Assignment Report for Complex Number Programming in C and in C++ Corrine Tseng

1. Differences in Programming Complex Number Assignments Using C and C++

(1) Complex numbers in C

1) Standard library support

First of all, C does not have built-in support for complex numbers in the C89 standard. Additionally, The C99 standard introduced complex numbers with the <complex.h> header, which defines the complex type and functions for complex arithmetic.

2) Operations

Basic operations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division are performed using predefined functions.

3) Limitations

Lack of operator overloading means that functions must be used for all operations. Less intuitive and harder to read compared to C++.

(2) Complex numbers in C++

1) Standard library support

C++ provides a <complex> header that includes a std::complex template class, offering extensive support for complex number operations.

2) Operations

C++ allows operator overloading, making complex number arithmetic more intuitive and readable.

3) User-defined complex class

C++ allows the creation of user-defined classes with operator overloading.

2. Advantages and disadvantages of programming in C++

(1) Advantages of programming in C++

1) Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)

C++ supports OOP, which allows for encapsulation, inheritance, and polymorphism. OOP improves code modularity and reusability.

2) Operator Overloading

Allows for more natural and intuitive expression of arithmetic operations. Enhances readability and maintainability of code.

3) Performance

C++ allows for low-level memory manipulation similar to C, offering high performance. Inline functions and templates can optimize performance by avoiding function call overhead.

(2) Disadvantages of programming in C++

1) Complexity

The language complexity and extensive feature set can lead to steep learning curves for beginners. More complex syntax and semantics compared to simpler languages like Python.

2) Undefined Behavior

Greater risk of undefined behavior due to pointers, manual memory management, and other low-level features. Requires careful programming and understanding of language rules.

3) Verbosity

More verbose than some higher-level languages, which can lead to larger codebases.