Operator Overloading



Material

For the code, you could clone from the link

https://github.com/hongshuochen/EE599-Discussion5.git



Function operators in string

```
string s1("Washington");
string s2("California");
cout << "The first character in s1 is " << s1[0] << endl;
cout << "s1 + s2 is " << (s1 + s2) << endl;
cout << "s1 == s2? " << (s1 == s2) << endl;
string s1("Washington");
string s2("California");
cout << "The first character in s1 is " << s1.operator[](0) << endl;
cout << "s1 + s2 is" << operator + (s1, s2) << endl;
cout << "s1 == s2? " << operator == (s1, s2) << endl;
```

The Rational Class

```
class Rational
public:
        int numerator;
        int denominator;
        Rational(int numerator, int denominator);
        int compareTo(const Rational& secondRational) const;
        Rational add(const Rational& secondRational) const;
        Rational subtract(const Rational& secondRational) const;
        string toString() const;
        bool operator<(const Rational &secondRational) const;
        Rational operator+(const Rational & secondRational) const;
        Rational& operator+=(const Rational & secondRational);
        Rational& operator++();
        Rational operator++(int dummy);
```

The Rational Class

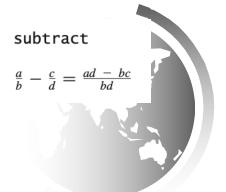
```
Rational Rational::add(const Rational& secondRational) const 

{
        int n = numerator * secondRational.denominator + denominator * secondRational.numerator;
        int d = denominator * secondRational.denominator;
        return Rational(n, d);
}

Rational Rational::subtract(const Rational& secondRational) const 

{
    int n = numerator * secondRational denominator
```

int n = numerator * secondRational.denominator
 - denominator * secondRational.numerator;
int d = denominator * secondRational.denominator;
return Rational(n, d);



The Rational Class

```
int Rational::compareTo(const Rational& secondRational) const
{
    Rational temp = subtract(secondRational);
    if (temp.numerator < 0)
        return -1;
    else if (temp.numerator == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return 1;
}</pre>
```



Overloadable Operators



< Function Operator

```
bool Rational::operator<(const Rational &secondRational) const
 return compareTo(secondRational) < 0;
Rational r1(4, 2);
Rational r2(2, 3);
cout << "r1 < r2 is " << (r1.operator<(r2) ? "true" : "false");
cout << "\nr1 < r2 is " << ((r1 < r2) ? "true" : "false");
cout << "\nr2 < r1 is " << (r2.operator<(r1)? "true": "false");
```

```
r1 < r2 is false
r1 < r2 is false
r2 < r1 is true
```

+ Function Operator

```
Rational Rational::operator+(const Rational &secondRational) const {
// add is already defined Rational.h
return add(secondRational);
}
```

```
Rational r1(3, 2);
Rational r2(2, 3);
cout << "r1 + r2 is " << (r1 + r2).toString() << endl;
```

r1 + r2 is 13/6



+ Function Operator

```
Rational Rational::operator+(int s) const
{
    int n = numerator + s*denominator;
    return Rational(n, denominator);
}
```

```
Rational r1(3, 2);
cout << "r1 + 3 is " << (r1+3).toString() << endl;
```

$$r1 + r2$$
 is $9/2$



Overloading the Augmented Operators

C++ has augmented assignment operators +=, -=, *=, /=, and %= for adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, and modulus a value in a variable. You can overload these operators in the Rational class.

```
Rational& Rational::operator+=(const Rational &secondRational)
{
*this = add(secondRational);
return *this;
```

Overloading the Augmented Operators

```
Rational r1(3, 2);
Rational r2 = r1 += Rational(2, 3);
cout << "r1 is " << r1.toString() << endl;
cout << "r2 is " << r2.toString() << endl;
```

r1 is 13/6 r2 is 13/6



Overloading the ++ and -- Operators

- The ++ and -- operators may be prefix or postfix.
- The prefix <u>++var</u> or <u>--var</u> first adds or subtracts 1 from the variable and then return to the new value.
- The postfix <u>var++</u> or <u>var--</u> adds or subtracts 1 from the variable, but return to the old value.

Overloading the <u>++</u> and <u>--</u> Operators

```
int i = 0, j = 0;

j = i++;

cout << j << i << endl;

i = j = 0;

j = ++i;

cout << j << i << endl;
```

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Overloading the ++ and -- Operators

```
// Prefix increment
Rational& Rational::operator++()
 numerator += denominator;
 return *this;
// Postfix increment
Rational Rational::operator++(int dummy)
 Rational temp(numerator, denominator);
 numerator += denominator;
 return temp;
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```



Overloading the <u>++</u> and <u>--</u>

```
Rational r1(2, 3);

Rational r3 = ++r1;

cout << "r1 is " << r1.toString() << endl;

cout << "r3 is " << r3.toString() << endl;

Rational r2(2, 3);

r3 = r2++;

cout << "r2 is " << r2.toString() << endl;

cout << "r3 is " << r3.toString() << endl;
```

```
r1 is 5/3
r3 is 5/3
r2 is 5/3
r3 is 2/3
```



Overloading the \equiv Operator

By default, the \equiv operator performs a memberwise copy from one object to the other. For example, the following code copies $\underline{r2}$ to $\underline{r1}$.

```
Rational r1(1, 2);

Rational r2(4, 5);

r1 = r2;

cout << "r1 is " << r1.toString() << endl;

cout << "r2 is " << r2.toString() << endl;
```



Overloading the \equiv Operator

```
Rational& Rational::operator=(const Rational &secondRational)
{
    numerator = secondRational.numerator;
    denominator = secondRational.denominator;
    return *this;
}
```



Copy Constructor

```
Rational::Rational(const Rational &secondRational){
    numerator = secondRational.numerator;
    denominator = secondRational.denominator;
}
```



Rule of Three

The copy constructor, the = assignment **operator**, and the **destructor** are called the *rule of* three, or the Big Three. If they are not defined explicitly, all three are created by the compiler automatically. You should customize them if a data field in the class is a pointer that points to a dynamic generated array or object. If you have to customize one of the three, you should customize the other two as well.

Operator Overloading Practice

- Implement prefix and postfix -- operators
 - Rational r1(5,3); Rational r2 = r1--;
 - Rational r3(5,3); Rational r4 = --r3;
 - cout << r1.toString() << endl; // 2/3
 - cout << r2.toString() << endl; // 5/3
 - cout << r3.toString() << endl; // 2/3
 - cout << r4.toString() << endl; // 2/3
- Implement == operator
 - cout << r1 == r2; << endl; // 0
- Implement /= operator by an integer number
 - r1 /= 3;
 - cout << r1.toString(); << endl; // 5/9
- If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.



Operator Overloading Solution

Implement prefix and postfix -- operators

```
Rational& Rational::operator--()
 numerator -= denominator;
 return *this;
Rational Rational::operator--(int dummy)
 Rational temp(numerator, denominator);
 numerator -= denominator;
 return temp;
```



Operator Overloading Solution

• Implement == operator

```
bool Rational::operator<(const Rational &secondRational)
const
{
return compareTo(secondRational) == 0;
}</pre>
```



Operator Overloading Solution

• Implement /= operator by an integer number

```
Rational& Rational::operator/=(const int s)
{
    denominator*=s;
    return *this;
}
```



HW3 Q5

Question 5 (20 Points. Medium)

Write a class to implement how complex number works in mathematics. A complex number can be expressed as **a+bi**, where a and b are real numbers. You are given an incomplete class Complex:



HW3 Q5

Tasks:

- 1. implement a constructor that takes the initial real and imaginary number as 2 parameters.
- 2. implement a copy constructor.
- 3. implement a copy assignment operator.
- 4. the class will support '++' (as postfix) and '--' (as prefix) operators.
- complex++ should increase the real part by 1.
- --complex should decrease the real part by 1.
 - Example: c=Complex(1,2); c++; , c=2+2i
 - Example: c=Complex(1,2); --c; , c=0+2i
- 5. the class will support '>' operator, which return a boolean data:
- if both real and imaginary part of left hand side is larger than the right hand side, the answer will be true, otherwise, the answer is false.
 - Example: (1+2i) > (0+3i) = false
- 6. the class will support '*' operator, which multiplies a real number:
- the function returns a Complex object, which is multiplied both the real and imaginary parts.
 - o Example: c=Complex(1,2); d=Complex(); d=c*2; , d=2+4i
- 7. the class will support '+=' operator on either float number and Complex object:
- data type before '+=' must be a Complex object.
 - Example: c=Complex(1,2); d=Complex(3,4); c+=d; , c=4+6i
 - Example: c=Complex(1,2); float d=2; c+=d; ,c=3+2i



Deep copy vs Shallow copy

• If data fields of a class include a **pointer**, we suggest customize your copy constructor and copy assignment operator.

```
Student_shallow(const Student_shallow & s){
   id = s.id;
}
Student_deep(const Student_deep& s){
   id = new int(*s.id);
}
```



HW3 Q4

```
class Student_shallow
public:
    int* id;
    Student_shallow();
    Student_shallow(int);
};
class Student_deep
public:
    int* id;
    Student_deep();
    Student_deep(int);
    ~Student_deep();
    Student_deep(const Student_deep&);
    Student_deep& operator=(const Student_deep&);
};
```

HW3 Q4

```
Student shallow a;
Student_shallow b = a;
Student_shallow c;
c = a;
cout << *a.id << *b.id << *c.id << endl;</pre>
*c.id = 1;
cout << *a.id << *b.id << *c.id << endl;
Student_deep a;
Student_deep b = a;
Student deep c;
c = a;
cout << *a.id << *b.id << *c.id << endl;
*c.id = 1;
cout << *a.id << *b.id << *c.id << endl;</pre>
```

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