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# **SimpleGraphPlotter v1.6**

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

In the following part firstly the problem will be explained and secondly the requirements for a basic plotter will be enlisted. A plotter is a program that can plot functions from strings which defines the functions by ordinary math syntax. This project uses `C++` programming language and the `gtkmm`<sup>1</sup> wrapper for the `GTK+`<sup>2</sup> toolkit to generate the graphical user interface. It is compiled with the `GNU gcc` compiler.

### 1.1 Requirements

A few basic things is needed to have a functioning math plotter:

1. Define a function given ordinary math syntax.
2. Parse the inputed function and plot it accordingly.
3. Add/Remove functions from plotarea.
4. Plotarea should be scrollable both vertical and horizontal.
5. Range should be fixed to the unit-cube.<sup>3</sup>
6. Display axis of the plot.
7. Parser must be properly tested.

### 1.2 Scope

The amount of functionality that is possible to put in a system like this is almost endless so a few delimitations has to be made in order to complete the project. The

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<sup>1</sup>Documentation, binaries and source can be found at: [www.gtkmm.org](http://www.gtkmm.org)

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<sup>3</sup>This restriction will be handled in section 1.2

currently biggest restriction to the plotter is the lack of ability to zoom or change the range from the unit-cube. No support for parametric nor complex functions.<sup>4</sup>

### 1.3 Assistance

Besides the reference manuals for `gtkmm` no external help for this project was received.

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<sup>4</sup> Since no native support in `C++` for complex numbers which means all the basic math functions would have to be rewritten in order for this to work.

## Chapter 2

# Structure

An basic overview of the structure can be seen in figure 2.1, all public non-self-explanatory parts will then be enlisted and explained in a `javadoc` like manner.

### 2.1 Parser

The parser code can be divided into to parts the algorithm code, that is the actual parser, and the data structure in the form of a parse tree.2.2

#### 2.1.1 parser

The parser is an implementation of a *recursive descent parser*. To types of methods are used in the parsing, `is-a` and `read-it`. The `is-a` is used for lookahead to determine which type of expression lays ahead, while `read-it` is used to do the actual syntactic information gathering from the expression fragment.

The EBNF syntax for the parsing made by this algorithm is as follows:

```
plots = term-(-1),[';',expression-(-1)],'\n' (* no support in this
implementation *)
expression-i = [unary-i],expression-(i+1),[op-(i+1),expression-i]  \\
(* -1 is the lowest order expression *) \\
(* either unary-(i+1) or op-(i+1), unary (since on the left) \\
has higher priority *)
term-n = var | num | [function],(,term-(-1),) \\
(* n is the number of the highest order operator *) \\
(* if function is left out it will be handled as the unit function *)

op-0 = '>' | '<'
op-1 = '+' | '-'
op-2 = '*' | '/' | '%'
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op-3 = '^'
unary-3 = '+' | '-' | '*'
num = ? all numbers ?
var = 'x'
function = cos | sin | tan | acos | asin | atan | cosh \\
| sinh | tanh | exp | log | log10 | sqrt | ceil | abs \\
| floor | pi | e (* where pi and e are constant
functions *)

```

**public parse(expr : std::string)** Parses the string `expr` to generate a parse tree that represents the math expression in `expr`.

**Parameters:**

`expr` - The string to be parsed.

**Returns:**

`iexpression*` - Returns a pointer to the root of the parse tree.

Public <basic description of the function> TODO should i perhaps move the arguments/return as i doxygen to their own posts?

`parse_exception`

`operators`

### 2.1.2 unary\_level

what is this used for?

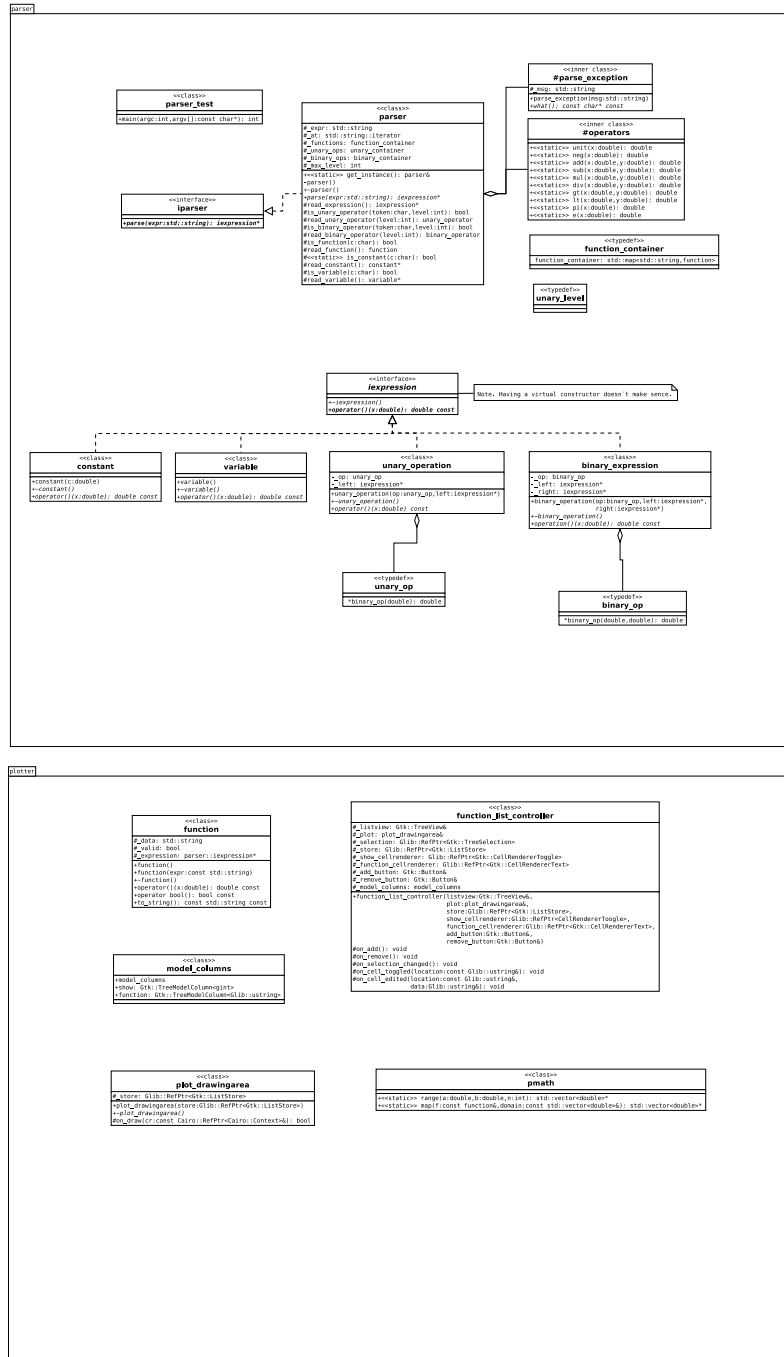
### 2.1.3 iexpression...

## 2.2 Plotter

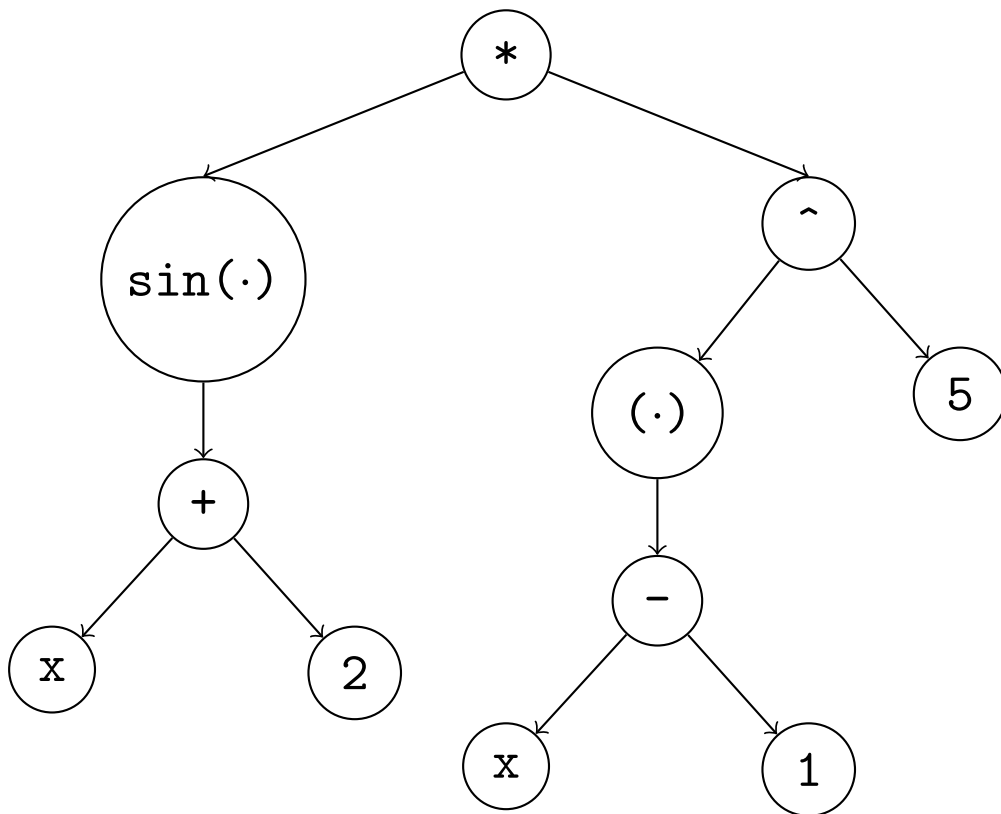
... <images with the different parts highlighted with a red border, that is the parts being described at the moment> especially point out the inheritance in the custom widgets.



## 2.2. PLOTTER



**Figure 2.1.** An UML showing the structure and the enclosure.



**Figure 2.2.** An example of the parse tree for the expression  $\sin(x+2)*(x-1)^5$ . Trivial nodes were left out.

## Chapter 3

# Results and Discussion

### 3.1 Results

«screenshots» Runned trough valgrind, results?.

### 3.2 Discussion

= Problems with the unofficial C++wrapper `gtkmm`, only used it to avoid missing out inheritance, polymorphism and to get it compatible with the standard C++Library.