

# C++ - Assignment 4

**Practicing overloading special functions/  
operators in classes**

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# Part 1. Extend your lepton class from assignment 3

- Replace velocity with a **four-momentum  $\mathbf{P}$**  (0.5 mark, 0.25 if not all implemented or if problems with input checking)
  - $\mathbf{P} = (E/c, p_x, p_y, p_z)$  [units: MeV]
    - E cannot be negative
    - E cannot be more than the speed of light
  - Your parameterised constructor should reflect this
- Implement this four-momentum as a pointer to a dynamically allocated **std::vector** of size 4 (1 mark, 0.5 if not dynamically allocated or no setters/getters)
  - use `new std::vector * = FourMomentum()` and `push_back` the four-vector elements in the order above
  - because the user doesn't know what order you use, do not let user read the vector directly but instead use setters/getters for each element (`getE`, `getpx`, ...)
- Add overloaded operators for sum (overload "+") that sums the four-vectors of two particles (0.5 mark, 0.25 if attempt that doesn't do the right thing)
- Similarly, have a function for the dot product of two particle four-vectors (call it `dotProduct`) - both this and the sum operator should take another particle as input (0.5 mark, 0.25 if attempt that doesn't do the right thing)

*Think carefully of what to pass by reference and what to make const. We won't mark this but you can ask for feedback.*

# Part 2. Customize the following special functions

- *(1 mark each, 0.5 if not all implemented correctly, e.g. wrong memory management)*
  - Copy constructor
  - Copy assignment
  - Destructor
- [challenge mark] Move constructor
- [challenge mark] Move assignment operator
- Each of these should print out “Calling X” where X = operator/constructor/destructor...to ease marking

Use deep copies and  
check for self-assignment using this\*



# Part 3. Show how things work in `main()`

- (0.25 mark for each, 0.15 if not all implemented correctly, e.g. wrong memory management)
  - Create different particles (as before, use a “test vector” made of two electrons, four muons, one antielectron, one antimuon)
  - Sum the four-momenta of the two electrons
  - Do the dot product of the first two four-muons
  - Assignment operator of an electron to a new electron
  - Copy constructor of the first muon to a new muon
  - Move the antielectron into another antielectron using the move constructor
  - Assign the antimuon to another antimuon using the move assignment

# Marks for code compilation/style

- Additional marks:
  - 0.5 for use of git (commit or tag/release)
  - 0.25 for splitting in interface and implementation
    - Add a README text file to BB / Git with the line you used to compile
  - Negative marks for not having clear code / following house style
- 1 mark will be deducted if your program produces any compilation warnings. **If your code does not compile, we will not debug/mark it and you will get zero marks.**

# Suggestion on designing/writing code

- Suggestion: don't write all code at once, write one thing at a time
- Example:
  - start with making the particle class with only constructor and destructor, instantiate it in `main()`
  - compile (if it does, commit & push to git)
  - add the other data member and member function, test them in `main()`
  - compile (& commit)
- This way if something doesn't compile by the submission deadline you still have something that compiles to submit!



# Link to join the GitHub repository:

<https://classroom.github.com/a/YNTicYMm>