

Program #4 – Implement a sophisticated class for mathematical vectors – Due: **Friday, April 4**

Average effort (implement the CANONICAL SET):

- **default CTOR**
- memory-wise **DTOR**
- a **copy CTOR**
- overload **assignment (=)** (Note: if the left-hand-side vector is smaller than the right-hand-side vector you must: make the lhs vector grow() & warn the user that you did this);

Above average effort

- overload **binary +/-** (vectors need *not* be the same size)
- overload all **relational op's** -- **<, >, <=**, etc
(see NOTES below for how to implement relations);
- getMagnitude()
- overloaded **output (<<)**, e.g., `cout << A;`
- overloaded **input (>>)**, e.g., `cin >> A;`

Superior effort

- dot product ($A \cdot B$) and/or cross product ($A \wedge B$);
- **vector times scalar**, e.g., $A * 4$
- solve a “real” vector problem (in `main()`) that uses your class

Your class *must* be well documented. Include a `testMain.cpp` that documents *how* you are testing (showing me!) the functionality of each addition to the class. You *must* include a README file that explains the state of your software (e.g., this works, this doesn't, etc).

NOTE: Let's agree to **use the magnitude of a vector** when implementing the relational operators. If \mathbf{v} is a Vector with n entries, the *magnitude* of \mathbf{v} (generally denoted as $|\mathbf{v}|$) is the square root of the sum of squared entries in \mathbf{v} :

$$\text{magnitude of vector } \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} v[i]^2}$$

The `operator==` method really should check the *magnitude* of one vector with the *magnitude* of another vector, but more correctly, if the magnitudes are “close enough”, right? For example, the two vectors $\mathbf{v1}$ and $\mathbf{v2}$ are not the same size (dimensions) but they have the same magnitude, thus $\mathbf{v1} == \mathbf{v2}$ is true:

four-dimensional vector, $\mathbf{v1} = (2, 2, 2, 2) = 4$
two-dimensional vector, $\mathbf{v2} = (4, 0) = 4$

so, $\mathbf{v1} == \mathbf{v2}$ is true in this example above. NOTE: you could implement the `getMagnitude()` method as a private method in your class `Vect`, but asking for the magnitude of a vector is probably something the client (main) might want to do also, thus, implement `magnitude()` as a public method.

Additional points:

(1) our components of a Vect(or) should be (dynamically allocated) Real numbers:

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private:
    double* pVect;
```

(2) you need only three CTORS:

(a) default (no size)

(b) you know the size ahead of time (e.g., 2D or 3D or ...)

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e.g.: // A is a 3-D vector, <x,y,z>
      Vect A(3);
```

(c) a copy CTOR

(3) you MUST write operator[]

this will let the main() client-programmer change the
x, y, and z components, e.g.,

```
// change A to have components: x=3, y=2, z=5
A[0] = 3; // location [0] means x-axis
A[1] = 2; // location [1] means y-axis
A[2] = 5; // location [2] means z-axis
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Note: A[0] = 3 *really* makes the call: A.operator[](3);
which calls the method to set: this->pVect[0] = 3

(4) *yes*, we are assuming that we can add/subtract two vectors of unequal dimensions;
note that we *always* assume that [0] is the x-dimension, [1] is the y-dimension, etc.
thus, adding a 2-D and a 3-D vector assumes that the “mapping” is handled such that a
2-D vector “gets” a third-z-component with value zero(0) *before* the addition to the 3-D
vector occurs