

# OPERATOR OVERLOADING RULE OF THREE

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Problem Solving with Computers-II

C++

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

int main(){
    cout<<"Hola Facebook\n";
    return 0;
}
```



# Will this code compile?

```
int main(){
    Complex p;
    p.conjugate();
    p.print();
}
```

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I am not sure . . .

```
class Complex
{
private:
    double real;
    double imag;
public:
    double getMagnitude() const;
    double getReal() const;
    double getImaginary() const;
    void print() const;
    void conjugate();
    void setReal(double r);
    void setImag(double r);
};
```

# Will this code compile?

```
int main(){
    Complex p;
    Complex w(1, 2);
    p = w;
    p.conjugate();
    p.print();
}
```

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- B. No
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```
class Complex
{
private:
    double real;
    double imag;
public:
    Complex(double re, double im):
real(re), imag(im){}
    double getMagnitude() const;
    double getReal() const;
    double getImaginary() const;
    void print() const;
    void conjugate();
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```
class Complex
{
private:
    double real;
    double imag;
public:
    Complex(double re = 0, double im = 0):
real(re), imag(im){}
    double getMagnitude() const;
    double getReal() const;
    double getImaginary() const;
    void print() const;
    void conjugate();
    void setReal(double r);
    void setImag(double r);
};
```

# Operator Overloading

We would like to be able to perform operations on two objects of the class using the following operators:

<<

==

!=

+

-

and possibly others

## Handout activity 1A

```
cout << w;
```

Select the equivalent function call:

```
w.operator<<(cout);
```

A

```
cout.operator<<(w);
```

B

```
operator<<(cout, w);
```

C

# Overloading the << operator

```
int main(){
    Complex w(10, -5);
    w.conjugate();
    w.print();
}
```

```
int main(){
    Complex w(10, -5);
    w.conjugate();
    cout << w;
}
```

Before overloading the << operator

After overloading the << operator

```
operator<<(cout, w);
```

Select the function declaration that matches the above call

A

```
void operator<<(ostream &out,  
                  const Complex &c);
```

B

```
void Complex::operator<<(ostream &out);
```

# Overloading the + operator

```
p = q + w;
```

Goal: We want to apply the + operator to Complex type objects

# New method: add()

```
int main(){
    Complex p;
    Complex q(2, 3);
    Complex w(10, -5);
    p = _____;
    p.print();
}
```

Approach 1

```
int main(){
    Complex p;
    Complex q(2, 3);
    Complex w(10, -5);
    p = _____;
    p.print()
}
```

Approach 2

# New method: add()

```
int main(){
    Complex p;
    Complex q(2, 3);
    Complex w(10, -5);
    p = add(q, w);
    p.print();
}
```

```
int main(){
    Complex p;
    Complex q(2, 3);
    Complex w(10, -5);
    p = q.add(w);
    p.print()
}
```

Approach 1

Approach 2

# Overloading the + operator for Complex objects

```
p = add(q, w);
```

```
p = q.add(w);
```

```
p = q + w;
```

Goal: We want to apply the + operator to Complex type objects

# Handout Activity 1B:

Implement operator+ for Complex objects as a non-member function

```
Complex operator+(const Complex& lhs, const Complex& rhs) {  
    // YOUR CODE:  
}
```

# Overloading Operators for IntList

In lab01 you will overload operators for the IntList ADT

`==`

`!=`

`+ (list concatenation)`

`<< (overloaded stream operation to print the sequence)`

# RULE OF THREE

If a class defines one (or more) of the following it should probably explicitly define all three:

1. Destructor
2. Copy constructor
3. Copy assignment

THE CODE:

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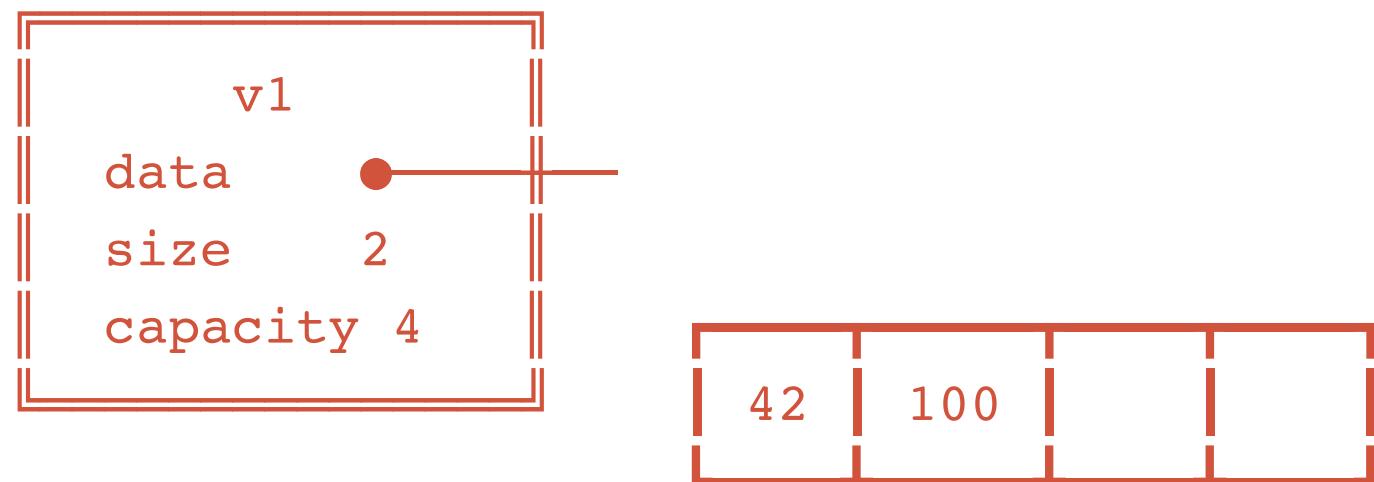
```
CustomVector v1;  
v1.push_back(42);  
v1.push_back(100);
```

MEMORY AFTER `v1.push_back(100)`:

---

STACK

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# THE PROBLEM: SHALLOW COPY WITH DYNAMIC MEMORY

THE CODE:

```
CustomVector v1;  
v1.push_back(42);  
v1.push_back(100);  
CustomVector v2 = v1;
```

Default copy = SHALLOW  
Copies pointers,  
NOT the data!

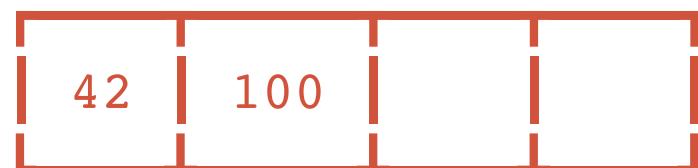
MEMORY AFTER  $v2 = v1$ :

STACK

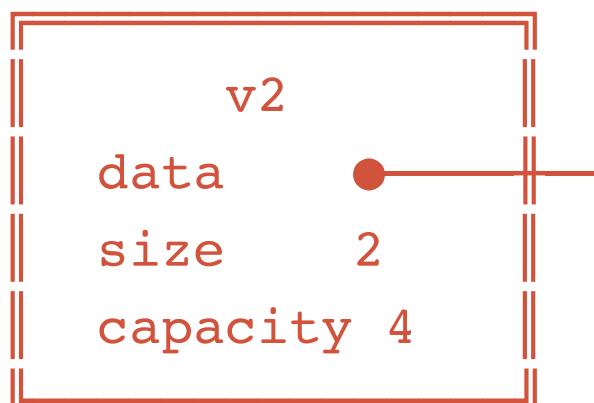


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BOTH POINTERS POINT HERE!



Only ONE array exists!



# THE PROBLEM: SHALLOW COPY WITH DYNAMIC MEMORY

WHEN BOTH GO OUT OF SCOPE:

Step 1: v2's destructor  
runs → `delete[] data;` ✓  
Frees the array

Step 2: v1's destructor  
runs → `delete[] data;` ✗  
CRASH!

Already freed!

⚠ DOUBLE DELETION =  
UNDEFINED BEHAVIOR  
(crash or corruption)

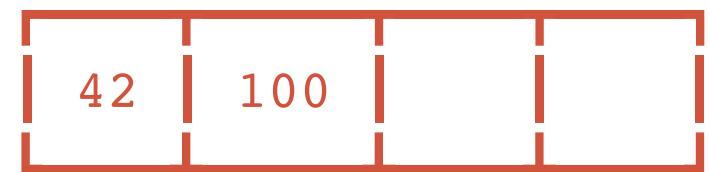
MEMORY AFTER `v2 = v1;`

STACK

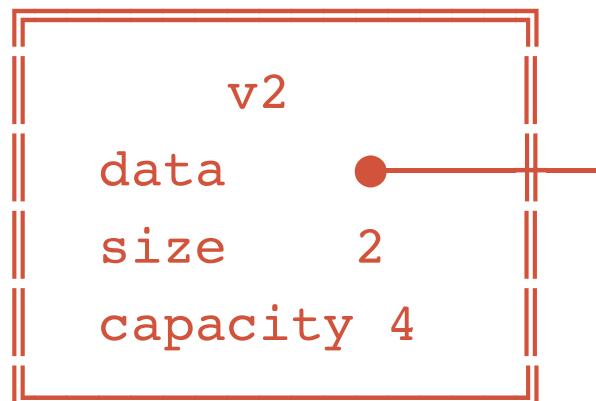


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THE SOLUTION:

THE BIG THREE:

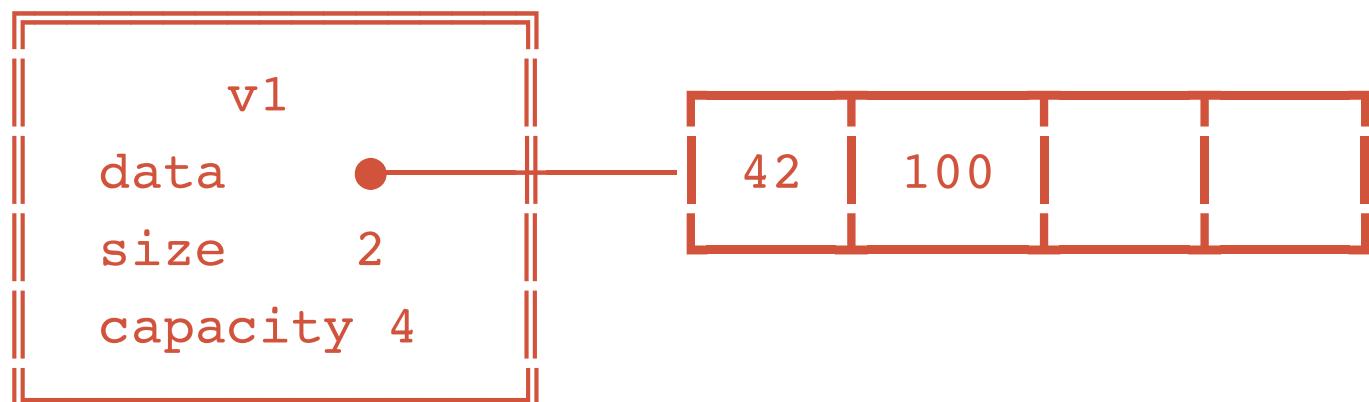
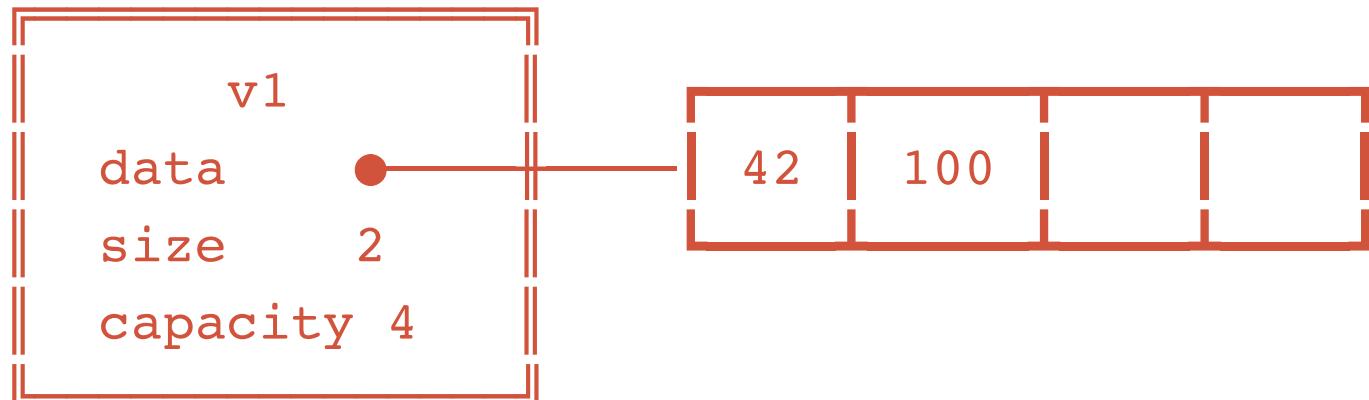
1. Destructor
2. Copy Constructor
3. Copy Assignment

(Deep copy needed!)

MEMORY AFTER  $v2 = v1$ :

STACK

HEAP



# **Handout Activity Part 3:**

**Now apply the Rule of Three to CustomList!**

**This is in preparation for the upcoming lab**