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Container: data structure that “contains” multiple instances of some type

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Container: data structure that “contains” multiple instances of some type

Example (Arrays!)

```
int A[25];
```

A “contains” 25 `int`'s.

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“Standard Template Library:” substantial variety of containers

- **templates** are... well, “templates” for code
 - code reuse w/different types
 - implementation in *header* file
 - instantiate particular types by declaration
 - compiler “fills in” methods corresponding to type
- **iterators** simplify code reuse and data access
- compiler *must know* types

Rest assured for now

Goal is to *describe* and *use* templates. Creating comes later!

Example: gcd template

Listing 1: gcd_template.hpp (extract, 1/2)

```
template <typename T> // T stands in for a type
T gcd(T a, T b) {
    if (a < 0) a = -a;
    if (b < 0) b = -b;

    if ( (a == 0) and (b == 0) ) {
        cerr << "WARNING: gcd called with two zeros.\n";
        return 0;
    }

    if (b == 0) return a;
    if (a == 0) return b;

    T c = a % b; // declare c of type T

    return gcd(b, c);
}
```

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Example: gcd template

Listing 2: gcd template.hpp (extract, 2/2)

```
template <typename T>
T gcd(T a, T b, T & x, T & y) {

    // passed over the error checks

    T c = a % b; // many vars of type T
    T q = a / b;

    T d = gcd(b, c, x, y); // here, too
    T new_x = y;
    T new_y = x - q*y;
    x = new_x;
    y = new_y;
    if (a_neg) x = -x;
    if (b_neg) y = -y;
    return d;
}

#endif
```

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Example: gcd template

Listing 3: test_xgcd_template.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cin; using std::cout; using std::endl;
#include "gcd_template.hpp"

// instantiate for T = int64_t
template<>
int64_t gcd<int64_t>(int64_t, int64_t);

int main() {
    int64_t a, b, x, y;
    cout << "Enter two numbers: " << endl;
    cin >> a >> b;
    cout << "gcd(" << a << ", " << b << ") = ";
    cout << gcd(a,b,x,y) << " = ";
    cout << a << '*' << x;
    cout << " + " << b << '*' << y << endl;
}
```

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```
$ g++ -o test_xgcd_recursive \  
    test_xgcd_template.cpp  
$ ./test_xgcd_recursive  
Enter two numbers:  
123456789 987654321  
gcd(123456789, 987654321) = 9 =  
123456789*-8 + 987654321*1
```

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- map-like: map, unordered_map
 - “in relation”
 - non-sortable (doesn't make sense, really)
 - one copy of element only

Which is better?

Depends on situation

- Fast access, *any* position?
 - fixed size? array
 - needs to expand? vector
- Easily expandable?
 - ordered? list
 - unordered? set

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pair of elements (#include <utility>)

```
pair<int, int> P(3, -5);
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```
tuple<pair<int, int>, double, double> T(P, 1.0, 3.0);
```

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Notice *we can nest templates*

STL array

#include <array>
not *quite* same as “native” array

```
int NA[25];           // native array  
array<int, 25> SA;   // STL array  
NA[0];  
SA[0];
```

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SA[0];
```

It gets better! STL array:

- knows own size

```
SA.size(); // should return 25
```

- easily filled

```
SA.fill(3); // fills SA w/3
```

Major b/w native, STL array

Must know size at compile time.

STL vector

```
#include <vector>
```

“resizable” array

- resizing preserves old entries when possible
- “inserting” not advisable

```
vector<int> V(25, 3); // "vector" V holds 25 3's
V[0];                // should return 3
V.resize(35, 2);     // expands V to hold 35 els
V[0];                // still (!) 3
V[30];               // 2 (new els set to 2)
V[30] = -2;          // sets V[30] to -2
```

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```

vector “size” v. “capacity”

- **size:** number of elements *actually assigned*
- **capacity:** number of spots for elements
- no automatic resize on bracket access!
 - need to resize when size, capacity equal
 - reading or writing beyond end causes trouble

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```
#include <list>
```

think of a pile of notecards

- size hard to determine
- easy to access front, back
- cannot immediately access anything else

```
list<int> L; // ()  
L.push_front(3); // (3)  
L.push_front(4); // (4,3)  
L.push_back(2); // (4,3,2)  
L.front(); // 4  
L.back(); // 2
```

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```

Easy to insert or remove, too! Requires iteration; see later.

Pushing, emplacing

Pushing

- Adds element to front or back
- lists and vectors: `push_back()`
 - vector automatically resized if necessary
- lists only: `push_front()`

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Pushing

- Adds element to front or back
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- lists only: `push_front()`

Emplacing

- good for objects of a *class*
- constructs a new object and pushes to front or back
- lists and vectors: `emplace_back()`
 - vector automatically resized if necessary
- lists only: `emplace_front()`

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#include <set>
```

much like a mathematical set; for things that can be ordered

- easy *and fast* to search
- can pass through “in order”
- easy and *relatively fast* to insert, remove
- cannot speak of “front,” “back,” or “ith” element

```
set<int> S;           // {}  
S.insert(4);        // { 4 }  
S.insert(3);        // { 3, 4 }  
S.erase(3);         // { 4 }  
S.count(3);          // returns 0  
S.count(4);          // returns 1
```

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```

Can retrieve specific elements. Requires iteration; see later.

STL unordered set

`#include <set>` — *not a typo*

much like a mathematical set; for things that can be “binned”

- American sense of “binned,” not UK’s
- *easy and fast* to search
- *easy and relatively fast* to insert, remove
- cannot pass through in any sort of order
- cannot speak of “front,” “back,” or “ith” element

```
unordered_set<int> US; // { }
US.insert(4);         // { 4 }
US.insert(3);         // { 4, 3 }
US.erase(4);         // { 3 }
US.count(3);          // returns 1
US.count(4);          // returns 0
```

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```
#include <map>
```

relates *key* and *value*, much like a dictionary

- subset of $K \times V$, where keys in K , values in V
- keys must have a type that can be ordered
- bracket access via key to value; i.e., $M[\text{key}] \rightarrow \text{value}$
- can be used to remember previously computed values
(cache)

```
map<int, int> Fibonacci;  
Fibonacci[1] = 1;  
Fibonacci[2] = 1;  
for (unsigned i = 3; i < 10; ++i)  
    Fibonacci[i] = Fibonacci[i-1]  
                    + Fibonacci[i-2];  
Fibonacci[9]; // returns 34
```

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for (unsigned i = 3; i < 10; ++i)  
    Fibonacci[i] = Fibonacci[i-1]  
                    + Fibonacci[i-2];  
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```

Looks just like an array or vector but no concerns about size.

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Answer:

Logically, yes. To modify container data, pass by reference.

Proof by example

```
#include <vector>
using std::vector;

#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::endl;

void change_vector_val(vector<int> V) { V[0] = 1; }

void change_vector_ref(vector<int> &V) { V[0] = 1; }

int main() {
    vector V(1, 0);           // vector w/1 zero
    cout << V[0] << endl;
    change_vector_val(V);    // call by value
    cout << V[0] << endl;
    change_vector_ref(V);    // call by reference
    cout << V[0] << endl;
}
```

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```
$ g++ -o container_by_value \  
  container_by_value.cpp  
$ ./container_by_value  
0  
0  
1
```

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pp. 150–155 #8.1, 8.7 (use a map), 8.12

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Idea of iteration

Pass over elements of set in convenient fashion

- “from beginning to end” rather than “from `[0]` to `[size-1]`”
- works w/all containers, even unordered
 - can't speak of 3rd element of set, after all

Two ways of iteration

- use of iterator
 - “points” to element in container
 - forward iterators move right ($++i$)
 - reverse iterators move left ($--i$)
 - most STL iterators can do both

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Two ways of iteration

- use of iterator
 - “points” to element in container
 - forward iterators move right ($++i$)
 - reverse iterators move left ($--i$)
 - most STL iterators can do both
- “range-based for loop” (since C++11)
 - `for (Type c : C) { /* do stuff w/c */ }`
 - each pass of loop: `c` a different element in `C`
 - cannot ask to move left or right
 - works only when `C`:
 - knows its size (STL arrays yes, “native” arrays no)
 - has forward iterator (can move right)

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For sieve and list of primes, use *vectors* instead of *arrays*

- no need to allocate w/`new`, deallocate w/`delete []`
- iterate over primes easily and conveniently
- also switch to `uint64_t` instead of `long`

Listing 4: sieve_vectorized.hpp

```
#ifndef __SIEVE_H_  
#define __SIEVE_H_  
  
#include <cstdint>  
  
/**  
Sieve of Eratosthenes: generate table of primes.  
@param n find primes <= n  
@param primes array of primes  
@return number of primes found  
*/  
  
uint64_t sieve(uint64_t n, vector<uint64_t> & primes);  
  
#endif
```

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Listing 5: sieve_vectorized.cpp (1/3)

```
#include <cmath>
using std::sqrt;

#include <vector>
using std::vector;

#include "sieve.hpp"

uint64_t sieve(uint64_t n, vector<uint64_t> & primes)
{
    uint64_t m = uint64_t(sqrt(n));
    // resize primes later, rather than now

    uint64_t num_primes = 0;
    vector<bool> theSieve(n, true);
```

First implementation

Listing 6: sieve_vectorized.cpp (2/3)

```
uint64_t i;
for (i = 2; i < m + 1; ++i) {
    if (theSieve[i] == true) {
        ++num_primes;
        uint64_t a = 2*i;
        while (a < n) {
            theSieve[a] = false;
            a += i;
        }
    }
}
for (/* */; i < n; ++i) {
    if (theSieve[i] == true)
        ++num_primes;
}
```

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Listing 7: sieve_vectorized.cpp (3/3)

```
// resize vector, copy all primes in  
primes.resize(num_primes);  
uint64_t j = 0;  
for (i = 2 ; i < n ; ++i) {  
    if (theSieve[i] == true) {  
        primes[j] = i;  
        ++j;  
    }  
}  
return num_primes;  
}
```

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Listing 8: test_sieve_vectorized.cpp (1/2)

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cin; using std::cout;
using std::endl;

#include <vector>
using std::vector;

#include "sieve_vectorized.hpp"

int main() {
    vector<uint64_t> primes;
    uint64_t n;

    cout << "This program finds all primes ";
    cout << "less than your choice of number.\n";
    cout << "Please choose a number --> ";
    cin >> n;
```


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Listing 9: test_sieve_vectorized.cpp (2/2)

```
uint64_t np = sieve(n, primes);  
cout << "There are " << np << " primes:\n";  
for (uint64_t i : primes)  
    cout << i << ", ";  
cout << endl;  
}
```

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clang on my computer requires `-std=c++11`

```
$ g++ -c sieve_vectorized.cpp
$ g++ -std=c++11 -o test_sieve_vectorized \
  sieve_vectorized.o test_sieve_vectorized.cpp
$ ./test_sieve_vectorized
This program finds all primes less than your choice of
number.
Please choose a number --> 1000
There are 168 primes:
2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, ... 977, 983, 991, 997,
```

Drawback to this approach

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- first time: `for` loops in lines 17, 27
- second time: `for` loop in line 34

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Not too bad, but:

- Don't want to waste time in computation, *and...*
- doubling time not as bad as exponentiating it, *but...*
- perhaps we can do better?

Store during first two loops

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Store prime whenever we discover it

- Pros: pass through list only once
- Cons: code more complicated (internally)
 - don't know number of primes beforehand
 - `push_back()` needs to resize

Second implementation

Listing 10: sieve_vectorized_resizing.cpp (1/2)

```
#include <cmath>
using std::sqrt;

#include <vector>
using std::vector;

#include "sieve.hpp"

uint64_t sieve(uint64_t n, vector<uint64_t> & primes) {
    uint64_t m = uint64_t(sqrt(n));
    // resize primes later, rather than now

    uint64_t num_primes = 0;
    vector<bool> theSieve(n, true);

    uint64_t i;
```

Second implementation

Listing 11: sieve vectorized resizing.cpp (2/2)

```
for (i = 2; i < m + 1; ++i) {
    if (theSieve[i] == true) {
        primes.push_back(i);
        ++num_primes;
        uint64_t a = 2*i;
        while (a < n) {
            theSieve[a] = false;
            a += i;
        }
    }
}
for (/* */; i < n; ++i) {
    if (theSieve[i] == true) {
        primes.push_back(i);
        ++num_primes;
    }
}
return num_primes;
}
```

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$ g++ -std=c++11 -o test_sieve_vectorized_resizing \
  sieve_vectorized_resizing.o test_sieve_vectorized.cpp
$ ./test_sieve_vectorized
```

This program finds all primes less than your choice of number.

Please choose a number --> 1000

There are 168 primes:

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Second version (resizing) takes ~25% less time: why?

- automatic resizing not a big penalty?
- less to copy when resizing v. passing through the loop twice?

$$\pi(n) \sim n/\ln(n) \ll n$$

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- search commands return `iterator`
 - sometimes return `const_iterator`; see below

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 - `vector<int>::iterator vi = V.begin();`
 - `vector<int>::const_iterator vi = V.begin();`
- `cons`
 - annoying to type
 - detracts from readability
 - makes it harder to change container if necessary
- improve w/`auto`
 - `auto vi = V.begin();`

Using iterators

C-legacy operators: `list<unsigned>::iterator Ci`

- forward increment (`++`), backward decrement (`--`)
`++Ci; // move forward`
- access data by **dereference** (`*`)
`unsigned this_entry = *Ci;`
- access methods/fields by **indexing** (`->`)
`Ci->... // better example below`

Iterator w/const argument

Sometimes we might want to pass a vector and promise not to change anything.

```
void do_something_with(  
    const vector<int> & V  
);
```

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Violates “const-correctness”!

Solution: `const_iterator`

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C++ `const_iterator`!

- does not allow element modification
- obtain w/`cbegin()`, `cend()`
 - new with C++11
- automatically provided w/`auto`

Example

```
#include <vector>
using std::vector;

#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::endl;

int sum_of(const vector<int> & V) {
    int result = 0;
    for ( // usually avoid the following mess w/auto
          vector<int>::const_iterator vi = V.cbegin();
          vi != V.cend();
          ++vi
    ) {
        result += *vi;
    }
    return result;
}

int main() {
    vector<int> V = { -3, 1, 0, 2 };
    cout << sum_of(V) << endl;
}
```

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Ordinarily, matrix is two-dimensional array:

- nested arrays/vectors
- outer array viewed as “rows”
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In a sparse matrix, most entries are *zero*, so full matrix:

- wastes space
- many algorithms: wastes time

Example: matrix multiplication

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & & & \\ & 1 & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & 1 & \\ & & & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad N = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & & & \\ & 2 & 3 & & \\ & & 3 & 3 & \\ & & & 2 & 2 \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- naive multiplication: 5^3 multiplications
 - most by 0, complete waste of time!
- only 20 non-zero multiplications: can we approach this?

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- “simple” way: list of (col, val) entries

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- entries: 25 \longrightarrow 9 \times 2, 28% less space

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M, N as vectors of maps

- each map represents a row

```
vector< map<unsigned, int> > M(50);  
M[0][1] = 1;  
M[0][2] = 1;  
M[1][2] = 1;  
M[1][3] = 1;
```

...and so forth

Implementation (multiply only)

```
void multiply_sparse(
    const vector< map<unsigned, int> > & M,
    const vector< map<unsigned, int> > & N,
    unsigned N_cols,
    vector< map<unsigned, int> > & result
) {
    result.resize(M.size());
    for (unsigned row = 0; row < M.size(); ++row) {
        if (M[row].size() > 0) {
            for (unsigned i = 0; i < N_cols; ++i) {
                int dot_prod = 0;
                for (
                    auto el = M[row].begin();
                    el != M[row].end();
                    ++el
                ) {
                    if (N[el->first].count(i) != 0)
                        dot_prod += el->second * N[el->first].at(i);
                }
                if (dot_prod != 0)
                    result[row].emplace(i, dot_prod);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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Very sparse 50×50 matrix

```
$ g++ -std=c++11 -o sparse_matrix_demo \  
    sparse_matrix_demo.cpp  
$ g++ -std=c++11 -o dense_matrix_demo \  
    dense_matrix_demo.cpp  
$ time ./sparse_matrix_demo  
...  
real 0m4.922s  
user 0m4.892s  
sys 0m0.019s  
$ time ./dense_matrix_demo  
...  
real 0m17.554s  
user 0m17.400s  
sys 0m0.061s
```

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```

Dense version 3-4 times slower

Caution: don't try this at home

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Pretty poor sparse design, actually

- not so impressive on small matrices!
- sparse matrix computation an entire research field unto itself

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Suppose

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- we know its initial values

Must we rely on iterators to fill the initial values?

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Note

This is a C++11 feature. You *must* compile with `-std=c++11`.

How to initialize?

When *constructing*:

- *assign* to new element
- enclose sequence of values between braces

How to initialize?

When *constructing*:

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Example

```
#include <set>
using std::set;
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::endl;

int main() {
    set<int> S = { 5, 7, 1, -8, 2, 4 };
    for (auto s : S)
        cout << s << ', ';
    cout << endl;
}
```

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```
$ g++ -std=c++11 -o initializer_demo \  
    initializer_demo.cpp  
$ ./initializer_demo  
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```


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```
$ g++ -std=c++11 -o initializer_demo \  
    initializer_demo.cpp  
$ ./initializer_demo  
-8,1,2,4,5,7,
```

Warning

Don't forget `-std=c++11`. W/clang you get this error:

```
initializer_demo.cpp:8:12: error:  
non-aggregate type 'set<int>' cannot  
be initialized with an initializer list  
    set<int> S = { 5, 7, 1, -8, 2, 4 };  
                  ^      ~~~~~
```

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How to enable

To enable an initialization list for a class:

- include `initializer_list` library
- add constructor that accepts `initializer_list` argument
- iterate over elements in `initializer_list`
 - *either* a range-based for loop,
 - *or* an iterator

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Natural candidate for initializer list!

- elements a sequence of coefficients
- tedious to initialize one coefficient at a time
- annoying to create a list/vector/whatever, then initialize from that

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Listing 12: univariate_polynomial.hpp (1/3)

```
#include <vector>
using std::vector;

#include <iostream>
using std::ostream;

#include <initializer_list>
using std::initializer_list;

template <typename Ring>
class Univariate_Polynomial {
protected:
    vector<Ring> coeffs;
public:
    /** start list from constant, end at leading coeff */
    Univariate_Polynomial<Ring>(initializer_list<Ring> L);
    /** returns degree of polynomial */
    unsigned degree() const;
    /** returns coefficient of given degree */
    Ring coeff(unsigned) const;
};
```

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Listing 13: univariate_polynomial.hpp (2/3)

```
template <typename Ring>
Univariate_Polynomial<Ring>::Univariate_Polynomial(
    initializer_list<Ring> L
) {
    coeffs.resize(L.size());
    unsigned i = 0;
    for (auto li = L.begin(); li != L.end(); ++li) {
        coeffs[i] = *li;
        ++i;
    }
}

template <typename Ring>
unsigned Univariate_Polynomial<Ring>::degree() const {
    return coeffs.size();
}

template <typename Ring>
Ring Univariate_Polynomial<Ring>::coeff(unsigned d) const {
    return coeffs[d];
}
```

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Listing 14: univariate_polynomial.cpp (3/3)

```

template <typename Ring> ostream & operator << (
    ostream & os,
    const Univariate_Polynomial<Ring> & p
) {
    bool first_printed = true;
    for (unsigned d = 0; d < p.degree(); ++d) {
        Ring a = p.coeff(d);
        if (a != 0) {
            if (d == 0) os << a;
            else {
                // first print sign
                if (a < 0) {
                    if (not first_printed) os << '-';
                    else os << " - ";
                    os << -a << '*';
                } else {
                    if (first_printed) os << " + ";
                    if (a != 1) os << a << '*';
                }
                os << "x^" << d;
            }
            first_printed = true;
        }
    }
    return os;
}

```


Test program

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```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout; using std::endl;

#include "upoly_initializers.hpp"

int main() {
    Univariate_Polynomial<int> p
        = { 2, 0, 0, -3, 1, 0, 5 };
    cout << p << endl;
}
```

Compile, execute

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```
$ g++ -std=c++11 -o test_init \  
    test_upoly_initializers.cpp  
$ ./test_init  
2 - 3*x^3 + x^4 + 5*x^6
```

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