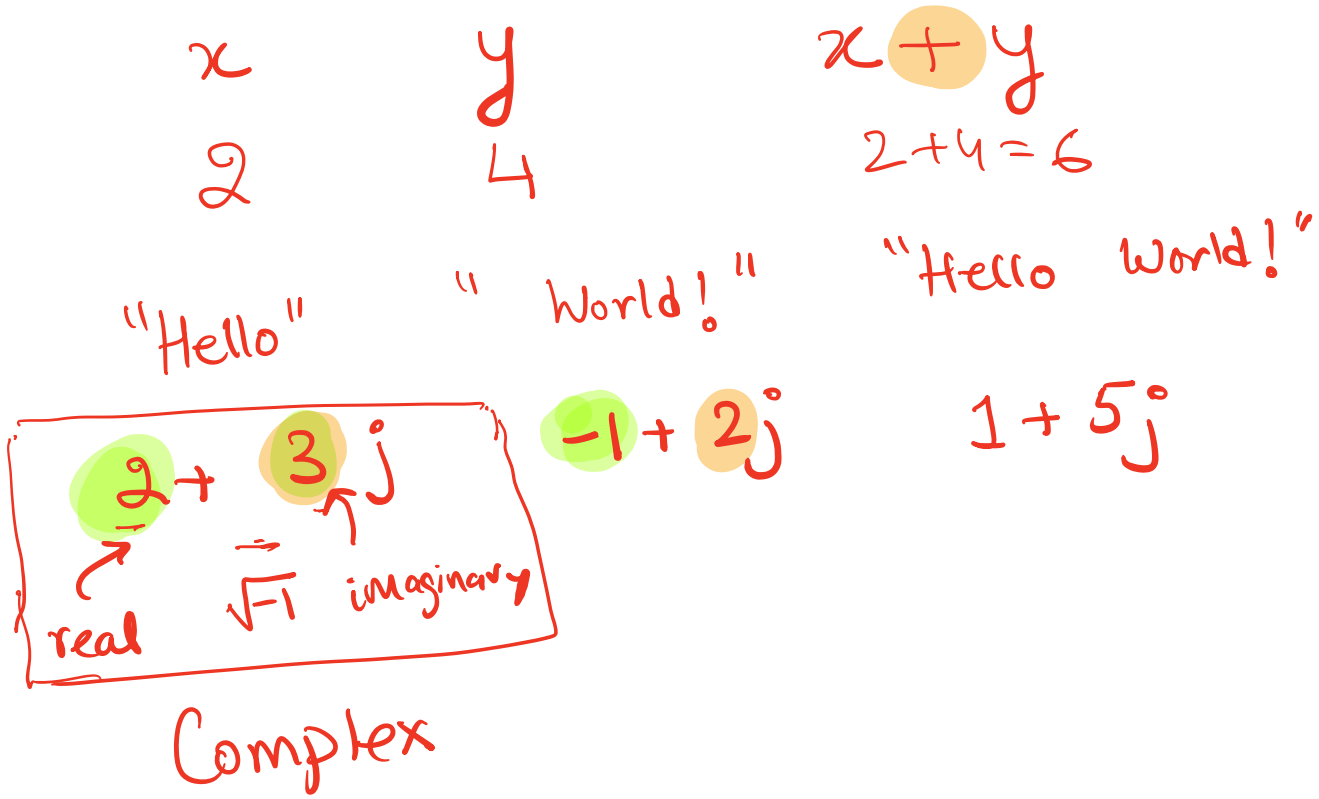
C++ OPERATOR OVERLOADING DESTRUCTOR

Problem Solving with Computers-II

Read the syllabus. Know what's required. Know how to get help.


x
y
x + y
2
4
2+4=6
"Hello"
" World!"
"Hello World!"
2 + 3j
-1 + 2j
1 + 5j
real
√-1
imaginary
Complex

Review Concepts from CS16

- Review basics of classes
  - Defining classes and declaring objects
  - Access specifiers: private, public
  - Different ways of initializing objects and when to use each:
    - Default constructor
    - Parametrized constructor
    - Parameterized constructor with default values
    - Initializer lists

Today's learning goals:

1. Operator overloading
   - what is operator overloading?
   - why/when would we need to overload operators?
   - how to overload operators in C++ ?
2. Destructor:
   - what is a destructor?
   - why/when would we need one?
   - how to implement a destructor?

How many objects of type Complex are created in main()?

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

on the stack

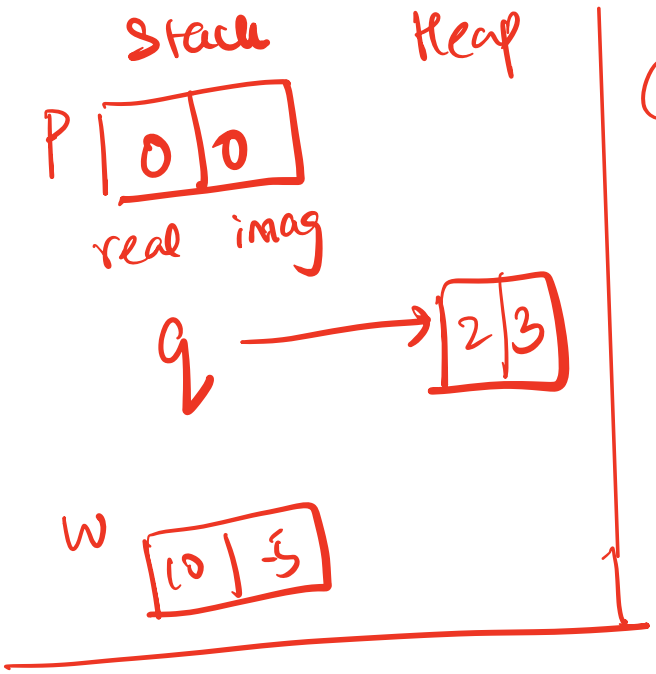
on the heap

A. One
B. Two
C. Three
D. Four
E. I am not sure . . .

Pointer diagram on next page.

```
class Complex
{
private:
    double real;
    double imag;
public:
    Complex(double re = 0, double im = 0);
    double getMagnitude() const;
    double getReal() const;
    double getImaginary() const;
    void print() const;
    void conjugate();
    void setReal(double r);
    void setImag(double r);
};
```

parameterized constructor




```
Complex (double re, double im)
{
    real = re;
    imag = im;
}
```

Constructor is not called when we declare pointers to Complex

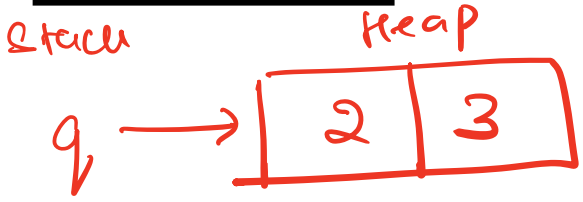
```
Complex *q;
```

This statement alone does not call the constructor!

Fill in the blank to print the values of the object on the heap

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

```
Desired output:
10 + 5j
 2 + 3j
```



Review Constructor

- The constructor is a special method that is called right AFTER an object is created in memory (on the heap or stack)
- The compiler automatically generates a default constructor
- But you can implement a user-defined version

New method: add()

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

Approach 1

non-member function of class Complex

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

Approach 2

Member function of Complex

New method: add()

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

A: Approach 1 : non-member

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

B: Approach 2 member

Complex add(const Complex& x, const Complex& y);

Complex add(const Complex& x);

Overloading the + operator for Complex objects

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

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

p = Operator+(x, w);

p = x.operator+(w);

```
p = x + w;
```

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

Overloading the << operator

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

Before overloading the << operator

```
int main(){
  Complex p;
  Complex *q = new Complex(2, 3);
  Complex w(10, -5);
  w.conjugate();
  cout << w;
  cout << *q;
}
```

After overloading the << operator

```
cout << w;
```

Order matters!

b<<a; → b.operator<<(a)

a<<b; → a.operator<<(b)

Select any equivalent C++ statement:

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

A (not A because order matters!)

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

B ✓

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

C ✓

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

Select the function declaration that best matches the above call

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

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

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

but this return type can be problematic!

```
Complex w(1, 10), x(5, 1);
cout<< w << x;
```

Select the function declaration that best matches the above call

A

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

B

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

C

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

Operator Overloading

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

<<

==

!=

+

-

and possibly others

Constant pointers and pointers to constants

```
const char* p1;
char* const p2;
const char* const p3;
```

Constructor and Destructor

Every class has the following special methods:

- Constructor: Called right AFTER an object is created in memory
- Destructor: Called right BEFORE an object is deleted from memory

The compiler automatically generates default versions, but you can provide user-defined implementations

next lecture!

```
void foo(){
    Complex p(1, 2);
    Complex *q = new Complex(3, 4);
}
```

What is the output?

A. 1 + 2j

B. 3 + 4j

C. 1 + 2j
3 + 4j

D. None of the above

```
class Complex
{
private:
    double real;
    double imag;
public:
    Complex(double re = 0, double im = 0);
    ~Complex(){ print();}
    double getMagnitude() const;
    double getReal() const;
    double getImaginary() const;
    void print() const;
    void conjugate();
    void setReal(double r);
    void setImag(double r);
};
```

Summary

- Classes have member variables and member functions (method). An object is a variable where the data type is a class.
- You should know how to declare a new class type, how to implement its member functions, how to use the class type.
- Frequently, the member functions of an class type place information in the member variables, or use information that's already in the member variables.
- New functionality may be added using non-member functions, friend functions, and operator overloading
- If a class allocates data on the heap, then a user-defined destructor must be implemented to perform a clean-up procedure (de-allocate heap memory)

Next time

- Linked Lists and the rule of three