CSCI 2270 Data Structures and Algorithms Lecture 18

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Administrivia

Thursday 2-3 office hours have moved to Friday 2-3

HW2 will post on Tuesday (part 1)
linked list implementation of a bijig integer in any base

Lab this week: review for test

One bug in doubly linked list code: posted correction

Binary search trees

insert

size

remove

remove_max

Exam programming questions...

Be able to modify the singly linked list code from hw1 Be able to modify the doubly linked list code from class Be able to modify any of the stack and queue code from class Get the frequency of an item in a binary tree Get the frequency of an item in a binary search tree Write contains for a binary tree Write contains for a binary search tree Reverse a binary tree (mirror image) Make a binary search tree from a binary tree Compute the height of a binary tree

Structs to classes

```
You know all about structs, now.
       struct binary_tree_node
                      int data;
                      binary_tree_node *left;
                      binary_tree_node *right;
       };
void print(binary tree node* node ptr, unsigned int depth);
void tree_clear(binary_tree_node*& root_ptr);
binary_tree_node* tree_copy(const binary_tree_node*
root_ptr);
unsigned int tree size(const binary_tree_node* node_ptr);
```

Structs to classes

```
Structs stick all the relevant variables together:

struct binary_tree_node
{

int data;

binary_tree_node *left;

binary_tree_node *right;
};
```

And then we write methods that pass the structs around and change these variables:

```
void print(binary_tree_node* node_ptr, unsigned int depth);
void tree_clear(binary_tree_node*& root_ptr);
```

Classes

Classes stick all the relevant variables together and then stick the methods in there too.

Variables are generally kept private (except to class functions)

Protects data from evil users: no access

Functions are generally left public so we can call them Many function calls are automatic

big_number.h:

Classes

```
class big_number
       public:
              // constructors (work like init() methods)
              big_number();
              big number(int i);
              big number(const big number& m);
              big number(const string& s, unsigned int base);
              // assignment operator
              big_number& operator=(const big_number& m);
              // destructor (works like destr() method)
              ~big number();
```

Classes

```
class big_number
       private:
               node* head_ptr;
               node* tail_ptr;
               unsigned int digits;
               bool positive;
               unsigned int base;
              // helper functions can go here
```

Constructor lets us initialize new big_numbers (like init() methods)

```
big number();
      big_number(int i);
      big_number(const big_number& m);
       big_number(const string& s, unsigned int base);
int main()
      big number q;
      big number r(56);
      big number s(r);
       big number t("5643637729127639378738789389", 10);
```

Destructor lets us avoid leaks (like destr() method)

```
~big_number();
int main()
       big_number q;
       big number r(56);
       big_number s(r);
       big number t("5643637729127639378738789389", 10);
       <-- destructor runs automatically here and frees up the
memory
```

Assignment operator

```
big_number& operator=(const big_number& m);
int main()
      big_number q;
      big_number r(56);
      big number s(r);
      big number t("5643637729127639378738789389", 10);
      q = t; <-- assignment runs here
```

Input/output

```
friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os,
              const big_number& bignum);
       friend std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& is,
              big number& bignum);
int main()
       big_number r(56);
       cout << r << endl; <-- output operator
       big number x;
       cin >> x;
                            <-- input operator
```

Comparisons

```
friend bool operator==(const big_number& a,
               const big_number& b);
       friend bool operator!=(const big_number& a,
               const big_number& b);
int main()
       big_number r(56); big_number s(78);
       if (r == s)
               cout << r << " and " << s << " are equal " << endl;
       if (r != s)
               cout << r << " and " << s << " are not equal " <<
                      endl;
```

Members and non-members

Member functions: non-friend functions defined inside class brackets {} in big_number.h

Each of these is called by a particular big_number in your program:

```
big_number p(58); // run int constructor on p
big_number q("1", 10); // run string constr. on q
q += p; // run += on q
++p; // run ++ on p
```

Members and non-members

Nonmember functions: marked friend in big_number.h

None of these are called by a particular big_number in your program:

These non-members don't get called via a big number in the program. We just pass big_numbers in to them.

Members and this

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Some of these members want to return a big_number by reference (operator ++, for instance). In this case, we dereference the this pointer (*this) to get the big_number calling it instead:

return *this;

Recall the dangling reference

Why doesn't this dangle?

```
big-number& operator =(const big_number& m) {
       return *this;
int main {
       big number a(98);
       big_number b;
       b = a;
                                     <-- safe; b is still alive here
       cout << b << endl;
```

Why is this nice?

```
big-number& operator =(const big_number& m) {
      return *this;
int main {
      big_number a(98);
      big_number b;
      big_number c("10264738383892839239", 10);
      big number d(17);
                   <-- chained assignment
      a = b = c = d;
      cout << a << endl; <-- prints 17
```

What does operator = do?

Not leak memory: clear any linked list in *this already

```
this->clear_list(head_ptr, tail_ptr);
(*this).clear_list(head_ptr, tail_ptr);
clear_list(head_ptr, tail_ptr);
```

Then copy new list, and set digits, positive, and base

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```
What happens if we self-assign with this operator;
big_number a(87);
a = a;
```

Pitfall: What does operator = do now?

Self assignment check

```
if (this == &anothernumber) // address comparison
```

If this is true, we have 2 big_numbers in the same pair of underpants—and no work to do. Just return *this in this case.

```
else
{
// copy all the things
}
```