CS 15 Project 2: CalcYouLater

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Introduction

Preamble

Welcome to the second project! It's a calculator, but it's even more. It's almost a real programming language! This is a more involved project, for which you have been given ample time, if you start right away.

Do not try to do it in one sitting

Read it right away. Jot down and draw ideas. It's better to work on it in 90 minute or 2 hour chunks of time. If you do that, and you're organized, it will go smoothly. The stack implementation itself should be doable in a single sitting. Be sure to note the three phases of the project. Come in to talk to one of us about your plan as early as you can.

Note on File I/O

For this project, you'll find knowledge you acquired about file I/O in Project 1 helpful. In particular, the ability to pass a reference to an std::istream to a function makes it easy to modularize your code by allowing a function to process input from any input stream, whether it be std::cin or a stream that you attached to a file using open.

There is an additional piece here. C++ has a way for you to treat a std::string as if it were an input stream! It has a class, called std::istringstream. Its constructor and an example of how to use a std::istringstream for input can be found here. A istringstream has eof and fail member functions, just like std::cin or any other input stream. Here is also a tutorial on string streams. The idea for our purposes is to make an std::istringstream from a std::string, and then pass that std::istringstream to a function that requests an std::istream &, and it will work!

Introduction

In this project you will implement a Reverse Polish Notation (RPN) calculator. RPN is also known as "postfix" notation¹. This means that the operator comes *after* its operands rather than in between. For example:

- 3 4 + is equal to 7
- 3 4 * is equal to 12
- 1 2 is equal to -1 (note the order)
- 8 2 / is equal to 4 (note the order)

Cool fact: RPN does not need any parentheses as long as each operator has a fixed number of operands (which is the case in this assignment). For example, the infix expression:

$$5 + ((1 + 2) * 4) - 3$$

can be written in postfix notation as follows:

Your RPNCalc will support more than just integers, however! It will support Datum objects! More on this in a moment.

 $^{^1{\}rm The}$ notation you're used to, with the operator between the operands is called "infix" notation.

Project Planning and Deliverables

Before writing any functions, sit down and read the assignment specification in full. There is a lot of complexity here! Then, begin to plan your solution. It would be prudent to organize and plan your solution to be as modular as possible. Use helper functions! Doing this initial planning will be extremely helpful down the road when it comes to testing and debugging; it also helps the course staff more easily understand and read your work (which can only help you). It is not advisable that you sit down and attempt to write this in one sitting, particularly if that sitting is close to the deadline. For that reason, the CS 15 course staff has come up with a project implementation plan, split into three **required** (read: graded) phases:

Week One

Deliverable #1: Design Checkoff

Go into office hours and talk to a TA about your plan. Bring some drawings of your data representations - how you imagine your data will flow between structures. This helps twofold: you plan out your project and get your brain working on it in the background, and also you get design feedback before it's too late. You **must** have physical drawings to show the TA. The TA will not look at any code since this checkout is designed to give feedback on your design only, not any code (light pseudocode is allowed). TAs will check off your design and reserve the right to not check off your design if you do not have drawings (and pseudocode) to show or if a TA feels like your design was not thoroughly mapped out enough. Please email TA or post privately on Piazza.

Deliverables #2 and #3: DatumStack class and parseRString

Write and submit the DatumStack class and parseRString function (these are described in detail under sections of their own names below). These are not expected to be strenuous exercises, but have been known to occasionally hide latent bugs that mess up the rest of your RPNCalc. So, start them early, get them right, and make sure they are well-tested.

Week Two

Deliverable #4: CalcYouLater

Write CalcYouLater! (described in detail below) Implement some of the less involved operations first. Then do the more complicated operations.

Datum Class

Introduction

Before diving in to the details of the RPNCalc and DatumStack clases, we will go over the Datum class. A Datum object is essentially a container for one of three things:

- int
- bool
- rstring (short for RPN string)

The type of the value contained by any given Datum object is chosen from the above three options at construction-time, and does not change during the lifetime of that Datum object. We have coded the Datum class for you, but it would be worth your while to understand the interface.

Datum Interface

• Four Constructors: one constructor for each type a Datum object can contain, plus a copy constructor. Note that there is no default constructor. Also note that, under the hood, rstrings are represented as C++ strings.

```
Datum(int i);
Datum(bool b);
Datum(string s);
Datum(const Datum &d);
```

- A destructor
- An assignment operator overload

• Three type query functions:

```
bool isInt();
bool isBool();
bool isRString();
```

- An equals (==) operator for comparing two different Datum objects. This allows us to call, e.g., d1 == d2 where d1 and d2 are instances of the Datum class. If d1 and d2 contain values of different types, this would return false. If d1 and d2 contain values of the same type, then the underlying values will be compared.
- The less-than (<) operator for Datum holding integers. Using the less-than operator and the is-equal-to operator, we can build less-than-or-equal (<=), greater-than-or-equal (>=), and greater-than (>). Use of any of these operators on Datum which hold booleans or rstrings will raise a std::runtime_error with the message "datum_not_int".
- Three data access functions:

These functions each throw an std::runtime_error with the associated message above if they are called on a Datum of the wrong type. For instance, if I have a Datum that contains a boolean value, and I call getRString() on it, it will raise a std::runtime_error with the message datum_not_rstring.

• toString(), a function that creates a string representation of the Datum. This is useful for printing and debugging.

File Organization for the Provided Datum Files

The Datum class is given to you as two files: Datum.h and Datum.o. Datum.h contains the interface of the Datum class; Datum.o contains a pre-compiled object file. That is, it is a non-human-readable file which was compiled from a .cpp file, and it contains all of the working machine code that you can use in your project, but does not give you any information about how it works. What it does, however, can be gleaned from Datum.h (the interface). To use the Datum class, you must #include "Datum.h" at the top of whichever file

will use it, and you must link <code>Datum.o</code> with your compiled code. You can review the Makefile lecture and lab for a reminder of how to link with a .o file.

DatumStack Class

Introduction

The DatumStack class will maintain a stack of Datum objects, and will be used heavily by the RPNCalc class. Part of your Week 1 assignment is to to implement this interface.

DatumStack Interface

You DatumStack class must have the following interface (all the following members are public):

- Two constructors as follows:
 - A default constructor, which takes no parameters and initializes an empty stack.
 - A constructor which takes an array of Datum and an integer specifying the size of the array as parameters and creates a stack initialized so that the elements of the array are on the stack with the array's element 0 pushed on first and it's (size 1)th element at the top of the stack. Example:

```
Datum data[2] = { Datum(5), Datum(true) };
DatumStack d(data, 2);
// d now has a true Datum as the top element
```

- If necessary, define the Big Three (destructor, copy constructor, assignment operator).
- An isEmpty function that takes no parameters and returns a boolean value that is true if this specific instance of the DatumStack class is empty and false otherwise.

• A clear function that takes no parameters and has a void return type. It makes the current stack into an empty stack.

- A size function that takes no parameters and returns an integer value that is the number of Datum elements on the stack.
- A top function that takes no parameters and returns the top Datum element on the stack. NOTE: It does **not** remove the top element from the stack. If the stack is empty, it throws a std::runtime_error exception with the message "empty_stack".
- A pop function that takes no parameters and has a void return type. It removes the top element on the stack. NOTE: It does not return the element. If the stack is empty it throws a std::runtime_error exception with the message "empty_stack".
- A push function that takes a Datum element and puts it on the top of the stack.

RPNCalc Class

Introduction

The interface for the RPNCalc class is rather straightforward—the complexity is not in the number of functions, but rather is in the logic of processing the commands that come to the run function.

RPNCalc Interface

- Define a default constructor which takes no parameters and initializes the RPNCalc object.
- Define a destructor that destroys/deletes/recycles any heap-allocated data you may have used in the RPNCalc instance.
- Define a run function that takes no parameters and returns nothing. This function reads in commands from standard input (std::cin). Each command can be read as a string and commands will be separated by whitespace. Commands do not have to be on different lines. See below for details.

The 'Simpler' RPNCalc Commands

The supported operations will be extended by the "harder" commands, but implement these simpler commands first and get them working before continuing on.

- A number causes a Datum containing the number to be pushed onto the stack.
- #t causes a Datum with the boolean true to be pushed on the stack.

- #f causes a Datum with the boolean false to be pushed on the stack.
- not reads and pops the top element off the stack, a boolean, and causes a Datum with the opposite boolean value of the popped element to be pushed on the stack.
- print prints the value on the top of the stack to std::cout (without popping it) followed by a new line.
- clear clears the calculator, emptying the stack.
- drop causes the top element on the stack to be removed.
- dup duplicates the top element on the stack.
- swap swaps the top two elements on the stack.
- quit, quits the calculator completely. When the program quits, it prints the following message to std::cerr: "Thank you for using CalcYouLater.\n" (It should print this message whether it quits with the quit command or by reaching the end of input on std::cin).
- The operators +, -, *, /, or mod. Any of these causes the top two elements (which must both be integers) to be popped off the stack, the operation to be performed on them (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, or remainder), and a Datum with the result to be pushed on the top of the stack. The first operand of the operation is the first (deeper) item on the stack. NOTE: The result does not print.
- The operators <, >, <=, >=, or ==. Any of these causes the top two elements to be popped off the stack, the operation to be performed on them (some kind of logical comparison) and a Datum with the result (a boolean) to be pushed on the top of the stack. The first operand of the operation is the first (deeper) item on the stack. NOTE: The result does not print.

The 'more Complex' Commands

Any rstring

You can think of an rstring as a sequence of commands to be saved and executed later. For our purposes, an rstring will be defined as a sequence of characters that follows this pattern:

- The sequence must begin with "{ " (note the spacing!).
- The sequence must end with " }" (note the spacing!).

Any rstring that is provided as input to RPNCalc will be put inside of a Datum as an std::string, and the Datum will be pushed onto the stack. To clarify, "rstring" itself is not a command; rather, an example of a command that would be parsed as an rstring and pushed onto the stack would be "{ 2 8 + }". Another example would be "{ 2 + }".

Note: The braces *must* match up, and the spacing around the beginning and ending braces *must* be correct. Also, rstrings can be nested - to see an example of nested rstrings, read on about if.

Clearly, processing rstrings will be important for the success of your RPNCalc class. Thus, part of your Week 1 assignment is to implement a function to parse rstrings. While reading in input, once you read a "{ ", you should call this parsing function. See the section titled parseRString Specification (below) for details.

exec

exec takes the topmost element on the stack, which must be an rstring, and processes its contents as a sequence of commands. If the topmost element of the stack is not an rstring, it should print "Error: cannot execute non rstring\n" to std::cerr, and your program should continue to accept input.

file

file pops the top element off of the stack, which must be an rstring. If it is not an rstring it should print "Error: file operand not rstring\n" to std::cerr, and continue to accept input.

For example, the rstring might be "{ square.cylc }", in which case the filename is "square.cylc". The contents of the named file is then read and processed as if its commands had been typed into the command loop. If the file cannot be opened or read, the message "Unable to read FILENAME\n" (where "FILENAME" is replaced with the name of the file specified in the command) is printed to std::cerr. The program does not crash or throw an exception. The command loop then continues reading data from its last input source.

if

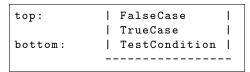
if Overview

if has a few steps. The command if:

1. pops an rstring off of the stack—this rstring will be executed if the condition is false.

- 2. pops another rstring off of the stack—this rstring will be executed if the condition is true.
- 3. pops a boolean off of the stack—this is the condition to test.

To clarify, if assumes that the stack will look like this at the time it is called:



If the test condition is the boolean true, then the TrueCase in the diagram above should be exec'd. If the test is the boolean false, the FalseCase in the diagram above should be exec'd. If any of the elements encountered are of the wrong type, choose the appropriate error message to print to std::cerr:

- "Error: expected rstring in if branch\n"
- "Error: expected boolean in if test\n"

Your program should **not** throw an exception. After printing to **std::cerr**, it should continue accepting input.

if Examples

Here are some examples of if in action that you might find helpful. Please note that the > characters below are the prompt (which you should not output, but we have included for readability in this document), not the greater-than sign.

useless if input to RPNCalc

```
> 3 4 <
> { #t } { #f } if
> print
#t
>
```

translated to C++

```
if (3 < 4) {
    return true;
} else {
    return false;
}</pre>
```

if that mimics the behavior of "not"

```
> 3 4 <
> { #f } { #t } if
> print
#f
>
```

translated to C++

```
if (3 < 4) {
    return false;
} else {
    return true;
}</pre>
```

A more complicated nested if

```
> 4 dup 10 ==
> { 1 0 / }
> { 6 + dup 10 < { 10 > } { 10 == } if }
> if
> print
#t
>
```

Which should read as follows:

- Push 4 onto the stack twice. Check if 4 is equal to 10.
- If so, execute the rstring "{ 1 0 / }".
- If not:

- try adding 6 to the 4 on the stack.
- check if that result is smaller than 10 (it shouldn't be).
 - If it is, check if it is greater than 10 (it shouldn't be).
 - If it is not, check if it is equal to 10 (it should be).

translated to C++

```
if (4 == 10) {
    return 1 / 0;
} else {
    if (4 + 6 < 10) {
        return 10 > 10;
} else {
        return 10 == 10;
}
```

Just For Fun Exercises!

- set followed by the name of a variable causes the variable to be set to the value on the top of the stack, which is then popped.
- get followed by the name of a variable pushes the value of the variable onto the stack. If the variable has not yet been defined, print the variable name and then ": undefined" on std::cerr (e.g. "x: undefined"). It should not throw an exception. After printing, it should continue accepting input.

Handling Errors in RPNCalc::run

Unrecognized Input

For any other input that is not a recognized command, print the offending input and print ": unimplemented" to std::cerr followed by a newline (e.g. "x: unimplemented\n"). It should **not** throw an exception. After printing, it should continue accepting input.

Exception Handling

Your RPNCalc class should catch any exceptions that may be thrown from the DatumStack class. If the DatumStack class throws an exception the

RPNCalc should print the string associated with the exception to std::cerr. For example if the stack threw an std::runtime_error exception with the message "empty_stack", the RPNCalc should print "Error: empty_stack\n" to std::cerr, then continue to accept input.

Note: the exception message from the DatumStack class does not include "Error: ", but RPNCalc should print the error message given when the exception is (or would be) thrown.

Your run() function should also catch all other exceptions thrown during evaluation. For example, since the Datum class can throw std::runtime_errors, you should catch those and print them appropriately to std::cerr:

• "Error: datum_not_int\n"

• "Error: datum_not_bool\n"

"Error: datum_not_rstring\n"

You can review the lecture on Exceptions for a reminder of how to catch exceptions and print the corresponding exception message.

We expect your program to never crash. This means you must test for possible edge cases. If you come up with an edge case, you MUST use the reference implementation to determine what the behavior of your program should be for that case, as we will be using the reference, and the exact error messages for grading your assignment.

Errors while getting command parameters from the stack

When running a command that must pop off parameters from the stack, RPNCalc's run should first pop both elements off of the stack, and then display the first error enountered, then continue processing input from the input source. That means that all parameters that had been popped off by the error producing command will be discarded.

Example: Datum of wrong type when running the + command

The + command expects that the first two elements on the stack are ints. If the + command was run on a stack that had a Datum that wasn't an int at the top, e.g.:

top:	rstring	
	int	
bottom:	boolean	

Then the approriate error message should be output and the run function should continue processing input. All Datum that had popped off by + leading up to the error would have been discarded, i.e the stack would look like:

top: | boolean | bottom: | | |

Error output prints to std::cerr

As mentioned above, all error output (and the final program termination message) is sent to std::cerr. The only program output that goes to std::cout is generated when print command is sent to RPNCalc.

parseRString Specification

Introduction and Function Signature

Implementing the parseRString function will be required as part of your deliverables for Week 1. Specifically, you will submit a file called parser.cpp. It should contain one function called parseRString which takes a reference to an istream, as a parameter to continue reading input from. The function signature will be as follows

```
std::string parseRString(std::istream &input);
```

parseRString Implementation

Assume this function is called after an initial "{" has been read from the input stream passed as a parameter. parseRString continues reading input from the stream until all curly braces are matched or until it reaches the end of the input. It returns an rstring (i.e, an std::string), with the preceding rstring specifications.

Examples

```
Example 1: \{ 1 2 + \} Call parseRString after you see the first \{ That is, pass " 1 2 + \}" or "1 2 + \}" to parseRString It should return the string "\{ 1 2 + \}"
```

```
Example 2: { 1 { 4 2 / } / }" Call parseRString after you see the first { That is, pass " 1 { 4 2 / } / }" or "1 { 4 2 / } / }" It should return the string: "{ 1 { 4 2 / } / }"
```

Note: parseRString assumes, therefore, that the first "{" has already been processed, and returns a complete rstring based on the information after that. If you just call parseRString immediately before the first "{", it will print two "{" characters. This is expected behavior. Later, you will find this function useful when reading in an rstring as input—it allows you to read in a *complete* rstring, with balanced braces, thereby enabling RPNCalc to handle nested rstrings.

If parseRString gets to the end of the input stream without finding the final matching "}",then you can choose what to do. Throwing an exception would be reasonable. We will not test you on this case.

Integrating parseRString in Your Code

Note that we've given you the declaration for parseRString, but it's up to you as to *how* you integrate it into your code for part ii. You have a few options, but we recommend:

- Keep the fn in a file named parser.cpp (remove main.cpp from this file if it's there from part i)
- Add the function header to the top of whichever file that uses the parseRString function.
- Add a rule to **compile** your parser.cpp to parser.o
- Make sure to add parser.o to the linking step in your Makefile.

cylc and cyl files

RPNCalc runs on files with extension .cylc. For example, if you have a sequence of commands saved in my_example.cylc, you can execute them by either:

- Sending the file to cin on the command line by using <, i.e., running ./CalcYouLater < my_example.cylc
- Pushing the rstring "{ my_example.cylc }" on to the stack, then using the file command.

Often, .cylc files can be tricky to read and understand. Thus, you can also use .cyl files, which allow you to add comments. In .cyl files, comments begin with the character %. Because RPNCalc does not support comments, you must then *convert* the .cyl file to a .cylc file. We have given you a program called cylc that does this for you.

As examples, we have provided you with four .cyl files in the starter code: add.cyl carries out some simple additions, fact.cyl implements the factorial function using RPNCalc commands, fib.cyl implements the Fibonacci function, and fib_debug.cyl uses Fibonacci to demonstrate a way to debug RPNCalc programs. Take a look at these files and the comments within them! They will be a useful reference when it comes time to test your program.

In order to convert the above files to .cylc files that can actually be run, use the cylc program we have provided you. For example, you can run ./cylc fact.cyl. This will create a new file called fact.cylc, which contains no comments or blank lines, and which can therefore be run by CalcYouLater.

Implementation Notes and Advice

You will write both the DatumStack and RPNCalc classes from scratch. They will each have two files associated with them - a .h file and a .cpp file. In addition to the public interfaces for the class defined above, you are free to add any private member functions / variables that you wish.

- The names of your functions / methods as well as the order and types of parameters and return types of the interface of the DatumStack and RPNCalc classes and the parseRString functions defined above must be exactly as specified. This is important because we will be compiling and linking the code you wrote with our own client code!
- Any print statements or exception messages should likewise print exactly as specified and use the given error type.
- For the two classes, you may not have any other public functions.
- All data members must be private.
- You may **not** use **std::stack** or any other built-in facility that would render the assignment trivial.

Notes Regarding the Starter Code

To get the starter materials, run the following commands, which will give you copies of a few files plus links to Datum.h, Datum.o, and theCalcYouLater reference implementation.

```
cd ~/cs15
cp -r /comp/15/files/proj1/ .
```

• The file Datum+vector_example.cpp in the starter code demonstrates the basic usage of the Datum class.

- The file, got_int.cpp, contains a function got_int that can test whether a string can be interpreted as an integer, and, if so, what the value of the integer is. You may use this function as-is: just put it into your file. You should understand how the parameter works, but you do not need to know the details of the implementation.
- The folder binary contains both Datum.o, as well as the binary file the CalcYouLater. This a reference implementation that you may refer to to help you understand what you are supposed to do, and to help you test your own implementation.
- The other files are described further in other sections

Files to Submit

The following files for this assignment will be written from scratch:

```
DatumStack.h
DatumStack.cpp
RPNCalc.h
RPNCalc.cpp
main.cpp
README
Makefile
```

You must also submit:

- Any unit tests you write for your program. You can create your own testing main functions, e.g., submit a file called DatumStack_tests.cpp with a main function that calls out to tests. Whatever testing files you use, you must submit them!
- Any command files (.cyl files that you used for testing, i.e., files that you ran with RPNCalc using the file command). You should have some command files!

The files DatumStack.h and RPNCalc.h will contain your class definitions only. The files DatumStack.cpp and RPNCalc.cpp will contain your implementations. main.cpp will contain your main calculator program. The Makefile will contain the instructions for make to compile your program. README will have the sections described in README Outline section below.

DatumStack Implementation

Implement DatumStack however you like. We suggest using a LinkedList or an ArrayList as discussed in class. You may use std::vector or std::list but you must NOT use std::stack.

Other Tips

DO NOT IMPLEMENT EVERTHING AT ONCE!

DO NOT WRITE CODE IMMEDIATELY!

Before doing anything, use the the reference program to get a sense of how things work. This may seem like a lot, but if you break it into pieces, it's perfectly manageable. Before writing code for any function, draw before and after pictures and write, in English, an algorithm for the function. Only after you've tried this on several examples should you think about coding.

Getting Started

To get up and running,

- 1. create the two files for the classes DatumStack and RPNCalc
- 2. start filling in the .h file
- 3. #include the .h file in the .cpp file
- 4. define an empty main function in a main.cpp file (just return 0)
- 5. compile!

If you start with the DatumStack class (follow a similar pattern if you start with the RPNCalc class):

1. Implement just the default constructor first. Add a single variable of type DatumStack to your test main function; compile, link, and run.

2. Now you have some choices. You could add the destructor next, but certainly you should add a print function for debugging soon. Make it private before submitting.

You will add one function, then write code in your test file that performs one or more tests for that function. Write a function, test a function, write a function, test function... Follow the same testing approach for every class you write, and add functionality little by little.

For the RPNCalc class, the first version of the run() function should accept only the quit command. Then it should read any number of items, just printing them, until there's a quit or until reaching end of file. Then start to add items bit by bit. Add numbers, and print the stack to make sure they get on the stack correctly. Then add the operators one at a time, comparing your results with the reference. Do the file command last.

You may want to refactor your program when you get to the file command; don't duplicate the command logic in two places. If you pass file streams around, you should do so using C++ reference parameters. The example program we provide shows how.

If you need help, TAs will ask about your testing plan and ask to see what tests you have written. They will likely ask you to comment out the most recent (failing) tests and ask you to demonstrate your previous tests.

Makefile

We have given you a Makefile that knows how to make .cylc files from .cyl files, but you must fill in the rest. Your CalcYouLater program must build when we run make CalcYouLater, and must produce an executable named "CalcYouLater" which can be run by typing ./CalcYouLater.

README

With your code files you will also submit a README file. You can format your README however you like. However it should have the following sections:

- A The title of the homework and the author's name (you)
- B The purpose of the program
- C Acknowledgements for any help you received

D The files that you provided and a short description of what each file is and its purpose

- E How to compile and run your program
- F An outline of the data structures and algorithms that you used. Given that this is a data structures class, you need to always discuss the the data structure that you used and justify why you used it. Please discuss the features of the stack data structure and also include (with some justification/explanation) two other situations/circumstances/problems where you could utilize a stack. The algorithm overview is always relevant. Please pick a couple interesting/complex algorithms to discuss in the README.
- G Details and an explanation of how you tested the various parts of assignment and the program as a whole. You may reference the testing files that you submitted to aid in your explanation.

Each of the sections should be clearly delineated and begin with a section heading describing the content of the section. You should not only have the section letter used in the outline above.

Submitting Your Work

Be sure your files have header comments, and that those header comments include your name, the assignment, the date, and acknowledgements for any help you received (if not already credited in the README file).

For phase 0, there is nothing to submit; however, you are encouraged to have your design reviewed by a member of the course staff. Come in to office hours and see someone or post on piazza. Bring/post your design, which should include pictures of your data structures, lists of functions you will need, etc.

For phase 1, submit your code as discussed in class. Don't forget to include your rstring parser code. The README doesn't have to be the final README. Just document anything that you feel we should know about your DatumStack, parser, or the project in general.

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