A couple of words on the dynamic memory allocation

A pointer is declared. The pointer points to nothing (meaning the actual array doesn't exist yet)

```
int main ( int argc, char** argv ) {
  unsigned int size = atoi(argv[1]);

  double * v = nullptr ;

  // ....

  v = new double[size];

  for ( int k = 0; k < size; k++ ) { v[k] = 0 };

  // ...

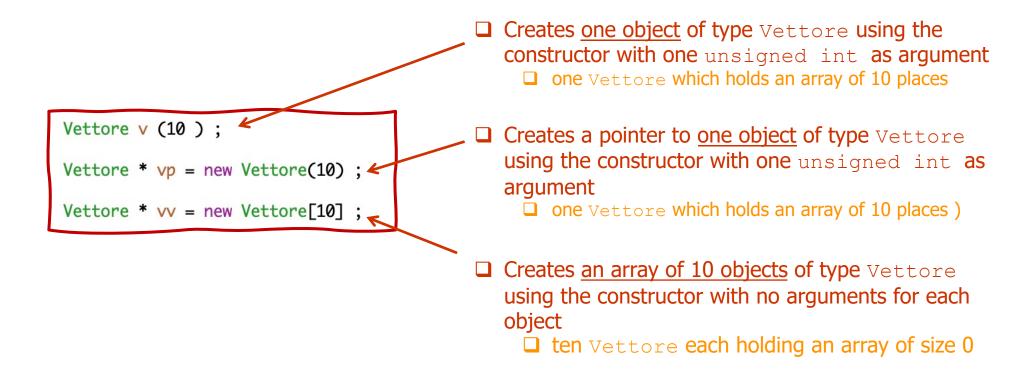
  delete[] v;
}</pre>
```

The class Vettore in its full glory

```
#ifndef ___Vettore_h__
#define ___Vettore_h__
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Vettore {
public:
 Vettore();
                                    // constructor
 Vettore( int N );
                                   // constructor
 Vettore(const Vettore&);
                                 // copy constructor
 ~Vettore();
                                     // destructor
 Vettore operator=(const Vettore&); // assignment operator
  unsigned int GetN() const { return m_N;} ;
  void SetComponent( int , double) ;
  double GetComponent( int ) const ;
  double& operator[]( int ) const ; // access operator
 void Scambia( int, int );
 private:
 unsigned int m_N;
 double* m_v;
#endif // __Vettore_h__
```

1. Create Vettore objects or pointers Build a Vettore object using the constructor with no arguments (notice no parentheses!) Include the header file #include <iostream> of the Vettore class Build a Vettore object using the #include "Vettore.h" constructor with size as input int main() { Build a Vettore object using the constructor with size as input Vettore myvett_obj_1; (uniform initialization) Vettore myvett obj 2(10) Vettore myvett_obj_3 {10}; Build a Vettore pointer using the Vettore *myvett_poi_1 = new Vettore(); constructor with no arguments Vettore *myvett_poi_2 = new Vettore(10); Vettore *myvett_poi_3 = new Vettore {10}; Build a Vettore pointer using the constructor with size as input myvett_obj_2.SetComponent(2,55); myvett_poi_2->SetComponent(2,55); cout << myvett_obj_2.GetComponent(2) << endl;</pre> Manipulate the Vettore both as cout << myvett poi 2->GetComponent(2) << endl;</pre> object (.) or pointer (->) cout << "Size of my vector is " << myvett_obj_1.GetN() << endl;</pre> cout << "Size of my vector is " << myvett_obj_3.GetN() << endl;</pre> cout << "Size of my vector is " << myvett_poi_2->GetN() << endl;</pre> return 0:

1. Be careful!



Be careful (only for curious kids)

```
#include <iostream>
#include "Vettore.h"
                                         Create an array of 5 Vettore. Each Vettore
                                           is built with the zero-argument constructor
int main() {
  Vettore * varray = new Vettore[5] ;
  cout << "Size = " << varray[2].GetN() << endl;</pre>
                                                Create an array of 10 pointers to a Vettore.
  unsigned int nv = 10;
  Vettore ** varrayp = new Vettore*[nv] ;
  for ( int k = 0 ; k < nv ; k++ ) { varrayp[k] = new Vettore(5) ;} ;
                                                                                   Each Vettore is built
                                                                                   with the constructor
  for ( int k = 0 ; k < nv ; k++ ) {
                                                                                  accepting and unsigned
    cout << "Size of array " << k << " = " << varrayp[k] -> GetN() << endl;</pre>
                                                                                     int argument: 10
  } ;
                                                                                     Vettore, each
                                                                                  Vettore has a length
                                                                                           of 5
```

2. On constant vectors and methods

```
class Vettore {
public :
 unsigned int GetN() const { return m_n; };
double CalcolaMedia ( const Vettore & v ) {
  double accumulo = 0;
 if (v.GetN() == 0) return accumulo;
  for ( int k = 0 ; k < v.GetN() ; k++ ) {
   accumulo += v.GetComponent(k) ;
  return accumulo / double ( v.GetN()):
};
```

This defines a constant method : the <u>method can't</u> <u>modify the content of the class</u>

- ☐ Here the Vettore v is passed by reference: most efficiency way (no copy!)
- a protection const is added so that the function CalcolaMedia can't modify the content of v

Notice that GetN() must be const if used in this way: you can call only constant methods on constant objects!

☐ Using proper const qualifiers might seem a bit overkilling but it's important to write robust code

3. Operator[]

```
int main ( int argc, char** argv ) {
  unsigned int size = atoi(argv[1]);
  double * v = nullptr ;

// ....

v = new double[size];

for ( int k = 0; k < size ; k++ ) { v[k] = 0 } ;

// ...

delete[] v;

Access to the component k of the C-array
}</pre>
```

3. Operator[]

- ☐ With a C-array (data) one can access the i-th element by double c=data[i]
 - ☐ Can we do the same with an object of type Vettore? Overload the operator[]

```
double& Vettore::operator[] (int i) const {
  if   i >= 0 && i < m_N ) {
    return m_v[i];
  } else {
    cout << "Errore : indice non valido " << endl;
    exit(1);
  }
}</pre>
```

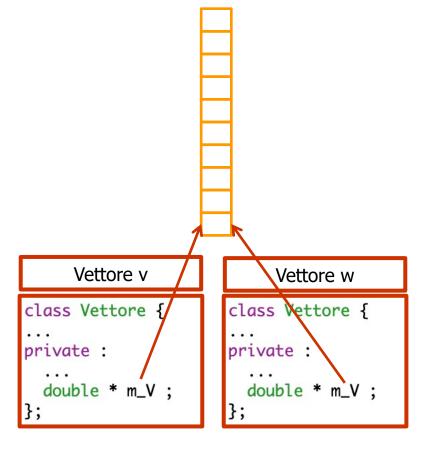
- Operator[](int) returns the i-th element by
 reference (i.e., a pointer to the element is returned):
 can be used to read and modify the i-th element
- ☐ Can have the same effect as both GetComponent() and SetComponent().
- Must be declared const if used on const objects (
 e.g., in the Media(const Vettore &) method),
 so no more useful for writing

```
int main ( ) {
    Vettore v(10);
    Vettore v(10);
    v[3] = 4;
    cout << v[3] << end!
    Access component
    v.SetComponent(3,4);
    cout << v.GetComponent(3) << endl;
}</pre>
Access component
3 of the Vettore V
cout << v.GetComponent(3) << endl;
}
```

4. Copy constructor and assignment operator on a Vettore

- ☐ If no copy constructor is declared, a default (implicit) one will be used
- The default constructor will match m_v pointers of the Vettore: the two vectors will have the two internal pointers pointing to the same area in memory. Any modification on v will be reflected on w

```
int main() {
  Vettore v(10);
  cout << "Vettore v : = dimensione = " << v.GetN() << endl;</pre>
  for (unsigned int k = 0; k < v.GetN(); k++)
    cout << v.GetComponent(k) << " ";</pre>
  cout << endl;</pre>
  // copy constructor
  Vettore w=v; // o equivalentemente Vettore w(v);
  // operatore di assegnazione
  Vettore z;
  z = v;
  v.SetComponent(4,99);
  cout << "Vettore z : = dimensione = " << z.GetN() << endl;</pre>
  for (unsigned int k = 0; k < z.GetN(); k++)
    cout << z.GetComponent(k) << " ";</pre>
```



4. Copy constructor and assignment operator on a Vettore

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- ☐ If no assignment operator is declared, a default (implicit) one will be used: same bad behavior as for the copy constructor!
- □ The correct assignment operator will allocate a new area in memory and copy all values from the input vector

```
// overloading costruttore di copia
Vettore::Vettore(const Vettore& V) {
  cout << "Calling copy constructor" << endl;</pre>
  m_N = V.m_N;
  m_v = \text{new double}[m_N];
  for (unsigned int i=0; i<m_N; i++) m_v[i]=V.m_v[i];
  cout << "Copy constructor called " << endl;</pre>
// overloading operatore di assegnazione
Vettore& Vettore::operator=( const Vettore& V) {
                                                                          Vettore v
  cout << "Calling assignment operator" << endl;</pre>
                                                                                                    Vettore w
  m_N = V.m_N;
                                     Free the memory already
                                                                    class Vettore {
                                                                                              class Vettore {
  if ( m_v ) delete∏ m_v;
                                          allocated first
  m_v = \text{new double}[m_N]:
  for (unsigned int i=0; i<m_N; i++) m_v[i]=V.m_v[i];
                                                                    private:
                                                                                              private:
  cout << "Assignment operator called"<< endl;</pre>
  return *this:
                                                                       double * m_V ;
                                                                                                double * m_V ;
```

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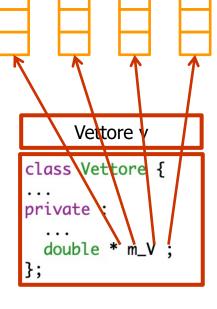
5. Default destructor

```
// distruttore
#include <iostream>
#include "Vettore.h"
                                Vettore::~Vettore() {
                                  cout << "Calling destructor" << endl;</pre>
                                  delete[] m v;
int main() {
  for ( int k = 0 ; k < 100 ; k++ ) {
    Vettore v(10);
   // ... do something : read Vettore from a file,
    // compute something useful
              v goes out of scope
  return 0:
```

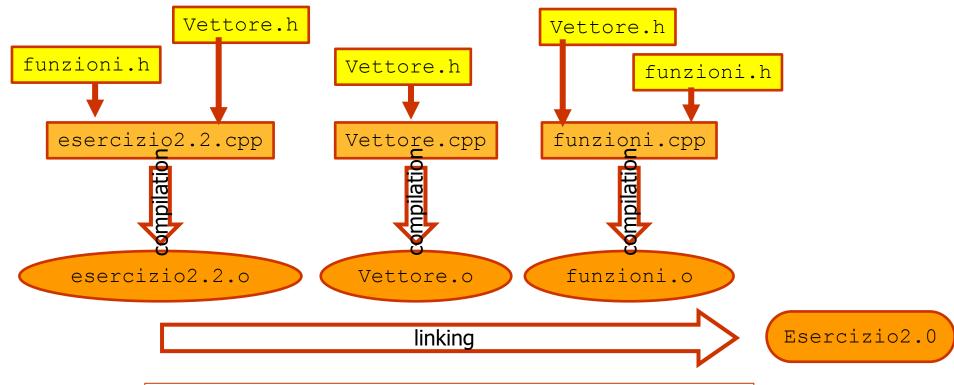
- ☐ The destructor is automatically called when the object goes out of scope (usually it doesn't need to be called explicitly).
- ☐ Consider the for loop above : an object v of type Vettore is created and destroyed 100 times
- ☐ If no destructor is declared, the default one will be used: it would only de-allocate m ∨! This could cause a memory leak

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Compilation



Functions and template classes in C++ (and a quick and dirty introduction to STL)

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Introduction (I)

- ☐ In C++ it is possible to define <u>templates</u> of classes and functions by parameterizing the used types :
 - ☐ in classes, you can parameterize the types of data-members
 - ☐ in functions (and in class member functions) the types of the arguments and the return values can be parameterized.
- □ Templates allow the creation of "generic" functions and classes for which the type of data on which they operate is specified as a parameter: it is the foundation of generic programming
 - ☐ Key benefits: you can use functions and/or classes with different data without explicitly recoding a different version for each different data type. They make code reuse possible.
 - ☐ In this way, the maximum independence of the algorithms from the data to which they are applied is reached:
 - ☐ for example, a sorting algorithm can be written only once independently on the type of data to be sorted (as long as an order relation is defined = ,<, >)

Introduction (II)

- ☐ Templates are resolved statically (i.e., at the compilation level) and therefore do not entail any additional costs at runtime;
- □ The C++ Standard Library provides pre-built structures of template classes and algorithms via template functions (Standard Template Library). Three main ingredients:
 - □ Container classes (linked lists, maps, vectors, etc.) that can be used by specifying, when creating objects, the specific type to replace the parameterized one.
 - ☐ Generic algorithms that work on container classes .
 - ☐ Complete independence of containers/algorithms from the data type: access elements through generic <u>iterators</u>

Let's look again at the Vettore class header file

```
#ifndef __Vettore_h__
#define __Vettore_h__
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Vettore {
public:
 Vettore();
 Vettore( int N);
 Vettore(const Vettore& V) ;
 ~Vettore() { delete [] m_v ;} ;
 Vettore& operator=(const Vettore& V) ;
  double& operator[]( int ) const ;
  int GetN() const { return m_N;} ;
 void SetComponent( int i , double a );
 double GetComponent( int i ) const ;
 void Scambia( int primo , int secondo );
private:
                       Vettore holds a bunch of double
 int m_N;
                       numbers: can we make it parametric so
 double* m_v;
                       that it could hold any type of objects?
};
#endif // __Vettore_h__
```

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Examples of template classes

```
#ifndef __Vettore_h__
#define Vettore h
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Vettore {
public:
  Vettore():
  Vettore( int N);
  Vettore(const Vettore& V) ;
  ~Vettore() { delete [] m v ;} ;
  Vettore& operator=(const Vettore& V) ;
  double& operator[]( int ) const ;
  int GetN() const { return m_N;} ;
  void SetComponent( int i , double a );
  double GetComponent( int i ) const ;
  void Scambia( int primo , int secondo );
private:
  int m_N;
  double* m_v;
};
#endif // __Vettore_h__
```

T will be replaced with the true data type when creating a specific version of the function.

```
#ifndef ___Vettore_h_
#define Vettore h
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
template <typename T> class Vettore {
public:
  Vettore();
  Vettore( int N);
  Vettore(const Vettore& V) ;
  ~Vettore() { delete [] m v ;} ;
 Vettore& operator=(const Vettore& V) ;
  double& operator[]( int ) const ;
  int GetN() const { return m_N;
    🙀 SetComponent( int i 📗 T a
 T GetComponent( int i ) const;
  void Scambia( int primo , int secondo );
private:
     m N;
};
#endif // __Vettore_h__
```

Examples of template functions

Functions working with template classes must be template themselves:

☐ The typical structure of a template function is the following:

```
template <typename T> ZZZZ nomefunzione (input1,input2...)
{
   // corpo della funzione
   return ...;
};
```

- When the compiler creates a specific version of a generic function, it is said to have created a "generated function"
- ☐ The act of generation is called *instantiation*: a generated function is a specific instance of a template function
- T will be replaced with the true data type when creating a specific version of the function. The compiler instantiates the template function based on the current parameters specified at the time of the call
- ZZZZ is the return type of the function

Definition of a template function

```
template <typename T> Vettore<T> Read ( unsigned int N , char* filename ) {
Vettore Read ( unsigned int N , char* filename ) {
                                                            Vettor:<T> (N);
 Vettore v(N);
                                                            ifstream in(filename);
 ifstream in(filename);
                                                            if (!in) {
 if (!in) {
                                                              cout << "Cannot open file " << filename << endl;</pre>
    cout << "Cannot open file " << filename << endl;</pre>
                                                              exit(11);
    exit(11);
                                                            } else {
 } else {
                                                              for (unsigned int i=0; i<N; i++) {
    for (unsigned int i=0; i<N; i++) {
                                                                T val ;
      double val = 0;
                                                                in >> val ;
      in >> val ;
                                                                v.SetComponent( i, val );
     v.SetComponent( i, val );
                                                                if ( in.eof() ) {
     if ( in.eof() ) {
                                                                  cout << "End of file reached exiting" << endl;</pre>
        cout << "End of file reached exiting" << endl;</pre>
                                                                  exit(11);
        exit(11);
                                                            return v;
  return v;
```

Using template classes and functions

```
function, it uses the template to automatically generate
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
                                       a function replacing each appearance of T by the type
#include <cstdlib>
                                       passed as the actual template parameter (double in
                                       this case) and then calls it. This process is automatically
#include "Vettore.h"
                                       performed by the compiler and is invisible to the
#include "funzioni.h"
                                       programmer.
int main ( int argc, char** argv ) {
  if (argc < 3) {
    return -1;
  int ndata = atoi(argv[1]);
  double* data = new double[ndata];
  char * filename = argv[2];
  // usiamo il contenitore Vector per mmagazzinare double !
  Vettore <double> v = Read<double>( ndata , filename );
  Print( v );
  cout << "media = " << CalcolaMedia<double>( v ) << endl;
  cout << "varianza = " << CalcolaVarianza<double>( v ) << endl;</pre>
  cout << "mediana = " << CalcolaMediana<double>( v ) << endl;</pre>
  Print( v );
```

When the compiler encounters this call to a template

Compilation with template functions

Note: when we deal with template classes, we must be careful with the compilation. We use an inline implementation (="all in .h, no .cpp") for the class methods.

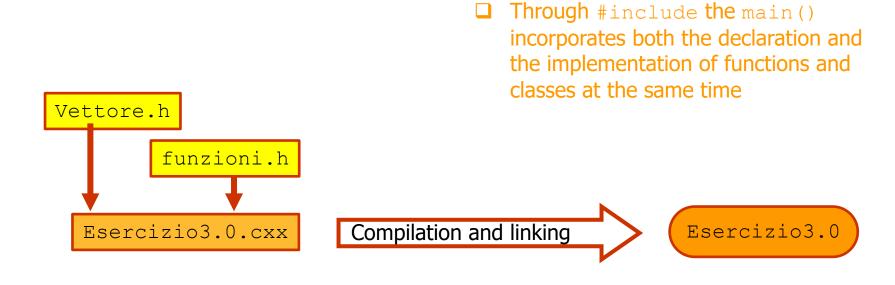
☐ In fact, a standalone compilation of a template class would not be possible: how could the compiler allocate the correct amount of memory if the type that will be used has not yet been defined?

```
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    g++ esercizio2.1.o Vettore.o funzioni.o -o esercizio2.1
esercizio2.1.o: esercizio2.1.cpp funzioni.h
    g++ -c eserciio2.1.cpp -o esercizio2.1.o

funzioni.o: funzioni.cpp funzioni.h
    g++ -c funzioni.cpp -o funzioni.o

vettore.o: Vettore.cpp Vettore.h
    g++ -c Vettore.cpp -o Vettore.o
```

Compilation



- Advantages: only one compilation instruction
- ☐ Disadvantages: a change to any of the classes or functions causes a total recompilation

An alternative way to implement the methods of the template Vettore class

```
// Dichiarazione
                                                             Vettore.h
template <typename T> class Vettore {
public :
                                                         To improve the code readability the
 Vettore() :
 Vettore( int N) ;
                                                     methods can be implemented outside the
 ~Vettore() { delete [] m_v ;};
                                                                     class declaration
 int GetN() const { return m_N;};
 void SetComponent( int i , T a );
 // ...
private:
 int m N;
 T* m v:
// Implementazione
template <typename T> Vettore<T>::Vettore() {
 m N = 0;
 m_v = NULL;
template <typename T> Vettore<T>::Vettore( int N) {
 // ...
template <typename T> void Vettore<T>::SetComponent( int i , T a ) {
 // ...
#endif // __Vettore_h__
```

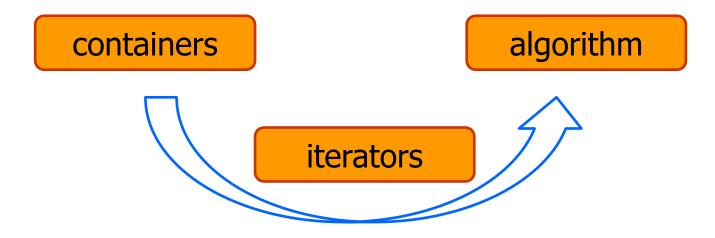
Standard Template Library

- ☐ Containers: STL containers have been designed to obtain maximum efficiency accompanied by maximum genericity.
 - ☐ Different types of containers, each optimized for a specific set of operations
 - ☐ Sequential (vector, list, deque) or associative (map, set) containers
- ☐ Iterators: the iterator generalizes the concept of a pointer to a sequence of objects and can be implemented in many ways (in the case of an array it will be a pointer, while in the case of a list it will be a link etc...). Iterators allow you to iterate over a container, accessing each element individually.
 - ☐ In reality, the particular implementation of an iterator is of no interest to the user, as the definitions concerning the iterators are identical, in name and meaning, in all containers.
- ☐ Algorithms: from the user's point of view, both operations and iterators constitute a standard set, independent of the containers to which they are applied. In this way it is possible to write template functions with maximum genericity, without detracting from efficiency during execution.
 - ☐ The STL provides around sixty template functions, called "algorithms" and defined in the <algorithm> header file.

Iterators

The STL separates the algorithms from the containers. With the STL, you can access the elements of container via iterators.

- □ STL algorithms do not depend on the implementation details of the containers on which they operate.
- ☐ The algorithms are perfectly generic, in the sense that they can operate on any type of container (and on any type of elements), if it is equipped with iterators;

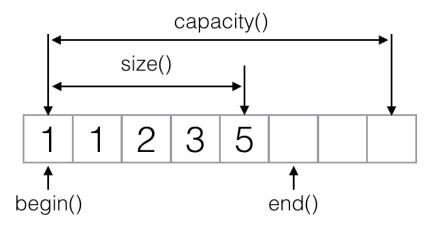


Containers

- □ A container is a holder object that stores a collection of other objects (its elements). They are implemented as class templates, which allows a great flexibility in the types supported as elements.
- ☐ The container manages the storage space for its elements and provides member functions to access them, either directly or through iterators (reference objects with similar properties to pointers).
- Many containers have several member functions in common and share functionalities.
- ☐ The decision of which type of container to use for a specific need does not generally depend only on the functionality offered by the container, but also on the efficiency of some of its members (complexity). This is especially true for sequence containers, which offer different trade-offs in complexity between inserting/removing elements and accessing them.
- http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/stl/

The sequential container vector

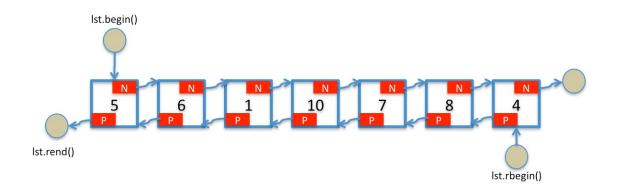
The vector class provides a data structure that occupies contiguous memory locations.



- efficient and direct access to any element of a vector via the indexing operator [] used in the same way as arrays in C and C++.
 - ☐ Just increment the pointer (iterator) by as many cells as I want (the cells are contiguous!)
 - ☐ Insertion at the tail of the vector is very efficient, insertion in the centre is not
- ☐ When a vector runs out of capacity, the vector automatically allocates a larger contiguous memory area, copies the original elements to the new area, and deallocates the old area.

The sequential container list

The sequential container list is implemented as a double linked list: each node of the list contains a pointer to the previous node and one to the next node.



- ☐ Efficient implementation of insert and delete operations at any container location.
 - ☐ If most of these operations occur at the edges of the container, it is better to use the more efficient implementation of deque
- □ Direct access to an element in the list is not efficient (you have to go through each element, the cells are not contiguous)

The sequential container vector

```
Create a vector: check size
                                                   Include the
                                                                                        and capacity
                                               required header file
#include <vector> <
#include <iostream>
int main() {
  std::vector<double> vnull ;
  cout << "vnull : size = " << vnull.size() << " capacity = " << vnull.capacity() << endl;</pre>
  for ( int k = 0 ; k < 100 ; k++ ) {
                                                                                  Add element on the back
    vnull.push_back(k*2.);
    cout << "vnull : size = " << vnull.size() << " capacity = " << vnull.capacity() << endl;</pre>
                                                                                  Initialize a vector (uniform
  std::vector<int> v {1,2,3,4,5} ;
                                                                                        initialization)
  cout << "Original vector : " << vnull.size() << " " << vnull.capacity() << endl;</pre>
                                                                         Add an element in the back
  v.push_back(6);
  for (unsigned int k = 0; k < v.size(); k++) cout << v[k] << endl;
  cout \ll v[2] \ll endl; \ll
                                              Access the third element of
                                                      the vector
```

Adapt the functions to use the new data container

```
template <typename T> vector<T> Read( int N , const char* filename ) {
 vector<T> v;
  ifstream in(filename);
 if (!in) {
    cout << "Cannot open file " << filename << endl;</pre>
    exit(11);
  } else {
    for (int i=0; i<N; i++) {
     T val ;
      in >> val ;
      v.push_back( val );
      if ( in.eof() ) {
        cout << "End of file reached exiting" << endl;</pre>
        exit(11);
  return v;
```

Adapt the functions to use the new data container

```
template <typename T> vector<T> ReadAll( const char* filename ) {
  vector<T> v;
  ifstream in(filename);
  if ( !in ) {
    cout << "Cannot open file " << filename << endl;
    exit(11);
  }
  T appo;
  while ( in >> appo ) v.push_back(appo) ;
  return v;
};
```

std::vector is the ideal container to fill when reading elements from a file and you don't know in advance how many elements to read

How our analysis code would look like using std::vector

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
#include <cstdlib>
                             Include the vector header file
#include <vector>
                                Include the funzioni header file
#include "funzioni.h"
using namespace std;
int main( int argc , char** argv ) {
  if ( argc < 3 ) {
    cout << "Uso del programma : " << argv[0] << " <n_data> <filename> " << endl;</pre>
    return -1:
                                                                            Read N elements
  vector<double> v = Read<double>( atoi(argv[1]) , argv[2] >
  cout << "media = " << CalcolaMedia<double>( v ) << endl;</pre>
  cout << "varianza = " << CalcolaVarianza<double>( v ) << endl;</pre>
  cout << "mediana = " << CalcolaMediana<double>( v ) << endl;</pre>
  vector<double> vall = = ReadAll<double>( argv[2] );
                                                                      Read all elements
```

Creating plots



You can think to ROOT as a collection of classes designed for statistical analysis and visualization. We will mainly use three objects

<pre>https://root.cern.ch/doc/master/classTH1F.html</pre>
https://root.cern.ch/doc/master/classTGraph.html
https://root.cern.ch/doc/master/classTF1.html

Simple examples on how to practically use the main objects can be found in https://labtnds.docs.cern.ch/Survival/root/

Histogramming with ROOT

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
#include "TH1F.h"
                                                                      #include header files for
#include "TApplication.h"
#include "TCanvas.h"
                                                                     each ROOT class you plan to
#include "funzioni.h"
                                                                                    use
int main( int argc , char** argv ) {
  if (argc < 2) { ... }
  // creo un processo "app" che lascia il programma attivo ( app.Run() ) in modo
  // da permettermi di vedere gli outputs grafici
  TApplication app("app",0,0);
  // leggo tutti i dati da file
  vector<double> v = ReadAll<double>( argv[1] );
  // Creo l'istogramma. L'opzione StatOvergflows permette di calcolare le informazioni
                                                                                       Call the constructor of
  // statistiche anche se il dato sta fuori dal range di definizione dell'istogramma
                                                                                           the TH1F class
  TH1F histo ("histo", "histo", 100, -10, 100000000);
  histo.StatOverflows( kTRUE );
                                                                            Fill the histogram
  for ( int k = 0; k < v.size(); k++) histo.Fill( v[k] );
  // accedo a informazioni statistiche
  cout << "Media dei valori caricati = " << histo.GetMean() << endl;</pre>
  // disegno
                                                                     Create a support for the plot
  TCanvas mycanvas ("Histo", "Histo");
  histo.Draw():
  histo.GetXaxis()->SetTitle("measurement");
                                                           Draw the histogram
  app.Run();
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```

Leave the dummy application running so that I can see the plot

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TH1F constructor

https://root.cern.ch/doc/master/classTH1F.html

```
TH1F() [2/6]

TH1F::TH1F (const char * name, const char * title,

Int_t nbinsx,

Double_t xlow,

Double_t xup
)
```

Create a 1-Dim histogram with fix bins of type float (see TH1::TH1 for explanation of parameters)

Definition at line 9902 of file TH1.cxx.

Compile your program including ROOT classes

This asks to the operating system where the header files of the ROOT package are installed This asks to the operating system LIBS:=`root-config --libs` where the ROOT libraries are installed INCS:=`root-config --cflags` esercizio3.3 : esercizio3.3.cpp funzioni.h g++ -o esercizio3.3 esercizio3.3.cpp \${INCS} \${LIBS} clean: rm esercizio3.3 When you compile the code, you need to tell the compiler where it can find the header files and the libraries (ie.

compiled code)

Backup

```
int main() {
  int a = 4;
  int b;
  b = 4;
  4 = b;

double a = media ( .... );

media( ... ) = 4;

Vettore v = ReadFromFile( ... );
}
```

- □ An Ivalue (Iocator value) represents an object that occupies some identifiable location in memory (i.e. has an address).
- rvalues are defined by exclusion: an rvalue is an expression that does not represent an object occupying some identifiable location in memory.

a and b are Ivalues: they have an address, can stay on the left side of an assignment operator

The literal constant "4" is a rvalue, doesn't have an identifiable memory location

The value returned by media() is a rvalue, it's a temporary value that disappear once the calculation is done

- 1. A Vettore is created inside ReadFromFile
- 2. The Vettore is copied in a temporary Vettore through copy constructor when return is called
- 3. The Vettore is passed to the Vettore v using copy constructor

```
Vettore Read ( unsigned int N , char∗ filename ) {
int main() {
                                                       Vettore v(N);
  int a = 4;
                                                       ifstream in(filename);
  int b:
  b = 4;
                                                       if (!in) {
  4 = b;
                                                         cout << "Cannot open file " << filename << endl;</pre>
                                                         exit(11);
                                                       } else {
  double a = media ( .... ) :
                                                         for (unsigned int i=0; i<N; i++) {</pre>
                                                           double val = 0:
  media(...) = 4;
                                                           in >> val ;
                                                           v.SetComponent( i, val );
  Vettore v = ReadFromFile( ... ) ;
                                                           if ( in.eof() ) {
                                                             cout << "End of file reached exiting" << endl;</pre>
                                                             exit(11);
                                                        return v;
```

- A Vettore is created inside ReadFromFile
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☐ In C++ 11 the notion of reference to rvalues is introduced (&&): can steal information from a temporary object !!

```
move constructor
Vettore::Vettore( Vettore&& 🏹 🕆
  cout << "Calling move constructor" << endl;</pre>
  m_N = V.m_N;
  m_v = V.m_v;
  V.m_N = 0;
  V.m_v = nullptr;
  cout << "Move constructor called" << endl;</pre>
// move assigment operator
Vettore& Vettore::operator=( Vettore&& V) {
  cout << "Calling move assignment operator " << endl;</pre>
  delete ∏ m_v ;
  m_N = V.m_N;
  m_v = V.m_v;
  V.m_N = 0;
  V.m_v = nullptr:
  cout << "Move assignment operator called" << endl;</pre>
  return *this:
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```

The move constructor and the move assignment operators accept a && as input (reference to a rvalue)

> They steal the content of the input object and reset the input

```
int main() {
  int a = 4;
  int b;
  b = 4;
  4 = b;

double a = media ( .... );

media( ... ) = 4;

Vettore v = ReadFromFile( ... );
}
```

In this case a move constructor is called, the code execution is much mode efficient, no unnecessary copies!

- 1. A Vettore is created inside ReadFromFile
- 2. The Vettore is copied in a temporary Vettore through move copy constructor (no copy of elements!)
- 3. The temporary Vettore is passed to the Vettore v using move copy constructor (again no copy of elements!)

Assert: void assert (int expression);

https://www.cplusplus.com/reference/cassert/assert/

- ☐ If the argument *expression* of this macro with functional form compares equal to zero (i.e., the expression is *false*), a message is written to the standard error device and <u>abort</u> is called, terminating the program execution.
- ☐ The specifics of the message shown depend on the particular library implementation, but it shall at least include: the *expression* whose assertion failed, the name of the source file, and the line number where it happened. A usual expression format is:

Assertion failed: expression, file filename, line line number

- □ This macro is disabled if, at the moment of including <assert.h>, a macro with the name NDEBUG has already been defined. This allows for a coder to include as many assert calls as needed in a code while debugging the program and then disable all of them for the production version by including a line like: #DEFINE NDEBUG at the beginning of the code, before the inclusion of <assert.h>.
- ☐ Therefore, this macro is designed to capture programming errors, not user or run-time errors, since it is generally disabled after a program exits its debugging phase.

Best practice

Use assertions to document cases that should be logically impossible.

Assert: void assert (int expression);

https://www.learncpp.com/cpp-tutorial/assert-and-static assert/

□ Sometimes assert expressions aren't very descriptive Fortunately, there's a little trick you can use to make your assert statements more descriptive. Simply add a string literal with the message you want to see, joined by a logical AND :

```
assert( ( m_N > i ) && "Errore : l'indice e' troppo grande");
```

- ☐ Here how it works:
 - ☐ A string literal ("Errore ... grande") always evaluates to true
 - ☐ If the condition (m_N > i) is true then (true && true) is true: no message is given by the assert and no abort is called
 - ☐ If the condition $(m_N > i)$ is false then (false && true) is false: assert will give the message in the string literal and the abort will be called

Compilazione (I)

Esercizio3.0.cpp

Compilazione e linking

Esercizio3.0

funzioni.cpp

esercizio3.0: esercizio3.0.cpp Vettore.h funzioni.h Vettore.cpp funzioni.cpp
g++ esercizio3.0.cpp funzioni.cpp vettore.cpp -o esercizio3.0

- ☐ Vantaggi : una sola istruzione di compilazione
- □ Svantaggi: una modifica ad una qualsiasi delle classi o funzioni causa una ricompilazione totale

Putting everything together:

```
Leonardos-MacBook-Pro-3:LezioneTeoria2 lcarmina$ ./submit.sh
Usage: submit <number of elements to read in each file>
Leonardos-MacBook-Pro-3:LezioneTeoria2 lcarmina$ ./submit.sh 10
(cout)Trying to open file data1.dat
(cerr)End of file reached exiting
execution ended with code 2
Crashing with code 2 running on data1.dat
Leonardos-MacBook-Pro-3:LezioneTeoria2 lcarmina$ ./submit.sh 4
(cout)Trying to open file data1.dat
(cout)Data succesfully loaded
1 2 4 5
execution ended with code 0
(cout)Trying to open file data2.dat
(cout)Data succesfully loaded
1 2 4 5
execution ended with code 0
(cout)Trying to open file data3.dat
(cerr)Cannot open file data3.dat
execution ended with code 1
Crashing with code 1 running on data3.dat
Leonardos-MacBook-Pro-3:LezioneTeoria2 lcarmina$
```

The prova executable crashes on the first input file because tries to read too many elements (return code is 2)

The prova executable crashes because data3.dat doesn't exist (return code is 1)

cout/cerr examples

```
include <fstream>
#include <iostream>
#include <stdlib.h>
using namespace std:
int main( int argc, char** argv ) {
 if (arac < 3)
   cout << "(cout)Uso del programma : " << argv[0] << " <n_data> <filename> " << endl;</pre>
   return 99 :
 int ndata = atoi(arqv[1]);
 double* data = new double[ndata];
 char * filename = arqv[2];
 // leggi dati da file e caricali nel c-array data
 cout << "(cout)Trying to open file " << filename << endl;</pre>
 ifstream fin(filename);
 if (!fin) {
   cerr << "(cerr)Cannot open file " << filename << endl;</pre>
   exit(1);
 } else {
   for ( int k = 0 ; k < ndata ; k++ ) {
     fin >> data[k];
     if ( fin.eof() ) {
       cerr << "(cerr)End of file reached exiting" << endl;</pre>
        exit(2);
 cout << "(cout)Data succesfully loaded" << endl;</pre>
 for ( int k = 0 ; k < ndata ; k++ ) cout \ll data[k] \ll " "
 cout << endl;</pre>
 return 0;
```

Send messages through cout and cerr

Interrupt the program through exit or return

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Intermezzo: the range-based loop (from C++11)

```
#include <vector>
#include <iostream>
int main() {
 std::vector<int> v {1,2,3,4,5} ;
 // Range based loop
 for ( int x : v ) std::cout << "Vector element = " << x << std::endl;</pre>
 // Add a reference, you can modify the element
 for ( int &x : v ) x*=3;
 // Check the change in the vector content
 for ( auto x : v ) std::cout << x << std::endl;
 // works for usual C arrays
 int array[4] \{1,2,3,4\};
 for ( auto x : array ) std::cout << "Array element = " << x << std::endl;
```

The magic

keyword auto

cout/cerr and exit/return examples: read elements from a file

Re-direct the output stream (cout) to a file

```
Leonardos-MacBook-Pro-3:LezioneTeoria2 lcarmina$ ./prova
(cout)Uso del programma : ./prova <n_data> <filename>
Leonardos-MacBook-Pro-3:LezioneTeoria2 lcarmina$ ./prova 10 data.dat
(cout)Trying to open file data.dat
(cerr)End of file reached exiting
Leonardos-MacBook-Pro-3:LezioneTeoria2 lcarmina$ ./prova 10 data.dat > log.log
(cerr)End of file reached exiting
Leonardos-MacBook-Pro-3:LezioneTeoria2 lcarmina$ ./prova 10 data.dat > log.log 2> err.log
Leonardos-MacBook-Pro-3:LezioneTeoria2 lcarmina$ more log.log
(cout)Trying to open file data.dat
Leonardos-MacBook-Pro-3:LezioneTeoria2 lcarmina$ more err.log
(cerr)End of file reached exiting
Leonardos-MacBook-Pro-3:LezioneTeoria2 lcarmina$
```

Re-direct the output stream (cerr) to a file

In practice the possibility to redirect cout and cerr into different output files allows to create a log-file (cout messages from program execution) and an err-log (cerr messages from errors)