just let the user do whatever they want to the data
- (And, again, we want to hide implementation from interface)

```
class Vector {  
    size_t M;  
    std::vector<double> storage_  
};
```

Invariants

- For example

```
class Vector {  
    size_t M;  
    std::vector<double> storage_  
};
```

Should always
be positive

And never
change (?)

Size must
always be M

- Things we can do with this interface that make no sense

```
size_t len = x.storage_.size();
```

x is a vector, size()
has no meaning

```
x.M = x.M - 1;
```

Can't arbitrarily change
vector dimension

Member Functions: Interface vs Implementation

```
class Vector {  
    size_t num_rows();  
  
    size_t M;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

Member functions also bundled with class

Return number of rows of vector

Call the member function num_rows on object x

Vector x;

size_t foo = x.num_rows();

Can still access these

Returns a value in this case (see class definition)

x.num_rows() = 5; ❌

❌ size_t bar = num_rows(x);

Need to invoke as member

Interface vs Implementation

```
class Vector {  
public:  
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}  
  
    size_t num_rows() const { return num_rows_; }  
  
private:  
    size_t num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

Anything public can be accessed **outside** the scope of the class

Anything private can only be accessed **inside** the scope of the class

More Hygiene: **Never** make member data public. Why not?

```
Vector x;  
  
size_t foo = x.num_rows_;  
  
size_t bar = x.num_rows();
```

Cannot access private data

Can call public member function

Interface and Implementation

- Convention: Interface in .hpp and Implementation in .cpp
- (One pair per class)

Vector scope

Access private data

Vector.hpp

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}

    size_t num_rows() const;

private:
    size_t num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

Declare member function num_rows()

Vector.cpp

```
#include "Vector.hpp"

size_t Vector::num_rows() {
    return num_rows_;
}
```

Implementation

Interface and Implementation

- For short functions, you can put implementation in the header
- (Necessary for class and function templates)

Vector.hpp

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}

    size_t num_rows() const { return num_rows; }

private:
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```


The Vector class so Far

- Encapsulates vector data
- Member data for dimensions (rows) and for storing elements
- Member function to get number of rows
- Separate interface and implementation via public / private

- Three more things:
 - How to bring a Vector into being (“constructors”)
 - Function for getting vector data
 - Function for setting vector data
- Bonus: Assignment and operator()

Constructors

- The C++ compiler “knows” about built-in types
- When a variable of a built-in type is declared, the compiler just needs to allocate space for it
- C++ classes are user-defined
- Compiler can do its best (default constructor), but usually we need to do more to create a well-defined object

- For example, a well-defined vector should be given its (positive) dimension ***when it is created***. (And the data initialized.)

Constructors

```
int x = 42;
```

Built-in type, compiler allocates known amount of space

Default constructor is invoked when variable is declared with no arguments

```
Vector x;
```

Compiler creates x with **default constructor**

```
Vector x(27);
```

Compiler creates x with specific constructor

In this case, creates a 27 element Vector

```
std::cout << "x is " << x.num_rows() << " in length." << std::cout;
```

Declaring Constructors

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector();
    Vector(size_t M);

    size_t num_rows() const { r

private:
    size_t num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

A constructor is defined using the name of the class

And then the arguments

Can be **overloaded** (different functions distinguished by argument types)

Where have we already seen overloading?

Defining Constructors

Vector.hpp

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector();
    Vector(size_t M);

    size_t num_rows() const { return num_rows; }

private:
    size_t num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

Vector.cpp

```
#include "Vector.hpp"

Vector::Vector(size_t M) {
    num_rows_ = M;
    storage_ = std::vector<double>(num_rows);
}

Vector::Vector() {
    num_rows_ = 1;
    storage_ = std::vector<double>(num_rows_);
}
```

Defining Constructors

Vector.hpp

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector() {
        num_rows_ = 1;
        storage_ = std::vector<double>(num_rows);
    }
    Vector(size_t M) {
        num_rows_ = M;
        storage_ = std::vector<double>(num_rows);
    }

    size_t num_rows() const { return num_rows; }

private:
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    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

Initialization

- We have said that variables should always be initialized
- Different syntaxes

```
int a = 42;
```

```
int b = int(42);
```

```
int c(42);
```

```
int d = { 42 };
```

```
std::vector<double> x = std::vector<double>(27);
```

```
std::vector<double> y(27);
```

c(42)

y(27)

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Initialization syntax
Introduce with :
Construct data members

Omit default
constructor
(why?)

Accessors

```
#include <vector>
```

```
class Vector {
```

```
public:
```

```
    double get(size_t i) {  
        return storage_[i];  
    }
```

```
private:
```

```
    size_t          num_rows_,  
    std::vector<double> storage_;
```

```
};
```

Return it *by value*
(copy)

Look up the value
at location i

Accessors

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    double get(size_t i) {
        return storage_[i];
    }

    void set(size_t i, double val) {
        storage_[i] = val;
    }

private:
    size_t          num;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

lvalue vs rvalue

Pass *by value*

Assign the element
at location to i to
value val

Look up location i

Accessors

- Example – make a Vector of all ones

```
Vector x(10);  
  
for (size_t i = 0; i < x.num_rows(); ++i) {  
    x.set(i, 1.0)  
}
```

Really want to say
 $x(i) = 1.0;$

- Not a very natural syntax
- Asymmetric for get and set – mathematically we say $x(i)$ regardless



Operator Functions

- C++ has special function names for functions with operator syntax
- Write an expression to add two vectors:

```
Vector x(5), y(5), z(5);  
z = x + y;  
  
for (size_t i = 0; i < x.num_rows(); ++i) {  
    double tmp = x.get(i) + y.get(i);  
    z.set(i, tmp);  
}
```



This says to add
the vectors

Which would
you rather read?

Operator Functions

```
#include <vector>
```

```
class Vector {
```

```
public:
```

```
    Vector add(const Vector& y);
```

```
private:
```

```
    size_t          num_rows_;
```

```
    std::vector<double> storage_;
```

```
};
```

And returns
a Vector

Member
function add()

Takes another Vector
as an argument

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```
Vector x(5), y(5), z(5);
```

```
z = x.add(y);
```

Want $z = x + y$;

Before

```
#include <vector>
```

```
class Vector {  
public:
```

```
    Vector add(const Vector& y);
```

```
private:
```

```
    size_t          num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

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```
Vector x(5), y(5), z(5);
```

```
z = x.add(y);
```

Want $z = x + y$;

After

```
#include <vector>
```

```
class Vector {  
public:
```

```
    Vector operator+(const Vector& y)
```

```
private:
```

```
    size_t          num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;
```

```
};
```

And returns
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Member
operator+

Takes another Vector
as an argument

And returns
a Vector

```
Vector x(5), y(5), z(5);
```

```
z = x.operator+(y);
```

Want $z = x + y$;

Operator Functions

```
#include <vector>
```

```
class Vector {  
public:
```

```
    Vector operator+(const Vector& y)
```

```
private:
```

```
    size_t num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;
```

```
};
```

And returns
a Vector

Member function
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Takes another Vector
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Member
operator+

Takes another Vector
as an argument

**Just a
function**

And returns
a Vector

```
Vector x(5), y(5), z(5);
```

```
z = x.operator+(y);
```

Want $z = x + y$;

Operator Functions

- Make sure you understand two things
- The way we defined the member function `add`,
 - Like any member function
- All we did was ***change the name*** from “add” to “operator+”
- `operator+` is just a member function

- Explain this to a classmate, a friend, yourself, someone on line to make sure you understand this

There is a leap coming, and you need to be here to make that leap

Operator Functions

- C++ has a special magic syntax with operator functions

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector operator+(const Vector& y);

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

We've defined the member function named operator+

We invoke a member function like this

We can write it like this!

```
Vector x(5), y(5), z(5);
```

```
z = x.operator+(y);
```

```
Vector x(5), y(5), z(5);
```

```
z = x + y;
```

Still calls operator+()

Operator Functions

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public:
    Vector operator+(const Vector& y);

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

One argument passed in here

We invoke a member function like this, with **one** argument

And, the operator we will look at next is a little more confusing

Two operands here

```
Vector x(5), y(5), z(5);
```

```
z = x.operator+(y);
```



```
Vector x(5), y(5), z(5);
```

```
z = x + y;
```

Before

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector operator+(const Vector& y);

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

After

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    double operator()(size_t i);

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```



Operator Functions

- The next operator isn't a binary operator between two objects

```
class Vector {  
public:  
    double operator()(size_t i);  
  
private:  
    size_t  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

The first parens are part of the function name

i is a function parameter

This member function is called "operator()"

Invoke the member function operator() with argument 3

Invoke the member function operator() with argument 3

```
Vector x(5);  
double foo = x.operator()(3);
```

```
Vector x(5);  
double foo = x(3);
```

What Should operator() return?

```
class Vector {  
public:  
    double operator()(size_t i);  
  
private:  
    size_t          num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

Returns a value

Return by value is like pass by value – it's a temporary copy

But we want to do both!

So we can do this

But not this

```
Vector x(5);  
double foo = x(3);
```

rvalue

```
Vector x(5);  
x(3) = 0.0;
```

rvalue

Before

```
class Vector {  
public:  
    double operator()(size_t i);  
  
private:  
    size_t          num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```


After

```
class Vector {  
public:  
    double& operator()(size_t i);  
  
private:  
    size_t          num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

What Should operator() return?

```
class Vector
public:
    double& operator()(size_t i);

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

Return a *reference* to internal member data

So a reference to member data is not to something temporary

When we create (“instantiate”) an object, its member data live as long as the object does

```
Vector x(5);
```

What Should operator() return?

```
class Vector
public:
    double& operator()(size_t i);

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

Return a *reference* to internal member data

Can assign to internal data through the reference

```
Vector x(5);
```

```
double foo = x(3);
x(2) = 0.0;
```

Can read from internal data through the reference

```
Vector x(5);
```

Interface and Implementation

```
#include <vector>
```

```
class Vector {  
public:  
    double& operator()(size_t i);  
  
private:  
    size_t          num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

Vector.hpp

```
#include "Vector.hpp"
```

```
double& Vector::operator()(size_t i) {  
    return storage_[i];  
}
```

Vector.cpp

Interface and Implementation

Vector.hpp

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    double& operator()(size_t i) {
        return storage_[i];
    }

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

All Together

Vector.hpp

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}

    double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }

    size_t num_rows() const { return num_rows_; }

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

Reprise operator+()

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector operator+(const Vector& y);

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

Reprise operator+()

C.4: Make a function a member only if it needs direct access to the representation of a class

```
#include <vector>
```

```
class Vector {  
public:
```

```
    Vector operator+(const Vector& y) {  
        Vector z(num_rows_);  
        for (size_t i = 0; i < num_rows_; ++i) {  
            z.storage_[i] = storage_[i] + y.storage[i];  
        }  
    }
```

Data for z

Does this need to be a member?

Data for "x"

Data for y

```
private:
```

```
    size_t          num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;
```

```
};
```


All Together

Vector.hpp

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}

    double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }

    size_t num_rows() const { return num_rows_; }

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

Can access via
operator()

Don't need access
to internals

Return a Vector

Take args by
const reference

Amath583.cpp

```
#include "Vector.hpp"

Vector operator+(const Vector& x, const Vector& y) {
    Vector z(x.num_rows());
    for (size_t i = 0; i < z.num_rows(); ++i) {
        z(i) = x(i) + y(i);
    }
}
```

Nicely symmetric

All Together

Vector.hpp

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}

    double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }

    size_t num_rows() const { return num_rows_; }

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

Amath583.hpp

```
#include "Vector.hpp"

Vector operator+(const Vector& x, const Vector& y);
```

Amath583.cpp

```
#include "Vector.hpp"
#include "amath583.hpp"

Vector operator+(const Vector& x, const Vector& y) {
    Vector z(x.num_rows());
    for (size_t i = 0; i < z.num_rows(); ++i) {
        z(i) = x(i) + y(i);
    }
}
```

All Together

Vector.hpp

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}

    double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }

    size_t num_rows() const { return num_rows_; }

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

Amath583.hpp

```
#include "Vector.hpp"

Vector operator+(const Vector& x, const Vector& y);
```

Amath583.cpp

```
#include "Vector.hpp"
#include "amath583.hpp"

Vector operator+(const Vector& x, const Vector& y) {
    Vector z(x.num_rows());
    for (size_t i = 0; i < z.num_rows(); ++i) {
        z(i) = x(i) + y(i);
    }
}
```

Not quite finished

```
#include "Vector.hpp"
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    Vector x(100), y(100), z(100), w(100);
```

```
    z = x + y;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
% c++ constness.cpp
```

```
constness.cpp:20:12: error: no matching function for call to object of type 'const Vector'
```

```
    z(i) = x(i) + y(i);  
           ^
```

```
constness.cpp:7:11: note: candidate function not viable: 'this' argument has type  
    'const Vector', but method is not marked const
```

```
double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }  
         ^
```

```
constness.cpp:20:19: error: no matching function for call to object of type 'const Vector'
```

```
    z(i) = x(i) + y(i);  
           ^
```

```
constness.cpp:7:11: note: candidate function not viable: 'this' argument has type  
    'const Vector', but method is not marked const
```

```
double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }  
         ^
```

```
|  
2 errors generated.
```



Constness

Vector.hpp

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}

    double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }

    size_t num_rows() const { return num_rows_; }

private:
    size_t num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

x and y are defined
to be const

Amath583.hpp

```
#include "Vector.hpp"

Vector operator+(const Vector& x, const Vector& y);
```

"this" is not const

Amath583.cpp

```
#include "Vector.hpp"
#include "amath583.hpp"

Vector operator+(const Vector& x, const Vector& y) {
    Vector z(x.num_rows());
    for (size_t i = 0; i < z.num_rows(); ++i) {
        z(i) = x(i) + y(i);
    }
}
```

Overloading

```
void foo(size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "foo(size_t i)" << std::endl;  
}
```

Takes a size_t

```
void foo(double d) {  
    std::cout << "foo(double d)" << std::endl;  
}
```

Takes a double

```
int main() {  
  
    size_t a = 0;  
    double b = 0.0;  
  
    foo(a);  
    foo(b);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
% ./a.out  
|foo(size_t i)  
foo(double d)
```

Overloading

Returns void

```
void foo(size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "void foo(size_t i)" << std::endl;  
}
```

Returns size_t

```
size_t foo(size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "size_t foo(size_t i)" << std::endl;  
}
```

```
% |c++ overload.cpp
```

```
overload.cpp:7:8: error: functions that differ only in their return type cannot be overloaded
```

```
size_t foo(size_t i) {  
~~~~~ ^
```

```
overload.cpp:3:6: note: previous definition is here
```

```
void foo(size_t i) {  
~~~~ ^
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    size_t a = 0;
```

```
    size_t b = 0;
```

```
    foo(a);
```

```
    double c = foo(a);
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Must pick the
function then call it

No overloading on return values

```
size_t foo(size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "size_t foo(size_t i)" << std::endl;  
  
    return i;  
}
```

What happens to the return value is not the concern of the function

```
int main() {  
  
    size_t a = 0;  
  
    foo(a);  
    size_t b = foo(a);  
    double c = foo(a);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Ignore return value

Assign to size_t

Assign to double

Constness

x is a ref

```
double parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called non const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return y;  
}
```

```
c++ const3.cpp  
const3.cpp:27:14: error: no matching function for call to 'parens'  
    double w = parens(z, 27);  
                  ^~~~~~  
const3.cpp:13:8: note: candidate function not viable: 1st argument ('const double') would lose const  
    double parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
                  ^
```

```
int main() {  
  
    double x = 5.0;  
    double y = parens(x);  
  
    const double z = 5.0;  
    double w = parens(z);  
  
    double a = parens(5.0);  
    double b = parens(x + y);  
  
    const double c = parens(x + y + z + 5.0);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
const3.cpp:29:14: error: no matching function for call to 'parens'  
    double a = parens(5.0, 27);  
                  ^~~~~~  
const3.cpp:13:8: note: candidate function not viable: expects an l-value for 1st argument  
    double parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
                  ^  
    }  
  
const3.cpp:32:20: error: no matching function for call to 'parens'  
    const double c = parens(x + y + 5.0, 27);  
                      ^~~~~~  
const3.cpp:13:8: note: candidate function not viable: expects an l-value for 1st argument  
    double parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
                  ^
```

NOT OKAY

Not okay

Constness

```
double parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return y;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
  
    double x = 5.0;  
    double y = parens(x);  
  
    const double z = 5.0;  
    double w = parens(z);  
  
    double a = parens(5.0);  
    double b = parens(x + y);  
  
    const double c = parens(x + y + z + 5.0);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

x is a const ref

okay

okay

okay

okay

```
./a.out  
called const parens  
called const parens  
called const parens  
called const parens  
called const parens
```

Constness

x is a const ref

```
double parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return y;  
}
```

x is a ref

```
double parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called non const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return y;  
}
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    double x = 5.0;  
    double y = parens(x);
```

```
    const double z = 5.0;  
    double w = parens(z);
```

```
    double a = parens(5.0);  
    double b = parens(x + y);
```

```
    const double c = parens(x + y + z + 5.0);
```

```
    return 0;  
}
```

x is lvalue

z marked const

5.0 is an
rvalue

x + y is an rvalue

```
./a.out  
called non const parens  
called const parens  
called const parens  
called const parens  
called const parens
```

Why not always pass const reference?

```
double parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

Return double

```
int main() {  
    double y = 0.5;  
    double p = 3.14;  
  
    double x = 5.0;  
    parens(x, 27) = p;  
  
    const double z = 5.0;  
    parens(z, 27) = p;  
  
    parens(5.0, 27) = p;  
    parens(x + y, 27) = p;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

c++ const4.cpp

```
const4.cpp:23:17: error: expression is not assignable  
    parens(x, 27) = p;  
    ~~~~~^
```

```
const4.cpp:26:17: error: expression is not assignable  
    parens(z, 27) = p;  
    ~~~~~^
```

```
const4.cpp:28:19: error: expression is not assignable  
    parens(5.0, 27) = p;  
    ~~~~~^
```

```
const4.cpp:29:21: error: expression is not assignable  
    parens(x + y, 27) = p;  
    ~~~~~^
```

Before

```
double parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

After

```
double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

Why not always pass const reference?

```
double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

But x is const

Return ref to double

Can't return const

```
int main() {  
    double y = 0.5;  
    double p = 3.14;  
  
    double x = 5.0;  
    parens(x, 27) = p;  
  
    const double z = 5.0;  
    parens(z, 27) = p;  
  
    parens(5.0, 27) = p;  
    parens(x + y, 27) = p;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

c++ const5.cpp

```
const5.cpp:9:10: error: binding value of type 'const double' to reference to type 'double' drops  
    'const' qualifier  
    return x;  
           ^
```

Before

```
double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```


After

```
const double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

Why not always pass const reference?

```
const double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    double y = 0.5;  
    double p = 3.14;  
  
    double x = 5.0;  
    parens(x, 27) = p;  
  
    const double z = 5.0;  
    parens(z, 27) = p;  
  
    parens(5.0, 27) = p;  
    parens(x + y, 27) = p;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
c++ const5.cpp  
const5.cpp:26:17: error: cannot assign to return value because function 'parens' returns a const value  
    parens(x, 27) = p;  
    ~~~~~^  
const5.cpp:5:7: note: function 'parens' which returns const-qualified type 'const double &' declared  
    here  
const double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    ^~~~~~  
const5.cpp:29:17: error: cannot assign to return value because function 'parens' returns a const value  
    parens(z, 27) = p;  
    ~~~~~^  
const5.cpp:5:7: note: function 'parens' which returns const-qualified type 'const double &' declared  
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const double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    ^~~~~~  
const5.cpp:31:19: error: cannot assign to return value because function 'parens' returns a const value  
    parens(5.0, 27) = p;  
    ~~~~~^  
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const5.cpp:32:21: error: cannot assign to return value because function 'parens' returns a const value  
    parens(x + y, 27) = p;  
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```

Before

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double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

After

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double& parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
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}
```

How about no const at all?

```
double& parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    double y = 0.5;  
    double p = 3.14;  
  
    double x = 5.0;  
    parens(x, 27) = p;  
  
    const double z = 5.0;  
    parens(z, 27) = p;  
  
    parens(5.0, 27) = p;  
    parens(x + y, 27) = p;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

c++ const5.cpp

const5.cpp:30:3: error: no matching function for call to 'parens'

```
    parens(z, 27) = p;  
    ^~~~~~
```

const5.cpp:14:9: note: candidate function not viable: 1st argument ('const double') would lose const
qualifier

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double& parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
    ^
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const5.cpp:32:3: error: no matching function for call to 'parens'

```
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    ^~~~~~
```

const5.cpp:14:9: note: candidate function not viable: expects an l-value for 1st argument

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    ^
```

const5.cpp:33:3: error: no matching function for call to 'parens'

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    parens(z, 27) = p;  
  
    parens(5.0, 27) = p;  
    parens(x + y, 27) = p;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

This makes sense

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More sensible

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int main() {  
    double y = 0.5;  
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    parens(x, 27) = p;  
  
    const double z = 5.0;  
    double q = parens(z, 27);  
  
    double r = parens(5.0, 27);  
    double s = parens(x + y, 27);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

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More sensible

```
double& parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called non const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    double y = 0.5;  
    double p = 3.14;  
  
    double x = 5.0;  
    parens(x, 27) = p;  
  
    const double z = 5.0;  
    double q = parens(z, 27);  
  
    double r = parens(5.0, 27);  
    double s = parens(x + y, 27);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
c++ const6.cpp  
const6.cpp:30:14: error: no matching function for call to 'parens'  
    double q = parens(z, 27);  
                  ^~~~~~  
const6.cpp:14:9: note: candidate function not viable: 1st argument ('const double') would lose const  
qualifier  
double& parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
    ^  
const6.cpp:32:14: error: no matching function for call to 'parens'  
    double r = parens(5.0, 27);  
                  ^~~~~~  
const6.cpp:14:9: note: candidate function not viable: expects an l-value for 1st argument  
double& parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
    ^  
const6.cpp:33:14: error: no matching function for call to 'parens'  
    double s = parens(x + y, 27);  
                  ^~~~~~  
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    ^
```

Oops, need to be const

Going in circles?

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const double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called non const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    double y = 0.5;  
    double p = 3.14;  
  
    double x = 5.0;  
    parens(x, 27) = p;  
  
    const double z = 5.0;  
    double q = parens(z, 27);  
  
    double r = parens(5.0, 27);  
    double s = parens(x + y, 27);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

c++ const6.cpp

const6.cpp:27:17: error: cannot assign to return value because function 'parens' returns a const value

parens(x, 27) = p;

~~~~~ ^

const6.cpp:6:7: note: function 'parens' which returns const-qualified type 'const double &' declared here

const double& parens(const double& x, size\_t i) {

~~~~~

Oops, need to be non const

Going in circles?

Overloading to the rescue

```
const double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called non const parens"  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

const

const

```
double& parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called non const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

Not const

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```
int main() {  
    double y = 0.5;  
    double p = 3.14;  
  
    double x = 5.0;  
    parens(x, 27) = p;  
  
    const double z = 5.0;  
    double q = parens(z, 27);  
  
    double r = parens(5.0, 27);  
    double s = parens(x + y, 27);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

./a.out

called non const parens
called const parens
called const parens
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What does this have to do with operator()

```
const double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called non const parens"  
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    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
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double& parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
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    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

Not const

Not const

```
class Vect  
public:  
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}  
  
    double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }  
  
private:  
    size_t          num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

Where is the const or non-const thing to overload on?

What does this have to do with operator()

```
const double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called non const parens"  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

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```
double& parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called non const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

Not const

Not const

```
class Vector {  
public:  
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}  
  
    double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }  
    const double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }  
  
private:  
    size_t num_rows_;  
    double* storage_;
```

Only differing by
return type

Where is the const or non-
const thing to overload on?

There is a secret argument

```
const double& parens(const double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called non const parens"  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

const

```
double& parens(double& x, size_t i) {  
    std::cout << "called non const parens" << std::endl;  
    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

Not const

```
class Vector {  
public:
```

const

```
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}
```

```
        double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }
```

```
        const double& operator()(size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }
```

Not const

Called "this"

```
        num_rows_;  
        std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

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    double y = x;  
    // .. some things  
    return x;  
}
```

Not const

Not const

```
class Vector {  
public:  
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}  
  
    double& operator()(Vector *this, size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }  
    const double& operator()(Vector *this, size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }  
  
private:  
    size_t num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

How would we fix our const problem?

Before

```
class Vector {
public:
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}

    double& operator()(Vector *this, size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }
    const double& operator()(Vector *this, size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

After

```
class Vector {  
public:  
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}  
  
        double& operator()(Vector *this, size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }  
    const double& operator()(const Vector *this, size_t i) { return storage_[i]; }  
  
private:  
    size_t          num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```


After After

```
class Vector {  
public:  
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}  
  
    double& operator()(size_t i)      { return storage_[i]; }  
    const double& operator()(size_t i) const { return storage_[i]; }  
  
private:  
    size_t          num_rows_;  
    std::vector<double> storage_;  
};
```

const "this"

Finally

```
#include <vector>

class Vector {
public:
    Vector(size_t M) : num_rows_(M), storage_(num_rows_) {}

    double& operator()(size_t i)          { return storage_[i]; }
    const double& operator()(size_t i) const { return storage_[i]; }

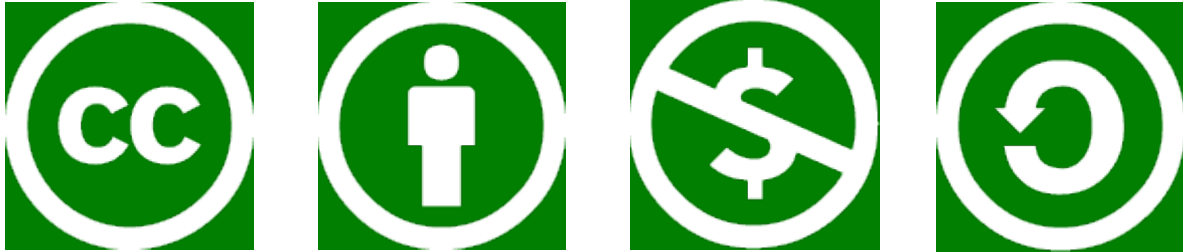
    size_t num_rows() { return num_rows_; }

private:
    size_t          num_rows_;
    std::vector<double> storage_;
};
```

C++ Core Guidelines related to classes

- [C.1: Organize related data into structures \(structs or classes\)](#)
- [C.3: Represent the distinction between an interface and an implementation using a class](#)
- [C.4: Make a function a member only if it needs direct access to the representation of a class](#)
- [C.10: Prefer concrete types over class hierarchies](#)
- [C.11: Make concrete types regular](#)

Thank you!



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