Advanced Programming

Lab 07

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2.1 Reference in function

A reference defines an alternative name (or alias) for an object. A reference type "refer to" another variable. Using "&" to declare a reference.

```
int ival = 1024;
int &refVal = ival; // refVal refers to (is another name for) ival
int &refVal2; // error: a reference must be initialized
```

Once initialized, a reference remains bound to its initial object. There is no way to rebind a reference to refer to a different object.

After a reference has been defined, all operations on that reference are actually operations on the object to which the reference is bound.

Reference as function parameters –passing by reference

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
                            Only by checking the function prototype or function definition can you tell
void swap(int &x, int &y)
                            whether the function passing by value or by reference.
    int temp;
   temp = x;
                            In the called function's body, the reference parameter actually refers to
   x = y;
                            the original variable in the calling function, and the original variable can
    y = temp;
                            be modified directly by the called function.
int main() {
    int a = 45, b = 35;
    cout << "Before swap:" << endl;</pre>
    cout << "a = " << a << ", b = " << b << endl;</pre>
                   The style of the arguments are
    swap(a, b);
                        like common variables
    cout << "After swap:" << endl;</pre>
    cout << "a = " << a << ", b = " << b << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

Result:

```
Before swap:
a = 45, b = 35
After swap:
a = 35, b = 45
```

6 differences between pointer and reference.

Use references when you can, and pointers when you have to.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
struct demo
    int a;
int main()
    int x = 5;
    int y = 6;
    demo d;
    int *p;
    p = &x; // 1. Pointer reinitialization allowed
    int &r = x;
    // &r = y; //2. Compile Error
    r = y; // 2. x value becomes 6
    p = NULL;
    // &r = NULL; //3. Compile error
                                      // 3. Points to next memory location
    p++;
                                      // 3. x value becomes 7
    X++;
    cout << &p << " " << &x << endl; // 4. Different address</pre>
    cout << &r << " " << &x << endl; // 4. Same address</pre>
    demo *q = &d;
    demo &qq = d;
    q->a = 8;
    // q.a = 8; //5. Compile Error
    qq.a = 8;
    // qq->a = 8; // 5. Compile Error
    cout << p << endl; // 6. Print the address</pre>
    cout << r << endl; // 6. Print the value of x
    return 0;
```

const reference: reference that refers to a const type. A reference to const cannot be used to change the object to which the reference is bound.

The type of a reference must match the type of the object to which it refers. But there are **two exceptions** to the rule. The one is that a const reference can refer to an non const object. The other is that we can initialize a const reference from any expression that can be converted to the type of the reference.(**Note**: The first exception also applies to **pointers to const**.)

const References

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
double refCube(const double &ra);
int main()
    double side = 3.0;
    double *pd = &side;
   double &rd = side;
   long edge = 5L;
    double lens[4] = \{2.0, 5.0, 10.0, 12.0\};
    double c1 = refCube(side);
    double c2 = refCube(lens[2]);
    double c3 = refCube(rd);
    double c4 = refCube(*pd);
   double c5 = refCube(edge);
    double c6 = refCube(7.0);
    double c7 = refCube(side + 10.0);
    cout << c1 << " " << c2 << " " << c3 << " "
         << c4 << " " << c5 << " " << c6 << " " << c7 << endl;
    return 0;
double refCube(const double &ra)
    return ra * ra * ra;
```

It is more efficient to pass a large object by reference than to pass it by value. Using const to specify a reference parameter should not be allowed to modify the corresponding argument. Use const when you can.

Reference variables must be initialized in the declaration and cannot be reassigned as aliases to other variables.

The variable edge is of wrong type, the compiler generates a temporary, anonymous variable and makes ra refer to it.

For the const reference parameters, the arguments can be literals or expressions.

Result:

27 1000 27 27 125 343 2197

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
                           Pass by value
void passByVal(int n
    cout << "Pass by value---the operation address of the function is: " << &n << endl;</pre>
    n++;
                               Pass by pointer
void passBvPoint(int *n`
    cout << "Pass by pointer---the operation address of the function is: " << n << endl;</pre>
    (*n)++;
                           Pass by reference
void passByRef(int &n`
    cout << "Pass by reference---the operation address of the function is: " << &n << endl;</pre>
    n++;
int main()
    int n = 10;
    cout << "The address of the argument is:" << &n << endl << endl;</pre>
    passByVal(n);
    cout << "After calling passByVal(), n = " << n << endl << endl;</pre>
    passByPoint(&n);
    cout << "After calling passByPoint(), n = " << n << endl << endl;</pre>
    passByRef(n);
    cout << "After calling passByRef(), n = "<< n << endl << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

Passing by value, the address that the function operates is not that of the argument; but passing by reference(or pointer), the function operates the address of argument.

Result:

The address of the argument is:0x7fff18d72044 Pass by value --- the operation address of the function is: 0x7fff18d7202c After calling passByVal(), n = 10 Pass by pointer---the operation address of the function is: 0x7fff18d72044 After calling passByPoint(), n = 11 Pass by reference---the operation address of the function is: 0x7fff18d72044 After calling passByRef(), n = 12

Return a Reference

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
struct point
{
    double x;
    double y;
};
point mid1(const point &, const point &);
point* mid2(const point &, const point &);
void mid3(const point &, const point &, point &);
point& mid4(const point &, const point &);
```

```
point& mid4(const point &p1, const point &p2)
{
    point p;
    p.x = (p1.x + p2.x) / 2;
    p.y = (p1.y + p2.y) / 2;
    return p;
}
```

```
int main()
      point p1{1, 1};
      point p2{3, 3};
      point pv, pr, prr;
      point *pp = NULL;
      pv = mid1(p1, p2);
      pp = mid2(p1, p2);
      mid3(p1, p2, pr);
      prr = mid4(p1, p2);
      cout << "Calling mid1, midpoint is:(" << pv.x << "," << pv.y << ")" << endl;</pre>
      cout << "Calling mid2, midpoint is:(" << pp->x << "," << pp->y << ")" << endl;</pre>
      cout << "Calling mid3, midpoint is:(" << pr.x << "," << pr.y << ")" << endl;</pre>
      cout << "Calling mid4, midpoint is:(" << prr.x << "," << prr.y << ")" << endl;</pre>
      delete pp;
      return 0;
  Result:
ocs@DESKTOP-L61ETB1:/mnt/h/CS219 2024F/code/week07$ g++ 10 pointStruct.cpp
  10 pointStruct.cpp: In function 'point& mid4(const point&, const point&)':
 10 pointStruct.cpp:69:12: warning: reference to local variable 'p' returned [-Wreturn-local-addr]
             return p;
```

Do not return a reference of a local variable. You can return a reference parameter.

point p;

▲10_pointStruct.cpp:65:11: note: declared here

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```
point mid1(const point &p1, const point &p2)
    point pv;
    pv.x = (p1.x + p2.x) / 2;
    pv.v = (p1.v + p2.v) / 2;
                       return a local structure variable
   return pv;
                     —is ok, but less efficient
point* mid2(const point &p1, const point &p2)
    point* pp = new point;
    pp->x = (p1.x + p2.x) / 2;
    pp->y = (p1.y + p2.y) / 2;
                       return a local structure pointer
   return pp;
                     —which is allocated memory by
                       new. is ok.
void mid3(const point &p1, const point &p2, point &pr)
    pr.x = (p1.x + p2.x) / 2;
    pr.y = (p1.y + p2.y) / 2;
```

Result:

```
Calling mid1, midpoint is:(2,2)
Calling mid2, midpoint is:(2,2)
Calling mid3, midpoint is:(2,2)
```

The function does not return anything.

The third parameter is a reference parameter,
modifying the value of the parameter is exactly
changing that of the argument.

Return a Reference

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
struct free throws
    std::string name;
                       pass by structure references
    int made;
    int attempts;
                       const means the value of the
    float percent;
                       reference can not be modified
};
void display(const free throws &ft);
void set pc(free throws &ft);
free throws & accumulate(free throws &target,
const free throws &source);
int main() return a structure reference
    // partial initializations - remaining members set to 0
    free throws one = {"Ifelsa Branch", 13, 14};
    free throws team = {"Throwgoods", 0, 0};
    free throws dup;
    dup = accumulate(team, one);
    std::cout << "Displaying team:\n";</pre>
    display(team);
    std::cout << "Displaying dup after assignment:\n";</pre>
    display(dup);
    return 0;
```

```
void display(const free throws &ft)
    using std::cout;
    cout << "Name: " << ft.name << '\n';</pre>
    cout << " Made: " << ft.made << '\t';</pre>
    cout << "Attempts: " << ft.attempts << '\t';</pre>
    cout << "Percent: " << ft.percent << '\n';</pre>
void set pc(free throws &ft)
    if (ft.attempts != 0)
        ft.percent = 100.0f * float(ft.made) / float(ft.attempts);
    else
        ft.percent = 0;
free throws & accumulate(free throws &target,
const free throws &source)
    target.attempts += source.attempts;
    target.made += source.made;
    set pc(target);
                      return a structure reference,
   return target;
                     -more efficient
```

Do not return a reference of a local variable Return the reference parameter

Return a Reference

Whether a function call is an **Ivalue** depends on the return type of the function. Calls to functions that return references are **Ivalues**; other return types yield rvalues. We can assign to the result of a function that returns a reference to non-const.

The return value is a reference, so the call is an Ivalue. Like any other Ivalue, it may appear as the left-hand operand of the assignment operator.

Result: a value A value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
char &get_val(string &str, string::size_type ix)
    return str[ix]; // get_val assumes the given index is valid
int main()
    string s("a value");
    cout << s << endl; // prints a value</pre>
    get_val(s, 0) = 'A'; // changes s[0] to A
    cout << s << endl; // prints A value</pre>
    return 0;
```

Such as:

```
void display(const free_throws &ft)
{
    using std::cout;
    cout << "Name: " << ft.name << '\n';
    cout << " Made: " << ft.made << '\t';
    cout << "Attempts: " << ft.attempts << '\t';
    cout << "Percent: " << ft.percent << '\n';
}
const free_throws & clone(free_throws &ft)
{
    ft.percent = 5; return a reference
    return ft;
}</pre>
```

```
int main()
    // partial initializations - remaining members set to 0
    free throws one = {"Ifelsa Branch", 13, 14};
    free throws two = {"Andor Knott", 10, 16};
    free throws three = {"Minnie Max", 7, 9};
    std::cout << "The original one is: " << std::endl;</pre>
    display(one);
    free throws dup1 = clone(one);
    std::cout << "The dup1 is: " << std::endl;</pre>
    display(dup1);
    std::cout << "After calling clone(), the one is: " << std::endl;</pre>
    display(one);
    const free throws &dup2 = clone(two);
    std::cout << "The dup2 is: " << std::endl;</pre>
    display(dup2);
    std::cout << "After calling clone(), the two is: " << std::endl;</pre>
    display(two);
    return 0;
```

Difference between reference and pointer

- The reference must be initialized when it is created; the pointer can be assigned later.
- The reference can not be initialized by NULL; the pointer can.
- Once the reference is initialized, it can not be reassigned to other variable; a pointer can be changed to point to other object.
- sizeof(reference) operation returns the size of the variable; sizeof(pointer) operation returns the size of pointer itself.

2.2 Inline Function

C++ provides inline functions to help reduce function-call overhead(to avoid a function call).

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
inline double cube(double side);
                                   Place the qualifier inline before return type in the
int main()
                                   function prototype
    double sideValue;
    cout << "Enter the side of your cube: ";</pre>
    cin >> sideValue;
    cout << "Volume of cube with side " << sideValue << " is " << cube(sideValue) << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
                                              The qualifier inline can be omitted in the function
inline double cube(double side)
                                               definition if it is in the function prototype.
    return side * side * side;
```

2.3 Default Arguments

```
#include <iostream>
const int ArSize = 80;
char * left(const char *str, int n = 1);
int main()
    using namespace std;
    char sample[ArSize];
    cout << "Enter a string: ";</pre>
    cin.get(sample, ArSize);
    char *ps = left(sample, 4);
    cout << ps << endl;</pre>
    delete [] ps; // free string
    ps = left(sample);
    cout << ps << endl;</pre>
    delete [] ps; // free string
    return 0;
      Enter a string: hello world
      hell
```

Default arguments must be specified in the function prototype and must be rightmost(trailing).

```
// This function returns a pointer to a new string
// consisting of the first n characters in the string.
char * left(const char *str, int n)
    if (n < 0)
        n = 0;
    char *p = new char[n + 1];
    int i:
    for (i = 0; i < n && str[i]; i++)
        p[i] = str[i]; // copy characters
    while (i <= n)
        p[i++] = ' 0'; // set rest of string to ' 0'
    return p;
```

2.4 Function Overloading

Function overloading is a feature in C++ where two or more function can have the same name but different parameters.

Function overloading is used to create several functions of the same name that perform similar tasks, but on different data types. The C++ compiler selects the the proper function to call by examining the number, types and order of the arguments.

- 1.the same fuction name
- 2.different parameter list

Example: function overloading

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// overloaded function prototypes
void add(int i, int j);
void add(int i, double j);
void add(double i, int j);
void add(int i, int j, int k);
int main()
   int a = 1, b = 2, c = 3;
   double d = 1.1;
   // overloaded functions with different
types and number of parameters
   add(a, b); // 1 + 2 => add prints 3
   add(a, d); // 1 + 1.1 => add prints
2.1
    add(d, a); // 1.1 + 1 => add prints
2.1
    add(a, b, c); // 1 + 2 + 3 \Rightarrow add prints
6
   return 0;
```

```
void add(int i, int j)
    cout << "Result: " << i + j << endl;</pre>
void add(int i, double j)
    cout << "Result: " << i + j << endl;</pre>
void add(double i, int j)
    cout << "Result: " << i + j << endl;</pre>
void add(int i, int j, int k)
    cout << "Result: " << i + j + k << endl;</pre>
```

Result:

```
Result: 3
Result: 2.1
Result: 2.1
Result: 6
```

We can overload based on whether the parameter is a reference (or pointer) to the const or non-const version of a given type.

```
Record lookup(Account & ); // function that takes a reference to Account Record lookup(const Account & ); // new function that takes a const reference

Record lookup(Account * ); // new function, takes a pointer to Account Record lookup(const Account * ); // new function, takes a pointer to const
```

In these cases, the compiler can use the constness of the argument to distinguish which function to call.

2.5 Function Templates

1. Write a function to calculate the maximum of two integers.

```
int Max(int x, int y)
{
    return (x > y ? x : y);
}
```

These two functions are overloaded functions
Their program logic and operations are identical
for each data type.

2. Write a function to calculate the maximum of two doubles.

```
double Max(doulbe x, double y)
{
    return (x > y ? x : y);
}
```

The syntax of templates:

```
template <typename T> // This is the
template parameter declaration
T Max(T x, T y)
{
    return (x > y ? x : y);
}
```

- Starts with the keyword template
- You can also use keyword class instead of typename
- T is a template argument that accepts different data types

When we call a function template, the compiler (ordinarily) uses the arguments of the call to deduce the template argument(s) for us. These compiler-generated functions are generally referred to as an **instantiation of the template**.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
                                                                            →int Max(int x,int y)
template <typename T>
                                                                                 return (x > y ? x : y);
T Max(T x, T y)
    return (x > y ? x : y); implicit instantiation
                                                                             char Max(char x,char y)
                             <int>,<char>,<double>
                             can be omitted.
                                                                                 return (x > y ? x : y);
int main()
    cout << "Max int = " << Max<int>(3, 7) << endl;</pre>
    cout << "Max char = " << Max<char>('g', 'e') << endl;</pre>
                                                                            double Max(double x,double y)
    cout << "Max double = " << Max<double>(3.1, 7.9) << endl;</pre>
                                                                                 return (x > y ? x : y);
    return 0;
                            Result:
```

```
Max int = 7
Max char = g
Max double = 7.9
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// function template prototype
                                         explicit instantiation
template <typename T> // or class T
void Swap(T &a, T &b);
template void Swap<int>(int &, int &);
template void Swap<double>(double &, double &);
int main()
    int i = 10, j = 20;
    cout << "Before swap: i = " << i << ", j = " << j << endl;</pre>
    cout << "Using compiler-generated int swap:\n";</pre>
   Swap(i, j); // generates void swap(int &, int &)
   cout << "After swap: i = " << i << ", j = " << j << endl;</pre>
    double x = 34.5, y = 78.2;
    cout << "Before swap: x = " << x << ", y = " << y << endl;
    cout << "Using compiler-generated double swap:\n";</pre>
   Swap(x, y); // generates void swap(double &, double &)
    cout << "After swap: x = " << x << ", y = " << y << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
// template function definition
template <typename T>
void Swap(T &a, T &b)
    T temp;
    temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
```

The function template instantiation creates for type int replaces each current of T with int as follows

```
void Swap(int &a, int &b)
{
    int temp;
    temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
}
```

The function template instantiation creates for type double replaces each current of T with double as follows

```
void Swap(double &a, double &b)
{
    double temp;
    temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
}
Result:
```

Before swap: i = 10, j = 20
Using compiler-generated int swap:
After swap: i = 20, j = 10
Before swap: x = 34.5, y = 78.2
Using compiler-generated double swap:
After swap: x = 78.2, y = 34.5

Overloaded template functions

```
#include <iostream>
template <typename T> // original template
void Swap(T &a, T &b);
                               Function prototype
template <typename T> // new template
void Swap(T *a, T *b, int n);
void Show(int a[]);
const int Lim = 8:
int main()
    using namespace std;
    int i = 10, j = 20;
    cout << "i, j = " << i << ", " << j << ".\n";</pre>
    cout << "Using compiler-generated int swapper:\n";</pre>
    Swap(i,j); // matches original template
    cout << "Now i, j = " << i << ", " << j << ".\n";</pre>
    int d1[Lim] = \{0,7,0,4,1,7,7,6\};
    int d2[Lim] = \{0,7,2,0,1,9,6,9\};
    cout << "Original arrays:\n";</pre>
    Show(d1);
    Show(d2);
    Swap(d1,d2,Lim); // matches new template
    cout << "Swapped arrays:\n";</pre>
    Show(d1);
    Show(d2);
    // cin.get();
    return 0;
```

```
template <typename T>
void Swap(T &a, T &b)
    T temp;
    temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
template <typename T>
void Swap(T a[], T b[], int n)
    T temp:
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        temp = a[i];
        a[i] = b[i];
        b[i] = temp;
void Show(int a[])
    using namespace std;
    cout << a[0] << a[1] << "/";
    cout << a[2] << a[3] << "/";</pre>
    for (int i = 4; i < Lim; i++)
        cout << a[i];</pre>
    cout << endl;</pre>
```

Result:

```
i, j = 10, 20.
Using compiler-generated int swapper:
Now i, j = 20, 10.
Original arrays:
07/04/1776
07/20/1969
Swapped arrays:
07/20/1969
07/04/1776
```

Function template specialization

If a function template for the general definition is not appropriate for a particular type, you can define a **specialized version** of the function template.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
                                           int main()
template <typename T>
                                                // Implicit instantiated functions
T sum(T x, T y)
                                                cout << "sum = " << sum(1, 2) << endl;</pre>
                                                cout << "sum = " << sum(1.1, 2.2) << endl;</pre>
    return x + y;
                                                Point pt1 {1, 2};
                                                Point pt2 {2, 3};
struct Point
                                                // template specialization
    int x;
                                                Point pt = sum(pt1, pt2);
    int y;
                                                cout << "pt = (" << pt.x << ", " << pt.y << ")" << endl;</pre>
// Specialization for sum Point
                                                return 0;
template 🖴
Point sum<Point>(Point pt1, Point pt2)
                                                                 Result:
    Point pt;
                                                                sum = 3
    pt.x = pt1.x + pt2.x;
                                                                 sum = 3.3
    pt.y = pt1.y + pt2.y;
                                                                pt = (3, 5)
    return pt;
```

3 Exercises

1. The following is a program skeleton:

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstring>
                     //for strlen(), strcpy()
struct stringy
    char * str; // points to a string
               // length of string(not counting '\0')
    int ct;
};
// prototypes for set() and two overloading functions show() with default arguments
int main()
   stringy beany;
   char testing[] = "Reality isn't what it used to be.";
   set (beany, testing); // first argument is a reference,
        // allocates space to hold copy of testing,
        // sets str member of beany to point to the
        // new block, copies testing to the new block,
        // and sets ct member of beany
   show (beany);
                 //prints member string once
   show(beany, 2); //prints member string twice
   testing[0] = 'D';
   testing[1] = 'u';
   show(testing);
                      //prints testing string once
   show(testing, 3); //prints test string thrice
   show("Done!"); // prints "Done" on the screen
   // free the memory
   return 0;
// defines the three functions
```

Complete this skeleton by providing the described functions and prototypes. Note that there should be two **show()** functions, each using default arguments. Use **const** arguments when appropriate. Note that **set()** should use **new** to allocate sufficient space to hold the designated string.

A sample runs might look like this:

```
Reality isn't what it used to be.
Reality isn't what it used to be.
Duality isn't what it used to be.
Done!
```

2. Write a template function **maxn()** that takes as its arguments an array of items of type T and an integer representing the number of elements in the array and that returns the largest item in the array. Test it in a program that uses the function template with an array of five int values({1,2,3,4,5}) and an array of four double values({1,1,2,7,-3.5,-2}). The program should also include a **specialization** that takes **an array of pointers-to-char** as an argument and **the number of pointers** as a second argument and that returns the address of the longest string. If multiple strings are tied for having the longest length, the function should return the address of the first one tied for longest. Test the specialization with an array of the five string pointers({"this","no body","morning","birds","sky"}).

A sample runs might look like this:

Max int is: 5
Max double is: 2.7
Longest string is: no body