

Arrays and Vectors

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Vectors

What are vectors?

- 'Array' of items:
 - items of any type (but the same for all elements of one vector)
 - potentially very many items
- Indexed set of items
- ... but if you don't need the index: collection of items

Vector definition

Definition, mostly without initialization.

```
#include <vector>
using std::vector;

vector<type> name;
vector<type> name(size);
vector<type> name(size, init_value);
```

where

- *vector* is a keyword,
- type (in angle brackets) is any elementary type or class name,
- name is up to you, and
- size is the (initial size of the vector). This is an integer, or more precisely, a `size_t` parameter.
- Initialize all elements to `init_value`.

Accessing vector elements

Square bracket notation:

```
vector<double> x(5, 0.1 );  
x[1] = 3.14;  
cout << x[2];
```

With bound checking:

```
x.at(1) = 3.14;  
cout << x.at(2);
```

Safer, slower.

Range over elements

You can write a range-based for loop, which considers the elements as a collection.

```
for ( float e : array )  
    // statement about element with value e  
for ( auto e : array )  
    // same, with type deduced by compiler
```

Code:

```
vector<int> numbers = {1,4,2,6,5};  
int tmp_max = numbers[0];  
for (auto v : numbers)  
    if (v>tmp_max)  
        tmp_max = v;  
cout << "Max: " << tmp_max  
    << " (should be 6)" << endl;
```

Output

[array] dynamicmax:

Max: 6 (should be 6)

Ranging over a vector by reference

To set array elements, make `e` a reference:

```
for ( auto &e : my_vector )  
    e = ....
```

Code:

```
vector<float> myvector  
    = {1.1, 2.2, 3.3};  
for ( auto &e : myvector )  
    e *= 2;  
cout << myvector.at(2) << endl;
```

Output

[array] vectorrangeref:

6.6

Exercise 1

Find the element with maximum absolute value in a vector. Use:

```
vector<int> numbers = {1,-4,2,-6,5};
```

Hint:

```
#include <cmath>
..
absx = abs(x);
```


Indexing the elements

You can write an indexed for loop, which uses an index variable that ranges from the first to the last element.

```
for (int i= /* from first to last index */ )  
    // statement about index i
```

Example: find the maximum element in the array, and where it occurs.

Code:

```
int tmp_idx = 0;  
int tmp_max = numbers.at(tmp_idx);  
for (int i=0; i<numbers.size(); i++) {  
    int v = numbers.at(i);  
    if (v>tmp_max) {  
        tmp_max = v; tmp_idx = i;  
    }  
}  
  
cout << "Max: " << tmp_max  
    << " at index: " << tmp_idx <<
```

Output

[array] vecidxmax:

Max: 6.6 at index: 3

Indexing with pre/post increment

Indexing in `while` loop and such:

```
x = a.at(i++); /* is */ x = a.at(i); i++;  
y = b.at(++i); /* is */ i++; y = b.at(i);
```

Vector initialization

You can initialize a vector as a whole:

Code:

```
{  
    vector<int> numbers{5,6,7,8,9,10};  
    cout << numbers.at(3) << endl;  
}  
  
{  
    vector<int> numbers = {5,6,7,8,9,10};  
    numbers.at(3) = 21;  
    cout << numbers.at(3) << endl;  
}
```

Output

[array] dynamicinit:

8
21

Vector constant initialization

There is a syntax for initializing a vector with a constant:

```
vector<float> x(25,3.15);
```

which gives a vector of size 25, with all elements initialized to 3.15.

Range over vector denotation

Code:

```
for ( auto i : {2,3,5,7,9} )  
    cout << i << ", ";  
cout << endl;
```

Output

[array] rangedenote:

2,3,5,7,9,

Vector copy

Vectors can be copied just like other datatypes:

Code:

```
vector<float> v(5,0), vcopy;  
v.at(2) = 3.5;  
vcopy = v;  
vcopy.at(2) *= 2;  
cout << v.at(2) << ", "  
      << vcopy.at(2) << endl;
```

Output

[array] vectorcopy:

3.5,7

Exercise 2

Find the location of the first negative element in a vector.

Which mechanism do you use?

Exercise 3

Create a vector x of `float` elements, and set them to random values.

Now normalize the vector in L_2 norm and check the correctness of your calculation, that is,

1. Compute the L_2 norm of the vector:

$$\|v\| \equiv \sqrt{\sum_i v_i^2}$$

2. Divide each element by that norm;
3. The norm of the scaled vector should now be 1. Check this.

What type of loop are you using?

Vector methods

- Get elements, including bound checking, with `ar.at(3)`. Note: (zero-based indexing).
- (also get elements with `ar[3]`: see later discussion.)
- Size: `ar.size()`.
- Other functions: *front*, *back*, *empty*.
- *vector* is a 'templated class': *vector*<X> is a vector-of-X.

Dynamic vector extension

Extend with `push_back`:

Code:

```
vector<int> array(5,2);  
array.push_back(35);  
cout << array.size() << endl;  
cout << array[array.size()-1] << endl;
```

Output

[array] vectorend:

6
35

also `pop_back`, `insert`, `erase`.

Flexibility comes with a price.

Static arrays

Array creation

C-style arrays still exist, but you shouldn't use them.

```
{  
    int numbers[] = {5,4,3,2,1};  
    cout << numbers[3] << endl;  
}  
  
{  
    int numbers[5]{5,4,3,2,1};  
    numbers[3] = 21;  
    cout << numbers[3] << endl;  
}
```

Ranging

Same as for vector

Dynamic behaviour

Dynamic size extending

```
vector<int> iarray;
```

creates a vector of size zero. You can then

```
iarray.push_back(5);  
iarray.push_back(32);  
iarray.push_back(4);
```

Filling in vector elements

You can push elements into a vector:

```
vector<int> flex;  
/* ... */  
for (int i=0; i<LENGTH; i++)  
    flex.push_back(i);
```

If you allocate the vector statically, you can assign with at:

```
vector<int> stat(LENGTH);  
/* ... */  
for (int i=0; i<LENGTH; i++)  
    stat.at(i) = i;
```


Filling in vector elements

With subscript:

```
vector<int> stat(LENGTH);  
/* ... */  
for (int i=0; i<LENGTH; i++)  
    stat[i] = i;
```

You can also use new to allocate:

```
int *stat = new int[LENGTH];  
/* ... */  
for (int i=0; i<LENGTH; i++)  
    stat[i] = i;
```

Timing the ways of filling a vector

Flexible time: 2.445

Static at time: 1.177

Static assign time: 0.334

Static assign time to new: 0.467

Exercise 4

Write a function of one `int` argument n , which returns vector of length n , and which contains the first n squares.

Vectors and functions

Vector as function return

You can have a vector as return type of a function.

Example: this function creates a vector, with the first element set to the size:

Code:

```
vector<int> make_vector(int n) {  
    vector<int> x(n);  
    x.at(0) = n;  
    return x;  
}  
  
/* ... */  
vector<int> x1 = make_vector(10);  
// "auto" also possible!  
cout << "x1 size: " << x1.size() <<  
    endl;  
cout << "zero element check: " << x1.  
    at(0) << endl;
```

Output

[array] vectorreturn:

x1 size: 10
zero element check: 10

Vector as function argument

You can pass a vector to a function:

```
void print0( vector<double> v ) {  
    cout << v.at(0) << endl;  
};
```

Vectors, like any argument, are passed by value, so the vector is actually copied into the function.

Vector pass by value example

Code:

```
void set0
( vector<float> v,float x )
{
    v.at(0) = x;
}

/* ... */
vector<float> v(1);
v.at(0) = 3.5;
set0(v,4.6);
cout << v.at(0) << endl;
```

Output

[array] vectorpassnot:

3.5

Vector pass by reference

If you want to alter the vector, you have to pass by reference:

Code:

```
void set0  
( vector<float> &v, float x )  
{  
    v.at(0) = x;  
}  
/* ... */  
vector<float> v(1);  
v.at(0) = 3.5;  
set0(v,4.6);  
cout << v.at(0) << endl;
```

Output

[array] vectorpassref:

4.6

Exercise 5

Revisit exercise 3 and introduce a function for computing the L_2 norm.

Exercise 6

Write code to take a vector of integers, and construct two vectors, one containing all the odd inputs, and one containing all the even inputs. So:

input:

5,6,2,4,5

output:

5,5

6,2,4

Can you write a function that accepts a vector and produces two vectors as described?

(hints for the next exercise)

```
// high up in your code:  
#include <random>  
using std::rand;  
  
// in your main or function:  
float r = 1.*rand()/RAND_MAX;  
// gives random between 0 and 1
```

Exercise 7

Write functions `random_vector` and `sort` to make the following main program work:

```
int length = 10;  
vector<float> values = random_vector(length);  
vector<float> sorted = sort(values);
```

This creates a vector of random values of a specified length, and then makes a sorted copy of it.

The alternative would in-place sorting. Find arguments for/against that approach.

Vectors in classes

Can you make a class around a vector?

Vector needs to be created with the object, so you can not have the size in the class definition

```
class witharray {  
private:  
    vector<int> the_array( ???? );  
public:  
    witharray( int n ) {  
        thearray( ???? n ???? );  
    }  
}
```

Create and assign

The following mechanism works:

```
class witharray {  
private:  
    vector<int> the_array;  
public:  
    witharray( int n )  
        : the_array(vector<int>(n)) {  
    };  
};
```

Better than

```
witharray( int n ) {  
    the_array = vector<int>(n);  
};
```

Multi-dimensional arrays

Multi-dimensional vectors

Multi-dimensional is harder with vectors:

```
vector<float> row(20);  
vector<vector<float>> rows(10,row);
```

Create a row vector, then store 10 copies of that:
vector of vectors.

Matrix class

```
class matrix {  
private:  
    vector<vector<double>> elements;  
public:  
    matrix(int m,int n) {  
        elements =  
            vector<vector<double>>(m,vector<double>(n));  
    }  
    void set(int i,int j,double v) {  
        elements.at(i).at(j) = v;  
    };  
    double get(int i,int j) {  
        return elements.at(i).at(j);  
    };  
};
```

Exercise 8

Write `rows()` and `cols()` methods for this class that return the number of rows and columns respectively.

Matrix class'

Better idea:

```
elements = vector<double>(rows*cols);  
...  
void get(int i,int j) {  
    return elements.at(i*cols+j);  
}
```

(Old-style solution: use cpp macro)

Exercise 9

Why are m, n here stored explicitly, and not in the previous case?

Exercise 10

Add methods such as transpose, scale to your matrix class.
Implement matrix-matrix multiplication.

Pascal's triangle contains binomial coefficients:

where

The coefficients can easily be computed from the recurrence

$$p_{rc} = \begin{cases} 1 & c \equiv 1 \vee c \equiv r \\ p_{r-1,c-1} + p_{r-1,c} & \end{cases}$$

Exercise 11

- Write a class `pascal` so that `pascal(n)` is the object containing n rows of the above coefficients. Write a method `get(i,j)` that returns the (i,j) coefficient.
- Write a method `print` that prints the above display.
- Write a method `print(int m)` that prints a star if the coefficient modulo m is nonzero, and a space otherwise.

```
      *
     * *
    *  *
   * * * *
  *       *
 * *       * *
*   *   *   *
* * * * * * * *
 *       *
* *       * *
```

- The object needs to have an array internally. The easiest solution is to make an array of size $n \times n$.

Exercise 12

Extend the Pascal exercise:

Optimize your code to use precisely enough space for the coefficients.

Turn it in!

- Write a program that accepts two integers: the height of the triangle, and the modulo with which to print it. The tester will search for stars in your output and test that you have the right number in each line.
- If you have compiled your program, do:
`sdstestpascal yourprogram.cc`
where 'yourprogram.cc' stands for the name of your source file.
- Is it reporting that your program is correct? If so, do:
`sdstestpascal -s yourprogram.cc`
where the `-s` flag stands for 'submit'.
- If you don't manage to get your code working correctly, you can submit as incomplete with
`sdstestpascal -i yourprogram.cc`