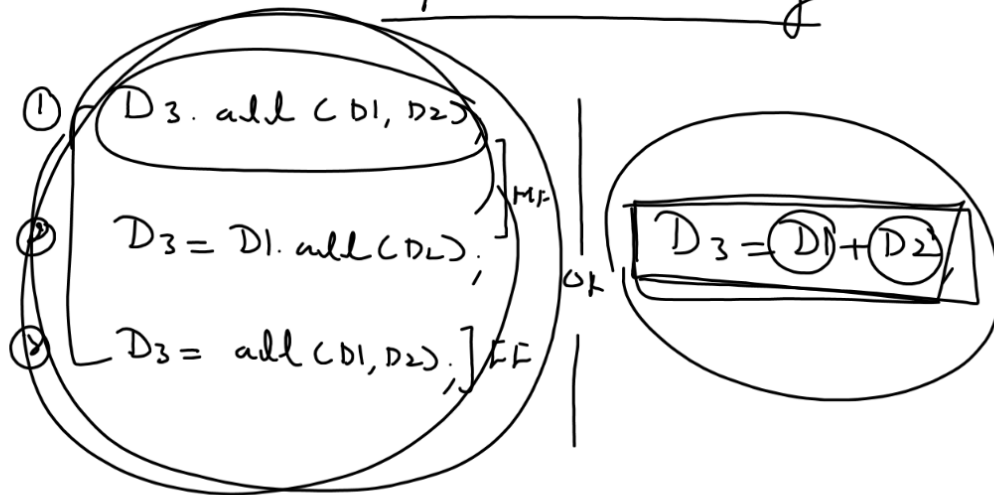


## Operator Overloading



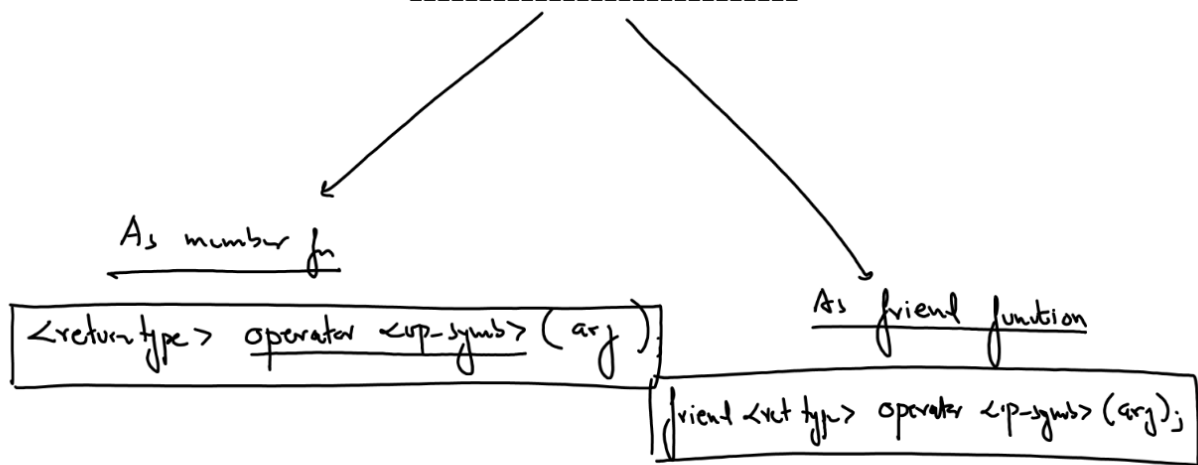
Operator Overloading is a technique using which a programmer can redefine the existing operators of C++ lang in such a way that these operators can be used to work upon objects of user defined types much in the same way like they work upon variables of primitive data types.

Benefit ?

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By overloading operators we can simplify the call to the function i.e. when we overload operators we actually create functions but these functions can be used as operators which can make the process of giving function calls simpler

## Techniques Of Overloading Operators



### A Program To Overload Unary Operator ++ (Pre increment version) As Member Function Of The Class

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Counter
{
    int count;
public:
    Counter(int c)
    {
        count=c;
    }
    Counter()
    {
        count=0;
    }
    void show()
    {
        cout<<"Count:"<<count<<endl;
    }
    void operator++();
};
void Counter::operator++()
{
    ++count;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    Counter C1(10);
    C1.show(); → 10
    ++C1;
    C1.show(); → 11
    return 0;
}
```

**Handwritten Notes:**

- A box labeled **C1** contains the values **10** and **11**, with the label **Count** next to it.
- Arrows point from the **++C1** in the main function to the **operator++()** in the class definition and the **++count** in the member function implementation.
- Handwritten code snippets show the logic of the pre-increment operator:
  - `Count++;`
  - `or Count = Count + 1;`
  - `or Count += 1;`
- A box contains the code: `C1.operator++();`

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    {
        cout<<"Count:"<<count<<endl;
    }
    void operator++();
};
void Counter::operator++()
{
    ++count;
}
```

*Errrr!*

$C2 = C1.op++(C);$

```
int main()
{
    Counter C1(10);
    Counter C2;
    C1.show();
    C2.show();
    C2=++C1;
    C1.show();
    C2.show();
    return 0;
}
```

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    Counter operator++();
};
```

*Improved  
version  
of previous  
code*

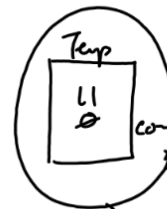
```
Counter Counter::operator++()
{
    Counter Temp; ✓
    ++count;
    Temp.count=count;
    return Temp;
}
```



*Count*



*Count*



```
int main()
{
    Counter C1(10);
    Counter C2;
    C1.show();
    C2.show();
    C2=++C1;
    C1.show();
    C2.show();
    return 0;
}
```

$C2 = C1.op++(C);$

$$x = \text{tty}(x)$$

$$X \quad c_2 = \text{tt}(c_1(c_2))$$