

Data Structures Using C++ 2E

Chapter 3

Pointers and Array-Based Lists

Objectives

- Learn about the pointer data type and pointer variables
- Explore how to declare and manipulate pointer variables
- Learn about the address of operator and dereferencing operator
- Discover dynamic variables
- Examine how to use the `new` and `delete` operators to manipulate dynamic variables
- Learn about pointer arithmetic

Objectives (cont'd.)

- Discover dynamic arrays
- Become aware of the shallow and deep copies of data
- Discover the peculiarities of classes with pointer data members
- Explore how dynamic arrays are used to process lists
- Learn about virtual functions
- Become aware of abstract classes

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables

- Pointer data types
 - Values are computer memory addresses
 - No associated name
 - Domain consists of addresses (memory locations)
- Pointer variable
 - A variable whose content is an address (memory address)

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Declaring pointer variables
 - Specify data type of value stored in the memory location that pointer variable points to
 - General syntax

```
dataType *identifier;
```
 - Asterisk symbol (*)
 - Between data type and variable name
 - Can appear anywhere between the two
 - Preference: attach * to variable name
 - Examples:

```
int *p; char *ch;
```

```
int *a, b; // only a is pointer, b is not
```

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Address of operator (&)

- Unary operator
- Returns address of its operand

```
int *a, b; a = &b;
```

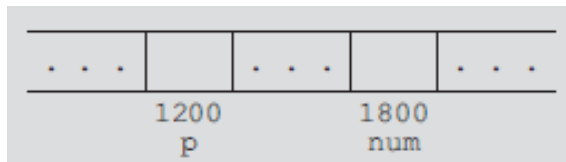
- Dereferencing operator (*)

- Unary operator
 - Different from binary multiplication operator
- Also known as indirection operator
- Refers to object where the pointer points

```
int *a, b; a = &b; *a = 5;
```

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

1. `num = 78;`
2. `p = #`
3. `*p = 24;`



After

statement

Values of the variables

1

...		...	78	...
1200 p		1800 num		

Explanation

The statement `num = 78;` stores 78 into `num`.

2

...	1800	...	78	...
1200 p		1800 num		

The statement `p = #` stores the address of `num`, which is 1800, into `p`.

3

...	1800	...	24	...
1200 p		1800 num		

The statement `*p = 24;` stores 24 into the memory location to which `p` points. Because the value of `p` is 1800, statement 3 stores 24 into memory location 1800. Note that the value of `num` is also changed.

Let us summarize the preceding discussion.

1. A declaration such as `int *p;` allocates memory for `p` only, not for `*p`. Later, you learn how to allocate memory for `*p`.
2. The content of `p` points only to a memory location of type `int`.
3. `&p`, `p`, and `*p` all have different meanings.
4. `&p` means the address of `p`—that is, 1200 (as shown in Figure 3-1).
5. `p` means the content of `p`, which is 1800, after the statement `p = #` executes.
6. `*p` means the content of the memory location to which `p` points. Note that the value of `*p` is 78 after the statement `p = #` executes; the value of `*p` is 24 after the statement `*p = 24;` executes.

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

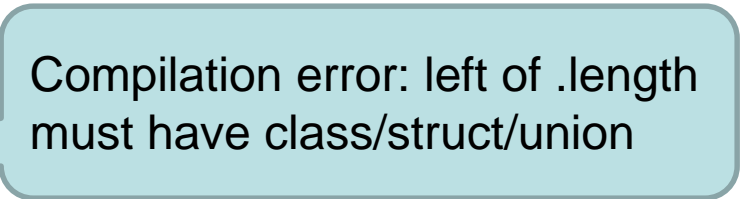
- Pointers and classes
 - Dot operator (.)
 - Higher precedence than dereferencing operator (*)
 - Member access operator arrow (->)
 - Simplifies access of `class` or `struct` components via a pointer
 - Consists of two consecutive symbols: hyphen and “greater than” symbol
 - Syntax

`pointerVariableName -> classMemberName`

`(*pointerVariableName).classMemberName`

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

```
string *str;  
str = new string;  
*str = "Hello World";  
// the meaning of  
// (*str).length()  
// *str.length()  
// str->length()  
cout << "length = " << (*str).length();  
cout << "length = " << str->length();
```



Compilation error: left of .length must have class/struct/union

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Initializing pointer variables
 - No automatic variable initialization in C++
 - Pointer variables must be initialized
 - If not initialized, they do not point to anything
 - Initialized using
 - Constant value 0 (null pointer)
 - Named constant `NULL`
 - Number 0
 - Only number directly assignable to a pointer variable

```
int *p;
```

```
p = 0;    p = NULL;
```

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Dynamic variables
 - Variables created during program execution
 - Real power of pointers
 - Two operators
 - `new`: creates dynamic variables
 - `delete`: destroys dynamic variables
 - Reserved words
 - Use the matching one: `new/delete`, `malloc/free`

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Operator `new`
 - Allocates single variable, or array of variables
 - Syntax
 - `new dataType;`
 - `new dataType[intExp];`
 - Allocates memory (variable) of designated type
 - Returns pointer to the memory (allocated memory address)
 - Allocated memory: uninitialized

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Operator `delete`
 - Destroys dynamic variables
 - Syntax

```
delete ptrVariable;
```

```
delete [] ptrArrayVariable;
```
 - w/o `delete` → memory leak (cannot be reallocated)
 - Dangling pointers
 - Pointer variables containing addresses of deallocated memory spaces
 - Avoid by setting deleted pointers to `NULL` after `delete`

Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

void main()
{
    cout << "hello world\n";
    int *a, b;

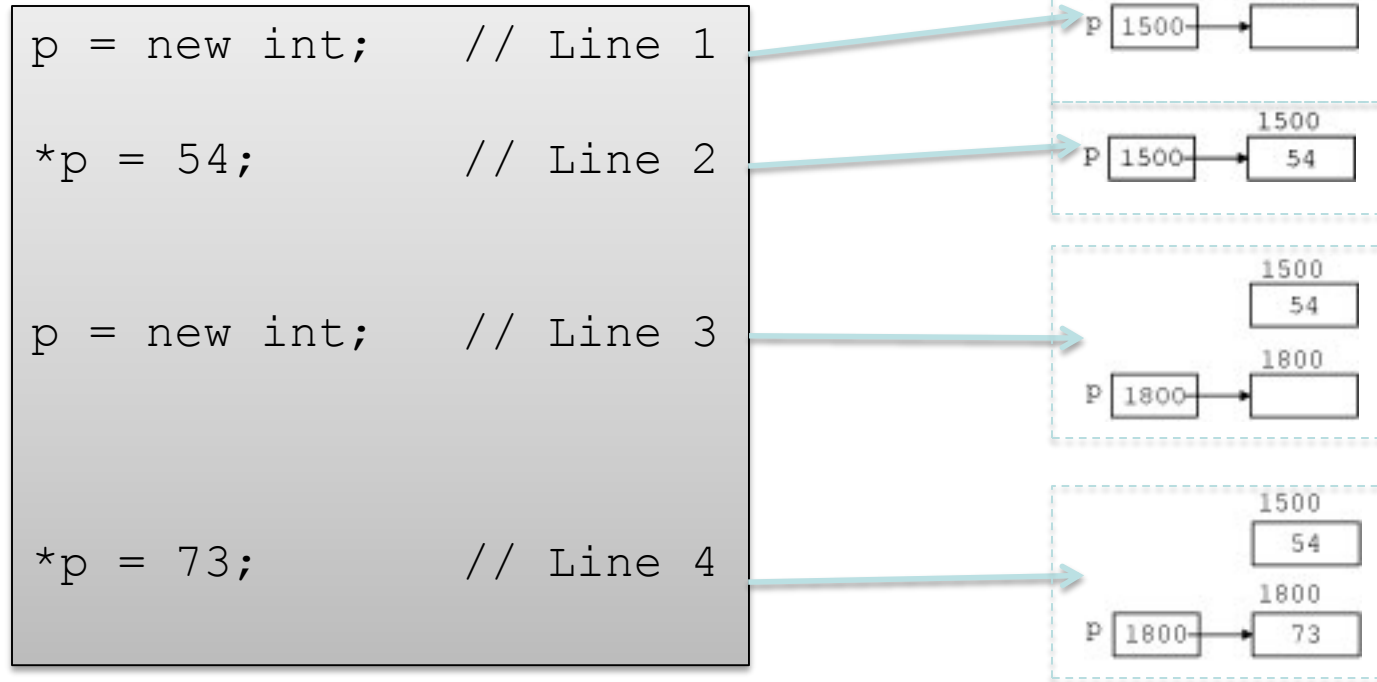
    a = &b;
    cout << "a = " << a << endl;
    cout << "&a = " << &a << endl;

    a = new int;
    cout << "a = " << a << endl;
    delete a;

    a = new int[10];
    cout << "a = " << a << endl;
    delete [] a;
}
```

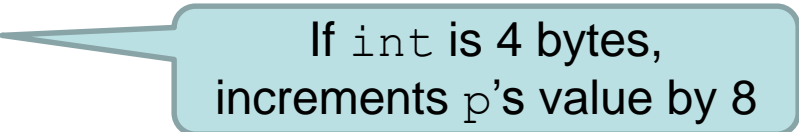
Example 2

- Code snippet



- What is the problem with the above 4 lines?
 - How to avoid it?
- Example 3.3, Chapter 3

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Operations on pointer variables
 - Operations allowed
 - Assignment, relational operations; some limited arithmetic operations
 - Assign value of one pointer variable to another pointer variable of the same type
 - Compare two pointer variables for equality, e.g.,
`p == q` or `p != q`
 - Add and subtract integer values from pointer variable, e.g.,
`p++` or `p = p + 2`
 - Danger
 - Accidentally accessing other variables' memory locations and changing content without warning

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Dynamic arrays
 - Static array limitation
 - Fixed size
 - Not possible for same array to process different data sets of the same type
 - Solution
 - Declare array large enough to process a variety of data sets
 - Problem: potential memory waste
 - Dynamic array solution
 - Prompt for array size during program execution

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Dynamic arrays (cont'd.)
 - Dynamic array
 - An array created during program execution
 - Dynamic array creation
 - Use `new` operator
 - Example

```
p = new int[10];  
*p = 25; p++; *p = 35;  
// equivalent to p[0] = 25; p[1] = 35;
```

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Array name: a constant pointer
 - Array name value: constant
`int list[5];`
 - Increment, decrement operations cannot be applied

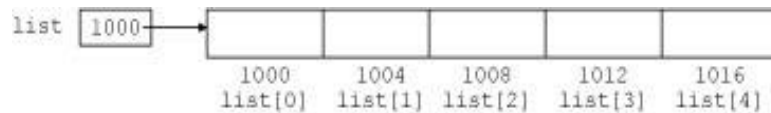


FIGURE 3-14 `list` and array `list`

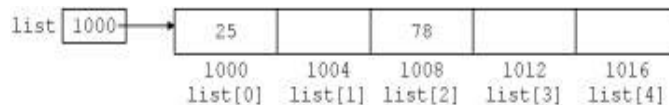


FIGURE 3-15 Array `list` after the execution of the statements `list[0] = 25;` and `list[2] = 78;`

Examples

- Is there anything wrong?

```
int x;
int *p;
int *q;
p = new int[10];
q = p;
* p = 4;
for( int j = 0; j <
10; j++)
{
    x = *p;
    p++;
    *p = x + j;
}
for (int k = 0; k <
10; k++)
{
    cout << *q << "
";
};
```

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```
int x;
int p[10];
int *q;
q = p;
* p = 4;
for( int j = 0; j <
9; j++)
{
    x = *p;
    p++;
    *p = x + j;
}
for (int k = 0; k <
10; k++)
{
    cout << *q << "
";
    q++;
}
```

```
int *p;
int *q;

p = new int[5];
*p = 2;

for( int j = 1; j <
5; j++)
    p[j]=p[j-1] + j;
q=p;
delete [] p;

for (int j=0; j<5;
j++)
    cout << q[j] <<
" ";
cout << endl;
```

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Functions and pointers
 - Pointer variable passed as parameter to a function
 - By value or by reference
 - By value: declaring a pointer as a value parameter in a function heading
 - Same mechanism used to declare a variable
 - By reference: making a formal parameter be a reference parameter
 - Use `&` when declaring the formal parameter in the function heading

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Functions and pointers (cont'd.)
 - Formal parameter as reference parameter: &
 - Between data type name and identifier name
 - Formal parameter as pointer: *
 - Between data type name and identifier name
 - Reference parameter as pointer: * &

```
void example(int* &p, double *q)
{
    .
    .
    .
}
```

p: pointer, reference parameter
q: pointer, value parameter

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Dynamic two-dimensional arrays
 - Creation
 - 4 x 6: 4 rows and 6 columns

```
int *board[4];  
for (int row = 0; row < 4; row++)  
    board[row] = new int[6];
```

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Dynamic two-dimensional arrays (cont'd.)
 - Declare `board` to be a pointer to a pointer
`int **board;`
 - Declare `board` to be an array of 10 rows and 15 columns
 - To access `board` components, use array subscripting notation

```
board = new int* [10];  
for (int row = 0; row < 10; row++)  
    board[row] = new int[15];
```


The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Shallow vs. deep copy
 - Shallow copy: copying the pointer values only
 - Two or more pointers of same type
 - Points to same memory
 - Points to same data
 - Dangling pointer if memory is freed via the other pointer

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Shallow copy `int *first;`
`int *second;`

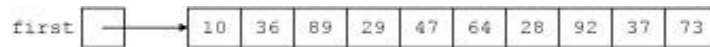


FIGURE 3-16 Pointer `first` and its array



FIGURE 3-17 `first` and `second` after the statement `second = first;` executes

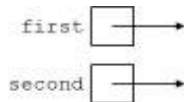


FIGURE 3-18 `first` and `second` after the statement `delete [] second;` executes

The Pointer Data Type and Pointer Variables (cont'd.)

- Deep copy: copying both pointer values and the data they point to
 - Two or more pointers have their own data



FIGURE 3-19 `first` and `second` both pointing to their own data

```
for (int i = 0; i < size; i++)  
    second[i] = first[i];
```

- Used in overloading assignment operator and overriding copy constructor

Classes and Pointers: Some Peculiarities

- Class can have pointer member variables
 - Peculiarities of such classes exist

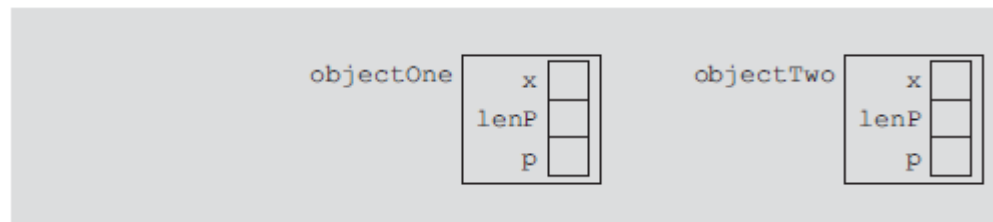
```
class pointerDataClass
{
public:
    .
    .
    .

private:
    int x;
    int lenP;
    int *p;
};
```

What if `p` points to a dynamic array?
How to deallocate?

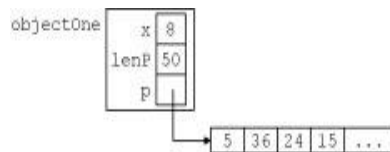
Also consider the following statements. (See Figure 3-20.)

```
pointerDataClass objectOne;
pointerDataClass objectTwo;
```



Classes and Pointers: Some Peculiarities (cont'd.)

- Destructor
 - Could be used to prevent an array from staying marked as allocated
 - Even though it cannot be accessed
 - If a `class` has a destructor
 - Destructor automatically executes whenever a `class` object goes out of scope
 - Put code in destructor to deallocate memory



```
pointerDataClass::~~pointerDataClass()  
{  
    delete [] p;  
}
```

FIGURE 3-21 Object `objectOne` and its data

Classes and Pointers: Some Peculiarities (cont'd.)

- Assignment operator
 - *Built-in* assignment operators for classes with pointer member variables may lead to shallow copying of data

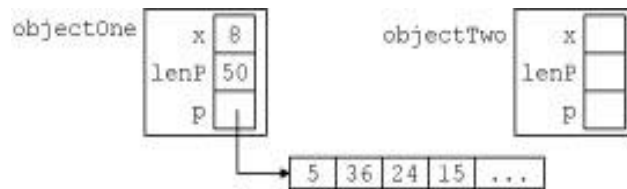


FIGURE 3-22 Objects `objectOne` and `objectTwo`

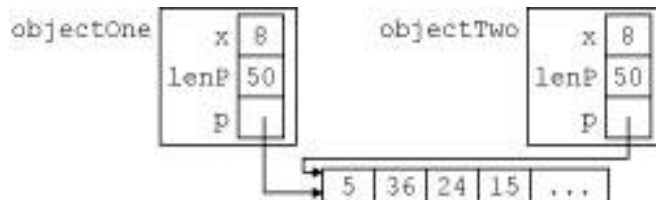


FIGURE 3-23 Objects `objectOne` and `objectTwo` after the statement `objectTwo = objectOne;` executes

Classes and Pointers: Some Peculiarities (cont'd.)

- Assignment operator (cont'd.)
 - **Overloading the assignment operator**
 - Deep copy
 - Avoids shallow copying of data for classes with a pointer member variable

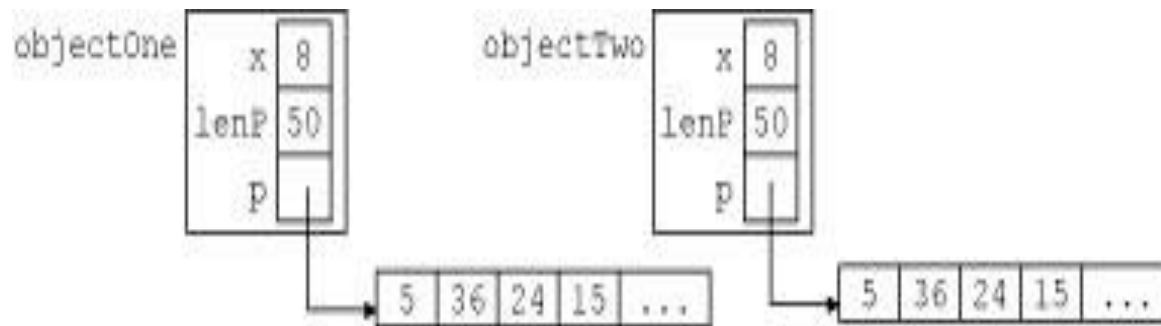


FIGURE 3-24 Objects `objectOne` and `objectTwo`

Classes and Pointers: Some Peculiarities (cont'd.)

- Copy constructor
 - When declaring the class object
 - Can initialize a class object by using the value of an existing object of the same type
 - Default memberwise initialization
 - May result from copy constructor provided by compiler
 - May lead to shallow copying of data
 - Solution: **overriding copy constructor**
 - Syntax to include copy constructor in the definition of a class

```
className(const className& otherObject);
```


Classes and Pointers: Some Peculiarities (cont'd.)

Not assignment operator executed

- Copy constructor automatically executes
 - when an object is declared and initialized using the value of another object of the same type

```
objType a = b;    // equivalent to objType a(b);
```
 - when, as a parameter, an object is passed by value
 - when the return value of a function is an object
- For classes with pointer member variables
 - Include the destructor in the class
 - Overload the assignment operator for the class
 - Include the copy constructor

Inheritance, Pointers, and Virtual Functions

- Class object can be passed either by value or by reference
- C++ allows passing of an object of a derived class to a formal parameter of the base class type
- Formal parameter: reference parameter or a pointer
 - Compile-time binding: compiler generates code to call a specific function
 - Run-time binding: compiler does not generate code to call a specific function
 - Virtual functions: enforce run-time binding of functions

```

class baseClass
{
public:
    void print();
    baseClass(int u = 0);

private:
    int x;
};

class derivedClass: public baseClass
{
public:
    void print();
    derivedClass(int u = 0, int v = 0);

private:
    int a;
};

```

```

void baseClass::print()
{
    cout << "In baseClass x = " << x << endl;
}

baseClass::baseClass(int u)
{
    x = u;
}

void derivedClass::print()
{
    cout << "In derivedClass ***: ";
    baseClass::print();
    cout << "In derivedClass a = " << a << endl;
}

derivedClass::derivedClass(int u, int v)
    : baseClass(u)
{
    a = v;
}

void callPrint(baseClass& p)
{
    p.print();
}

```

```

int main()                                //Line 1
{                                          //Line 2
    baseClass one(5);                     //Line 3
    derivedClass two(3, 15);              //Line 4

    one.print();                          //Line 5
    two.print();                          //Line 6

    cout << "*** Calling the function "
          << "callPrint ***" << endl;    //Line 7

    callPrint(one);                       //Line 8
    callPrint(two);                       //Line 9

    return 0;                             //Line 10
}                                          //Line 11

```

Sample Run:

```

In baseClass x = 5
In derivedClass ***: In baseClass x = 3
In derivedClass a = 15
*** Calling the function callPrint ***
In baseClass x = 5
In baseClass x = 3

```

Compile-time
binding

```
class baseClass
{
public:
```

"virtual" in baseClass only

```
    virtual void print();           //virtual function
    baseClass(int u = 0);
```

```
private:
    int x;
};
```

```
class derivedClass: public baseClass
{
public:
    void print();
    derivedClass(int u = 0, int v = 0);
```

```
private:
    int a;
};
```

Sample Run:

```
In baseClass x = 5
In derivedClass ***: In baseClass x = 3
In derivedClass a = 15
*** Calling the function callPrint ***
In baseClass x = 5
In derivedClass ***: In baseClass x = 3
In derivedClass a = 15
```

Run-time
binding

Run-time binding also applies when a formal parameter is a pointer to a class, and a pointer of the derived class is passed as an actual parameter

```
int main() //Line 5
{ //Line 6
    baseClass *q; //Line 7
    derivedClass *r; //Line 8
    q = new baseClass(5); //Line 9
    r = new derivedClass(3, 15); //Line 10


    q->print(); //Line 11
    r->print(); //Line 12

    cout << "*** Calling the function "
          << "callPrint ***" << endl; //Line 13

    callPrint(q); //Line 14
    callPrint(r); //Line 15

    return 0; //Line 16
} //Line 17

void callPrint(baseClass *p)
{
    p->print();
}
```



Sample Run:

```
In baseClass x = 5
In derivedClass ***: In baseClass x = 3
In derivedClass a = 15
*** Calling the function callPrint ***
In baseClass x = 5
In derivedClass ***: In baseClass x = 3
In derivedClass a = 15
```

Run-time
binding

Inheritance, Pointers, and Virtual Functions (cont'd.)

- If a formal parameter of type base class is either a reference parameter or a pointer, and the function is a virtual function in the base class, we can pass a derived class object as an actual parameter and enable run-time binding
- If the formal parameter is a value parameter, then the above does not work. Why?
 - Value parameter (of base class type) → the value of actual parameter is copied into formal parameter (of base class type)

```

int main() //Line 5
{ //Line 6
    baseClass one(5); //Line 7
    derivedClass two(3, 15); //Line 8

    one.print(); //Line 9
    two.print(); //Line 10


    cout << "*** Calling the function "
          << "callPrint ***" << endl; //Line 11

    callPrint(one); //Line 12
    callPrint(two); //Line 13

    return 0; //Line 14
} //Line 15

void callPrint(baseClass p) //p is a value parameter
{
    p.print();
}

```



Sample Run:

```

In baseClass x = 5
In derivedClass ***: In baseClass x = 3
In derivedClass a = 15
*** Calling the function callPrint ***
In baseClass x = 5
In baseClass x = 3

```


Inheritance, Pointers, and Virtual Functions (cont'd.)

- Classes and virtual destructors
 - Classes with pointer member variables should have a destructor
 - Destructor automatically executed when class object goes out of scope
 - If a derived class object is passed to a formal parameter of the base class type, base class destructor executed regardless of whether derived class object passed by reference or by value
 - Derived class destructor should be executed when derived class object goes out of scope
 - Solution: `virtual` destructor

Inheritance, Pointers, and Virtual Functions (cont'd.)

- Classes and virtual destructors (cont'd.)
 - Base class `virtual` destructor automatically makes the derived class destructor `virtual`
 - If a base class contains virtual functions
 - Make base class destructor `virtual`

Inheritance, Pointers, and Virtual Functions (cont'd.)

```
#include <iostream>
class Base
{public:
    Base() {cout<<"Constructing Base\n";}
    ~Base() {cout<<"Destroying Base\n";}
};
class Derive: public Base
{public:
    Derive() {cout<<"Constructing Derive\n";}
    ~Derive() {cout<<"Destroying Derive\n";}
};
void main() {
    Base *basePtr = new Derive();
    delete basePtr;
}
```

Constructing Base
Constructing Derive
Destroying Base

```
#include <iostream>
class Base
{public:
    Base() {cout<<"Constructing Base\n";}
    virtual ~Base() {cout<<"Destroying  
Base\n";}
};
class Derive: public Base
{public:
    Derive() { cout<<"Constructing Derive\n";}
    ~Derive() { cout<<"Destroying Derive\n";}
};
void main() {
    Base *basePtr = new Derive();
    delete basePtr;
}
```

Constructing Base
Constructing Derive
Destroying Derive
Destroying Base

Abstract Classes and Pure Virtual Functions


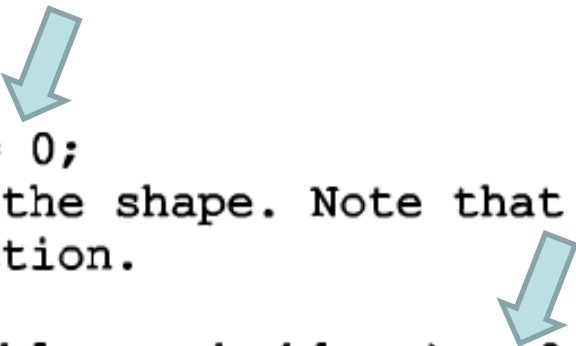
- Virtual functions enforce run-time binding of functions
- Inheritance
 - Allows deriving of new classes without designing them from scratch
 - Derived classes
 - Inherit existing members of base class
 - Can add their own members
 - Can redefine or override public and protected base class member functions
 - Base class can contain functions each derived class can implement

Abstract Classes and Pure Virtual Functions (cont'd.)

- Virtual functions enforce run-time binding of functions (cont'd.)
 - Virtual functions
 - Implementation is needed
 - Pure virtual functions
 - No implementation is needed
 - Abstract class
 - Class contains one or more pure virtual functions
 - Not a complete class: **cannot create objects of that class**
 - Can contain instance variables, constructors, functions not pure virtual

```
class shape
{
public:
    virtual void draw() = 0;
    //Function to draw the shape. Note that this is a
    //pure virtual function.

    virtual void move(double x, double y) = 0;
    //Function to move the shape at the position (x, y).
    //Note that this is a pure virtual function.
    .
    .
    .
};
```



Array-Based Lists

- List
 - Collection of elements of same type
- Length of a list
 - Number of elements in the list
- Many operations may be performed on a list
- Store a list in the computer's memory
 - Using an array

Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)


- Three variables needed to maintain and process a list in an array
 - The array holding the list elements
 - A variable to store the current length of the list
 - A variable to store array max size
- Desirable to develop generic code
 - Used to implement any type of list in a program
 - Make use of templates

Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)

- Define class implementing list as an abstract data type (ADT)

```
arrayListType<elemType>
#*list: elemType
#length: int
#maxSize: int

+isEmpty()const: bool
+isFull()const: bool
+listSize()const: int
+maxListSize()const: int
+print() const: void
+isItemAtEqual(int, const elemType&)const: bool
+insertAt(int, const elemType&): void
+insertEnd(const elemType&): void
+removeAt(int): void
+retrieveAt(int, elemType&)const: void
+replaceAt(int, const elemType&): void
+clearList(): void
+seqSearch(const elemType&)const: int
+insert(const elemType&): void
+remove(const elemType&): void
+arrayListType(int = 100)
+arrayListType(const arrayListType<elemType>&)
+~arrayListType()
+operator=(const arrayListType<elemType>&):
    const arrayListType<elemType>&
```



Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)


- Definitions of functions `isEmpty`, `isFull`, `listSize` and `maxListSize`

```
template <class elemType>
bool arrayListType<elemType>::isEmpty() const
{
    return (length == 0);
}

template <class elemType>
bool arrayListType<elemType>::isFull() const
{
    return (length == maxSize);
}

template <class elemType>
int arrayListType<elemType>::listSize() const
{
    return length;
}

template <class elemType>
int arrayListType<elemType>::maxListSize() const
{
    return maxSize;
}
```



Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)

- Template `print` (outputs the elements of the list) and template `isItemAtEqual`

```
template <class elemType>
void arrayListType<elemType>::print() const
{
    for (int i = 0; i < length; i++)
        cout << list[i] << " ";

    cout << endl;
}
template <class elemType>
bool arrayListType<elemType>::isItemAtEqual
                                   (int location, const elemType&
                                   item) const
{
    return(list[location] == item);
}
```

Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)

- Template `insertAt`

```
template <class elemType>
void arrayListType<elemType>::insertAt
    (int location, const elemType& insertItem)
{
    if (location < 0 || location >= maxSize)
        cerr << "The position of the item to be inserted "
            << "is out of range" << endl;
    else
        if (length >= maxSize) //list is full
            cerr << "Cannot insert in a full list" << endl;
        else
        {
            for (int i = length; i > location; i--)
                list[i] = list[i - 1]; //move the elements down

            list[location] = insertItem; //insert the item at the
                //specified position

            length++; //increment the length
        }
    } //end insertAt
```

Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)

- Template `insertEnd` and template `removeAt`

```
template <class elemType>
void arrayListType<elemType>::insertEnd(const elemType& insertItem)
{
    if (length >= maxSize) //the list is full
        cerr << "Cannot insert in a full list" << endl;
    else
    {
        list[length] = insertItem; //insert the item at the end
        length++; //increment the length
    }
} //end insertEnd
template <class elemType>
void arrayListType<elemType>::removeAt(int location)
{
    if (location < 0 || location >= length)
        cerr << "The location of the item to be removed "
            << "is out of range" << endl;
    else
    {
        for (int i = location; i < length - 1; i++)
            list[i] = list[i+1];
        length--;
    }
} //end removeAt
```

Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)

- Template `replaceAt` and template `clearList`

```
template <class elemType>
void arrayListType<elemType>::retrieveAt
    (int location, elemType& retItem) const
{
    if (location < 0 || location >= length)
        cerr << "The location of the item to be retrieved is "
            << "out of range." << endl;
    else
        retItem = list[location];
} //end retrieveAt

template <class elemType>
void arrayListType<elemType>::replaceAt
    (int location, const elemType& repItem)
{
    if (location < 0 || location >= length)
        cerr << "The location of the item to be replaced is "
            << "out of range." << endl;
    else
        list[location] = repItem;
} //end replaceAt

template <class elemType>
void arrayListType<elemType>::clearList()
{
    length = 0;
} //end clearList
```

Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)


- Definition of the constructor and the destructor

```
template <class elemType>
arrayListType<elemType>::arrayListType(int size)
{
    if (size < 0)
    {
        cerr << "The array size must be positive. Creating "
              << "an array of size 100. " << endl;

        maxSize = 100;
    }
    else
        maxSize = size;

    length = 0;
    list = new elemType[maxSize];
    assert(list != NULL);
}

template <class elemType>
arrayListType<elemType>::~~arrayListType()
{
    delete [] list;
}
```



Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)

- Copy constructor
 - Called when object passed as a (value) parameter to a function
 - Called when object declared and initialized using the value of another object of the same type

```
Type1 a;  
...  
Type1 b = a;
```
 - Copies the data members of the actual object into the corresponding data members of the formal parameter and the object being created (deep copy)

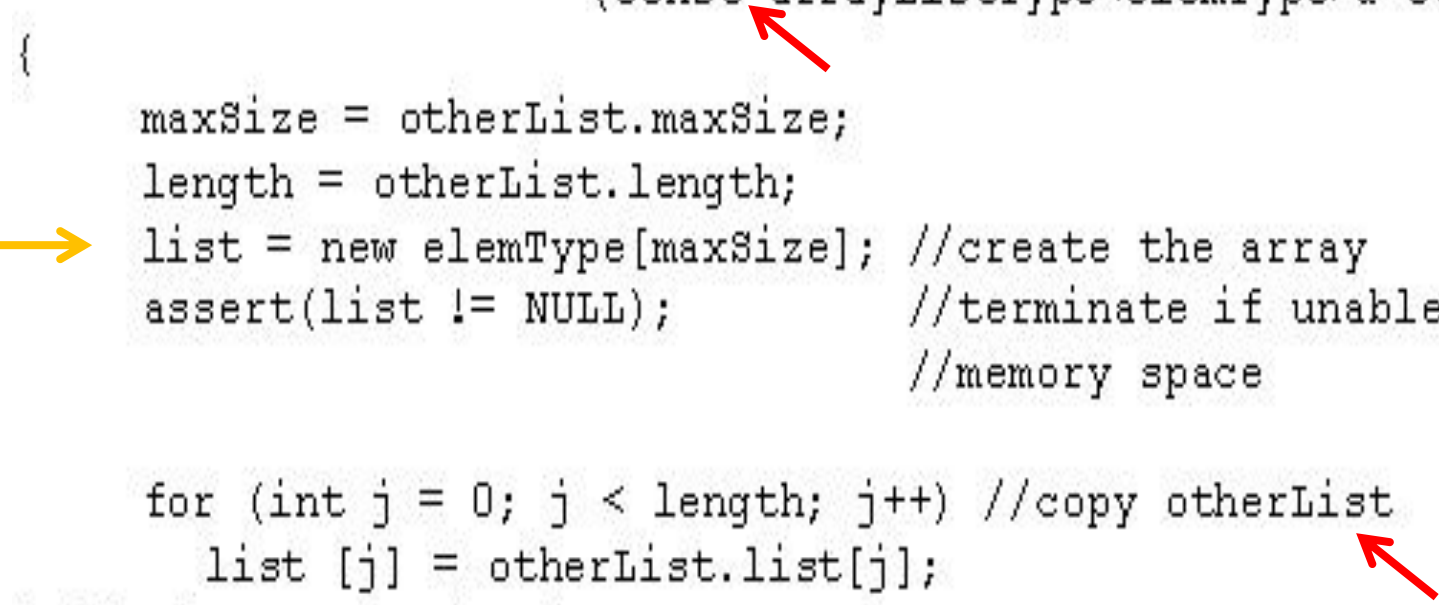
Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)

- Copy constructor (cont'd.)

- Definition

```
template <class elemType>
arrayListType<elemType>::arrayListType
    (const arrayListType<elemType>& otherList)
{
    maxSize = otherList.maxSize;
    length = otherList.length;
    → list = new elemType[maxSize]; //create the array
    assert(list != NULL);           //terminate if unable to allocate
                                    //memory space

    for (int j = 0; j < length; j++) //copy otherList
        list[j] = otherList.list[j];
} //end copy constructor
```



Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)

- Overloading the assignment operator

- Definition of the function template

```
template <class elemType>
const arrayListType<elemType>& arrayListType<elemType>::operator=
    (const arrayListType<elemType>& otherList)
{
    if (this != &otherList) //avoid self-assignment
    {
        delete [] list;
        maxSize = otherList.maxSize;
        length = otherList.length;

        list = new elemType[maxSize]; //create the array
        assert(list != NULL);          //if unable to allocate memory
                                        //space, terminate the program
        for (int i = 0; i < length; i++)
            list[i] = otherList.list[i];
    }

    return *this;
}
```

Why the return type is “const T&”?

- &: to support *assignment chaining* $a=b=c$, which is right associative, $a = (b = c)$
- const: avoid $(a = b) = c$

Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)

- Searching for an element
 - Linear search example: determining if 27 is in the list
 - Definition of the function template

	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]
list	35	12	27	18	45	16	38	...

FIGURE 3-32 List of seven elements

```
template <class elemType>
int arrayListType<elemType>::seqSearch(const elemType& item) const
{
    int loc;
    bool found = false;

    for (loc = 0; loc < length; loc++)
        if (list[loc] == item)
        {
            found = true;
            break;
        }

    if (found)
        return loc;
    else
        return -1;
} //end seqSearch
```

Why not return
bool?

Time complexity?

Can we
do better?

Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)

- Inserting an element (duplicates not allowed)

```
template <class elemType>
void arrayListType<elemType>::insert(const elemType& insertItem)
{
    int loc;

    if (length == 0) //list is empty
        list[length++] = insertItem; //insert the item and
                                      //increment the length
    else if (length == maxSize)
        cerr << "Cannot insert in a full list." << endl;
    else
    {
        loc = seqSearch(insertItem);
        if (loc == -1)                //the item to be inserted
                                      //does not exist in the list
            list[length++] = insertItem;
        else
            cerr << "the item to be inserted is already in "
                  << "the list. No duplicates are allowed." << endl;
    }
} //end insert
```



Time complexity?

Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)

- Removing an element

Time complexity?

```
template<class elemType>
void arrayListType<elemType>::remove(const elemType& removeItem)
{
    int loc;
    if (length == 0)
        cerr << "Cannot delete from an empty list." << endl;
    else
    {
        loc = seqSearch(removeItem);
        if (loc != -1)
            removeAt(loc);
        else
            cout << "The item to be deleted is not in the list."
                 << endl;
    }
} //end remove
```

Array-Based Lists (cont'd.)

TABLE 3-1 Time complexity of list operations

Function	Time-complexity
isEmpty	$O(1)$
isFull	$O(1)$
listSize	$O(1)$
maxListSize	$O(1)$
print	$O(n)$
isItemAtEqual	$O(1)$
insertAt	$O(n)$
insertEnd	$O(1)$
removeAt	$O(n)$
retrieveAt	$O(1)$
replaceAt	$O(1)$
clearList	$O(1)$
constructor	$O(1)$
destructor	$O(1)$
copy constructor	$O(n)$
overloading the assignment operator	$O(n)$
seqSearch	$O(n)$
insert	$O(n)$
remove	$O(n)$

Summary

- Pointers contain memory addresses
 - All pointers must be initialized
 - Static and dynamic variables
- Static and dynamic arrays
- `new` and `delete`
- Virtual functions
 - Enforce run-time binding of functions
 - Virtual destructor
- Deep copy
 - Overloading assignment operator
 - Overriding copy constructor
- Array-based lists
- Template: use generic code

Self Exercises

- Programming Exercises: 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12