

Computer Programming

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Session: An Example Program using Member Functions

Quick Recap of Relevant Topics



- Structures representing objects
 - Groups of related variables, arrays, other structures
 - Member functions as interfaces for interaction
 - Accessing members (data and functions) of structures
 - Pointers to structures
 - Dynamic allocation and de-allocation of structures

Overview of This Lecture



- An interesting program using member functions
 - Two object-oriented implementations

Acknowledgment



- Some examples in this lecture are from
 An Introduction to Programming Through C++
 by Abhiram G. Ranade
 McGraw Hill Education 2014
- All such examples indicated in slides with the citation AGRBook

Recap: Vectors in 3 Dimensions [Ref. AGRBook]



- We want to reason about motion in 3-dimensional space
- Must deal with 3-dimensional vectors representing
 - Position
 - Velocity
 - Acceleration
- 3-dimensional vectors are basic entities (objects) in this program
 - Need to define a C++ structure to represent a vector
 - For simplicity, we will use Cartesian coordinates

Recap: Struct V3 with Member Functions



```
struct V3 {
   double x, y, z;
   double length() { return sqrt(x*x + y*y + z*z); }
   V3 sum (V3 const &b) {
      V3 v;
      v.x = x + b.x; v.y = y + b.y; v.z = z = b.z; return v;
   V3 scale (double const factor) {
     V3 v;
      v.x = x*factor; v.y = y*factor; v.z = z*factor; return v;
```

A Simple Motion Simulator [Ref AGRBook]



- Given
 - Initial position and velocity of a solid body as 3dimensional vectors
 - Acceleration of the body as a 3-dimensional vector (assume this doesn't change with time)
 - Granularity of simulation time (Δ)
 - Total elapsed time (T)
- Find the positions (as 3-dimensional vectors) every Δ units of time for the entire elapsed time (T)

Augmenting V3



Let's add a member function to print out the x, y and z co-ordinates of a V3 object

```
struct V3 {
    double x, y, z;
    ... Member functions "sum", "scale" and "length" ...
    void print() {
        cout << "x: " << x << " y: " << y << " z: " << z << endl;
        return;
    }
};</pre>
```



```
int main()
{ V3 vel, acc, pos; // initial velocity, acceleration, initial position
 V3 currDispl, currPos; // current displacement & position
 double t = 0.0, deltaT, totalT; // t: time elapsed so far
 cout << "Give x, y and z components of initial velocity: ";
 cin >> vel.x >> vel.y >> vel.z;
 cout << "Give x, y and z components of acceleration: ";
 cin >> acc.x >> acc.y >> acc.z;
 cout << "Give x, y and z components of initial position: ";
 cin >> pos.x >> pos.y >> pos.z;
 cout << "Give total simulation time: "; cin >> totalT;
 cout << "Given simulation time granularity: "; cin >> deltaT;
 ... Rest of code ...
```



```
int main()
{ V3 vel, acc, pos; // initial velocity, acceleration, initial position
    V3 currDispl, currPos; // current displacement & position
    double t = 0.0, deltaT, totalT; // t: time elapsed so far
    ... Reading in values ...
    if ((totalT < 0) || (deltaT <= 0)) {
        cout << "Invalid input!" << endl; return -1;
    }
    ... Rest of code ...
}</pre>
```



```
int main()
{ V3 vel, acc, pos; // initial velocity, acceleration, initial position
  V3 currDispl, currPos; // current displacement & position
  double t = 0.0, deltaT, totalT; // t: time elapsed so far
 ... Reading in and validating values ...
 while (t <= totalT) {
    // Calculate current displacement using vel*t + (0.5)*acc*t<sup>2</sup>
    currDispl = (vel.scale(t)).sum(acc.scale(0.5*t*t));
    currPos = currDispl.sum(pos);
    cout << "Time " << t << " "; currPos.print(); t = t + deltaT;</pre>
 return 0;
```

An Alternative Implementation



Define a MotionSimulator Object

```
struct MotionSimulator {
   V3 initPos, initVel, acc;
   V3 currPos, currVel;
   double deltaT;
   void initializeSimulator() {
        currPos = initPos; currVel = initVel; return;
   }
   ... Rest of member functions ...
};
```

An Alternative Implementation



Define a MotionSimulator Object

```
struct MotionSimulator {
    ... Member declarations ...
    void initializeSimulator() { ... }
    void simulateAStep() {
        // Calculate updated position as currPos + currVel*deltaT
        // Calculate updated velocity as currVel + acc*deltaT
        currPos = currPos.sum(currVel.scale(deltaT));
        currVel = currVel.sum(acc.scale(deltaT));
        return;
    }
    ... Rest of member functions ...
};
```

An Alternative (Not Equivalent) Implementation



Define a MotionSimulator Object

```
struct MotionSimulator {
    ... Member declarations ...
    void initializeSimulator() { ... }
    void simulateAStep() { ... }
    void printPosition() {
        currPos.print();
        return;
    }
};
```



```
int main()
{ MotionSimulator mSim;
 double t = 0.0, deltaT, totalT; // t: time elapsed so far
 cout << "Give x, y and z components of initial velocity: ";
 cin >> (mSim.initVel).x >> (mSim.initVel).y >> (mSim.initVel).z;
 cout << "Give x, y and z components of acceleration: ";
 cin >> (mSim.acc).x >> (mSim.acc).y >> (mSim.acc).z;
 cout << "Give x, y and z components of initial position: ";
 cin >> (mSIm.initPos).x >> (mSim.initPos).y >> (mSim.initPos).z;
 cout << "Give total simulation time: "; cin >> totalT;
 cout << "Given simulation time granularity: "; cin >> deltaT;
 mSim.deltaT = deltaT:
 ... Rest of code ...
```



```
int main()
{ MotionSimulator mSim;
 double t = 0.0, deltaT, totalT; // t: time elapsed so far
 ... Reading in and validating values ...
 mSim.initializeSimulator();
 while (t <= totalT) {
    mSim.simulateAStep();
    cout << "Time " << t << " "; mSim.printPosition();</pre>
    t = t + deltaT;
 return 0;
```

An Interesting Question



- Are the results computed by the two simulations the same?
- If not, why?
 - Try with various values of simulation time granularity
 - For what values of simulation time granularity, do the results computed by the two simulations agree (by and large)?
- Implementation choices are important when solving a problem

Summary



- A simple motion simulator program using object-oriented programming
- Use of member functions
- Glimpse of data hiding, and effect of simulation time granularity