Data Structures

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02.01.21 (Recursion)

Recursion Trees

- To convert recurrences into a tree,
  - each node represents the cost incurred at various levels of recursion
  - Sum up the costs of all levels
- Complexity of a recursive function is determined by the amount of recursive calls
- To solve a recurrence relationship, we find a closed form for it or use a master method

01.28.21 (Algorithm Analysis)

Experimental Analysis

- Algorithms = step-by-step procedure for solving a problem in a finite amount of time
- Experimentation Steps:
  - Write a program implementing the algorithm
  - Run the program with inputs of varying size, composition
  - Plot the results
- Limitations of Experiments:
  - Implementing the algorithm may be difficult
  - Results may not indicate running time on other inputs
  - Algorithm comparison is difficult
- For this reason, theoretical results are preferred

Theoretical Analysis

- Theoretical Analysis
  - Use a high level description instead of an implementation
  - Characterizes running time as a function of input size, n

  - Takes into account all possible inputs
  - Allows for algorithm comparison independent of hardware/software

- Primitive Operations
  - Count the amount of primitive/basic operations
  - These operations are
    * identifiable in pseudocode
    * generally independent of programming language
    * want to focus on large operations such as loops

- Asymptotic Complexity
  - simply can be understood as Big-O
  - Generally fives us an idea of how rapidly the space/time requirements grow as problem size increases

- Rate of Growth
  - Because lower order terms become relatively insignificant for large n, we consider the actual function and its highest order term to have the same rate of growth

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Abstract Data Types

- Abstract Data Type (ADT): A data type whose properties are
- Require a domain and an operation, implementation not relevant at this point
- When implementation is considerd, an ADT becomes a data structure

Data from 3 Different Levels

- Application (user) level - modeling real life data in a specific context (ex. Library of Congress)
- Logical (ADT) level - considering abstract understanding of necessary requirements (ex. Domain: Collection of Books, Operations: Check-in, Check-out, etc.)
- Implementation level - considering how to carry out operations upon the domain

Basic Types of ADT Operations

- Constructor - creates a new instance of an ADT
- Transformer - changes the state of one or more of the data values of an instance
- Observer - allows us to observe the state of 1+ data value without changing them
- Iterator - allows us to process all the components in a data structure sequentially

Composite Data Type

- Composite data types are types which
  - Store a collection of individual data components under one variable name
  - Allow the individual data components to be accessed
- Examples include arrays and classes

Accessing Functions

- Accessing fucntions give the position of className[Index]
- Address(Index) = BaseAddress + Index * SizeOfElement
- Consider a base address of 6000 with a constant element size of 1 byte. Find the address of the 10th cell of this array.
  - 6000 + (10 * 1) = 6010;

Order of Magnitude of a Function

- Order of magnitude (Big-O notation) expresses computing time of a problem as the term in a function that increases the most rapodly relative to the size of the problem
- Consider two algorithms, A and B. They are both used to solve the same class of problems.
  - A has time complexity 5,000n
  - B has time complexity 1.1^n
- Here, A is more efficient because it is linear, rather than exponential - which is preferable for large n
- Order of growth and time complexity are inverses (larger growth rate = slower time to execute)
- All functions are monotonic (continue increasing indefinitely)

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- File I/O ex.

```
#include <fstream>

int main () {
  //opens file
  ifstream inClientFile("clients.dat", ios::in);

  //exits if file can't be opened
  if (!inClientFile) {
    cerr << "File could not be opened" << endl;
    exit(1);
  } //if
```

```
 //var declarations
 int account;
 string name;
 double balance;

// displays each record in the file
while (inClientFile >> account >> name >> balance) {
  outputLine(account,name,balance);
} //while

}
```

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Pass by Reference

- When dealing with very large objects, don't pass by copy due to the large overhead of copying. Instead, pass by reference
- When passing by reference, use const if you don't want to modify the data members

Destructors

- Name of destructor is className~
- Called implicitly when an object is destroyed
- Takes no parameters, returns no value
- No return type allowed in signature, not even void
- Only one destructor allowed per class
- Must be public
- Destructors are called once a variable exits its scope
- Static variables are destroyed after local variables, with global variables destroyed last
- Objects are also destroyed in reverse order from their construction

Const Objects

- const objects must use const methods only
- non-const objects may use both non-const and const methods

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Encapsulation

- Header files should not contain source code, it should only include prototypes in order to ensure proper information-hiding
- Source code should be placed in a different cpp file, which pulls from the prototypes in the header file

Include Guards

- Consider the following classes: Student, Course, and Main
  - Student uses Course
  - Main uses Student and Course
  - The main method would then look like:

```
#include "student.h"
#include "course.h"
```

  - student.h compiles properly, but an error is thrown when course.h tries to be included because it has already been included through Student.
  - To fix this, use header guards, as follows:

```
#ifndef FILENAME_H
#define FILENAME_H
```

- Include guards ensure that a prototype is not defined twice
- The header guard should be put in header files that are used in multiple places

Writing Classes

- Begin by including the necessary header file
- All methods and constructors must be preceded by the header file name and the scope resolution operator (::)

Constructors & Default Constructors

- Constructors can call other methods and do data-checking
- Constructors can be called explicit with multiple parameters when the parameters are impossible to typecast, as follows:

```
int main () {
  explicit Time t (x = 0, y = 0, z = 0);
} //main
```

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Objects and Object Sizes

- An objects size will always be the sum of its data members. The size will not be affected by any methods that are called upon it.
- Because of this, objects can quickly become very large in size.

UML Diagrams

- Classes are listed as individual boxes
  - top box = class name
  - middle compartment = data members : data type
  - bottom compartment - methods and parameters
    - \- = private
    - \+ = public
    - \# = protected

Constructors

- Explicit constructors can be used to prevent implicit typecasting, as seen below:

```
class Student {
  Student (int s) {

  } //constructor
} //Student

int main () {
  Student s {15}; //allowed, completes correctly
  Student c {'C'}; //typecasts automatically, should not occur
  //Note, () can be used in place of {} to construct objects
}
```

- Ex. list initialization with an explicit constructor

```
explicit Account (std::string accountName) //explicit constructor
  : name{accountName} {
  //insert constructor code here
  }
```

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A look at class creation

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

//defining the class
class GradeBook {
  //holds all public vars, functions
  public:
  //public function
  void displayMessage() {
    cout << "Welcome to your Gradebook" << endl;
  } //displayMesage
} //GradeBook

//main method
int main () {
  //creates a GradeBook object
  GradeBook myGradeBook;
  //calls above created function on object
  myGradeBook.displayMessage();
}
```

- Class functions and vars are, by default, private. The public keyword must be used to denote any public parts of a class.
- Move implementations to a header file for use in main methods while separating out each file.
- When using header files, use quotation marks around them to indicate that they're a file on your machine. Use angle brackets around things to include form the C std lib.
- The purpose of const functions is to prevent the function from modifying the values of data members or objects.

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A look at some basic C++ code

```
#include <iostream> //enables program to output data

//main function begins program execution
int main () {
  //cout currently a function as a part of the std namespace
  std::cout << "Welcome to C++!\n";
  //above << is an insertion operator, overloaded from the bitwise left-shift

  return 0;
}
```

A look at some higher level C++ code

```
#include <iostream>

int main () {

  int num1{0}; //list initialization
  int num2 = 0; //regular initialization
 //No difference between list & regular initializtion with primitive types.
 //List initialization should be used for UDTs.

  int sum{0}

  std::cin >> num1;
  std::cin >> num2;

  sum = num1 + num2;

  std::cout << sum << std::endl;
  //endl is helpful because it flushes the buffer
  //newline character does not
  return 0;
}
```

A look at a common mistake

```
#include <iostream>

int main () {
  int x {5};

  if(x > 10); {
    std::cout << x "> 10" << std::endl;
  }
  //still prints output because of semicolon after if statement

  return 0;
}
```