Intermediate Programming

Day 36

Outline

- Exercise 35
- Iterators
- Review questions

Exercise 35

try/catch too many integers

exceptionExercise.cpp

```
...
int main( int argc , char **argv )
{
        ...
        std::vector< int > numbers;
        numbers = readFile( argv[1] );
        ...
}
```

exceptionExercise.cpp

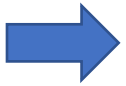
```
...
int main( int argc , char **argv )
{
        ...
        std::vector< int > numbers;
        try{ numbers = readFile( argv[1] ); }
        catch( std::out_of_range &e )
        {
                std::err << "Too many numbers in file" << std::endl;
                return 1;
        }
        ...
}
```

Exercise 35

throw an exception when a file does not exist

exceptionExercise.cpp

```
...
vector< int > readFile( char *filename )
{
        std::ifstream fin( filename );
        std::vector< int > numbers(10);
        ...
}
int main( int argc , char **argv )
{
        ...
        std::vector< int > numbers;
        try{ numbers = readFile( argv[1] ); }
        catch( std::out_of_range &e )
        {
                std::cerr << "Too many numbers in file" << std::endl;
                return 1;
        }
        ...
}
```



exceptionExercise.cpp

```
...
vector< int > readFile( char *filename )
{
        std::ifstream fin( filename );
        std:: vector< int > numbers(10);
        if( !fin.is_open() )
                throw std::ios_base::failure( "Couldn't open file" );
        ...
}
int main( int argc , char **argv )
{
        ...
        std::vector< int > numbers;
        try{ numbers = readFile( argv[1] ); }
        catch( std::out_of_range &e )
        {
                std::cerr << "Too many numbers in file" << std::endl;
                return 1;
        }
        catch( std::ios_base::failure &e )
        {
                std::cerr << e.what() << std::endl;
                return 1;
        }
        ...
}
```

Exercise 35

catch non-int data

exceptionExercise.cpp

```
...
int main( int argc , char **argv )
{
        ...
        std::vector< int > numbers;
        try{ numbers = readFile( argv[1] ); }
        catch( std::out_of_range &e )
        {
                std::cerr << "Too many numbers in file" << std::endl;
                return 1;
        }
        catch( std::ios_base::failure &e )
        {
                std::cerr << e.what() << std::endl;
                return 1;
        }
        ...
}
```

exceptionExercise.cpp

```
...
int main( int argc , char **argv )
{
        ...
        std::vector< int > numbers;
        try{ numbers = readFile( argv[1] ); }
        catch( std::out_of_range &e )
        {
                std::cerr << "Too many numbers in file" << std::endl;
                return 1;
        }
        catch( std::ios_base::failure &e )
        {
                std::cerr << e.what() << std::endl;
                return 1;
        }
        catch( std::invalid_argument &e )
        {
                std::cerr << e.what() << std::endl;
                return 1;
        }
        ...
}
```

Exercise 35

Handle access beyond array with **try/catch** block

exceptionExercise.cpp

```
…
std::vector< int > readFile( char *filename )
{
        std::ifstream fin( filename );
        std:: vector< int > numbers(10);
        if( !fin.is_open() )
                throw std:: ios_base::failure( "Couldn't open file" );
        …
        numbers.at(index) = n;
        …
}
```

exceptionExercise.cpp

```
…
std::vector< int > readFile( char *filename )
{
        std::ifstream fin( filename );
        std::vector< int > numbers(10);
        if( !fin.is_open() )
                std::throw ios_base::failure( "Couldn't open file" );
        …
        try{ numbers.at(index) = n; }
        catch( std::out_of_range &e )
        {
                numbers.resize( numbers.size()+1 );
                numbers.at(index) = n;
        }
        …
}
```

Outline

- Exercise 35
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Iterators

- In our code, we often work with containers of things:

myVec.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyVec
{
	size_t _size;
	T *_values;
public:
	MyVec( int size ) : _values( new T[size] ) , _size(size) {}
	~MyVec( void ) { delete[] _values; }
	size_t size( void ) const { return _size; }
	T& operator[] ( size_t i ){ return _values[i]; }
	const T& operator[] ( size_t i ) const { return _values[i]; }
};
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include "myVec.h"
using namespace std;

void Print( const MyVec< int > &v )
{
	for( size_t i=0 ; i<v.size() ; i++ ) cout << v[i] << endl;
}

int main( void )
{
	MyVec< int > v( 3 );
	v[0] = 0 , v[1] = 3 , v[2] = 5;
	Print( v );
	return 0;
}
```

```
>> ./a.out
0
3
5
>>
```

Iterators

- In our code, we often work with containers of things:

```
>> ./a.out
0
3
5
>>
```

myNode.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyNode
{
public:
	T value;
	MyNode *next;
	MyNode( T v , MyNode *n=nullptr ) : next(n) , value(v) { }
};
```

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```
#include <iostream>
#include "myNode.h"
using namespace std;

void Print( const MyNode< int > &l )
{
	for( const MyNode< int > *i=&l ; i!=NULL ; i=i->next )
		cout << i->value << endl;
}

int main( void )
{
	MyNode< int > n1( 0 ) , n2( 3 ) , n3( 5 );
	n1.next = &n2 , n2.next = &n3;
	Print( n1 );
	return 0;
}
```

Iterators

- When working with containers of things, we don't want to special-case the type-specific ways for running through the elements of the container

main.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "myVec.h"
using namespace std;

void Print( const MyVec< int > &v )
{
	for( size_t i=0 ; i<v.size() ; i++ )
		cout << v[i] << endl;
}
…
```

main.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "myNode.h"
using namespace std;

void Print( const MyNode< int > &n )
{
	for( const MyNode< int > *i=&n ; n!=NULL ; i=i->next )
		cout << i->value << endl;
}
…
```

Iterators

- In our code, we often work with lists of values:
  - We unify the iteration by defining an auxiliary "pointer-like" object – aka *iterator* – for traversing the contents of the container
  - We need to:
    - Get an iterator that "points" to the beginning of the list
    - Get an iterator that "points" just past the end of the list
    - Dereference the iterator
    - Advance the iterator
    - Check if two iterators are different

main.cpp

```
…
template< typename Container >
void Print( const Container &c )
{
        for( PointerLikeObject p=c.begin() ; p!=c.end() ; ++p )
                cout << *p << endl;
}
…
```

Iterators

- In C++, when we have a container class, we define the iterator as a **public** nested class called:
  - **iterator** if we want to be able to modify the values of the reference
  - **const_iterator** if we do not
  - **reverse_iterator** if ...

container.h

```
template< typename T >
class Container
{
public:
        …
        class iterator
        {
                …
        };
        class const_iterator
        {
                …
        };
};
…
```

Iterators

- In C++, when we have a container class, we define the iterator as a **public** nested class called:
- The iterator must overload:
  - The dereference operator
  - The (pre-)increment operator
  - The inequality operator

container.h

```
template< typename T >
class Container
{
public:
        …
        class iterator
        {
                public:
                        T &operator * ( );
                        iterator &operator ++ ();
                        bool operator != ( const iterator &i ) const;
                …
        };
        class const_iterator{ … };
};
…
```

Iterators

- In C++, when we have a container class, we define the iterator as a **public** nested class called:
- The iterator must overload:
  - The dereference operator
  - The (pre-)increment operator
  - The inequality operator
- The container must define:
  - A **begin/cbegin/...** method
  - An **end/cend/...** method

container.h

```
template< typename T >
class Container
{
public:
        ...
        class iterator{ ... };
        class const_iterator{ ... };
        ...
        iterator begin( void );
        iterator end( void );
        const_iterator cbegin( void ) const;
        const_iterator cend( void ) const;
};
...
```

Iterators

- Putting these together, we can define generic code:

main.cpp

```
…
template< typename C >
void Print( const C &c )
{
        for( typename C::const_iterator i=c.cbegin() ; i!=c.cend() ; ++i )
                cout << *i << endl;
}
…
```

container.h

```
template< typename T >
 Container

c:
…
class iterator{ … };
class const_iterator{ … };
…
iterator begin( void );
iterator end( void );
const_iterator cbegin( void ) const;
const_iterator cend( void ) const;
};
…
```

Iterators

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main.cpp

```
…
template< typename C >
void Print( const C &c )
{
        for( typename C::const_iterator i=c.cbegin() ; i!=c.cend() ; ++i )
                cout << *i << endl;
}
…
```

container.h

```
template< typename T >
 Container

c:
…
class iterator{ … };
class const_iterator{ … };
…
iterator begin( void );
iterator end( void );
const_iterator cbegin( void ) const;
const_iterator cend( void ) const;
};
…
```

Note:
The keyword **typename** is needed to let the compiler know that **const_iterator** is a class / type, not (static) member data.

Iterators: **MyVec**

- constructor

myVec.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyVec
{
	T *_values;
	size_t _size;
public:
	MyVec( int size );
	~MyVec( void );
	size_t size( void ) const;
	T &operator[] ( size_t i );
	const T &operator[] ( size_t i ) const;
	…
```

```
	…
	class const_iterator
	{
		const T *_ptr;
	public:
		const_iterator( const T *ptr ) : _ptr( ptr ){ }









	};


};
```

Iterators: **MyVec**

- dereference

myVec.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyVec
{
	T *_values;
	size_t _size;
public:
	MyVec( int size );
	~MyVec( void );
	size_t size( void ) const;
	T &operator[] ( size_t i );
	const T &operator[] ( size_t i ) const;
	…
```

```
	…
	class const_iterator
	{
		const T *_ptr;
	public:
		const_iterator( const T *ptr ) : _ptr( ptr ){ }
		const T &operator * ( ) const { return *_ptr; }









	};


};
```

Iterators: **MyVec**

- pre-increment

myVec.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyVec
{
	T *_values;
	size_t _size;
public:
	MyVec( int size );
	~MyVec( void );
	size_t size( void ) const;
	T &operator[] ( size_t i );
	const T &operator[] ( size_t i ) const;
	…
```

```
	…
	class const_iterator
	{
		const T *_ptr;
	public:
		const_iterator( const T *ptr ) : _ptr( ptr ){ }
		const T &operator * ( ) const { return *_ptr; }
		const_iterator &operator ++ () { _ptr++ ; return *this; }




	};


};
```

Iterators: **MyVec**

- inequality

myVec.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyVec
{
	T *_values;
	size_t _size;
public:
	MyVec( int size );
	~MyVec( void );
	size_t size( void ) const;
	T &operator[] ( size_t i );
	const T &operator[] ( size_t i ) const;
	…
```

```
	…
	class const_iterator
	{
		const T *_ptr;
	public:
		const_iterator( const T *ptr ) : _ptr( ptr ){ }
		const T &operator * ( ) const { return *_ptr; }
		const_iterator &operator ++ () { _ptr++ ; return *this; }
		bool operator != ( const const_iterator &i ) const
		{
			return _ptr!=i._ptr;
		}
	};


};
```

Iterators: **MyVec**

- beginning / ending iterators

myVec.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyVec
{
	T *_values;
	size_t _size;
public:
	MyVec( int size );
	~MyVec( void );
	size_t size( void ) const;
	T &operator[] ( size_t i );
	const T &operator[] ( size_t i ) const;
	…
```

```
	…
	class const_iterator
	{
		const T *_ptr;
	public:
		const_iterator( const T *ptr ) : _ptr( ptr ){ }
		const T &operator * ( ) const { return *_ptr; }
		const_iterator &operator ++ () { _ptr++ ; return *this; }
		bool operator != ( const const_iterator &i ) const
		{
			return _ptr!=i._ptr;
		}
	};
	const_iterator cbegin( void ) const { return const_iterator( _values ); }
	const_iterator cend( void ) const { return const_iterator( _values+_size ); }
};
```

Iterators: **MyNode**

- constructor

myNode.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyNode
{
public:
	MyNode< T > *next;
	T value;
	MyNode( T v , MyNode< T > *n=nullptr );
	...
```

```
	...
	class const_iterator
	{
		const MyNode< T > *_ptr;
	public:
		const_iterator( const MyNode< T > *ptr ) : _ptr( ptr ){ }
	};


};
```

Iterators: **MyNode**

- dereference

myNode.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyNode
{
public:
	MyNode< T > *next;
	T value;
	MyNode( T v , MyNode< T > *n=nullptr );
	...
```

```
	...
	class const_iterator
	{
		const MyNode< T > *_ptr;
	public:
		const_iterator( const MyNode< T > *ptr ) : _ptr( ptr ){ }
		const T &operator * ( ) const { return _ptr->value; }









	};


};
```

Iterators: **MyNode**

- pre-increment

myNode.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyNode
{
public:
        MyNode< T > *next;
        T value;
        MyNode( T v , MyNode< T > *n=nullptr );
        …
```

```
        …
        class const_iterator
        {
                const MyNode< T > *_ptr;
        public:
                const_iterator( const MyNode< T > *ptr ) : _ptr( ptr ){ }
                const T &operator * ( ) const { return _ptr->value; }
                const_iterator &operator ++ () { _ptr=_ptr->next ; return *this; }




        };


};
```

Iterators: **MyNode**

- inequality

myNode.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyNode
{
public:
	MyNode< T > *next;
	T value;
	MyNode( T v , MyNode< T > *n=nullptr );
	...
```

```
	...
	class const_iterator
	{
		const MyNode< T > *_ptr;
	public:
		const_iterator( const MyNode< T > *ptr ) : _ptr( ptr ){ }
		const T &operator * ( ) const { return _ptr->value; }
		const_iterator &operator ++ () { _ptr=_ptr->next ; return *this; }
		bool operator != ( const const_iterator &i ) const
		{
			return _ptr!=i._ptr;
		}
	};


};
```

Iterators: **MyNode**

- beginning / ending iterators

myNode.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyNode
{
public:
	MyNode< T > *next;
	T value;
	MyNode( T v , MyNode< T > *n=nullptr );
	...
```

```
	...
	class const_iterator
	{
		const MyNode< T > *_ptr;
	public:
		const_iterator( const MyNode< T > *ptr ) : _ptr( ptr ){ }
		const T &operator * ( ) const { return _ptr->value; }
		const_iterator &operator ++ () { _ptr=_ptr->next ; return *this; }
		bool operator != ( const const_iterator &i ) const
		{
			return _ptr!=i._ptr;
		}
	};
	const_iterator cbegin( void ) const { return const_iterator( this ); }
	const_iterator cend( void ) const { return const_iterator( nullptr ); }
};
```

Iterators: **MyVec**

- When the iterator is a pointer, things can be made simpler

myVec.h

```
template< typename T >
class MyVec
{
	T *_values;
	size_t _size;
public:
	MyVec( int size );
	~MyVec( void );
	size_t size( void ) const;
	T& operator[] ( size_t i );
	const T& operator[] ( size_t i ) const;
	…
```

```
	…
	class const_iterator
	{
		const T *_ptr;
	public:
		const_iterator( const T *ptr ) : _ptr( ptr ){ }
		const T &operator * ( ) const { return *_ptr; }
		const_iterator &operator ++ () { _ptr++ ; return *this; }
		bool operator != ( const const_iterator& i ) const
		{
			return _ptr!=i._ptr;
		}
	};
	const_iterator cbegin( void ) const { return const_iterator( _values ); }
	const_iterator cend( void ) const { return const_iterator( _values+_size ); }
};
```

Iterators: **MyVec**

- When the iterator is a pointer, things can be made simpler

myVec.h

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template< typename T >
class MyVec
{
        T *_values;
        size_t _size;
public:
        MyVec( int size );
        ~MyVec( void );
        size_t size( void ) const;
        T& operator[] ( size_t i );
        const T& operator[] ( size_t i ) const;
        ...
        typedef const T *const_iterator;
        const_iterator cbegin( void ) const { return _values; }
        const_iterator cend( void ) const { return _values+_size; }
};
```

```
...
class const_iterator
{
        const T *_ptr;
public:
        const_iterator( const T *ptr ) : _ptr( ptr ){ }
        const T &operator * ( ) const { return *_ptr; }
        const_iterator &operator ++ () { _ptr++ ; return *this; }
        bool operator != ( const const_iterator &i ) const
        {
                return _ptr!=i._ptr;
        }
};

st { return const_iterator( _values ); }
{ return const_iterator( _values+_size ); }
```

Iterators

- We can define a single (templated) function for processing contents of different types of containers.

main.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "myVec.h"
#include "myNode.h"

template< typename Container >
void Print( const Container &c )
{
	for( typename Container::const_iterator it=c.cbegin() ; it!=c.cend() ; ++it )
		std::cout << *it << std::endl;
}

int main( void )
{
	MyVec< int > v( 3 );
	v[0] = 0 , v[1] = 3 , v[2] = 5;
	std::cout << "Printing MyVec" << std::endl;
	Print( v );

	MyNode< int > n1( 0 ) , n2( 3 ) , n3( 5 );
	n1.next = &n2 , n2.next = &n3;
	std::cout << "Printing MyNode" << std::endl;
	Print( n1 );

	return 0;
}
```

```
>> ./main
Printing MyVec
0
3
5
Printing MyNode
0
3
5
>>
```

Outline

- Exercise 35
- Iterators
- Review questions

Review questions

1. Why use iterators?

Iterators unify the manner in which we step through the elements in a container

Review questions

2. What are the bare minimum operators that need to be overloaded by an iterator?

Inequality, dereference, and (pre-)increment

Review questions

3. When won't a pointer work for representing an iterator?

When data is not stored sequentially in memory

Review questions

4. Given a container how/where should the `iterator` and `const_iterator` classes be specified?

As a `public` nested subclasses of the container

Review questions

5. In addition to defining the `iterator` and `const_iterator` classes, what else should the container do to support iteration?

Define `begin/cbegin` and `end/cend` member functions

Review questions

6. What might go wrong if we don't also define a `const_iterator` for a container?

We won't be able to iterate over the contents of a `const` object of that container class

Exercise 36

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