

19. Classes

Overloading Functions and Operators, Encapsulation, Classes, Member Functions, Constructors

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Operator Overloading

- Operators are special functions and can be overloaded
- Name of the operator *op*:

`operatorop`

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rational add (rational a, rational b)
{
    rational result;
    result.n = a.n * b.d + a.d * b.n;
    result.d = a.d * b.d;
    return result;
}
...
const rational t = add (r, s);
```

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// POST: return value is the sum of a and b
rational operator+ (rational a, rational b)
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equivalent but less handy: functional notation

Unary Minus

Only one argument:

```
// POST: return value is -a
rational operator- (rational a)
{
    a.n = -a.n;
    return a;
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$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{6} \quad \checkmark$$

Arithmetic Assignment

We want to write

```
rational r;  
r.n = 1; r.d = 2;           // 1/2
```

```
rational s;  
s.n = 1; s.d = 3;         // 1/3
```

```
r += s;  
std::cout << r.n << "/" << r.d; // 5/6
```

Operator +=

```
rational& operator+= (rational& a, rational b)
{
    a.n = a.n * b.d + a.d * b.n;
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- The L-value **a** is increased by the value of **b** and returned as L-value

In/Output Operators

can also be overloaded.

■ Before:

```
std::cout << "Sum is " << t.n << "/" << t.d << "\n";
```

■ After (desired):

```
std::cout << "Sum is " << t << "\n";
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Input

```
// PRE: in starts with a rational number of the form "n/d"  
// POST: r has been read from in  
std::istream& operator>> (std::istream& in, rational& r){  
    char c; // separating character '/'  
    return in >> r.n >> c >> r.d;  
}
```

reads **r** from the input stream
and returns the stream as L-value.

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A new Type with Functionality...

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...should be in a Library!

rational.h

- Definition of a struct `rational`
- Function declarations

rational.cpp

- arithmetic operators (`operator+`, `operator+=`, ...)
- relational operators (`operator==`, `operator>`, ...)
- in/output (`operator >>`, `operator <<`, ...)

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- Selling the `rational` library to customers
- ongoing development according to customer's demands

The Customer is Happy

“Buying RAT PACK® has been a game-changing move to put us on the forefront of cutting-edge technology in social media engineering.”

B. Labla, CEO

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Up to now it worked, therefore the new version is to blame!



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⇒ RAT PACK[®] is history...

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str.length(),  
v.push_back(1),...
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(no operator+,...)

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member function

member functions have access to private data

Member Functions: Call

```
// Definition des Typs
class rational {
    ...
};
...
// Variable des Typs
rational r; member access
int n = r.numerator(); // Zaehler
int d = r.denominator(); // Nenner
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- `n` is the shortcut for `this->n` (precise explanation of “->” next week)

const and Member Functions

```
class rational {  
public:  
    int numerator () const  
    { return n; }  
    void set_numerator (int N)  
    { n = N;}  
    ...  
}
```

```
rational x;  
x.set_numerator(10); // ok;  
const rational y = x;  
int n = y.numerator(); // ok;  
y.set_numerator(10); // error;
```

The **const** at a member function is to promise that an instance cannot be changed via this function.

const items can only call **const** member functions.

Comparison

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... without member functions

```
struct bruch {
    int n;
    ...
};

int numerator (const bruch& dieser)
{
    return dieser.n;
}

bruch r;
..
std::cout << numerator(r);
```

Member-Definition: In-Class

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    ...  
public:  
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Member-Definition: In-Class vs. Out-of-Class

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public:  
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    ...  
};  
  
int rational::numerator () const  
{  
    return n;  
}
```

- This also works.

Initialisation? Constructors!

```
class rational
{
public:
    rational (int num, int den)
        : n (num), d (den)
    {
        assert (den != 0);
    }
    ...
};
...
rational r (2,3); // r = 2/3
```

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                               member variables
    {
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    }
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...
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The Default Constructor

```
class rational
{
public:
    ...
    rational () ← empty list of arguments
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    {}
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...
rational r; // r = 0
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Alternatively: Deleting a Default Constructor

```
class rational
{
public:
    ...
    rational () = delete;
    ...
};
...
rational r; // error: use of deleted function 'rational::rational()'
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rational (int num) ← User defined conversion from int to  
    : n (num), d (1) rational. values of type int can now be  
    {} converted to rational.
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- We can adapt the member functions together with the representation ✓

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RAT PACK[®] Revolutions

Finally, a customer program that remains stable

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// POST: double approximation of r
double to_double (const rational r)
{
    rational::integer n = r.numerator();
    rational::integer d = r.denominator();
    return to_double (n) / to_double (d);
}
```