

# Not So Tiny Task №4 (1 point)



Improve solution from NSTT #1 by adding `move constructors` and `move assignment operators` where needed.

Don't forget to add tests that show that copy constructors and assign operators work correctly.

# System Programming with C++

## Move semantics



Where are we

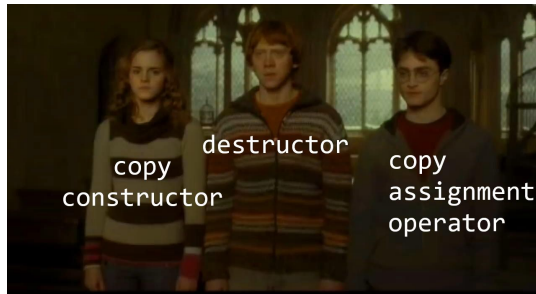
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We follow rule of 3 and can somehow hope that object is valid state.

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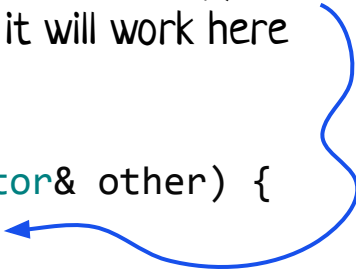
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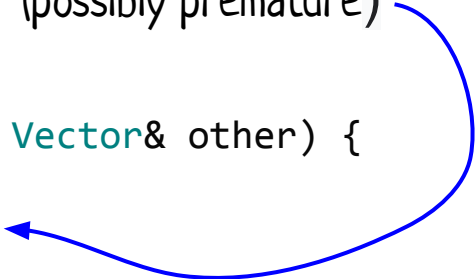
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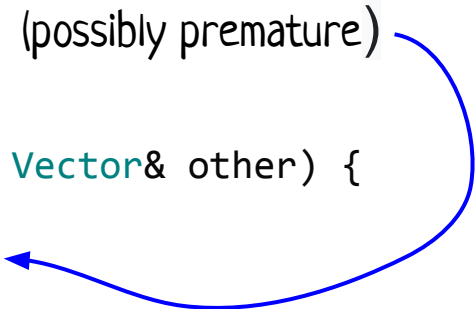
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Still not the best  
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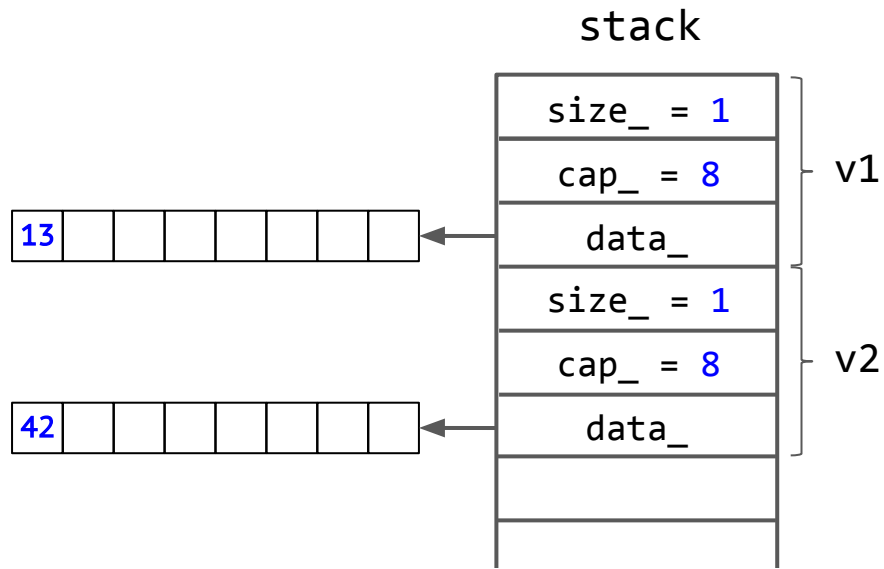
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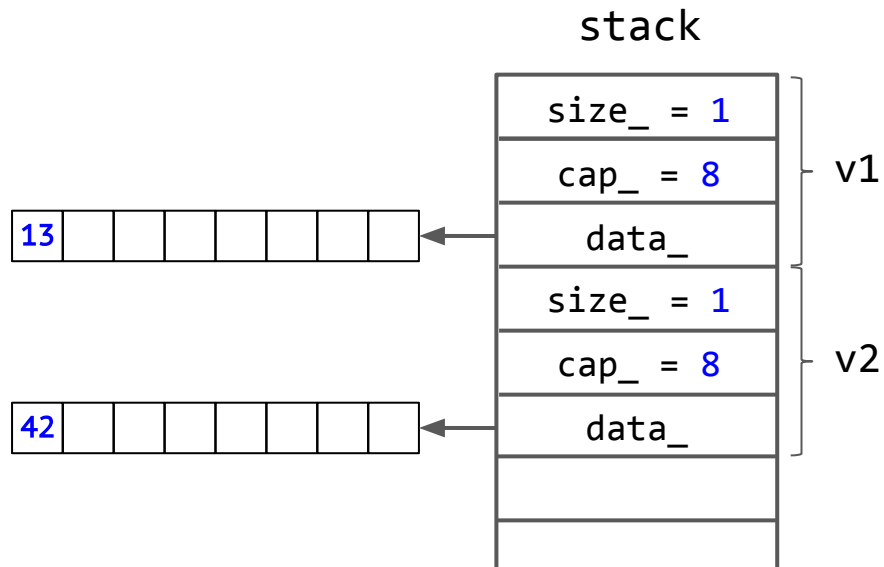
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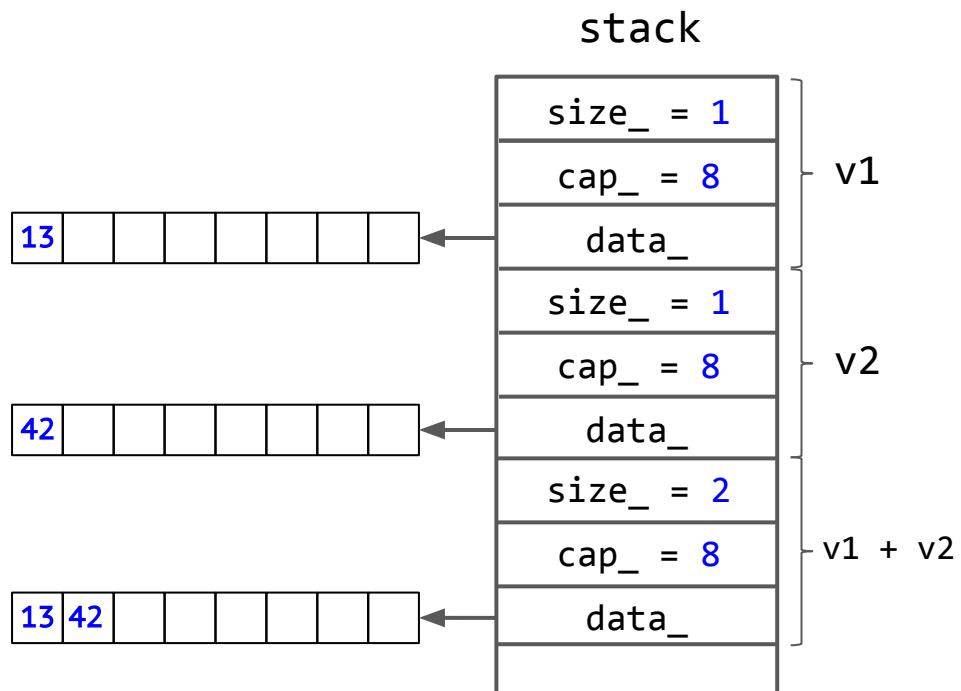


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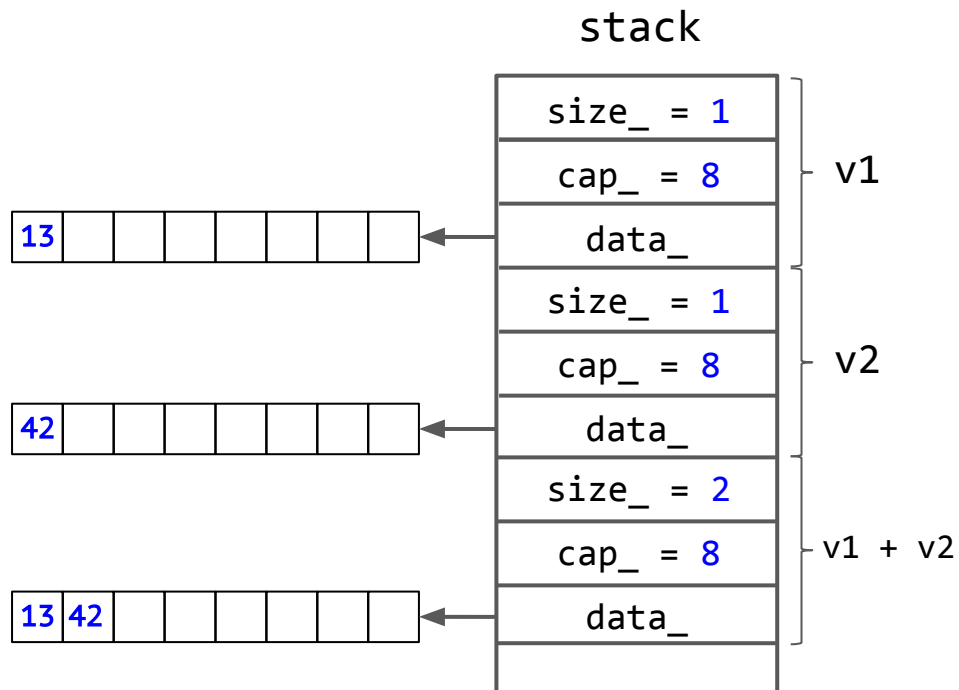


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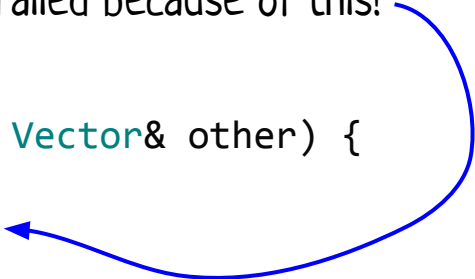
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What about NRVO?

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Failed because of this!



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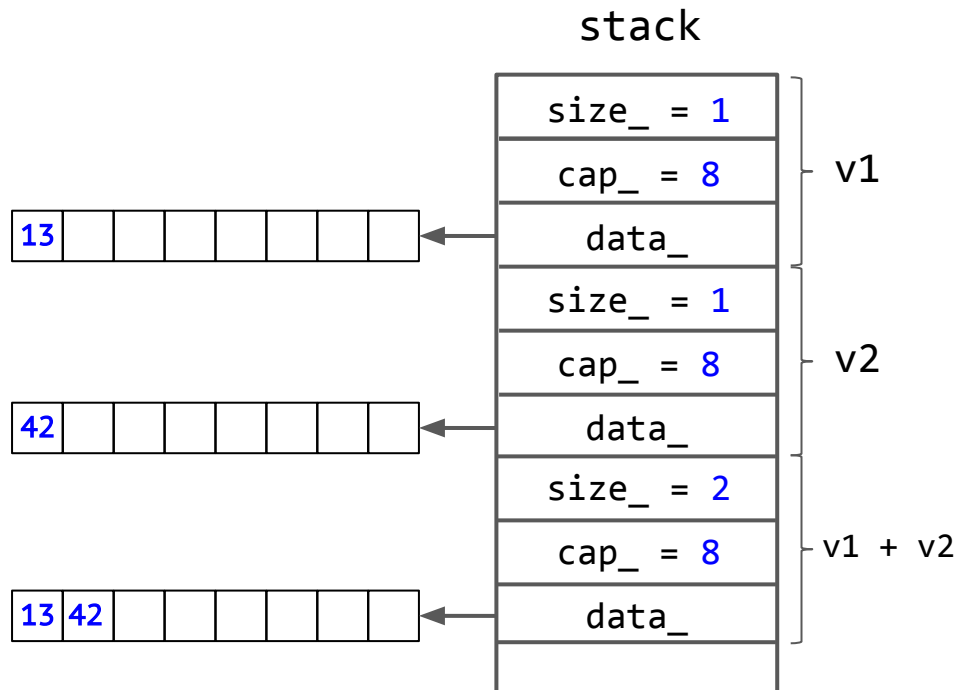
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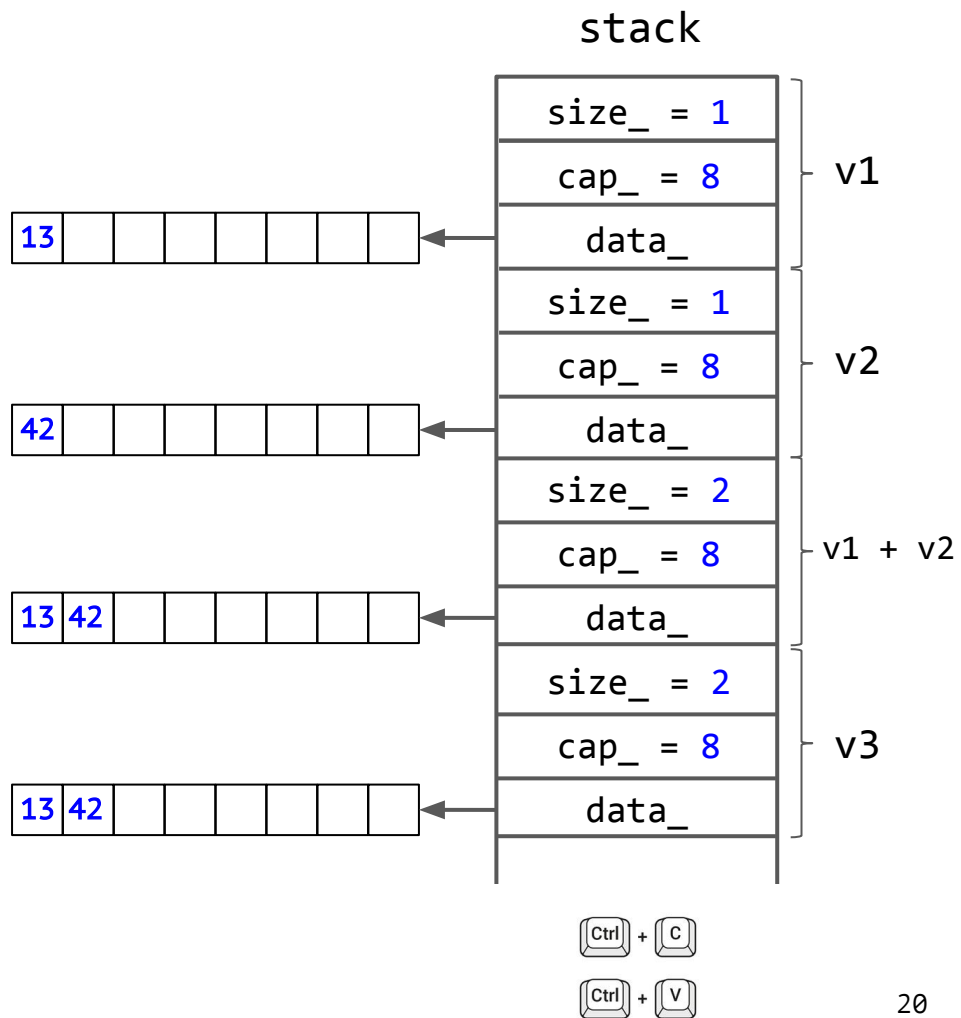
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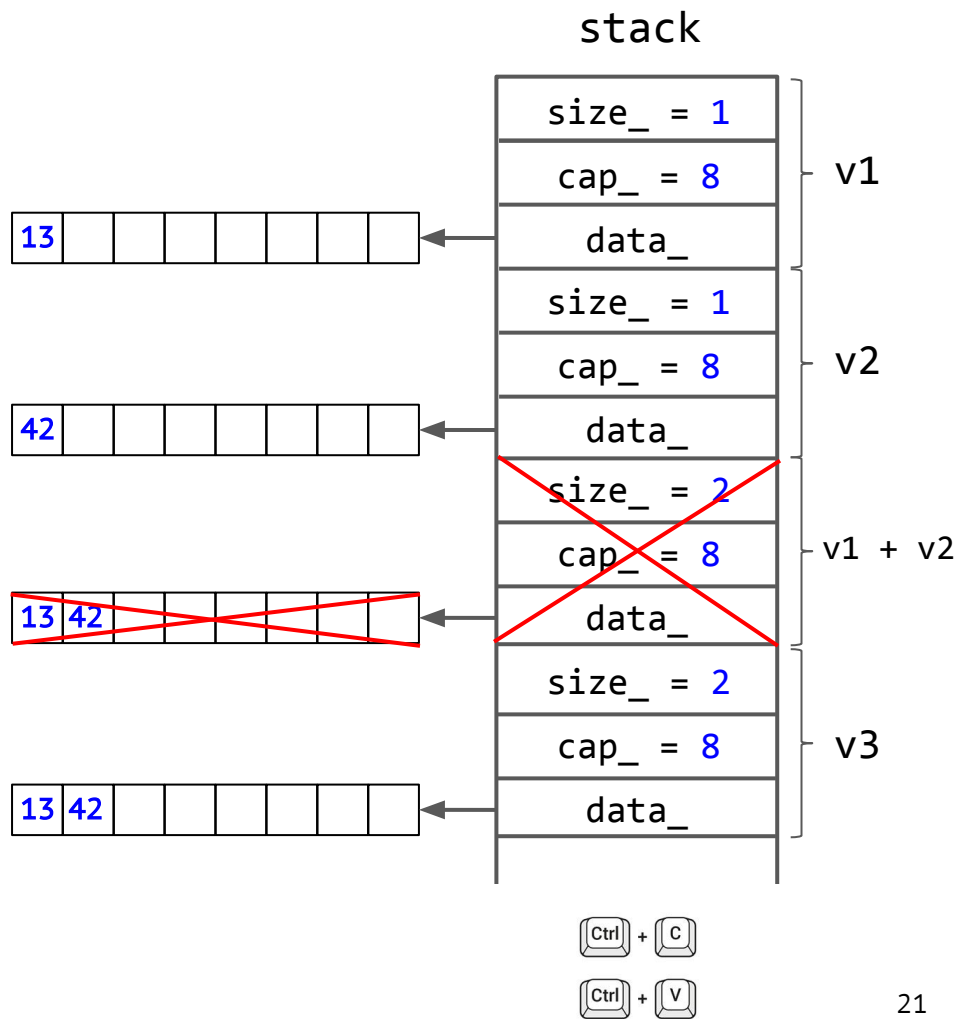
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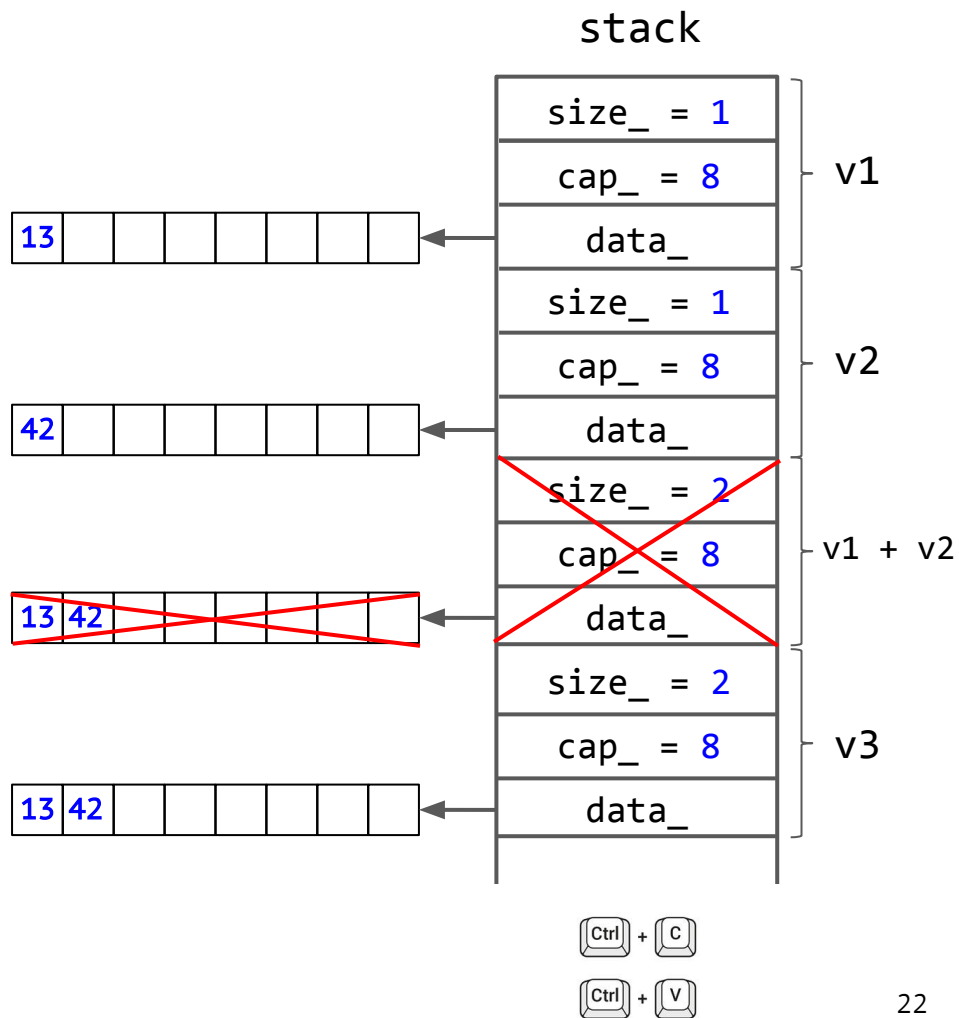


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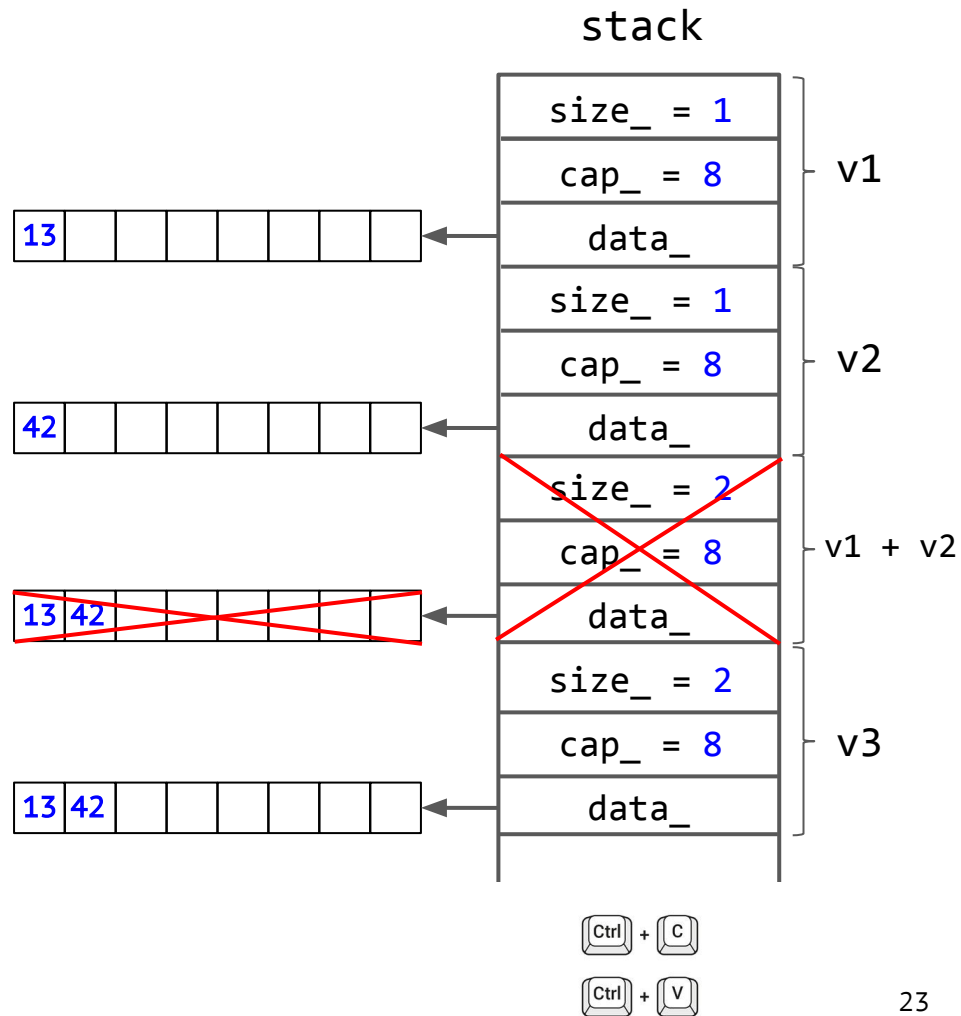
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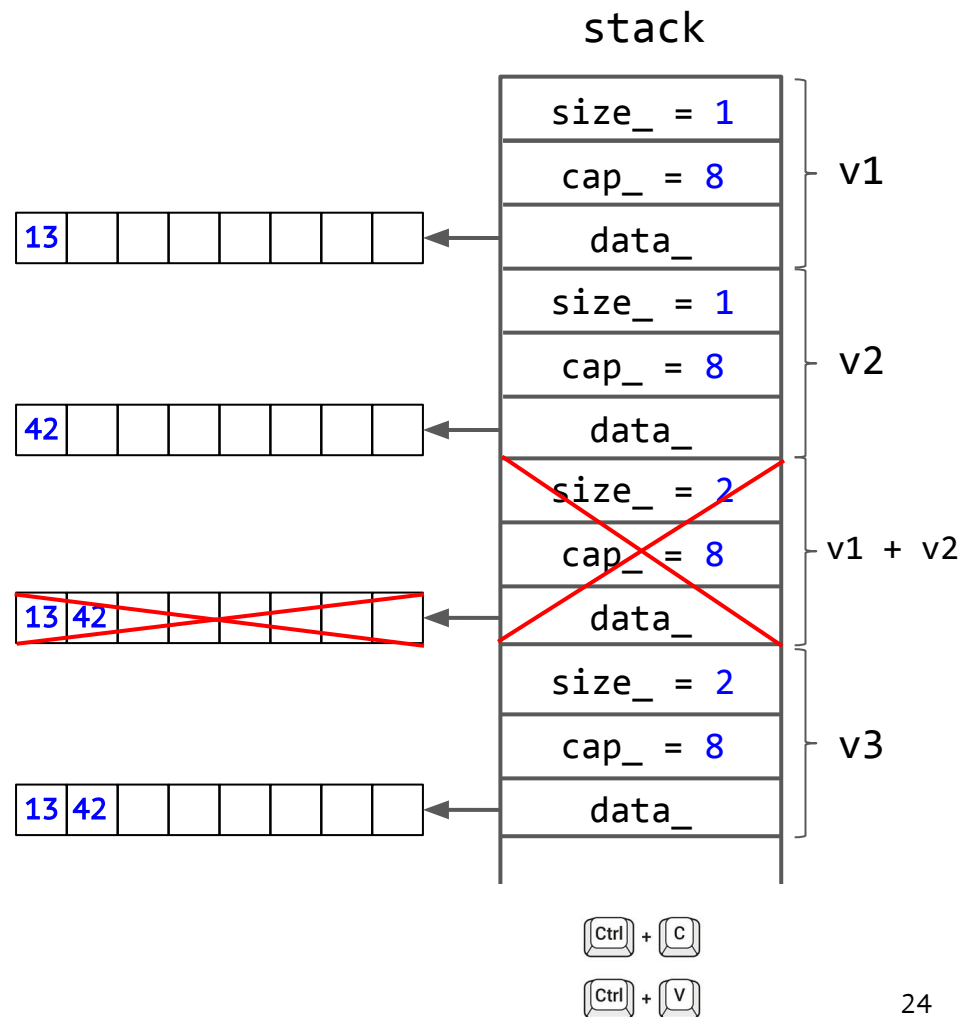
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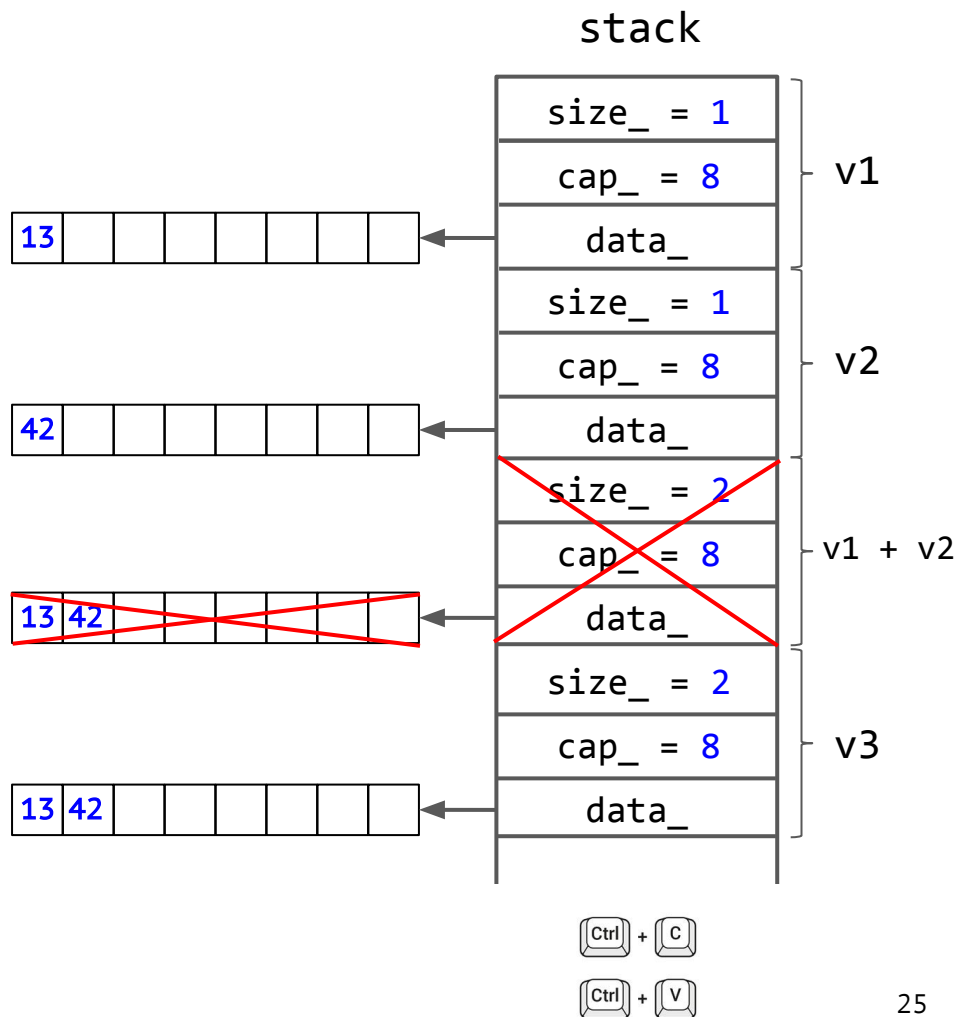
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2 allocations, 1 copying, 2 deleting.  
Isn't it **too heavy** for such sample?

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Of course you can do better than this manually, but what about [generalization](#)?

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This the first time we use `templates`, we will discuss them later in deep details.

Currently just think about it as about a language feature for generalization (like `generics` in Java)

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You can use this swap for Vectors, but it will work terribly **slow** because of copy ctr, additional allocations and deallocations.

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We are spending time to work carefully with objects which will be **dead** in a moment.



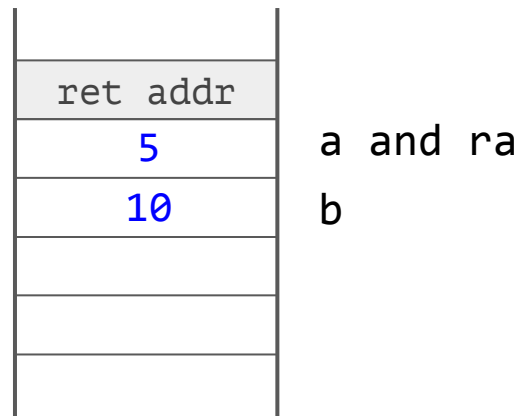
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int b = 10;  
  
int& ra = a;
```

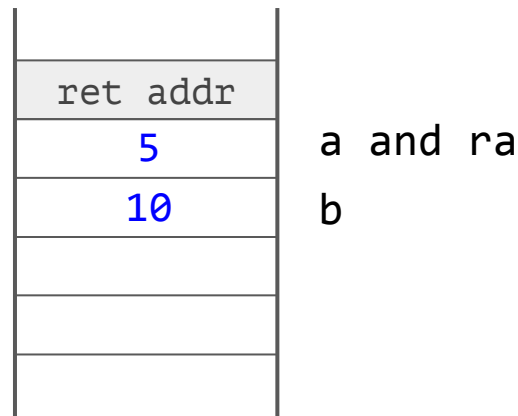


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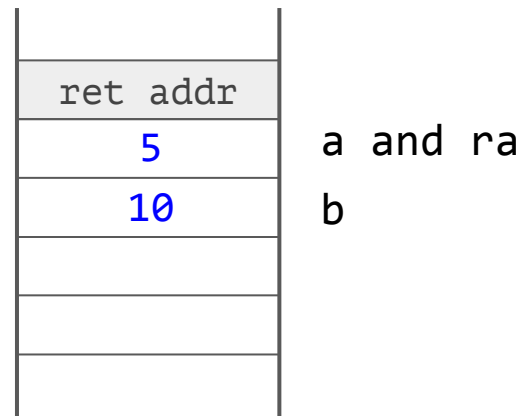
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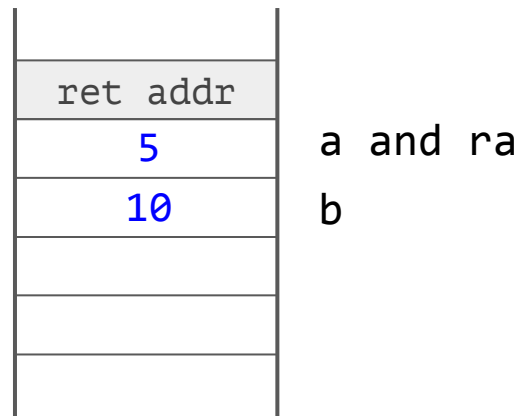

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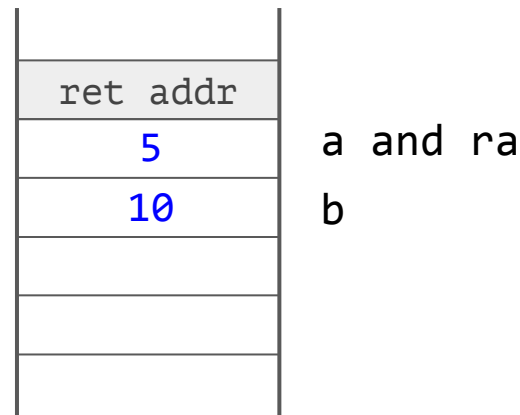
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```

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ra is lvalue as well





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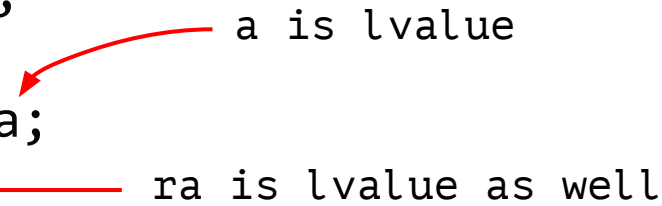
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int& foo() {  
    return x;  
}
```

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ra;   
foo();
```

A red arrow points from the text "a is lvalue" to the variable 'a' in the declaration 'int& ra = a;'. Another red arrow points from the text "ra is lvalue as well" to the variable 'ra' in the line 'ra;'.

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```

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```

```
int& ra = a;
```

```
ra; ← ra is lvalue as well
```

```
foo(); ← foo() is lvalue as well
```

a is lvalue



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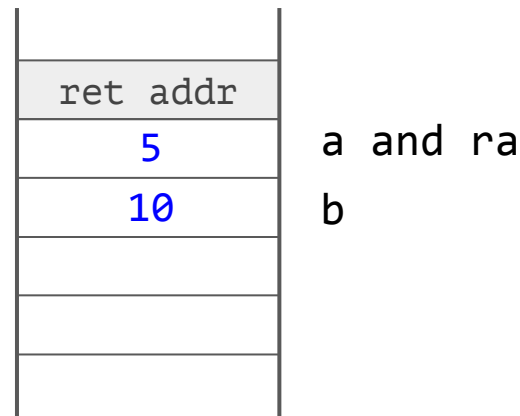
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```
int a = 5;  
int b = 10;  
  
int& ra = a;  
42;
```

a is lvalue

"42" is prvalue!





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```
int a = 5;  
int b = 10;
```

```
int& ra = a;
```

```
a + 42;
```

a is lvalue

"a + 42" is prvalue!

ret addr
5
10

a and ra  
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a is lvalue

"a + 42" is prvalue!

there is no such object (yet) =>  
it has no name and no location

ret addr	
5	a and ra
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```


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```

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```

```
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```

a is lvalue

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"a + 42" is prvalue!

```
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```

"S{1}" is prvalue! No object yet, no name, no location.

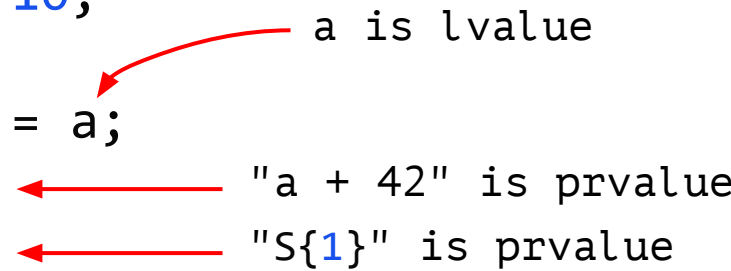
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a + 42;
S{1};
```



a is lvalue

"a + 42" is prvalue

"S{1}" is prvalue

```
struct S { int x; };
```

```
S bar() {
    S res{1};
    if (...)
        return res;
    else
        return {1};
}
```

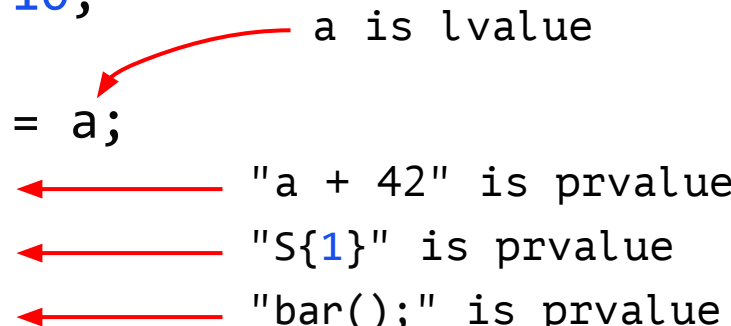
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S{1};
bar();
```



a is lvalue

"a + 42" is prvalue

"S{1}" is prvalue

"bar();" is prvalue

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```

```
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```

```
S{1}; ← "S{1}" is prvalue
```

```
bar(); ← "bar();" is prvalue (no object, no location)
```

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a is lvalue

```
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```

```
a + 42; ← "a + 42" is prvalue
```

```
S{1}; ← "S{1}" is prvalue
```

```
bar(); ← "bar();" is prvalue
```

} Often (but not always)  
prvalue expressions define  
**temporary** objects



# What was in common for all examples?

```
Vector v1;  
v1.push(13);  
Vector v2;  
v2.push(42);  
  
Vector v3 = v1 + v2;  
  
cout << v3.at(1) << endl;  
// 42
```

```
cout <<  
getRandomVector(10).at(9)  
<< endl;  
  
// vector created  
// vector copied  
// vector deleted  
// 301989906  
// vector deleted
```

We are spending time to work carefully with objects which will be **dead** in a moment.



# What was in common for all examples?

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```

```
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// 42
```

```
cout <<  
getRandomVector(10).at(9)  
<< endl;
```

```
// vector created  
// vector copied  
// vector deleted  
// 301989906  
// vector deleted
```

Both "v1 + v2" and  
"getRandomVector(10)"  
are *prvalue* expressions!

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**lvalue-references** can be bound to lvalues.

```
int a = 5;  
int& ra = a;  lvalue-reference  
a + 42;  
S{1};  
bar();
```

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```
int a = 5;  
int& ra = a;  
int& ra2 = a + 42; // compilation error  
S& rs = S{1};      // compilation error  
S& rs2 = bar();    // compilation error
```

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```
int a = 5;
```

```
int& ra = a;
```

```
const int& ra2 = a + 42; // OK
```

```
const S& rs = S{1};      // OK
```

```
const S& rs2 = bar();    // OK
```

They "**materialize**" temporary objects, now they have address, name, etc

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int& ra = a;
int&& ra2 = a + 42; // OK
S&& rs = S{1};      // OK
S&& rs2 = bar();     // OK
```

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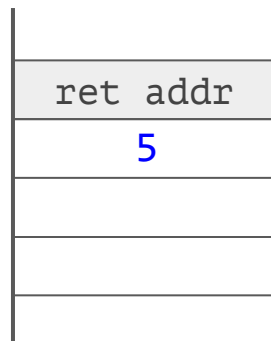
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```
int&& ra2 = a + 42;
```



a and ra

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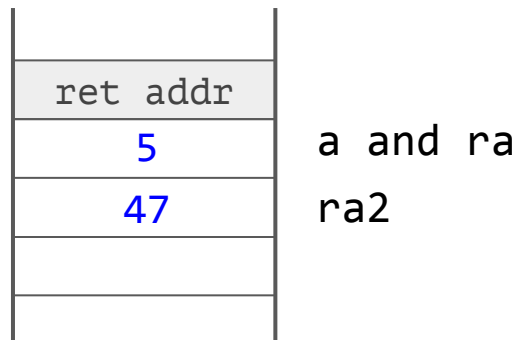
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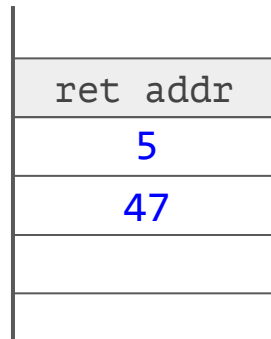
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```



a and ra  
ra2

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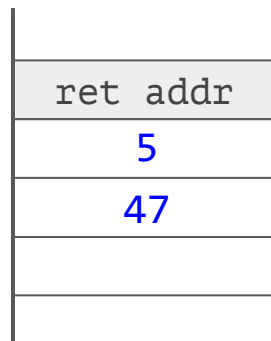
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```

```
int&& ra2 = a + 42;
```

```
ra2 = 13;
```



a and ra

ra2

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ra2 is not constant, you  
can **change** the object.

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Last, but not the least: functions can be `overloaded` for both `lvalue-references` and `rvalue-references` arguments.

```
struct S { int x; };
```

```
S bar() {  
    S res{1};  
    if (...)  
        return res;  
    else  
        return {1};  
}
```

```
void test(S& s) {  
    cout << "lvalue ref" << endl;  
}
```

```
void test(const S& s) {  
    cout << "const lvalue ref" << endl;  
}
```

---

```
S s(12);
```

```
test(s);  
test(S{1});  
test(foo());
```

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struct S { int x; };
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        return res;  
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}
```

---

```
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```

```
test(s);           // lvalue ref  
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```

Quite logical: we just  
can't bind l-value  
refs to temporals

```
struct S { int x; };
```

```
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    S res{1};  
    if (...)  
        return res;  
    else  
        return {1};  
}
```

```
void test(S& s) {  
    cout << "lvalue ref" << endl;  
}
```

```
void test(const S& s) {  
    cout << "const lvalue ref" << endl;  
}
```

```
void test(S&& s) {  
    cout << "rvalue ref" << endl;  
}
```

---

```
S s(12);
```

```
test(s);           // lvalue ref  
test(S{1});        // ???  
test(foo());       // ???
```



```
struct S { int x; };
```

```
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    S res{1};  
    if (...)  
        return res;  
    else  
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}
```

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void test(S& s) {  
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}  
void test(const S& s) {  
    cout << "const lvalue ref" << endl;  
}  
void test(S&& s) {  
    cout << "rvalue ref" << endl;  
}
```

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```
S s(12);
```

```
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test(S{1});        // rvalue ref  
test(foo());       // rvalue ref
```

rvalue refs have a higher priority  
than const lvalue refs

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Last, but not the least: functions can be **overloaded** for both lvalue-references and rvalue-references arguments. And rvalue-references have **higher priority**.

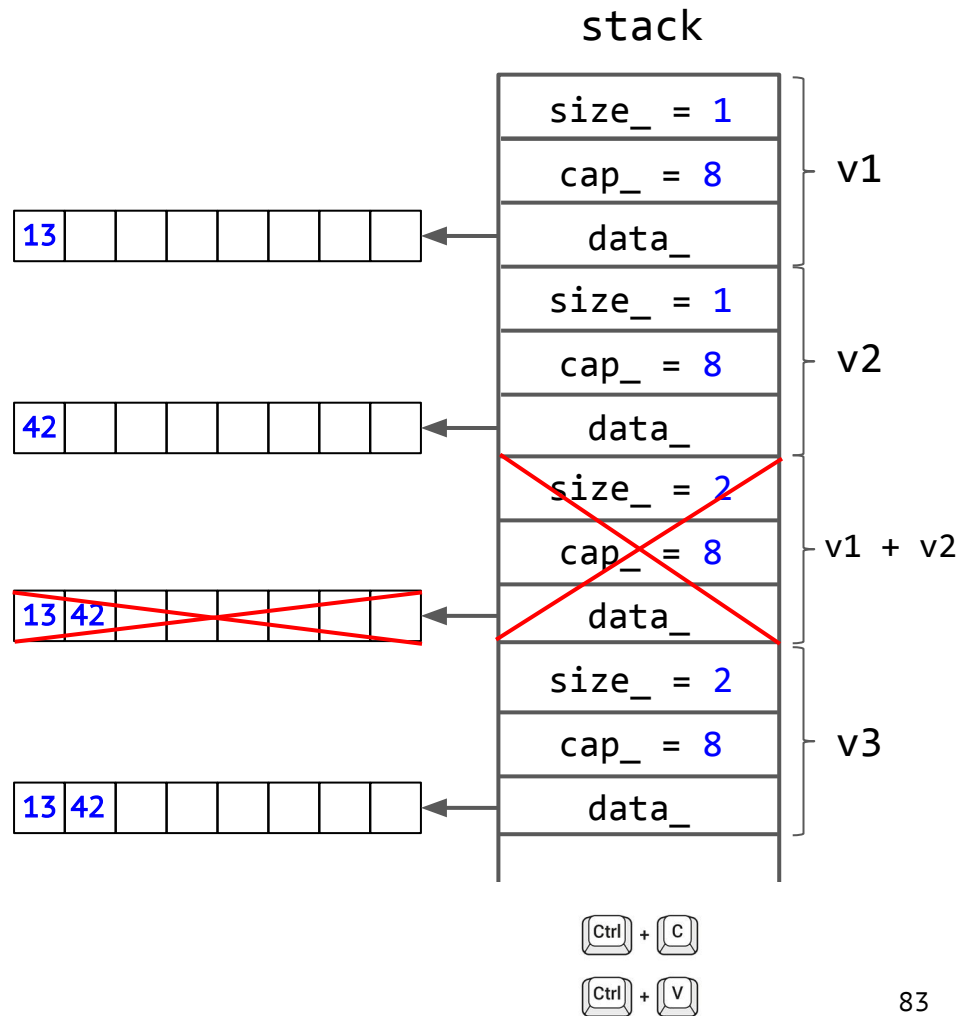
```
Vector v1;  
v1.push(13);  
Vector v2;  
v2.push(42);
```

```
Vector v3 = v1 + v2;
```

```
cout << v3.at(1) << endl;  
// 42
```

Everything works **correctly**  
(thanks to the rule of 3), but...

a lot of work to create and initialize  
temporary object which is **only used** to  
initialize v3!



```
class Vector {  
    size_t size_;  
    size_t cap_;  
    int *data_;  
public:  
    ...  
    Vector(const Vector& other): size_(other.size_), cap_(other.cap_) {  
        data_ = new int[cap_];  
        for (int i = 0; i < size_; i++) {  
            data_[i] = other.data_[i];  
        }  
    }  
    ...  
};
```

copy constructor, used to initialize  
v3 from previous slide

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        }  
    }
```

move constructor.

```
    Vector(Vector&& other) {  
        ...  
    }
```

```
    ...  
};
```

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public:
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            data_[i] = other.data_[i];  
        }  
    }
```

move constructor. The argument is  
an rvalue => temporary object

```
    Vector(Vector&& other) {  
        ...  
    }
```

```
    ...  
};
```

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        for (int i = 0; i < size_; i++) {
            data_[i] = other.data_[i];
        }
    }

    Vector(Vector&& other) {
        ...
    }

    ...
};

```

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It is almost a dead man!  
What can we do with him?

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        for (int i = 0; i < size_; i++) {
            data_[i] = other.data_[i];
        }
    }

    Vector(Vector&& other) {
        ...
    }

    ...
};

```

**copy constructor**, used to initialize  
v3 from previous slide

**move constructor**. The argument is  
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It is almost a dead man!  
What can we do with him?

We can steal memory from him!





```
class Vector {  
    size_t size_;  
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public:
```

copy constructor, used to initialize  
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```
    ...  
    Vector(const Vector& other): size_(other.size_), cap_(other.cap_) {  
        data_ = new int[cap_];  
        for (int i = 0; i < size_; i++) {  
            data_[i] = other.data_[i];  
        }  
    }  
  
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    }  
  
    ...  
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        }  
    }
```

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        ...  
    }
```

```
    ...  
};
```

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    size_t size_;  
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    int *data_;  
public:
```

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v3 from previous slide

```
    ...  
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            data_[i] = other.data_[i];  
        }  
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copy constructor, used to initialize  
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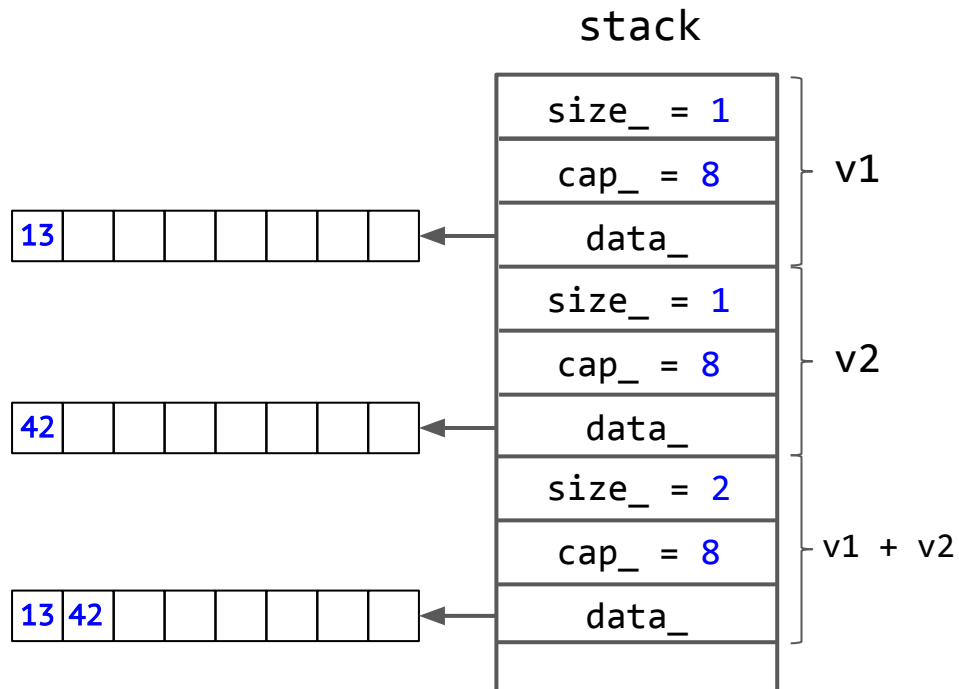
Because otherwise, the destructor of temporary object  
will free the corresponding memory.

```
    ...
};
```

```
Vector v1;  
v1.push(13);  
Vector v2;  
v2.push(42);
```

```
Vector v3 = v1 + v2; ←
```

```
cout << v3.at(1) << endl;  
// 42
```



The result of `v1 + v2` is a **temporary** object that is alive till the end of full expression (;)

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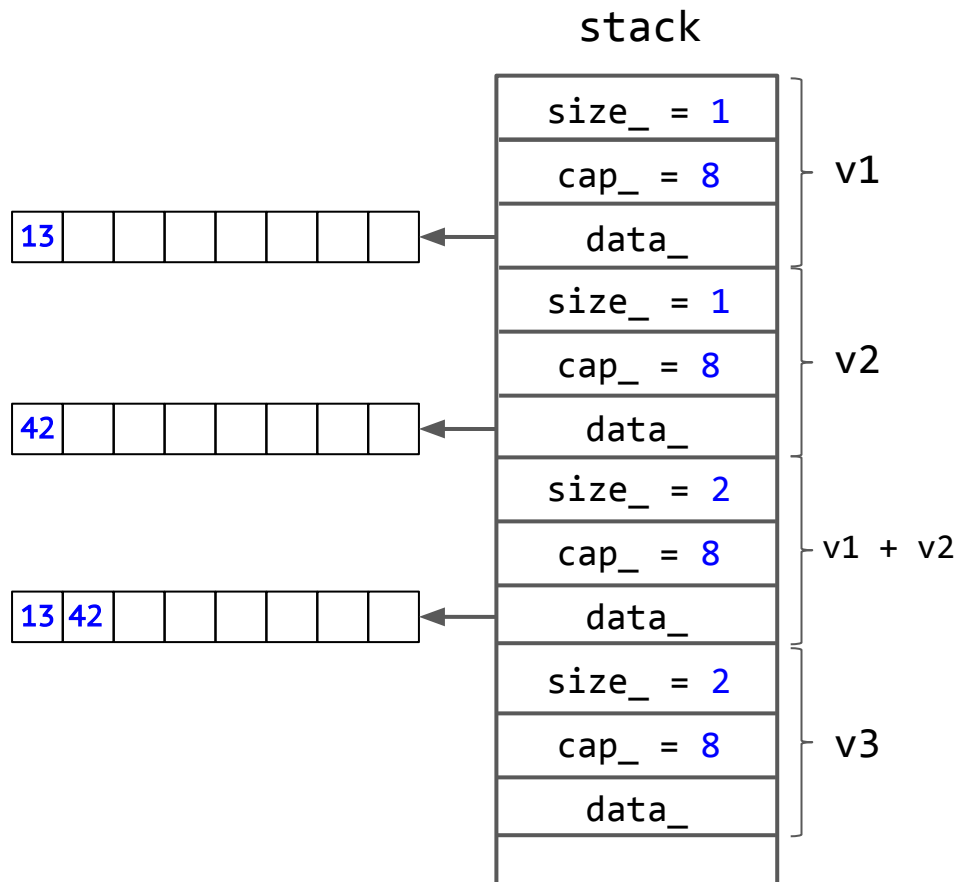
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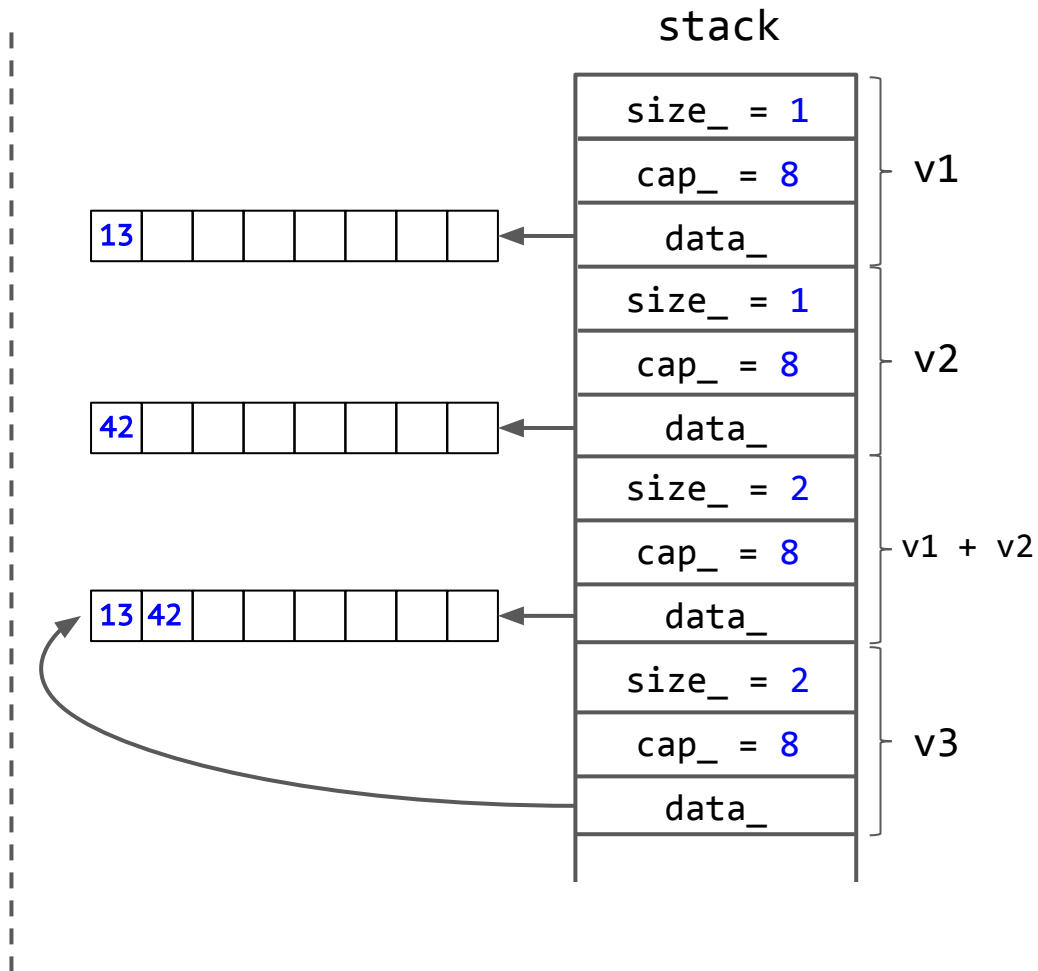
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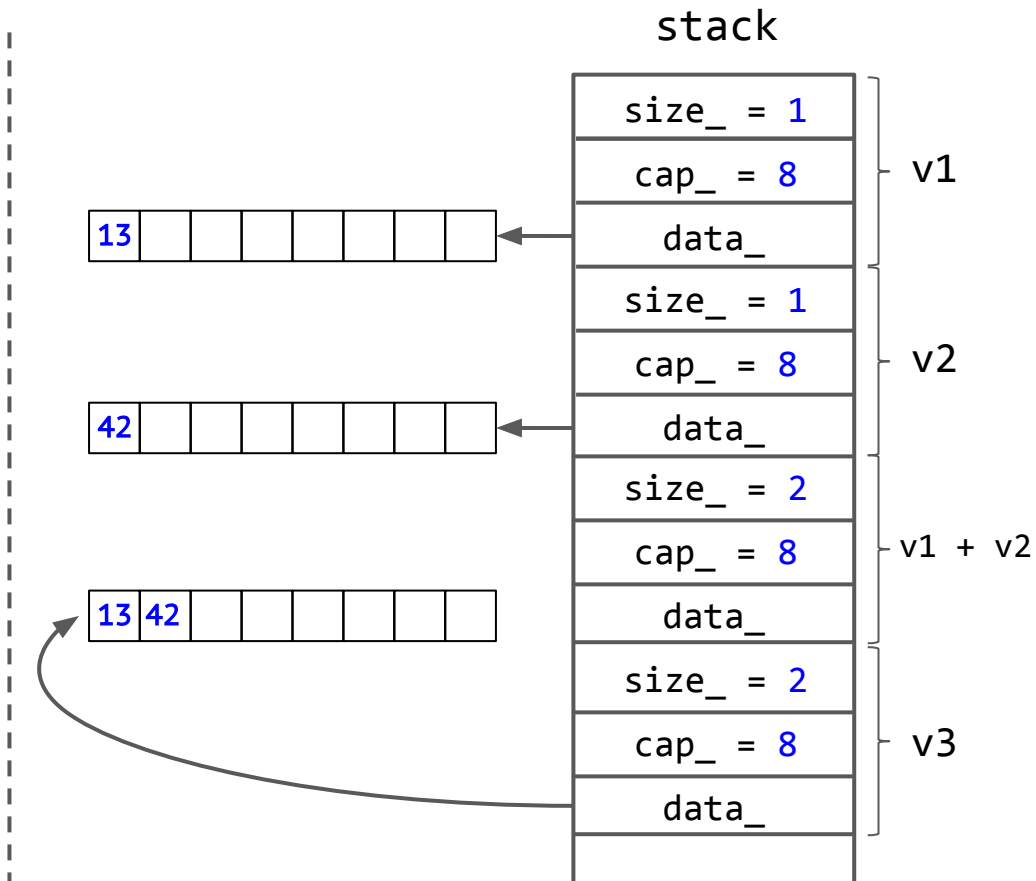
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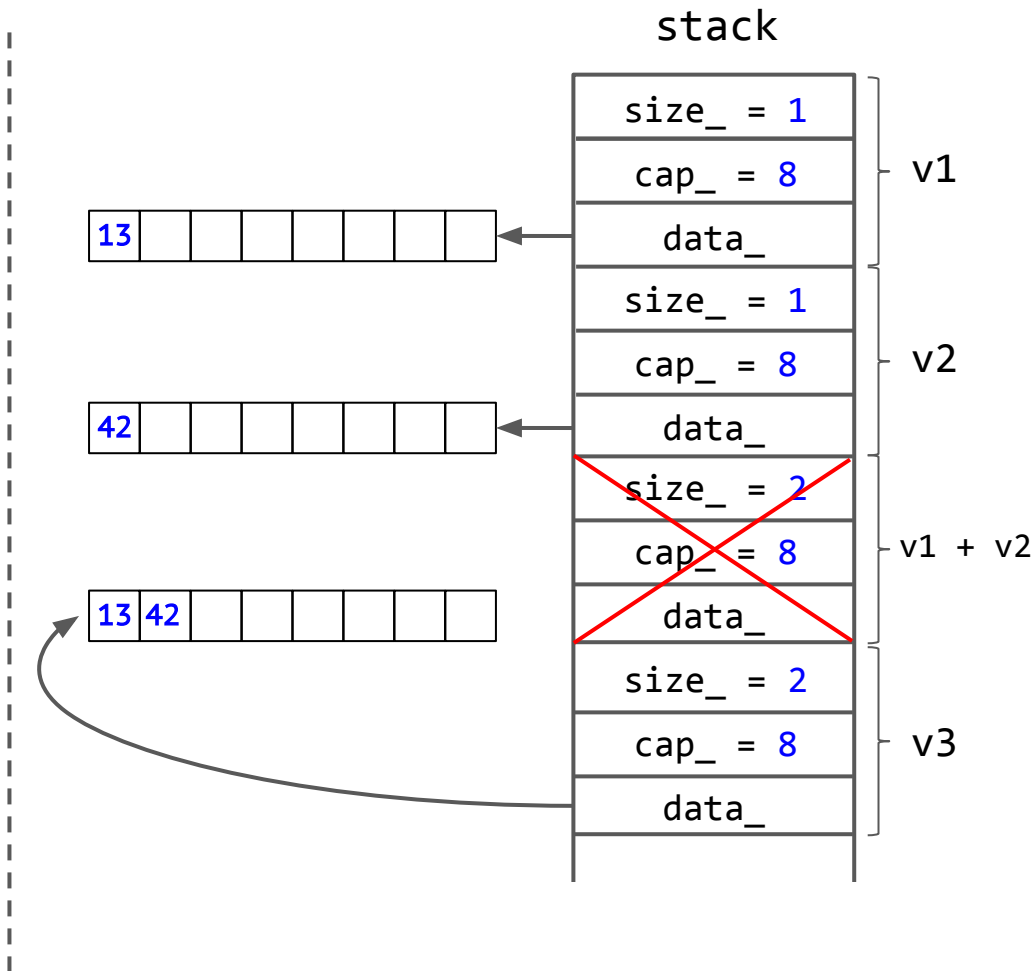
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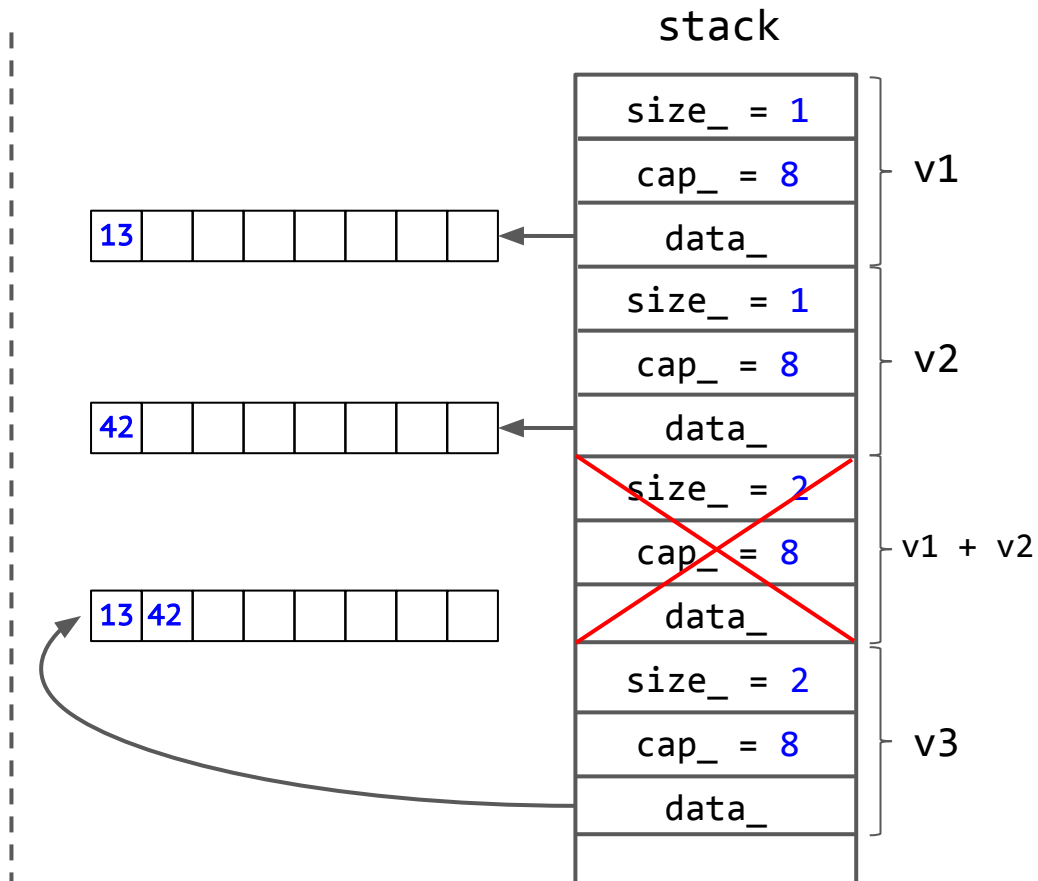
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```



We've just saved 1 allocation, a deallocation and 1 copying of the array. That's a lot.

## Another example

```
cout <<  
    getRandomVector(10).at(9)  
→ << endl;
```

```
// vector created  
// vector copied  
// vector deleted  
// 301989906  
// vector deleted
```

2 allocations, 1 copying, 2 deleting.  
Isn't it **too heavy** for such sample?

Imagine we have debug prints in constructor, copy constructor and destructor. What will be printed?

```
Vector getRandomVector(size_t max_size) {  
    if (max_size == 0) {  
        return Vector{};  
    }  
  
    Vector result{max_size};  
    std::random_device rd;  
    std::mt19937_64 gen(rd());  
    std::uniform_int_distribution<int> dis;  
  
    for (size_t i = 0; i < max_size; i++) {  
        result.at(i) = dis(gen);  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

## Another example

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```
// vector created  
// vector moved  
// vector deleted  
// 301989906  
// vector deleted
```

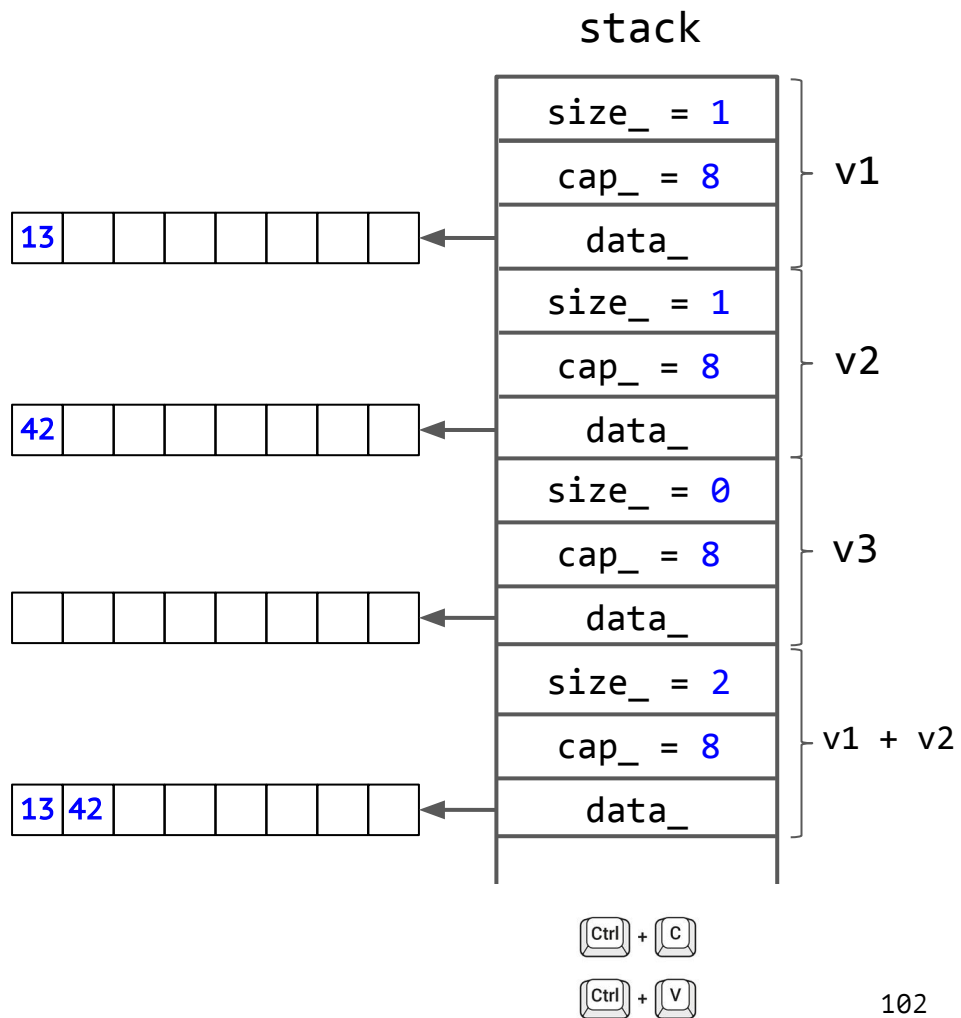
With move constructor it will be  
1 allocation, **no copying** and 1  
deleting (one more for nullptr).

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    }  
    return result;  
}
```

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// 42
```

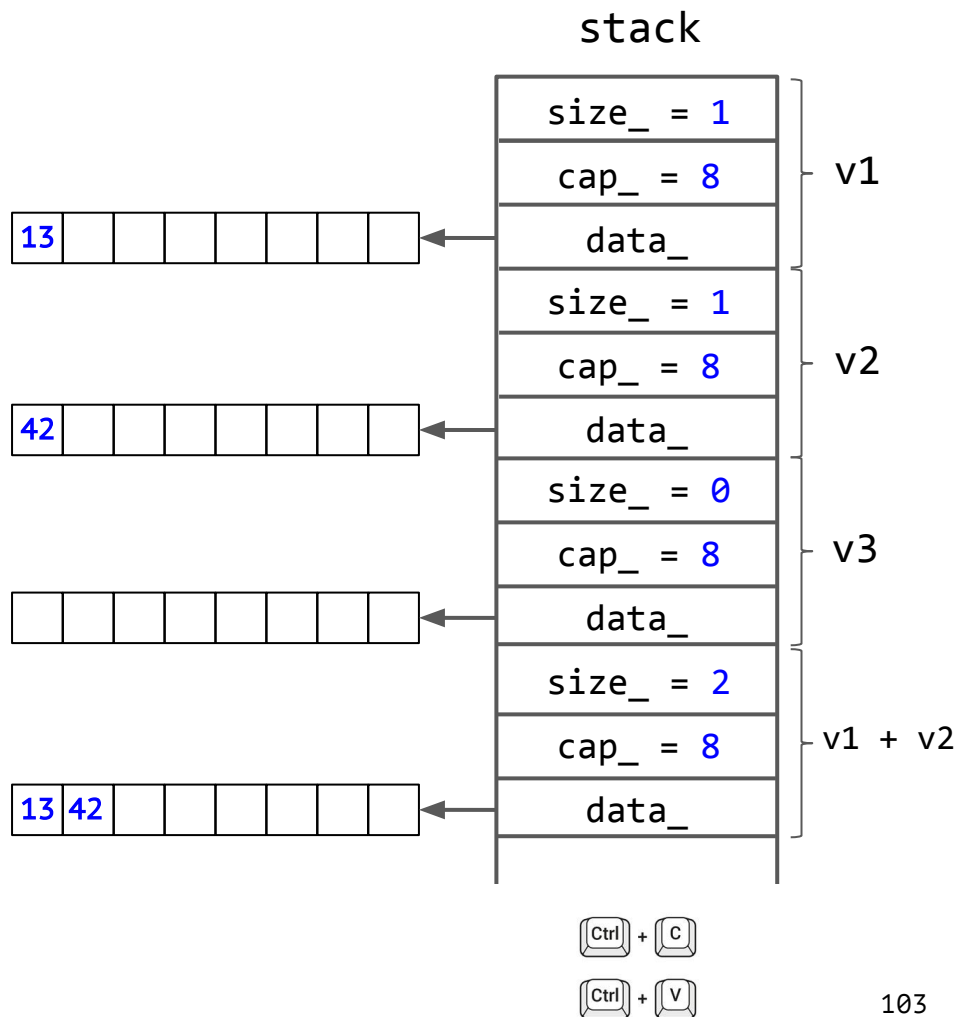


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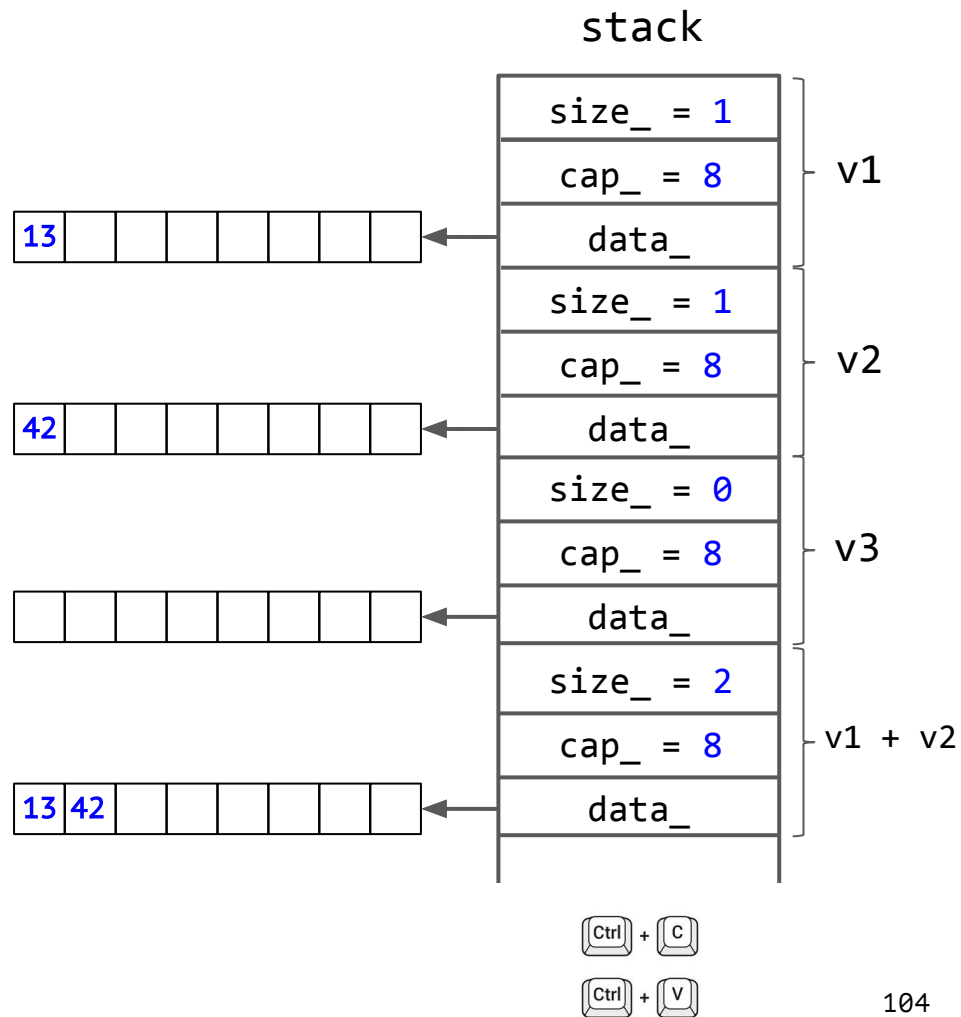
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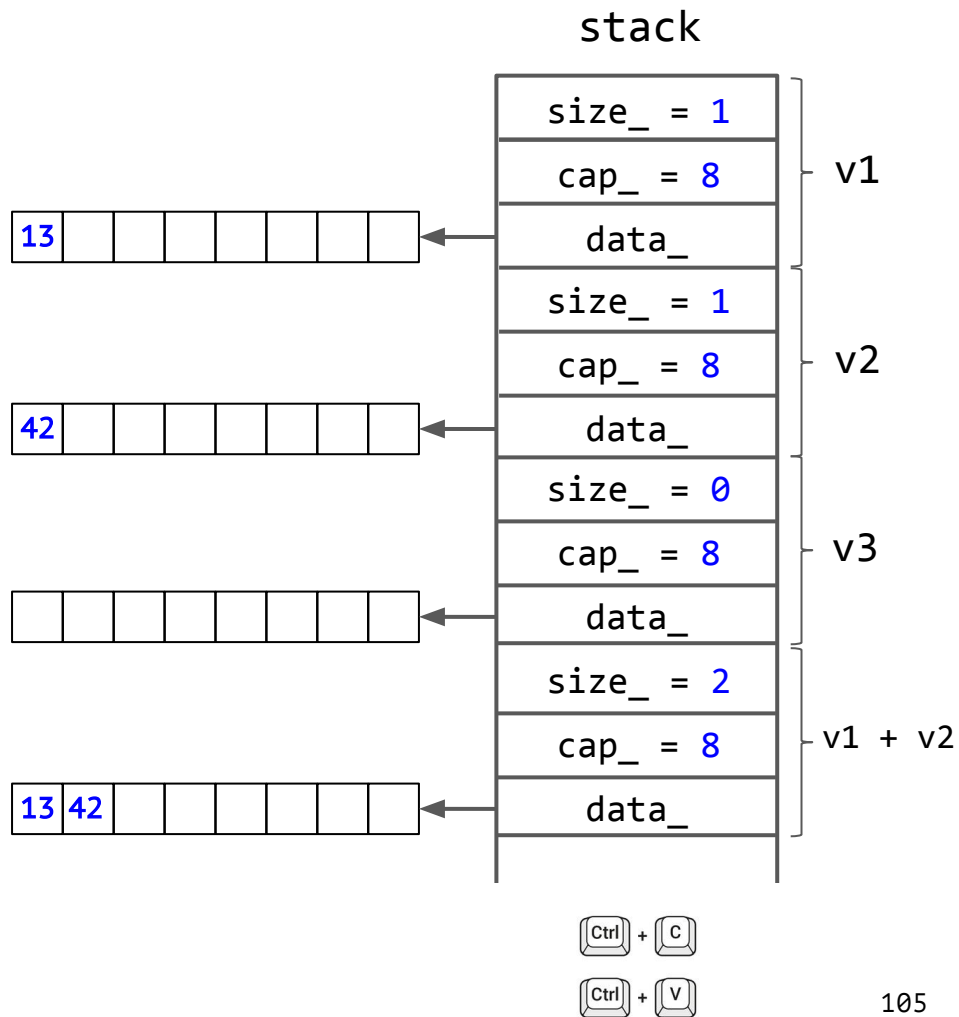


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What about **assignment operator**?  
Aren't we in the same situation here?

Should we copy a data from tmp obj  
again? No, we should **steal** again!



```

class Vector {
    size_t size_;
    size_t cap_;
    int *data_;
public:
    ...
    Vector& operator=(const Vector& other) {
        if (this == &other) {
            size_ = other.size_;
            capacity_ = other.capacity_;

            delete[] data_;
            data_ = new int[capacity_];

            for (int i = 0; i < size_; i++) {
                data_[i] = other.data_[i];
            }
            return *this;
        }
    }
};

```

copy assignment operator

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            delete[] data_;
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```

copy assignment operator

move assignment operator

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};

```

copy assignment operator

move assignment operator

Again: instead of allocating new memory and copying of it we just steal it from a dead man.

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class Vector {
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public:
    ...
    Vector(const Vector& other) ... { ... }
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} If you have one of these, you should have all 3 of them.

This is [rule of 3](#).

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You can use this swap for Vectors, but it will work terribly **slow** because of copy ctr, additional allocations and deallocations.

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Vector a;
Vector&& rra = std::move(a);
// no compilation errors!
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    PairOfVectors (PairOfVectors&& other) {  
        this->vec1 = other.vec1;  
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Ok, now we are **stealing** fields as well!



Beware of `std::move`!

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Vector a{16};
```

```
a.push(13);
```

```
Vector b = std::move(a);
```

```
cout << a.at(0) << endl;
```

# Beware of std::move!

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// 42
```

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<< endl;  
  
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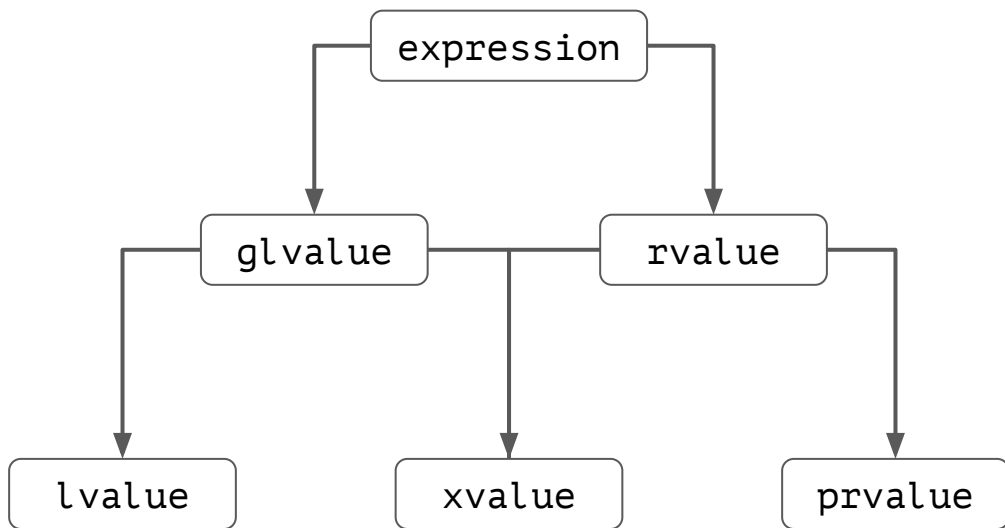
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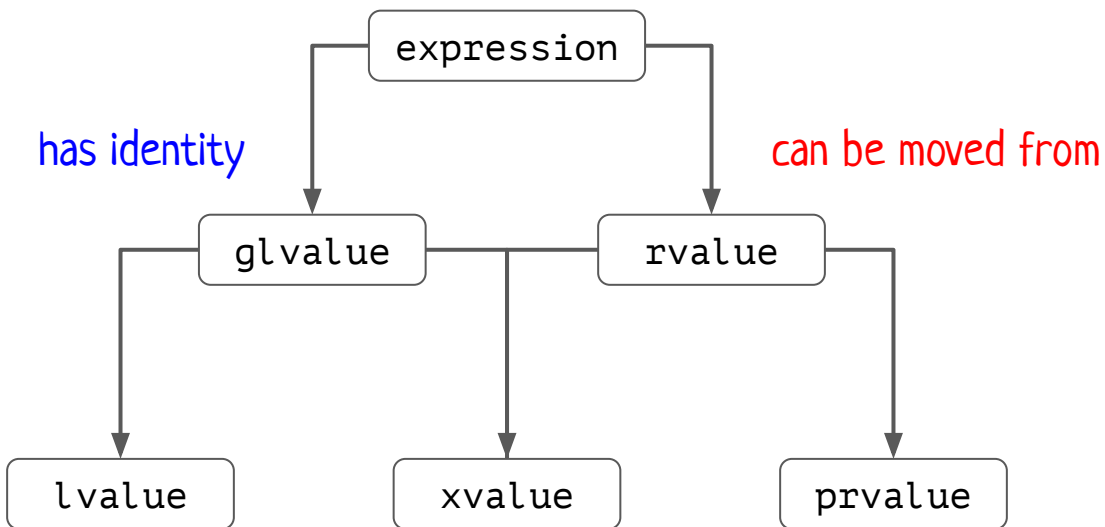
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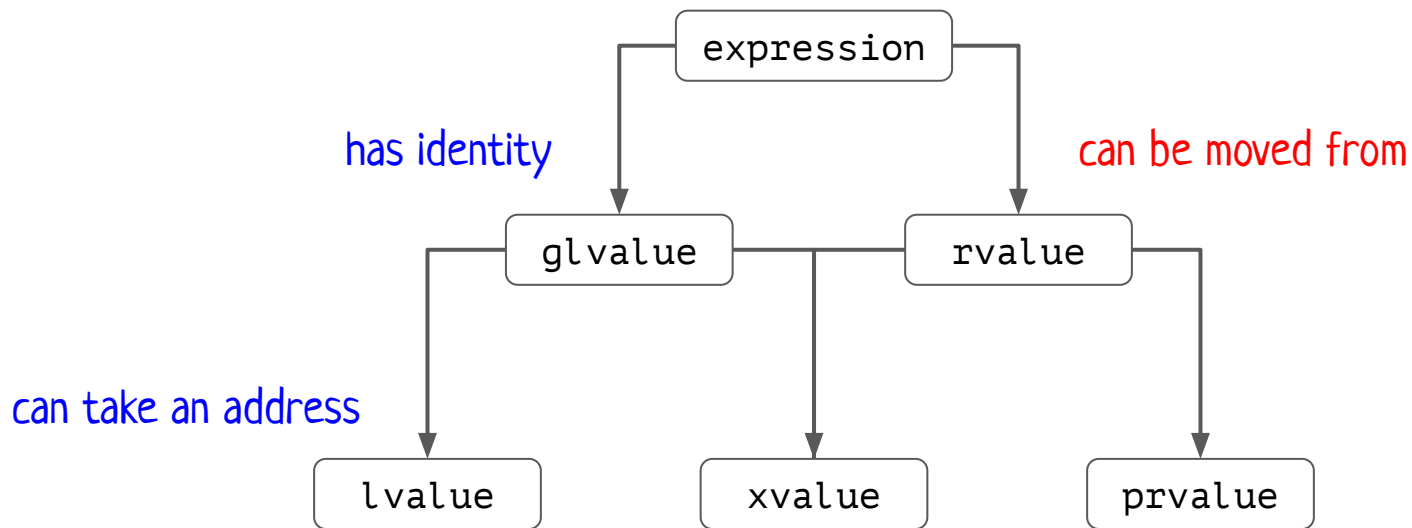




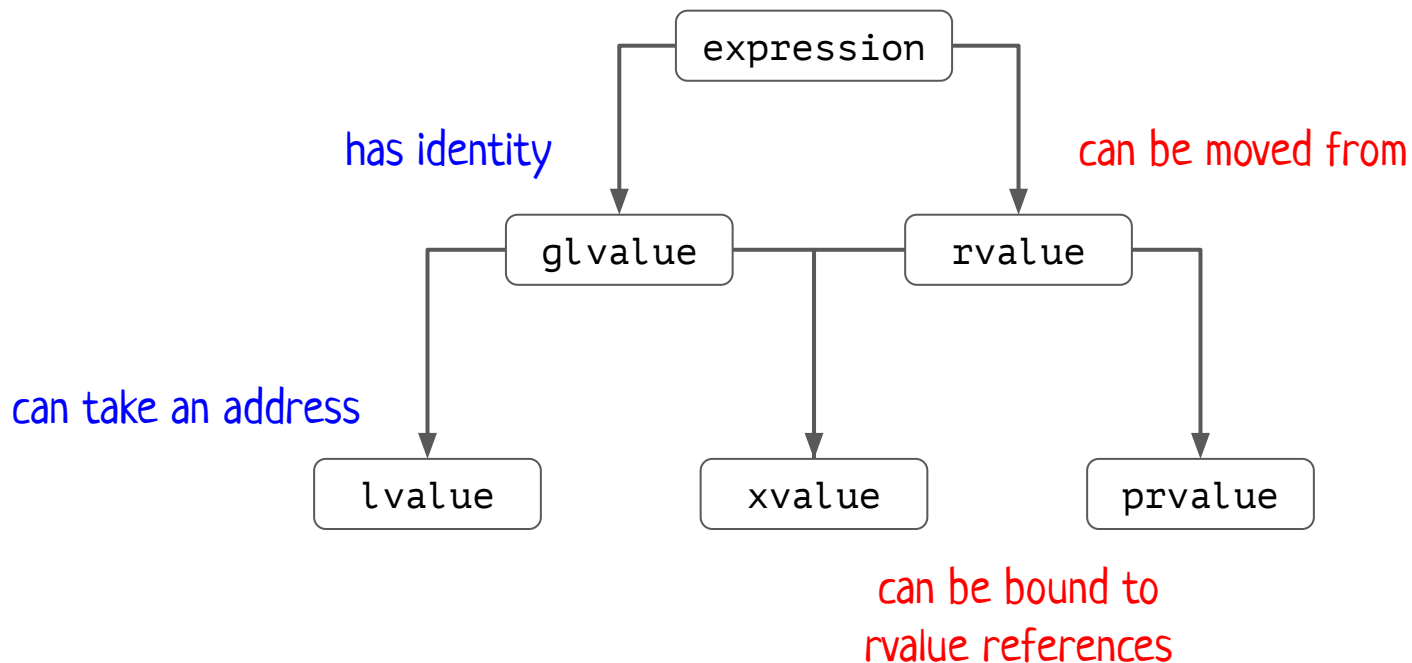
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```

```
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## 4. Great `practical` rule!

### A PRACTICAL RULE

Scott Meyer has [published](#) a very useful rule of thumb to distinguish rvalues from lvalues.

- If you can take the address of an expression, the expression is an lvalue.
- If the type of an expression is an lvalue reference (e.g., T& or const T&, etc.), that expression is an lvalue.
- Otherwise, the expression is an rvalue. Conceptually (and typically also in fact), rvalues correspond to temporary objects, such as those returned from functions or created through implicit type conversions. Most literal values (e.g., 10 and 5.3) are also rvalues.

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## Not So Tiny Task №4 (1 point)



Improve solution from NSTT #1 by adding `move constructors` and `move assignment operators` where needed.

Don't forget to add tests that show that copy constructors and assign operators work correctly.

# Takeaways

- **Move semantics**. Stealing resources from a dead man is not a crime, but optimization!
- **Rule of five**.
- Rvalue references. Different **value categories** in C++: the whole picture.