Console Programs and Vectors

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of the phrase "data structure"?

(put your answers in the chat)
Roadmap

Object-Oriented Programming

Dynamic memory management
Linked data structures
Recursive problem-solving
Real-world algorithms

User/client
Vectors + grids
Stacks + queues
Sets + maps

Diagnostic

Implementation

C++ basics

Life after CS106B!

Core Tools

Testing
Algorithmic analysis
Recursive problem-solving
Today’s questions

How do we build programs that interact with users?

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Today’s topics

1. Review (strings, testing, and SimpleTest)
2. Console Programs
3. Abstract Data Types
   a. Vectors
4. Pass by reference
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How do we solve interesting problems with strings?
Real-life problems involving strings

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```csharp
string encrypted = 'Jvkpun pz mbu';
string decrypted = 'Coding is fun';
```

Bonus: What cipher is this?
Real-life problems involving strings

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- Language translation

string input = "¿Dónde está la biblioteca?";
string output = "Where is the library?";

*This result cost billions of dollars (adjusted for inflation)*
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- In biology, you might have learned that the fundamental unit of DNA is a nucleotide, or base.
- The four possible bases for DNA are Guanine (G), Cytosine (C), Adenine (A), and Thymine (T).
- These nucleotides form “base pairs” that make up complementary strands of DNA (which create its double-helix structure).
- A pairs with T, and G pairs with C.
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The function can assume that all of the base pairs of the input string are valid DNA base pairs— that is, the string consists only of the following characters: ‘a’, ‘A’, ‘g’, ‘G’, ‘t’, ‘T’, ‘c’, ‘C’
Your Task (instructions.txt)

- We've provided a buggy implementation of `complement` for you in the public Ed workspaces. We've also provided some tests, but all of the tests currently pass, so they haven't yet unearthed the bug in the code.
- You and your breakout room group members have three tasks:
  - Write at least one additional test that uncovers the bug in the provided implementation.
  - Fix the bug and confirm that your new test passes.
  - Make sure to add a more accurate name to the `STUDENT_TEST` identifier in the code. Discuss with your group what other tests/groups of tests you might add if you had more time to make the code more robust.
Breakout rooms! (5 minutes)

(Ed workspace)
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*Style tip: Minimize the number of hardcoded checks/conditional statements!*
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This program prints squares of numbers.
Please enter the number you would like squared (ENTER/RETURN to quit): 1
The square of 1 is 1.
Please enter the number you would like squared (ENTER/RETURN to quit): 3
The square of 3 is 9.
Please enter the number you would like squared (ENTER/RETURN to quit): 9
The square of 9 is 81.
Please enter the number you would like squared (ENTER/RETURN to quit): 0
The square of 0 is 0.
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The square of -1 is 1.
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- Console programs must be run directly from `main()`
  - Doesn't make sense to write tests using SimpleTest because they don't have neatly defined "output" to compare against
Announcements
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● Section starts this week! Initial section assignments will be posted by Wednesday morning. Once posted, check cs198.stanford.edu to find your section time and Zoom link.
  ○ Section attendance and engaged participation are a part of your grade, so make sure to attend!

● Assignment 1 is out and is due this Friday at 11:59pm PDT.
  ○ The YEAH session will take place right after lecture – it will be recorded and posted on Canvas.

● Ed workspaces
  ○ Thank you for your engaged participation during Friday's activity! Make sure you download any work you want to save (or fork the workspace) before the next lecture.

● C++ survey results
  ○ Check out the Ed post we made that answers all of your questions from the C++ survey!

● When emailing instructors, please email both Kylie and I!
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  - We will do our best to point out comparisons to Java and Python along the way.
  - We will not be learning how to use the standard C++ (STL) data structures. If you're interested in learning more about these, check out the [CS106L course materials](#).
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A collection of function prototypes that allows for code sharing and reuse.
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Must specify the type of values that will be held at creation time.
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Default state of initialization is empty
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Note: indexing starts at 0
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Basic Vector Operations: Creating + Adding Together

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Poll: What will be the output of the above code snippet?
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// this will throw an error!

// takeaway: Vector does bounds checking and will not allow you to access elements that are out of bounds
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Specify the index to remove at

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>index</th>
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- Method 2: for-each loop
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Vector Functions

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A vector example
[demo + poll]
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So how do we allow functions to modify vectors?
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(i.e. How do we efficiently and effectively handle data structures in functions?)
**Definition**

**pass by value**

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When a parameter is passed into a function, the new variable stores a *reference* to the passed in value, which allows you to directly edit the original value.
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- Regular variables look like this:

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Revisiting eliminateNegativity
[demo]
When we *don’t* use references

- If we always used references, functions would all be able to edit one another’s variables, and scoping would get confusing!
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