Computing and Statistical Data Analysis Problem sheet 3 Due Monday, 9 November, 2009

1 Look at the TwoVector class on the course website. The state of the vector is given by the two variables m_x and m_y , which give the x and y components of the vector.

Rewrite this class so that the data members represent polar coordinates, r and θ . That is, get rid of m_x and m_y are replace them by variables m_x and m_t theta. Rewrite the member functions so that that class behaves the same way as before (the names, return types and signatures of the member functions should be exactly the same as before). Write a small test program to show that the new class works correctly.

(The arguments should be interpreted the same way in both the original and new versions of the class. So, e.g., for the two-argument constructor the arguments should still be interpreted as x and y; these are then used to set m_r and m_t theta.)

2 Again with the TwoVector class (either the original or your modified version), write a public member function

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void TwoVector::reflect(TwoVector& u){ your code here }
such that when a TwoVector v calls the function,
v.reflect(u);
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the effect is to reflect v about the line defined by the argument u.

3 Overload the operators += and -= so that they work with objects of the TwoVector class. Show that they work as expected.

4 (optional)

- (a) Write a small test program containing a (long) loop in which an object or variable is created dynamically. (If you want you can create TwoVector objects, or better yet, some very large arrays.) Intentionally neglect to delete the objects at the end of the loop. Run the program and observe the behaviour. You can use the unix command top in another window to monitor the program's memory usage.
- (b) Now put in the appropriate delete to prevent the memory leak in (a). Attempt, however, to access the pointer to the deleted object and see what happens. Finally, fix your code by setting the pointer to zero after the delete, and see what happens when you try to access the deleted object.

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