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### **Problem Set 2: Indexers, Method Overriding, and Lambdas**

#### **Problem 1**

In this problem set, we define a simple integer vector class, called IntVector, that provides us with a container type for integer arrays. The class IntVector shares some similarities with the standard vector class std::vector, but we only define those features here that would allow us to practice indexers, method overriding, and lambda expression (being used latter to implement basic sorting algorithms).

The class IntVector defines the following interface:

```
#pragma once
// include for size_t (unsigned integral type)
#include <cstddef>
class IntVector
private:
 int * fElements;
 size t fNumberOfElements;
public:
  // Constructor: copy argument array
 IntVector( const int aArrayOfIntegers[], size t aNumberOfElements );
  // Destructor: release memory
  // Destructor is virtual to allow inheritance
 virtual ~IntVector();
  // size getter
 size_t size() const;
  // element getter
 const int get( size_t aIndex ) const;
  // swap two elements within the vector
 void swap( size t aSourceIndex, size t aTargetIndex );
  // indexer
 const int operator[]( size t aIndex ) const;
} ;
```

The class IntVector may be extended by inheritance. For this reason, the destructor  $\sim$ IntVector() is marked virtual. This will allow for a proper dynamic method being of the destructor to prevent memory leaks.

The class IntVector just defines a wrapper for an array of integers. The wrapper adds, however, range checks so that index errors can be caught. The class does not expose the underlying array to clients or subclasses. Access to elements is read only. Nevertheless, we can change to order of elements via method <code>swap()</code>.

The constructor for IntVector takes an integer array and its size as parameters. The constructor copies this array as shown below:

```
IntVector::IntVector( const int aArrayOfIntegers[], size_t aNumberOfElements )
{
    fNumberOfElements = aNumberOfElements;
    fElements = new int[fNumberOfElements];

    for ( size_t i = 0; i < fNumberOfElements; i++ )
    {
        fElements[i] = aArrayOfIntegers[i];
    }
}</pre>
```

The destructor has to free the allocated memory and the member function size() has to return the number of elements in the array.

The member function <code>swap()</code> takes two indices and, if they are within range, swaps the corresponding array elements in an <code>IntVector</code> object. We need <code>swap()</code> for sorting.

The indexer <code>operator[]</code> and the method <code>get()</code> both return the value that corresponds to <code>aIndex</code>, if this is possible. Please note that both return a read-only value copy by design. This has not impact on performance, but requires us to use member function <code>swap()</code> when we wish to exchange array elements.

You should implement method get() using operator[]. This approach requires you to refer to "this object" explicitly. In C++, we write \*this to mean "this object." You need to enclose \*this is parentheses, that is, (\*this), to avoid any issues with operator priority.

You can use the test driver in Main.cpp (available on Canvas) to test your implementation. Please uncomment #define P1 for this purpose. Running the program should produce the following output:

```
Test range check:

Properly caught error: Illegal vector index

Test swap:

| Vector[3] = 86
| Vector[6] = 20
| Vector.get( 3 ) = 20
| Vector.get( 6 ) = 86
| Properly caught error: Illegal vector indices
```

The test driver uses exception handling in order to verify range checks. The two error messages are expected here. No other error message should appear in the output though.

#### **Problem 2**

Implement Bubble Sort, that is, implement class SortableIntVector which is a public
subclass of IntVector:

```
#pragma once
#include "IntVector.h"

#include <functional>
using Comparable = std::function<bool(int, int)>;

class SortableIntVector : public IntVector
{
public:
    SortableIntVector( const int aArrayOfIntegers[], size_t aNumberOfElements );

    virtual void sort( Comparable aOrderFunction );
};
```

Bubble Sort is simple quadratic-time complexity sorting algorithm. See Canvas for a pseudo code implementation. There is no need for a flag "is-sorted" even though some sources suggest so. There is limited if any improvement on the performance of the algorithm. Worse, it may even slow it down due to the extra tests necessary. See D.E. Knuth's comments on this matter.

Class <code>SortableIntVector</code> is a subclass of <code>IntVector</code>. It defines a constructor and we need to use proper class-chaining to initialize objects of class <code>SortableIntVector</code>. Remember, the initialization of the super class requires a super class constructor call defined as member initializer in <code>C++</code>. Please note that you need to use <code>IntVector</code>'s <code>swap()</code> member function to exchange elements.

The method <code>sort()</code> implements <code>Bubble Sort</code>. We can sort in increasing or decreasing order. Here we wish to sort in increasing order. The method <code>sort()</code> takes as parameter a <code>Comparable</code> function. <code>Comparable</code> is a type alias for the standard function template <code>std::function<bool(int, int)></code>. That is, <code>Comparable</code> is a Boolean function that takes two integer values and returns true, if the left integer goes before the right integer. Programmatically, the left integer goes before the right integer does not exceed the value of the right integer.

To provide a matching function for <code>Comparable</code>, you need to define a lambda expression, an anonymous function object representing a callable unit of code, when calling the <code>sort()</code> method in <code>main()</code> for Problem 2:

```
// Use a lambda expression here that orders integers in increasing order.
// The lambda expression does not capture any variables of throws any exceptions.
// It has to return a bool value.
lVector.sort( /* lambda expression */ );
```

You can use the test driver in Main.cpp (available on Canvas) to test your implementation. Please uncomment #define P2 for this purpose. Running the program should produce the following output:

```
Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console - X
Bubble Sort:
Before sorting:
34 65 890 86 16 218 20 49 2 29
After sorting:
2 16 20 29 34 49 65 86 218 890
```

#### **Problem 3**

Implement *Cocktail Shaker Sort*, that is, implement class ShakerSortableIntVector which is a public subclass of SortableIntVector:

Cocktail Shaker Sort is bidirectional Bubble Sort. See Canvas for a pseudo code implementation. There is no need for a flag "is-sorted" even though some sources suggest one. There is limited if any improvement on the performance of the algorithm. Worse, it may even slow it down due to the extra tests necessary. See D.E. Knuth's comments on this matter.

The implementation of *Cocktail Shaker Sort* can be achieved solely by implementing the sort() method and using its default implementation for aOrderFunction. Please note that you need to use IntVector's swap() member function to exchange elements.

There is only one Comparable function. However, it suffices to implement the bidirectional sorting process. Analyze carefully its behavior and interaction with *Cocktail Shaker Sort* to devise a proper solution. The implementation must sort the elements in decreasing order.

You can use the test driver in Main.cpp (available on Canvas) to test your implementation. Please uncomment  $\#define\ P3$  for this purpose. Running the program should produce the following output:

The solution for all problems requires 120-140 lines of low density C++ code.

Submission deadline: Thursday, April 7, 2022, 14:30.

**Submission procedure:** PDF of printed code for IntVector, Main\_PS2, and SortableVector, and ShakerSortableVector.