

Title: Clause 26 (Numerics Library) Issues List  
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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/009  
Title: valarray usefulness  
Section: 26 Old  
Status: active  
Description:

To: C++ libraries mailing list  
Message c++std-lib-3881

In ANSI public comment T29, Daveed Vandevoorde <vandevod@cs.rpi.edu> says:

> Comments on the proposed <valarray> header  
> ...  
> Probably the simplest way to address the above concerns is to simply  
> abandon the standardization of a numerical array.

I would like to take this alternative seriously.

With the advent of Todd Veldhuizen's work on Expression Templates, it is far from clear that valarray<> is the appropriate vehicle to aid in optimizing numeric array processing in C++. (For those who have not read Veldhuizen's work in C++ Report, a copy may be found at <<http://www.roguewave.com/>>.) His work implies that using even a vendor-optimized/compiler-supported valarray<> may cost a factor of two or more in speed compared to using another library based on portable language facilities. This brings into question the value of the valarray<> template; the original argument in its favor was that it provided the hooks to permit optimal implementation "under the hood" (that's "under the bonnet" for you Brits).

This is not a formal proposal to eliminate valarray<>, yet; it is instead a request for comments. I would like particularly to hear from ISO representatives whose vote might be forced to change if it is removed.

Nathan Myers  
myersn@roguewave.com

Proposed Resolution:

Daveed Vandevoorde had a separate proposal (X3J16/96-0039, WG21/N0857) in the pre-Santa Cruz mailing. In Santa Cruz the library working group asked him to write up a proposal describing the exact changes that would need to be made to the draft to implement this proposal for Stockholm.

Requestor: Nathan Myers  
Owner: Judy Ward  
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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/013  
Title: sqrt() function in complex lib -- which root does it return?  
Section: 26.2 Old  
Status: active  
Description:

To: C++ libraries mailing list  
Message c++std-lib-4427

I see we have a sqrt(complex) that returns a complex (of the right type). However, doesn't a complex have MANY square roots?

Are anyone conducting a review of the math library?

- Bjarne

To: C++ libraries mailing list  
Message c++std-lib-4430

Bjarne Stroustrup writes:

> I see we have a sqrt(complex) that returns a complex (of the right type). However, doesn't a complex have MANY square roots?

Well, it has two. If x is a root, then -x is also a root. By widespread convention, the root with phase angle [-pi/2, pi/2) (as I recall) is preferred as the return value for sqrt.

> Are anyone conducting a review of the math library?

We've had some useful feedback from the heavy hitters in the C math library community.

P.J. Plauger

Proposed Resolution:

See Issue 26/016, specification of branch cuts and ranges.

Requestor: Bjarne Stroustrup  
Owner: Judy Ward  
Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)  
Papers: (committee documents that discuss this issue)

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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/015  
Title: should norm() be removed/renamed in complex library?  
Section: 26.2.6 Old

Status: active  
Description:

26.2.1 I believe the term "norm" commonly refers to the square root of the squared magnitude (i.e. abs), and not the squared magnitude. Is a function for the squared magnitude needed? Note that the squared magnitude can be computed from abs with only deserved over/underflow, but not vice versa.

Proposed Resolution:

Discussed at Santa Cruz, the library working group suggested the name abs\_sqr() but the full committee wanted to see what other languages used. I've looked in the FORTRAN and ADA standard and have not found an equivalent function.

Requestor: ?? (public comment)  
Owner: Judy Ward  
Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)  
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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/016  
Title: Should branch cuts and ranges be specified in complex lib?  
Section: 26.2.7 Old  
Status: active  
Description:

!!! 26.2.7. Branch cuts and ranges need to be specified for functions. See section 3 of "Complex C Extensions", Chapter 6 of X3J11's TR on Numerical C Extensions.

Proposed Resolution:

This resolution was from the TR mentioned above and also follows the conventions for branch cuts and ranges in the ADA95 standard and the FORTRAN 90 standard.

Expand Section 26.2.7 to:

Section 26.2.7 complex transcendentals

```
template <class T> complex<T> acos (const complex<T>& x);
```

Notes: The branch cuts are outside the interval [-1,1] along the real axis.

Returns: the complex arc cosine of x, in the range of a strip mathematically unbounded along the imaginary axis and in the interval [0,pi] along the real axis.

```
template <class T> complex<T> asin (const complex<T>& x);
```

Notes: The branch cuts are outside the interval [-1,1] along the real axis.

Returns: the complex arc sine of x, in the range of a strip mathematically unbounded along the imaginary axis and in the interval [-pi/2, pi/2] along the real axis.

```
template <class T> complex<T> atan (const complex<T>& x);
```

Notes: The branch cuts are outside the interval [-i,i] along the imaginary axis where i is imag(x).

Returns: the complex arc tangent of  $x$ , in the range of a strip mathematically unbounded along the imaginary axis and in the interval  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$  along the real axis.

```
template <class T> complex<T> atan2 (const complex<T>& x, const complex<T>& y);  
template <class T> complex<T> atan2 (const complex<T>& x, T y);  
template <class T> complex<T> atan2 (T x, const complex<T>& y);
```

Notes: The branch cuts are outside the interval  $[-1,1]$  along the imaginary axis.

Returns: the complex arc tangent of  $y/x$ , in the range of a strip mathematically unbounded along the imaginary axis and in the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  along the real axis.

```
template <class T> complex<T> cos (const complex<T>& x);
```

Returns: the complex cosine of  $x$ .

```
template <class T> complex<T> cosh (const complex<T>& x);
```

Returns: the complex hyperbolic cosine of  $x$ .

```
template <class T> complex<T> exp (const complex<T>& x);
```

Returns: the complex base e exponential of  $x$ .

```
template <class T> complex<T> log (const complex<T>& x);
```

Notes: The branch cuts are along the negative real axis.

Returns: the complex natural (base e) logarithm of  $x$ , in the range of a strip mathematically unbounded along the real axis and in the interval  $[-i\pi, i\pi]$  along the imaginary axis where  $i$  is  $\text{imag}(x)$ .

```
template <class T> complex<T> log10 (const complex<T>& x);
```

Notes: The branch cuts are along the negative real axis.

Returns: the common (base 10) logarithm of  $x$ .

```
template <class T> complex<T> pow (const complex<T>& x, const complex<T>& y);  
template <class T> complex<T> pow (const complex<T>& x, T y);  
template <class T> complex<T> pow (T x, const complex<T>& y);
```

Notes: The branch cut for  $x$  is along the negative real axis.

Returns: the complex power of base  $x$  raised to the  $y$ -th power.

```
template <class T> complex<T> sin (const complex<T>& x);
```

Returns: the complex sine of  $x$ .

```
template <class T> complex<T> sinh (const complex<T>& x);
```

Returns: the complex hyperbolic sine of  $x$ .

```
template <class T> complex<T> sqrt (const complex<T>& x);
```

Notes: The branch cuts are along the negative real axis.

Returns: the complex square root of  $x$ , in the range of the right half-plane.

```
template <class T> complex<T> tan (const complex<T>& x);
```

Returns: the complex tangent of x.

```
template <class T> complex<T> tanh (const complex<T>& x);
```

Returns: the complex hyperbolic tangent of x.

Also, remove box 98 and the paragraph above it (See issue 26/047.)

Requestor: ?? (public comment)  
Owner: Judy Ward  
Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)  
Papers: (committee documents that discuss this issue)

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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/019  
Title: Should typedefs be provided in complex lib?  
Section: 26.2.7 Old  
Status: active  
Description:

Should the complex library provide typedefs for the specialization complex<float>, complex<double>, and complex<long double> (like the string library provides for basic\_string<char> and basic\_string<wchar\_t>)?

Proposed Resolution:

Possible names for these typedefs are fcomplex, dcomplex, lcomplex (or ldcomplex) or float\_complex, double\_complex, ldouble\_complex (or lddouble\_complex).

Declarations (such as typedef complex<float> fcomplex) would have to be added to the bottom of the Complex synopsis in Section 26.2 and after each specialization in Section 26.2.2.

Requestor: Tom Plum and others  
Owner: Judy Ward  
Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)  
Papers: (committee documents that discuss this issue)

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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/020  
Title: order of argument to valarray constructors  
Section: 26.3 New  
Status: active  
Description:

- valarray constructors have (value, size\_t num)  
normally in the library it is the other way round  
(string, vector, etc.).  
This should get fixed to be consistent.

Comment from Judy Ward:

valarray has:  
valarray(const T& val, size\_t n) initializes n elements of the array with val  
valarray(const T\* ap, size\_t n) initializes first n elements with corresponding elements in array pointed to by ap

basic\_string has:  
basic\_string(size\_type n, charT c) // inconsistent with valarray  
basic\_string(const charT, size\_type) // consistent with valarray

```
vector has:  
vector(size_type n,const T& value) // inconsistent with valarray
```

So I think only the first constructor needs changing for consistency.  
This would mean in Section 26.3.1 and Section 26.3.1.1. change  
valarray(const T&,size\_t) to valarray(size\_t,const T&)

Comment for Daveed Vandevoorde <vandevod@cs.rpi.edu>:

I agree that it is sufficient (and don't care too much either way), but I would find it unintuitive to have the size parameter sometimes in the second and sometimes in the first position; at least within valarray I think it would be good to stay consistent (my personal preference also goes to size as the first argument to keep the vector<T> convention).

Comment from Nicolai on Daveed's mail:

NO, i disagree.

First, consistence is a big goal.

Second, i would agree if the size parameter would have the same meaning.  
But is hasn't. First it is "num times of ..." second it is  
"take ..., but only num elements of it".  
So it is OK to have different positions.

Proposed Resolution:

Change Section 26.3.1 and Section 26.3.1.1 change  
valarray(const T&,size\_t) to valarray(size\_t,const T&)  
In the description in Section 26.3.1.1 change "second"  
to "first" and "first" to "second".

Requestor: Nicolai Josuttis

Owner: Judy Ward

Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/021

Title: copy ctor declared for slice\_array

Section: 26.3 New

Status: active

Description:

- In 26.3.3 Slices have no copy constructor but in 26.3.3.1 they have. What's correct ?

Proposed Resolution:

On p. 17-7 it says "For the sake of exposition, Clause 18 through 27 do not describe copy constructors, assignment operators, or (non-virtual) destructors with the same apparent semantics as those that can be generated by default."

I think that is the situation here, so the declaration in 26.3.3.1 should be removed.

Requestor: Nicolai Josuttis

Owner: Judy Ward

Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/022

Title: int should be size\_t for element type of indirect\_array

Section: 26.3 New

Status: active

Description:

- In 26.3.1.4 Index operator for indirect arrays has element type size\_t, but in 26.3.8 it has int. What's correct ?

Comment for Daveed Vandevoorde <vandevod@cs.rpi.edu>:

This has proven to somewhat of a problem in actual valarray code: some algorithms expressed in terms of indirect access create negative intermediate value (e.g.:  $a[p+q] = 0.0$ ; // p, q can contain negative values) requiring signed types (size\_t can be unsigned). The current workaround requires a temporary valarray<size\_t> or not using the indirect access mechanism.

My proposal would be to either use ints (probably too restrictive) or valarray<T>::index which would be required to be a signed integral type with at least the range of int.

Would it be acceptable to introduce a valarray<T>::index\_type typedef? (or even make 'int' or 'long int' the index/stride type?)

Comment from Dave Dodgson:

Certainly we could do that, the question is to what do we set it? Perhaps we should make this a template parameter (with a default of int or long int). We would no longer need to include <cstddef> if we did this.

Proposed Resolution:

Section 26.3.1

Add:

```
// types:  
typedef implementation_defined index_type;
```

Change:

```
T operator[](size_t) const;  
T& operator[](size_t);  
valarray<T> operator[](const valarray<size_t>&) const;  
indirect_array<T> operator[](const valarray<size_t>&);  
to:  
T operator[](index_type) const;  
T& operator[](index_type) const;  
valarray<T> operator[](const valarray<index_type>&) const;  
indirect_array<T> operator[](const valarray<index_type>&);
```

Section 26.3.1.3 and 26.3.1.4

change size\_t to index\_type

Section 26.3.8

change:

```
indirect_array<T> valarray<T>::operator[](const valarray<int>&)  
to:  
indirect_array<T> valarray<T>::operator[](const valarray<index_type>&)
```

Requestor: Nicolai Josuttis

Owner: Judy Ward

Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)

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Papers: (committee documents that discuss this issue)

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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/023  
Title: should min/max be global or member functions?  
Section: 26.3 New  
Status: active  
Description:

- In 26.3.1 min()/max() are member functions, in 26.3.2.3 they are global. What's correct ?

Comment for Daveed Vandevoorde <vandevod@cs.rpi.edu>:

Note that there are two min's (and two max's): one returning the smallest element in an array and one taking two arrays and returning a new array such that  $(\min(a, b))[i] == \min(a[i], b[i])$ . I suspect Kent Budge intended the member function to be the former and the regular function to be the latter. Personally, I rather keep this sort of function outside the class interface.

Resolution:

Add to Section 26.3.1.7:

T min() const;

Returns the smallest element in the array.

T max() const;

Returns the largest element in the array.

Section 26.3:

Change

template <class T> T min(const valarray<T>&);  
template <class T> T max(const valarray<T>&);  
to:  
template <class T> valarray<T> min(const valarray<T>&, const valarray<T>&);  
template <class T> valarray<T> max(const valarray<T>&, const valarray<T>&);

Change Section 26.3.2.3

Change:

template <class T> T min(const valarray<T>& a);  
template <class T> T max(const valarray<T>& a);  
to:  
template <class T> valarray<T> min(const valarray<T>& a, const valarray<T>& b);  
template <class T> valarray<T> max(const valarray<T>& a, const valarray<T>& b);

Copy the first paragraph into Section 26.3.1.7, since the same rule applies to the member functions min() and max().

change second paragraph to read:

The min() function returns an array such that  $(\min(a, b))[i] == \min(a[i], b[i])$ .

The max() function returns an array such that  $(\max(a, b))[i] == \max(a[i], b[i])$ .

Remove the third paragraph or move it to Section 26.3.1.7.

Requestor: Nicolai Josuttis

Owner: Judy Ward

Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)

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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/024  
Title: make valarray arithmetic operators more general?  
Section: 26.3 New  
Status: active  
Description:

- I see a problem if I do:  
valarray<double> va;

va \*= 2;

As 2 is no double, no function is found because all templates only have one type and templates have restricted type conversions.

Wouldn't it make sense to use two template types, one for the elements in the valarray and one for the elements i operate with, to let this work ?

Example:

```
template <class T>
class valarray {
    ...
    template <class T2>
    valarray<T>& operator*=(const valarray<T2>&);
    template <class T2>
    valarray<T>& operator*=(const T2&);
    ...
};
```

- One thing I missed really:

```
va[slice(3,4,2)] *= 2;
should be possible.
```

Or in general, for all subset types assignment operators should be overloaded for one simple value on the right side ( as it is for valarrays):

```
template <class T>
class slice_array {
    ...
    template <class T2>
    void operator*=(const valarray<T2>&); // see above
    template <class T2>
    void operator*=(const T2&); // NEW !!!
    ...
};
```

Proposed Resolution:

Comment for Judy Ward:

I'm not sure if it's a good idea to let users use arbitrary types for arithmetic operators .. for example would you want the compiler to let them add a char\* to an valarray<int>? Also I think it might lead to ambiguities or wrong behaviour, i.e.:

```
valarray<double> vd;
slice_array<double> si;
vd += si;
```

Currently the only choice is to:

```
use valarray(slice_array) ctor to create a valarray
apply void operator*=(const valarray<T2>&) operator
```

With your proposal one could:

```
instantiate a void operator*=(const slicearray<double>&)
operator*=
```

I'm not positive if you would get an ambiguity error from the compiler or if it would choose the wrong thing (the second one).

Comment for Daveed Vandevoorde <vandevod@cs.rpi.edu>:  
Indeed, the example that I showed (in pre-Tokyo discussions, I believe)  
is:

```
valarray<int> a;
valarray<valarray<int> > b;
// ...
b += a;
```

Is the latter a scalar assignment f a mixed-type vector-assignment?

Mixed-type operations really bring a lot of trouble (I tried to implement them --- I think valarray<Troy> 1.x may still have that feature --- but I found that it leads to extreme mess, e.g., when debugging numerical code).

Proposed Resolution:

Close this issue!

Requestor: Nicolai Josuttis  
Owner: Judy Ward  
Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)  
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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/025  
Title: should STL-like semantics be added to valarray?  
Section: 26.3 New  
Status: active  
Description:

- Perhaps it would be senseful to have as much container support as possible. At least begin(), end() and push\_back() and insert() were VERY senseful for copying values into and out of a valarray (push\_back() for back\_inserter).

Comment for Daveed Vandevoorde <vandevod@cs.rpi.edu>:  
begin() and end() are easy to specify (and I think they should indeed be added and defined as &a[0] and &a[0]+a.size() respectively), but valarray is specifically \_not\_ a dynamic array. So I don't think operations that implicitly resize a valarray should be included.

Comment from Nicolai:

As Daveed wrote, push\_back() and insert() are a problem as valarray is specifically \_not\_ a dynamic array.  
The reason for the latter is to have an easy interface to create the arrays i want to do numerical stuff with.  
At the moment I see only the chance to use a T\* array or to set the values element by element.  
But i think in practice reading some values and do some numerical operations would be a normal usage.  
Or to write it in another form: What's the best/normal way to prepare valarrays for numerical operations ?

Proposed Resolution:

Section 26.3.1

Add:

```
Allocator argument to valarray
Allocator default arg to constructors
// types
(look in section 21.1.13 -- add all the typedefs
```

```
from size_type to const_reverse_iterator)

// iterators
iterator begin();
const_iterator begin() const;
iterator end();
const_iterator end() const;
reverse_iterator rbegin();
const_reverse_iterator rbegin() const;
reverse_iterator rend();
const_reverse_iterator rend() const;
```

Add new Section 26.3.1.?

copy section 21.1.1.5 (substituting valarray instead of basic\_string)

See also related Issue 26/039.

Requestor: Nicolai Josuttis

Owner: Judy Ward

Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/026

Title: should sum() be a template?

Section: 26.3 New

Status: active

Description:

- sum() should be a template for function objects like accumulate.
- Or it may be even unnecessary. If begin() and end() would exist, you could use accumulate() then.

Comment for Daveed Vandevoorde <vandevod@cs.rpi.edu>:

The need for sum(...) is common enough to warrant its own function.

However I agree (I submitted this during the CD1 public comment period)

that a general ``reduce(...)'' function taking a functor would be nice.

I also think ``apply'' should be modified in this way.

Proposed Resolution:

Add these as valarray non-member functions.

Add:

Section 26.3.2.5 valarray application functions

```
template<class T, class F> T reduce(const valarray<T> & a, const F& f);
```

F must be a function object for which the binary function-call operator()(x, y) is applicable when x and y are of type T. Let f(x, y) be denoted by x @ y, and a.size() == N. Then:

```
reduce(a, f) == a[0] @ a[1] @ a[2] @ ... @ a[N-1]
```

where the grouping is unspecified (i.e., this could be evaluated left-to-right, right-to-left or by adding any valid set of parentheses).

```
template<class T> T sum(const valarray<T> & a);
```

The result of sum(a) is equal to reduce(a, std::plus). std::plus is described in Section 20.3.2 [lib.arithmetic.operations].

```
template<class T, class F> valarray<T> apply(const valarray<T>& a, const F& f);

F must be a function object for which a unary function-call operator()(x)
exists and the function returns an array r such that r[i] == f(a[i]).
```

```
template<class T, class F>
valarray<T> apply(const valarray<T>& a, const valarray<T>& b, const F& f);
```

F must be a function object for which a binary function-call operator()(x,y) is applicable when x and y are of type T. The function returns an array r such that r[i] == f(a[i], b[i]).

Requestor: Nicolai Josuttis  
Owner: Judy Ward  
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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/027  
Title: should gslices be changed/removed?  
Section: 26.3 New  
Status: active  
Description:

To: C++ libraries mailing list  
Message c++std-lib-4673

Hello,

Since Santa Cruz I've been implementing most of the valarray functionality and now I have general slices as well (though they're unacceptably inefficient... but that's not the issue I would like to raise here).

Along with each valarray-feature, I also try to write a small program demonstrating a reasonable use for it. However, I could not find such a use for general slices. The current WP mentions that they are useful for the implementation of ''multidimensional arrays'', but I found it far easier to implement those directly on top of valarrays.

Has anyone else used gslices in any practical way?

I attribute the problems I mention at least in part to the following:

- . gslices are no valarrays and more limited in functionality
- . gslices have no corresponding indexing scheme
- . the ''number of dimensions'' of a gslice is a run-time quantity, which seriously limits their use (must synthesize local valarrays)

Wrt. the last point I wonder if this stands in the way of direct compiler support?

Here are some of the solutions I can think of:

- 1) Do nothing: this is not harmful, but I expect no-one will seriously want to use gslices and they will thus be a unnecessary burden to implementors.
- 2) Drop gslices: this is not harmful either unless someone has already planned a serious project that requires them.
- 3) Replace the gslice functionality by multidimensional valarrays:  
Although I think multidimensional valarrays are what many really want, I don't think anyone wants to work out a complete design in this round of standardization. However, I think a careful approach will allow a future extension in this sense.

I have a few more valarray issues that I hope to bring up in the next

few weeks, but this one seemed like a good start ;-)

Daveed

Proposed Resolution:

Drop gslice and gslice\_array -- Remove Sections  
26.3.5 and 26.3.6

Remove functions that use gslice\_array in valarray section  
26.3.1 (i.e. do a search for "gslice" and remove everything)

Requestor: Daveed Vandevoorde

Owner: Judy Ward

Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/028

Title: rename valarray::length() to valarray::size()

Section: 26.3 New

Status: active

Description:

I propose to rename:

size\_t length() const;

to:

size\_t size() const;

to keep consistency with other container-like things.

Proposed Resolution:

Search for all instances of "length" in Section 26.3  
and change it to "size".

Requestor: Daveed Vandevoorde

Owner: Judy Ward

Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)

Papers: (committee documents that discuss this issue)

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/029

Title: valarray::operator|| and valarray::operator&&

Section: 26.3 New

Status: active

Description:

Should operator|| and operator&& really be overloaded  
for arrays? If yes, shouldn't the return-type be an array of bool?

My proposal: drop operator|| and operator&& since the short-circuit  
principle cannot be emulated for user-defined types.

Proposed Resolution:

Remove operator|| and operator&& from 26.3.2.1  
OR change the return type to valarray<bool>

Requestor: Daveed Vandevoorde  
Owner: Judy Ward  
Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)  
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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/030  
Title: fix up what headers are included by complex, valarray, and numeric  
Section: 26.3 and 26.4 New  
Status: active  
Description:

These headers do not specify what other C++ headers they must include.

Proposed Resolution:

In the synopsis for complex (26.2), add:  
`#include <iostream>`  
In the synopsis for valarray(26.3), add:  
`#include <cstddef>`  
In the synopsis for numeric (26.4) add:  
`#include <utility>`  
`#include <iterator>`

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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/031  
Title: should valarray unary ops be non-members?  
Section: 26.3 New  
Status: active  
Description:

I noticed that valarrays treat unary operators as member functions, whereas complex treats them as regular functions.

Proposed Resolution:

I think it is better to have them be regular functions since normal conversions could be applied.

Remove the unary operator declarations from inside the class valarray in Section 26.3.1.

Move Section 26.1.3.5 to Section 26.3.2 (possibly 26.3.2.1?)

replacing the decls:

```
valarray<T> operator+() const;
valarray<T> operator-() const;
valarray<T> operator~() const;
valarray<T> operator!() const;
```

with:

```
template <class T> valarray<T> operator+(const valarray<T>& lhs) const;
template <class T> valarray<T> operator-(const valarray<T>& lhs) const;
template <class T> valarray<T> operator~(const valarray<T>& lhs) const;
template <class T> valarray<T> operator!(const valarray<T>& lhs) const;
(this one might have to be changed to return valarray<bool> see Issue 26/032)
```

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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/032  
Title: Should valarray::operator! return valarray<bool> not valarray<T>?  
Section: 26.3 New  
Status: active  
Description:

Proposed resolution:

Change return type of valarray::operator! in Section 26.3 to valarray<bool>.

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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/033  
Title: clarify definition of boolean mask subset operator  
Section: 26.3 New  
Status: active  
Description:

Another valarray issue. The 'boolean mask subset operator' (operator[] taking an array of bools) currently has a somewhat bizarre definition (depending on whether it is applied to a const or to a non-const array). I suspect that what was really aimed for was 'assignment masking' (because some architectures indeed have hardware to mask operations on a per element basis), i.e. the current semantics when the operator is applied to a non-const array.

Proposed resolution:

To resolve and clarify this issue, I propose two measures:

- 1) drop the const member-operator[](const valarray<bool>&);
- 2) rename the non-const version to 'mask(const valarray<bool>&)' to emphasize the different character of this function compared to the subset-selectors.

In Section 26.3.1 and Section 26.3.1.4 remove:  
valarray<T> operator[](const valarray<bool>&) const;  
mask\_array<T> operator[](const valarray<bool>&) const;

Add to Section 26.3.1:  
mask\_array<T> mask(const valarray<bool>&);

Add to Section 26.3.1.7:

mask\_array<T> mask(const valarray<bool>& v);

1 This function returns an object of type `mask_array<T>` with reference semantics to the `*this` array. The elements of `*this` at positions `i` for which `v[i] == false` will be masked off when performing assignments and computed assignments to the returned object.

2 The behavior is undefined if `this->size() != v.size()`.

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/034

Title: ambiguity with complex::operator!=?

Section: 26.2 New

Status: active

Description:

`operator!=` with two complex operands is ambiguous in the presence of template operator`!=(T,T)`

Proposed resolution:

Doesn't partial ordering of function templates fix this?

Requestor: P.J. Plauger

Owner: Judy Ward

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/035

Title: constraints on complex type T should be specified?

Section: 26.2.1 New

Status: active

Description:

Template class `complex` needs to clarify what the constraints on the type `T` for which it can be instantiated. It looks like you must be able to perform arbitrary arithmetic mixed with floating-point operands. It suggests that `T()` behaves like a numeric zero. But nothing is said. Nor is it clear how an implementation is expected to compute the hyperbolic cosine of an arbitrary type `T`. More words are desperately needed here. the simplest reasonable constraint is that `T` is a type that defines conversions to and from one of the floating-point types -- double for best performance on average, long double for maximum precision.

Proposed resolution:

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/036

Title: `T` should be const `T&` in complex mathematical ops

Section: 26.2.1 New  
Status: active  
Description:

The operator+, operator-, etc. declared in Section 26.2.1 and Section 26.2.5 and Section 26.2.7 currently have the scalar as type T. Shouldn't they be const T&? This is consistent with the member functions =,+=, etc.

Proposed resolution:

Remove box 96. Make changes described above.

Requestor: Daveed Vandevoorde  
Owner: Judy Ward  
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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/037  
Title: template <class T> shouldn't appear in detailed descriptions  
Section: 26.2.3 New  
Status: active  
Description:

The "template<class T>" shouldn't appear on the declaration:  
"template<class T> complex(T re = T(), T im = T());"  
Alternatively, the qualifier complex:: should be added, but  
this departs from earlier style. Same comments apply for  
later members in 26.2.4.

Proposed resolution:

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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/038  
Title: description of returns from arg()  
Section: 26.2.6 New  
Status: active  
Description:

The template arg(complex) returns should say:

"the phase angle of x, or atan2(imag(x),real(x))."

The template conj(complex) returns should say:

"the complex conjugate of x, complex(real(x), -imag(x))."

Proposed resolution:

Currently they only say "the phase angle of x" and  
"the complex conjugate of x". Does the or part add anything?

Requestor: P.J. Plauger  
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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/039  
Title: valarray::operator T\* and operator const T\* cause ambiguities  
Section: 26.3.1 New  
Status: active  
Description:

valarray::operator T\* and valarray::operator const T\*() cause numerous ambiguities, Should be omitted or replaced by:

```
T* begin();  
const T* begin() const;
```

See also issue 26/025.

Proposed resolution:

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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/040  
Title: non-normative commentary should be moved to notes  
Section: 26.3.1.1 New  
Status: active  
Description:

Much of valarray() Effects is non-normative commentary. Should be moved to Notes.

Proposed resolution:

Last two sentences of valarray() Effects should be in Notes.  
Last sentence of valarray(const T\*, size\_t) should be in Notes.  
Last two sentences of valarray(const valarray<T>&) should be in Notes.

Requestor: P.J. Plauger  
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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/041  
Title: no description of ~valarray<T>  
Section: 26.3.1.1 New  
Status: active  
Description:

~valarray() has no stated semantics.

Proposed resolution:

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/042

Title: non-normative commentary should be moved to notes

Section: 26.3.1.1 New

Status: active

Description:

Much of valarray() Effects is non-normative commentary. Should be moved to Notes.

Proposed resolution:

23.3.1.1:

Last two sentences of valarray() Effects should be in Notes.

Last sentence of valarray(const T\*, size\_t) should be in Notes.

Last two sentences of valarray(const valarray<T>&) should be in Notes.

23.3.1.3:

Last sentence in paragraph 4 should be in Notes.

Requestor: P.J. Plauger

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/043

Title: clarification to valarray min/max

Section: 26.3.2.3 New

Status: active

Description:

Description of valarray min/max is unclear on which of these functions uses operator< and which operator>.

The STL convention is to require only operator< for both.

The description should be at least clarified, if not made simpler and more consistent.

Proposed resolution:

Requestor: P.J. Plauger

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/044

Title: no normative description of semantics of valarray<T>::operator[](slice)

Section: 26.3.4 and 26.3.5 New

Status: active

Description:

The behaviour of valarray<T>::operator[](slice) and valarray<T>::operator[](gslice) are described only in examples, which is non-normative.

Proposed resolution:

Requestor: P.J. Plauger

Owner: Judy Ward  
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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/045  
Title: partial\_sum semantics wrong  
Section: 26.4.3 New  
Status: active  
Description:

Template function partial\_sum does not "assign to every iterator i...". It "assigns to \*i for every iterator i ...". It also should clarify that the first element of the sequence is simply \*first.

Proposed resolution:

Change wording as suggested above.

Requestor: P.J. Plauger  
Owner: Judy Ward  
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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/046  
Title: box 97 - remove  
Section: 26.2.1 New  
Status: active  
Description:

Andrew Koenig has a note that he collapsed all the constructors with default args to match the detailed description.

Proposed resolution:  
Remove box.

Requestor: Andrew Koenig  
Owner: Judy Ward  
Emails: (email reflector messages that discuss this issue)  
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Work Group: Library  
Issue Number: 26/047  
Title: box 98 -- description of ranges/branch cuts  
Section: 26.2.7 New  
Status: active  
Description:

Description of ranges is wrong?

Proposed resolution:  
If issue 26/016 passes, we should remove this box and the two paragraph aboves it.

Requestor: Daveed Vandevoorde  
Owner: Judy Ward

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/048

Title: box 99 -- no exceptions in valarray

Section: 26.3 New

Status: active

Description:

Box 99 says "The descriptions of valarray and the associated classes lack any discussion of possible exceptions."

Proposed resolution:

Remove box which I think leaves the implementor free to add them if he/she wishes.

Requestor: ?

Owner: Judy Ward

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/049

Title: exceptions in complex

Section: 26.2 New

Status: active

Description:

When I raised this issue before you suggested I come up with something specific. So I looked at the complex class, which is completely silent on error handling (other than for the I/O operators). Does this mean that

there are no error conditions, or

error conditions result in undefined behavior, or

errors are reported using the C math library method, or

errors will result in (predefined?) exceptions being thrown

If the answer is "it's all up to the implementation", how is anyone supposed to write portable code that uses the complex class? I don't especially care which of these is chosen, just that the WP says something.

Further mail:

Subject: Follow-up on Issue 26/049

Judy,

Regarding my previously raised Issue 26/049 about error handling in complex:

I've gotten ahold of the original complex design paper (N0372 = 93-0165). It states:

The precise formulas used to implement complex arithmetic are implementation dependent. Response to errors is also implementation dependent. [...] Details of the semantics of each operator are the same as in David Knaak's "Complex Extension to C" (X3J11/92-075).

The referenced C document also makes no requirement about error handling:

An implementation may set `errno` but is not required to.

So clearly it was the intent of the committee that no error handling be defined for complex. I don't quite agree with this - while checks for range errors can be expensive (underflow and overflow checking), checks for domain errors in function arguments are usually very inexpensive (one test at the start of the function) - but so be it.

Nevertheless, I think the WP needs to say a little more about this than it does now. A full-blown approach would add "Requires:" statements for each function (e.g. for `log()`, "Requires: `x` is non-zero."), but if this would be considered too much, I propose the following minimalist changes:

## 26.2 [lib.complex.numbers]

After the first paragraph ("The header `<complex>` defines a template class, ...") add:

Each of these functions has its usual mathematical meaning for complex arguments. If the argument for a function does not belong to the usual mathematical domain of the function, the behavior is undefined. If the result of a function is not mathematically defined or not in the range of representable values for its type, the behavior is undefined.

(The phrase "usual mathematical meaning" is used in the Ada 95 standard, so presumably it is considered valid standards language.)

## 26.2.7 [lib.complex.transcendentals]

Remove paragraph (1):

Each of these functions returns a complex value corresponding to the mathematical function (26.5 [lib.c.math]) computed for complex arguments.

The reference to the C math library here was responsible for my initial confusion in thinking complex was supposed to use `errno`. Attempts to define the complex functions in terms of the C library scalar functions won't work (e.g. `sqrt(-1.0)` is an error in scalars but valid in complex).

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Proposed resolution:

Described above.

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/050

Title: box 100 - clarification of motion 55

Section: 26.3.1.3 New

Status: active

Description:

A correction was made to motion 55, only the first sentence not the first paragraph was removed in the post Santa-Cruz editing session.

Proposed resolution:

Remove box.

Requestor: Daveed Vandevoorde

Owner: Judy Ward

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Work Group: Library

Issue Number: 26/051

Title: define return of complex of pow(0,0)

Section: 26.2 New

Status: active

Description:

The original design of complex (N0372 = 93-0165, and by reference X3J11/92-075) explicitly stated that the result of pow(0.0, 0.0) is (1.0 + 0.0i).

Further analysis (provided by Steve Hobbs at digital)

The C standard states that pow(0,0) is a domain error and its result is implementation-defined. I.e., the standard allow any answer providing you document what you do.

The C++ draft standard seems to be quiet on this subject so I assume it also allows any answer that is documented by the implementation.

The NCEG (Numerical C Extension Group) has published a "report" that does not have the force of a standard but this is a recommendation from a standards body. Their recommendation is that pow(x,0) shall always be 1.0 even if x is 0 or if x is Infinity or if x is a NaN.

The pow function on Digital Unix and on Open VMS returns 1.0 for pow(0,0).

Therefore my recommendation would be to follow what Rogue Wave does. Any complex number raised to a zero power should be a 1.0 (real 1.0, imag 0.0). This should include complex numbers whose real or imaginary parts include 0.0, or Infinity, or NaN.

(My personal view does not agree with this recommendation--I would return NaN--but this recommendation is compatible with the recommendations that come from standard committees and with the behavior of the pow in our current C implementations.)

Proposed resolution:

Add under the description of pow() in 26.2.7:

pow(0,0) returns (1,0).

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