



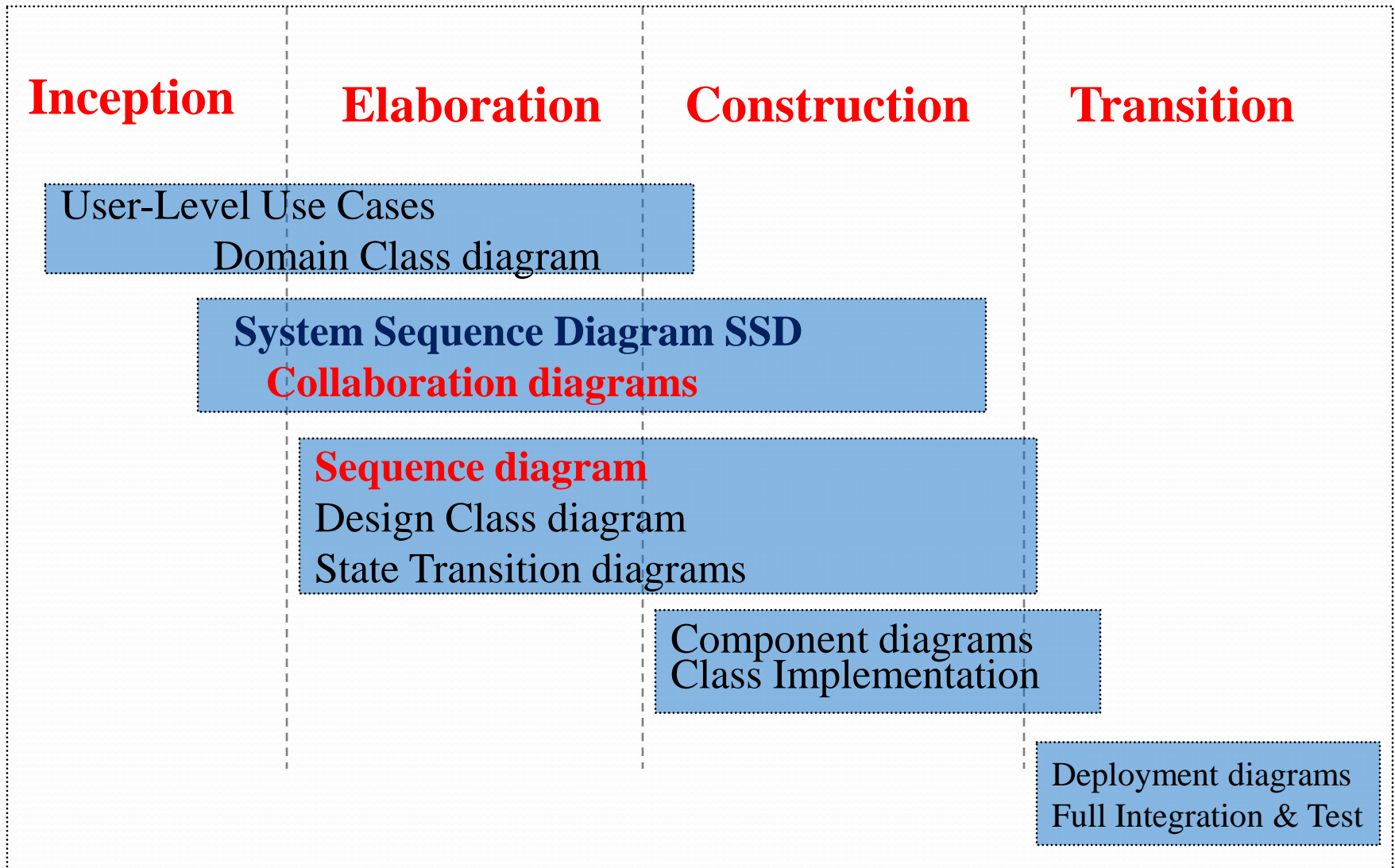
**COMP 3711**

**(OOA and OOD)**

**Dynamic Object Modeling  
Interaction Diagrams**

Larman Chapter 14, 15

# UML And UP



# Design - Think Object

- *What are the responsibilities of the object?*
- *Who does it collaborate with?*
- *What design patterns should be applied?*
- *Draw then Code*

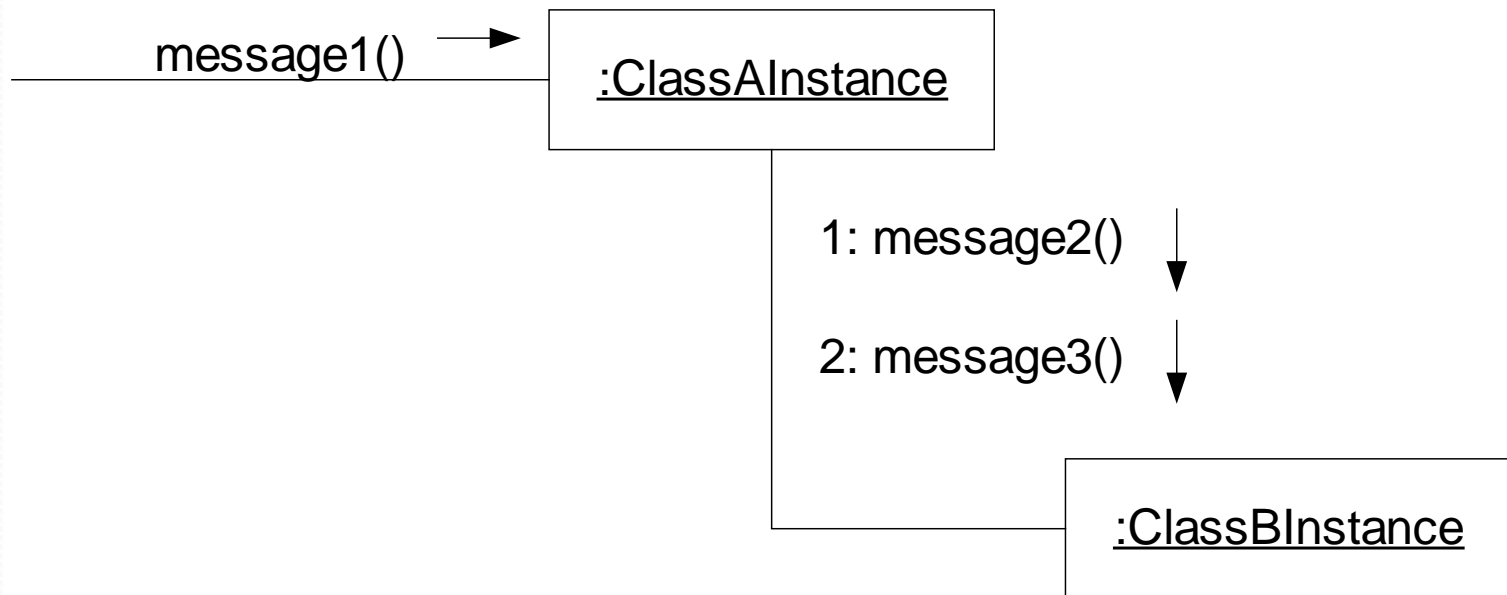
# UML Dynamic Modeling

- Illustrate how objects interact via messages
- Interaction diagram is a generalization of two more specialized UML diagram types:
  1. Collaboration (Communication) Diagram
  2. Sequence Diagram

Both express  
similar message  
interactions

# Collaboration (Communication) Diagram

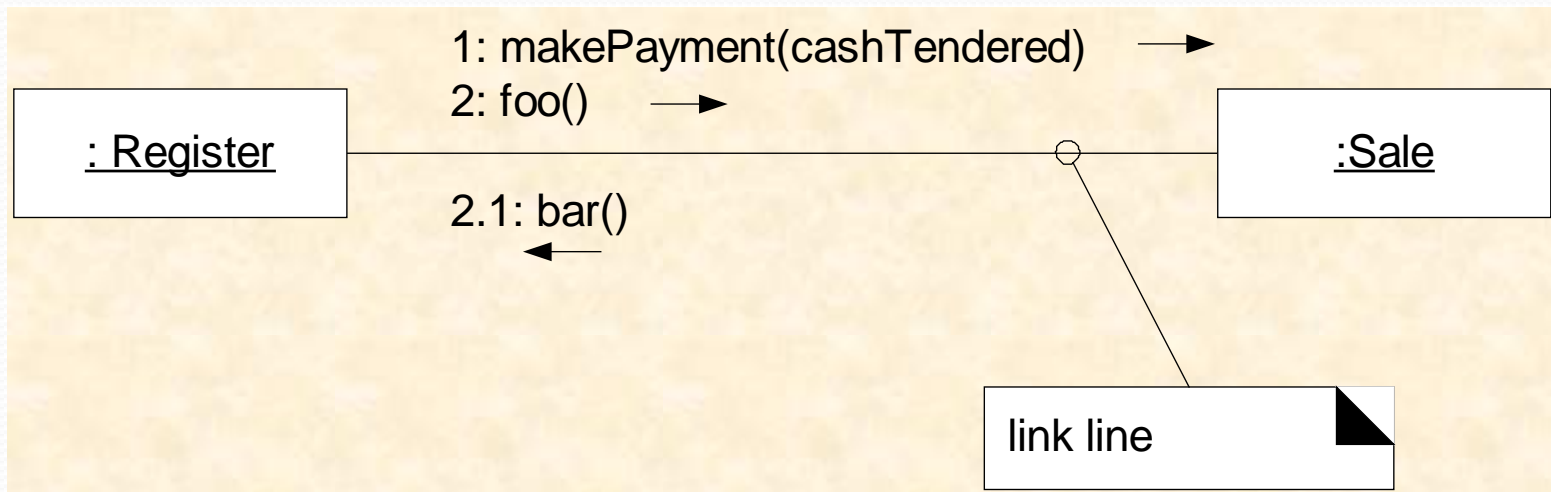
- Show object interactions in a network format
- Objects can be placed anywhere on the diagram
- Good for sketching model on walls – e.g. Agile Modeling practices



# Collaboration Diagram Notations

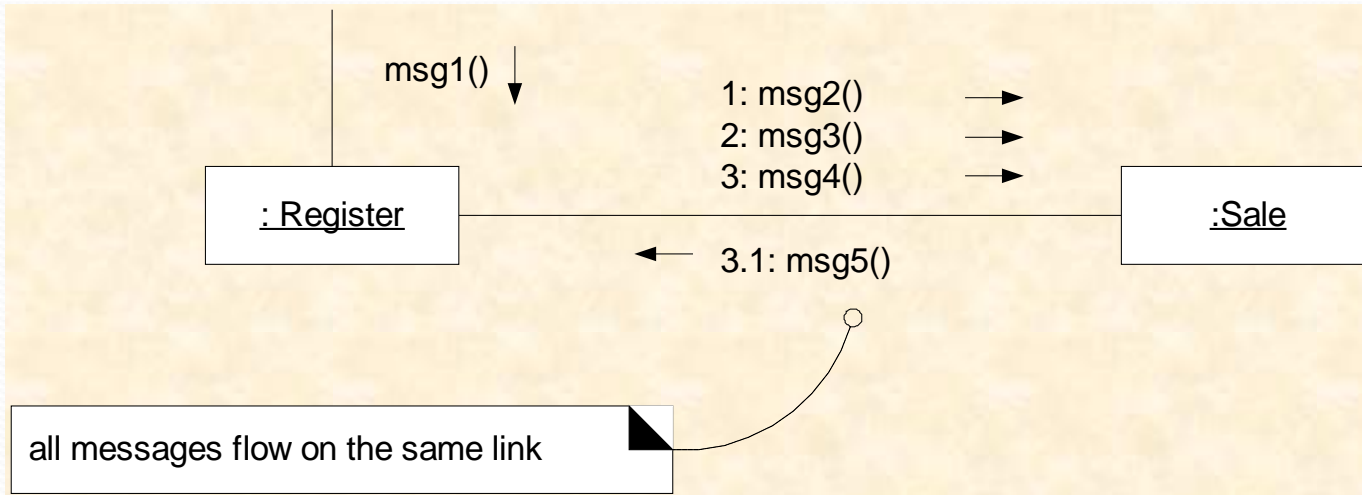
## Link:

- A connection path between two objects
- Indicates some form of navigation and visibility between the objects is possible
- Multiple messages can flow along the same single link

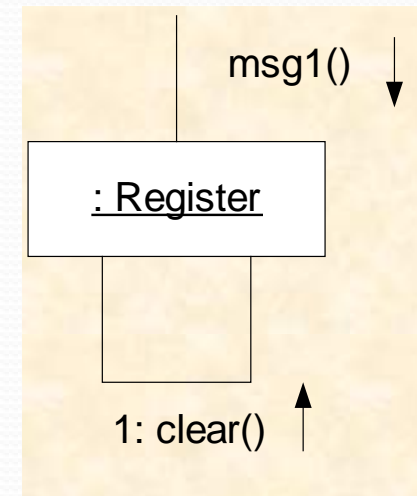


# Collaboration Diagram Notations

- All messages flow on same link

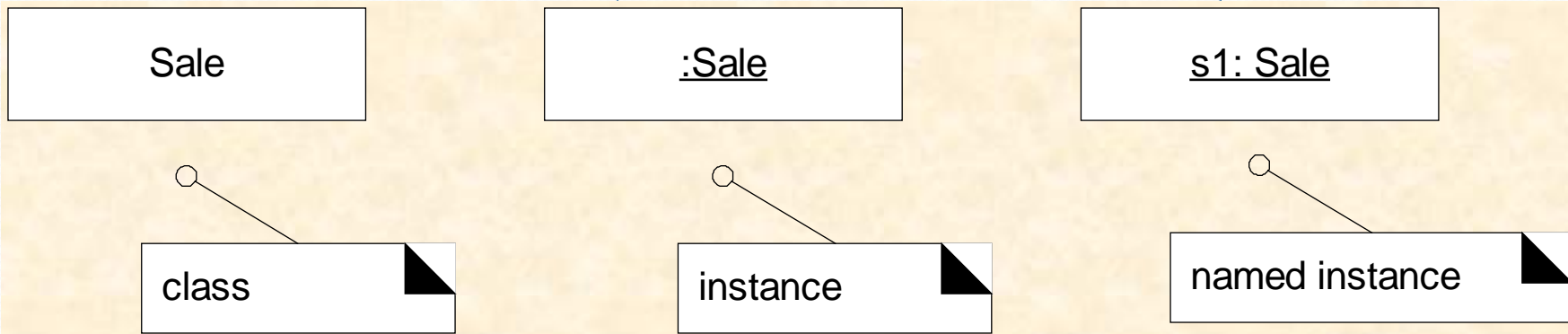


- Message can be sent from an object to itself



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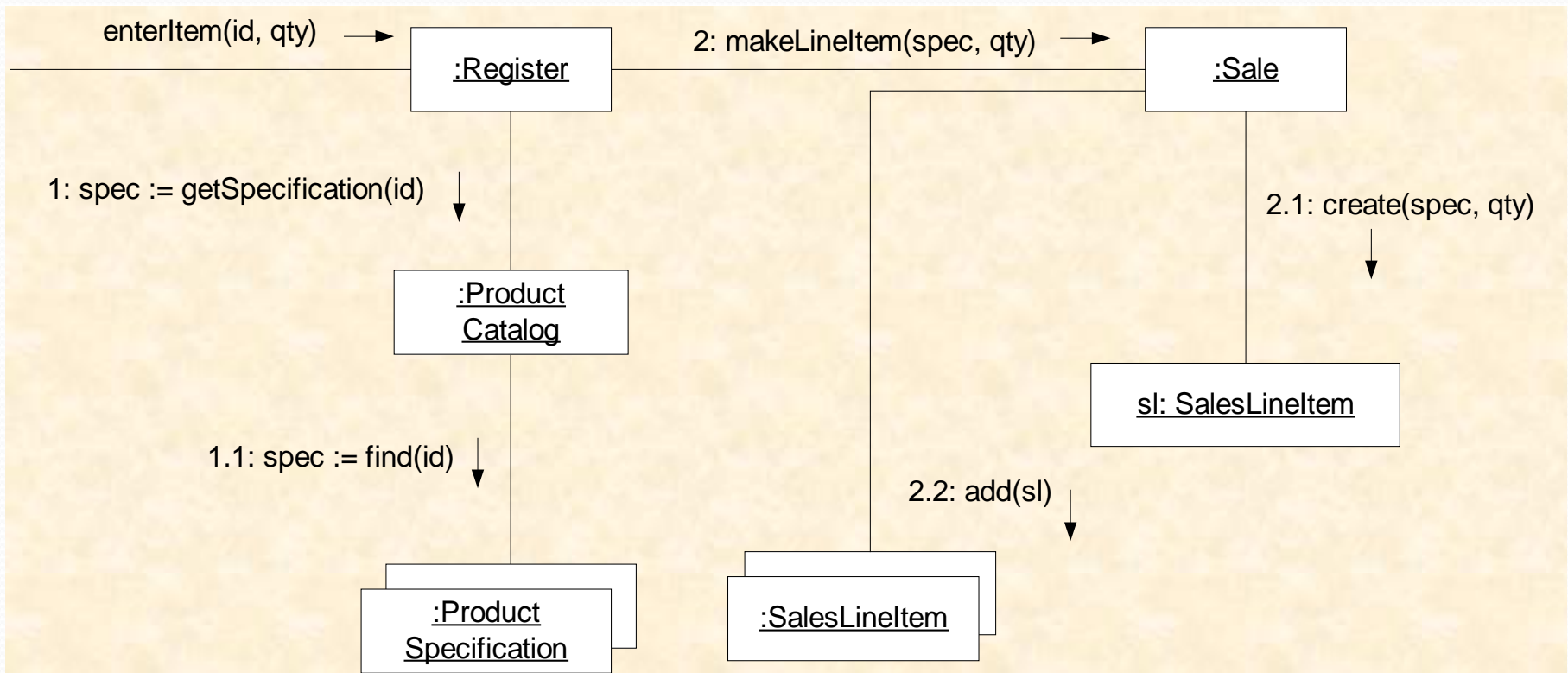
- ☀ Illustrating instances vs. classifiers
  - ✳ Instance has designator string underlined. Note that a “:” precedes the class name.
  - ✳ A name can be used to uniquely identify the instance. Again, note that a “:” precedes the class name.





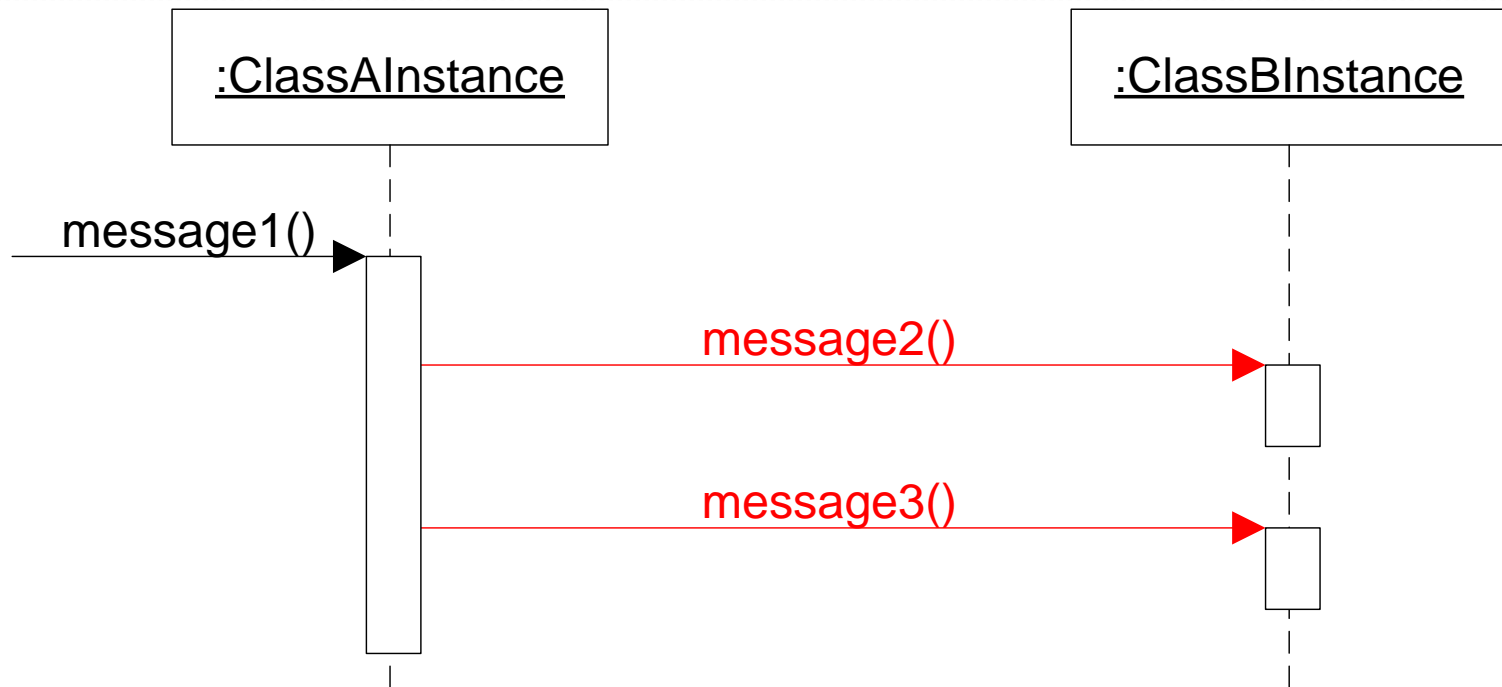
# Collaboration Diagram Notations

- describe both static structure and dynamic behaviour of a system.
- do not have an explicit way to denote time
- number messages in order of execution.



# Sequence Diagram

- Illustrate interactions in a kind of fence format, in which each new object is added to the right.
- Unlike Collaboration diagrams, Sequence diagrams do not show links.



# UML message expression syntax

```
return := message(parameter : parameterType) : returnType
```

## Examples:

```
spec := getProductSpect( id )
```

```
spec := getProductSpect( id:ItemID )
```

```
spec := getProductSpect( id:ItemID ) :  
        ProductSpecification
```

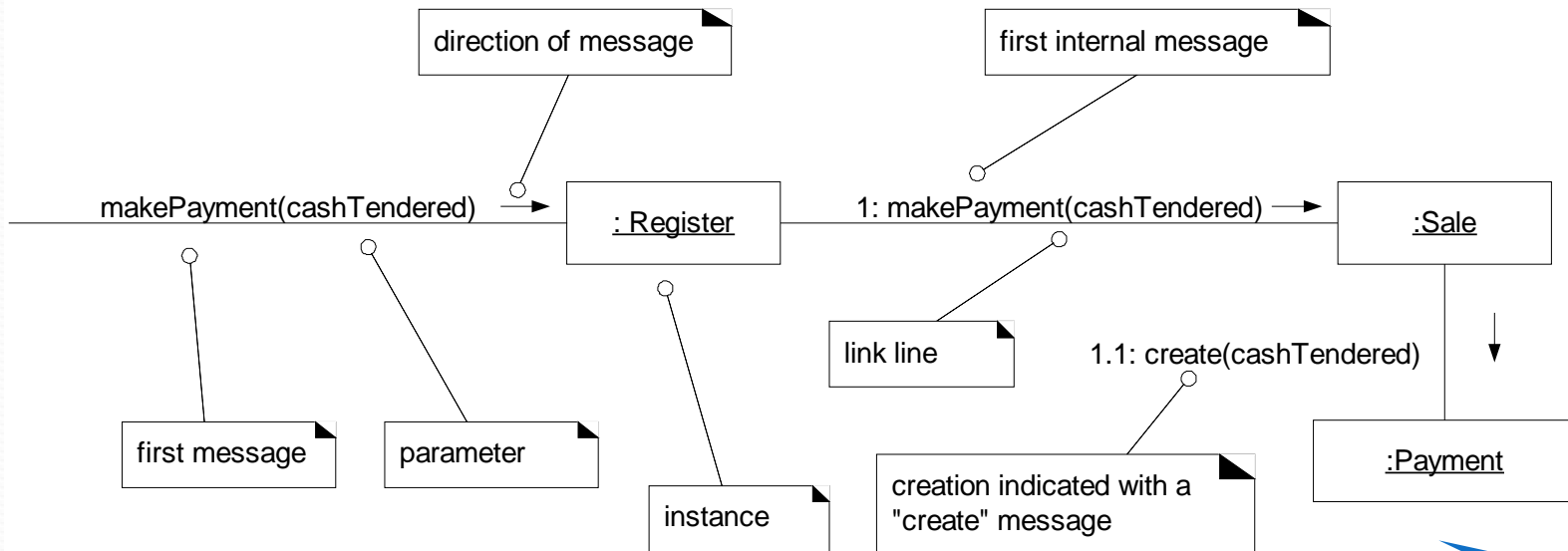
# Sequence vs. Collaboration Diagrams

Type	Strengths	Weaknesses
<b>Sequence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☀ clearly shows sequence or time ordering of messages</li><li>☀ simple notation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☀ forced to extend to the right when adding new objects – consumes horizontal space</li></ul>
<b>Collaboration (Communication)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☀ space economical – flexibility to add new objects in two dimensions</li><li>☀ better to illustrate complex branching, iteration, and concurrent behavior</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☀ difficult to see sequence of messages</li><li>☀ more complex notation</li></ul>

# Example: makePayment

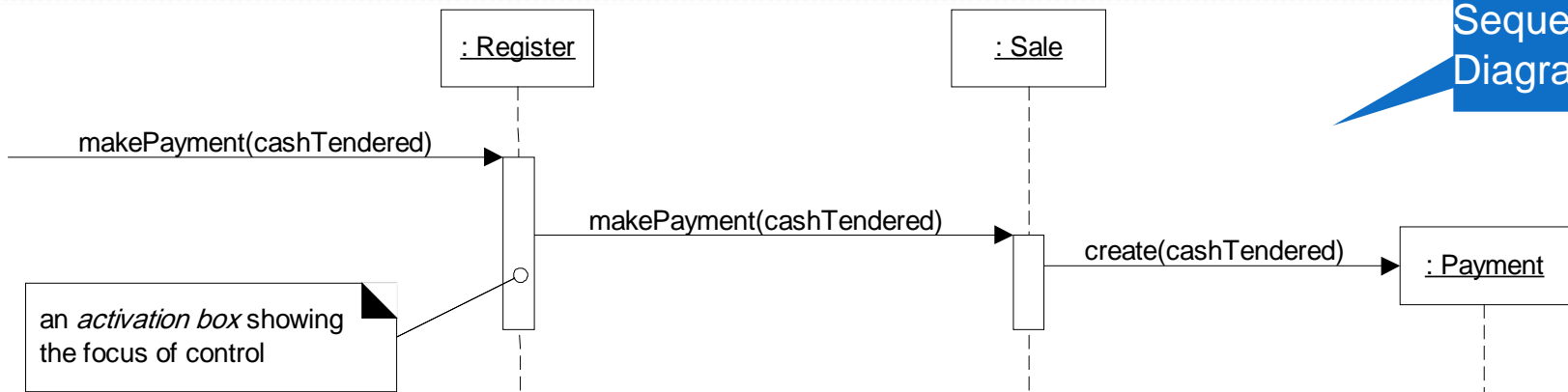
1. The message *makePayment* is sent to an instance of *Register*.
2. The *Register* instance sends the *makePayment* message to a *Sale* instance.
3. The *Sale* instance creates an instance of *Payment*.

# Example Interaction Diagrams: makePayment



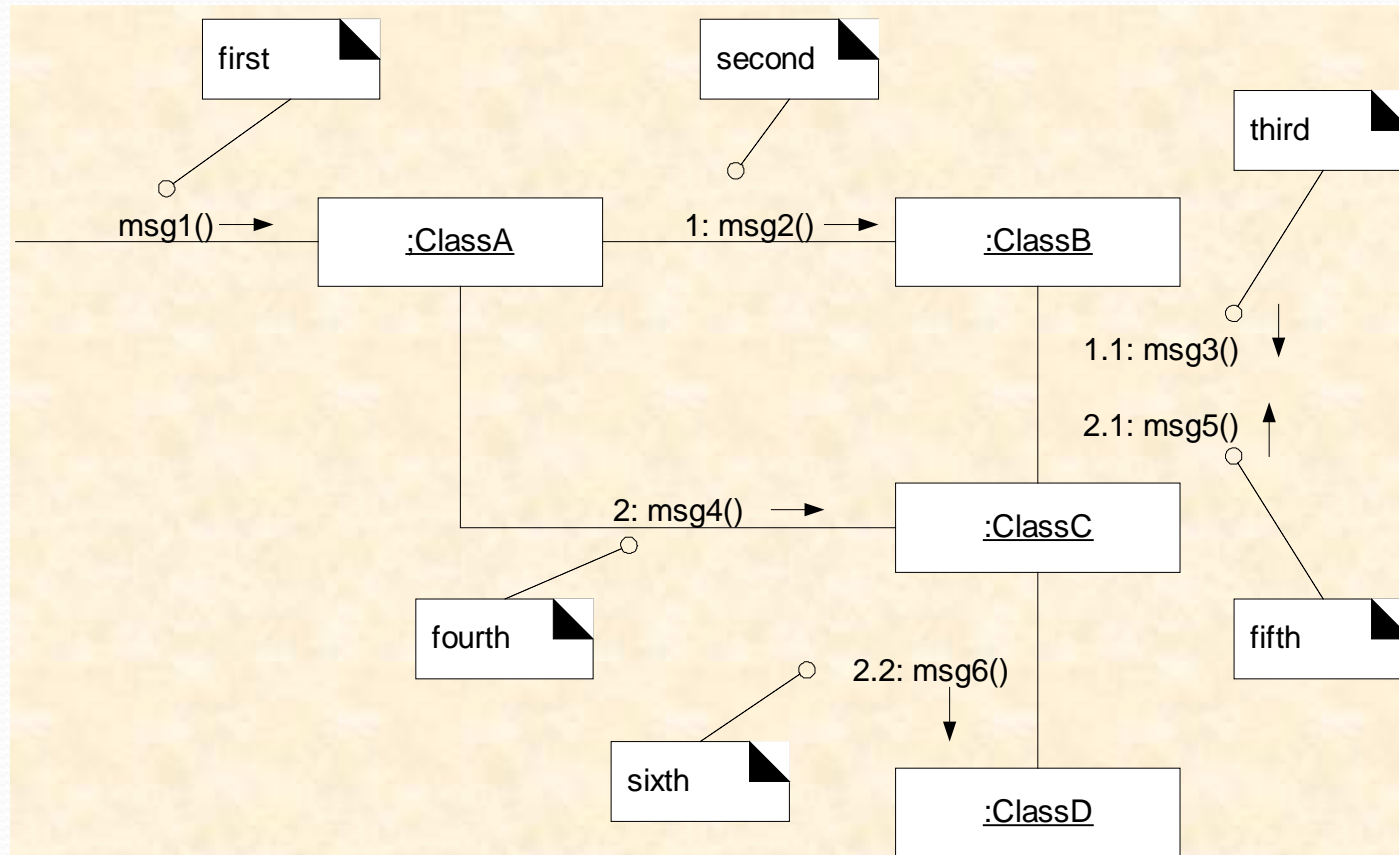
Collaboration  
Diagram

Sequence  
Diagram



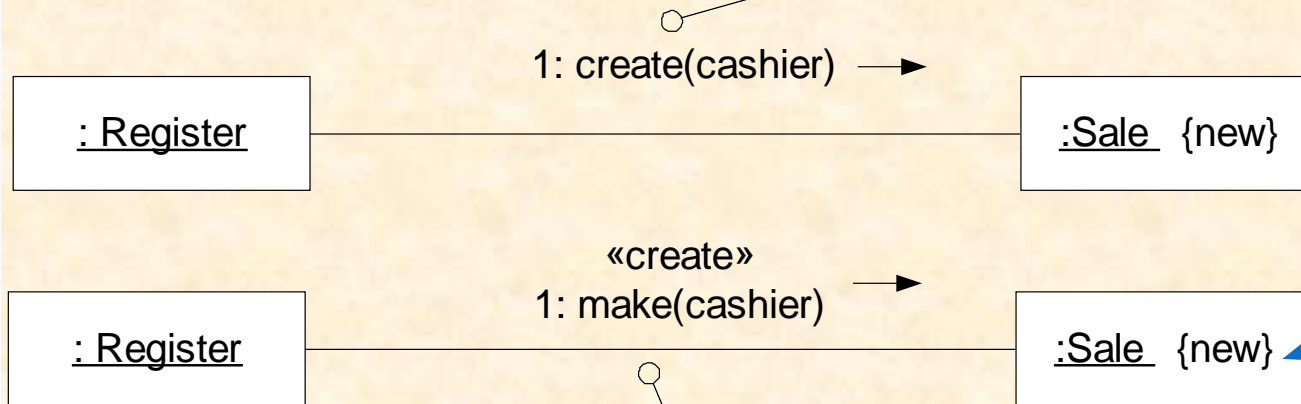
# Message numbering sequence

- Sequence numbering can become nested using legal numbering (the Dewey decimal system).
- E.g. nested messages under the first message are labeled 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and so on.



# Creation of Instances

create message, with optional initializing parameters. This will normally be interpreted as a constructor call.



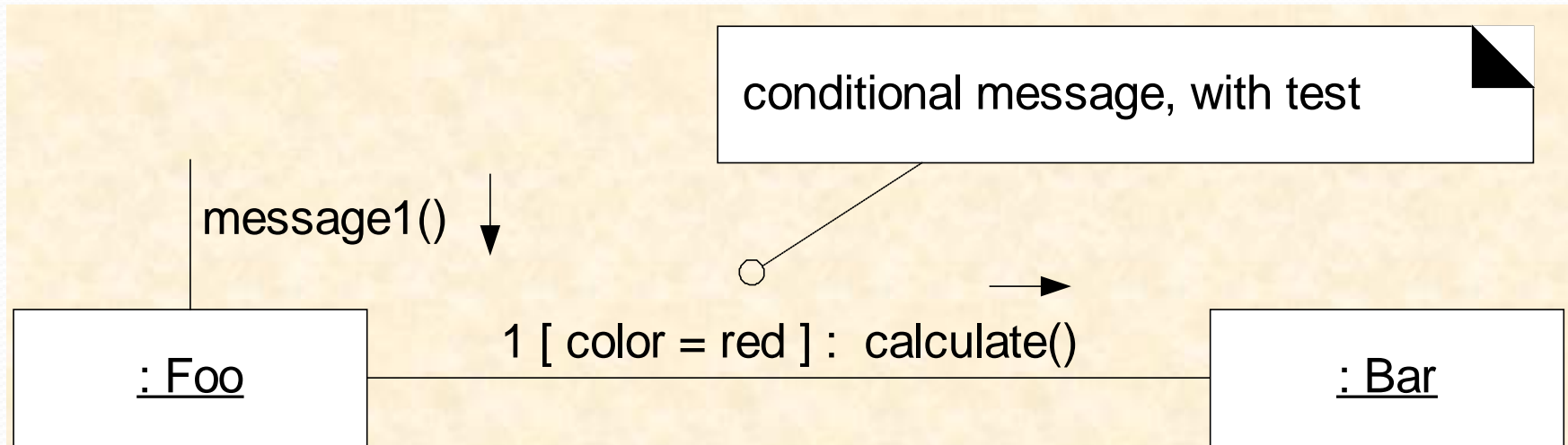
`{new}` may be optionally added to the instance box to highlight creation

if an unobvious creation message name is used, the message may be stereotyped for clarity



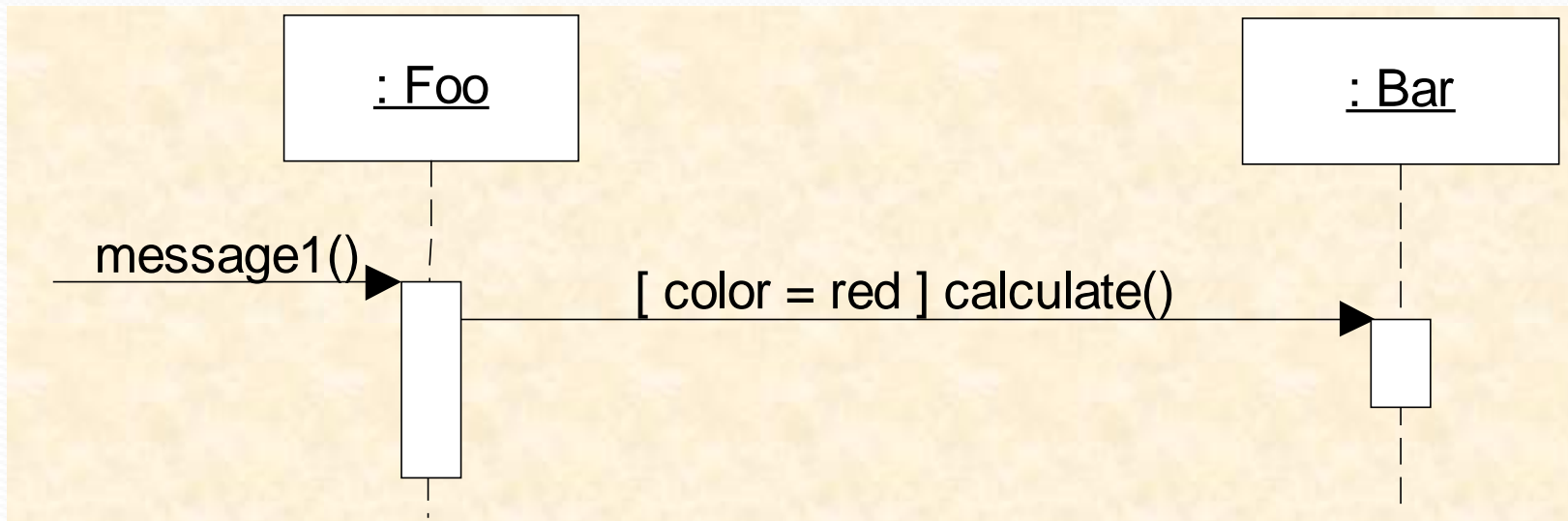
# Conditional Messages - Collaboration

- The conditional message in a Collaboration Diagram is usually placed in square brackets immediately following the sequence number.
- The message is only sent if the conditional clause evaluates to true.



# Conditional Messages – Sequence

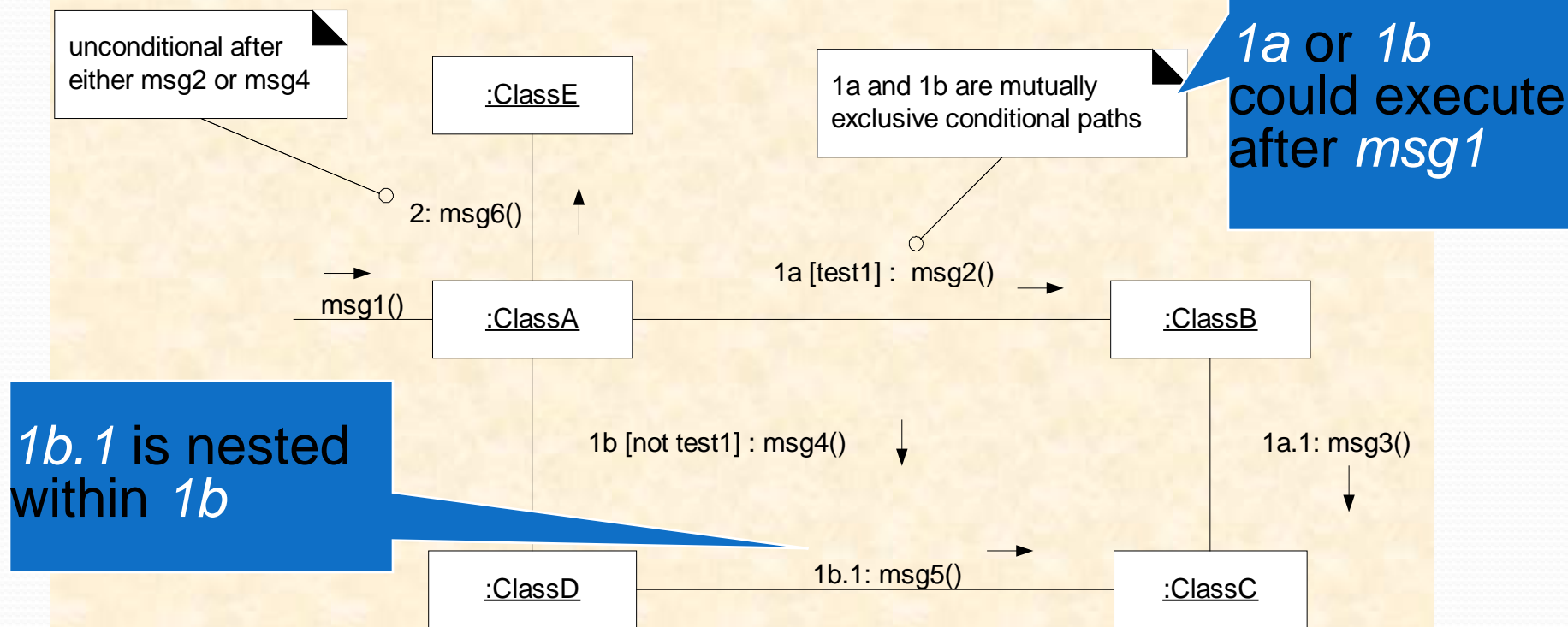
- The condition for a message in a Sequence Diagram is also placed in square brackets



# Mutually Exclusive Conditional Messages

## – Collaboration Diagram

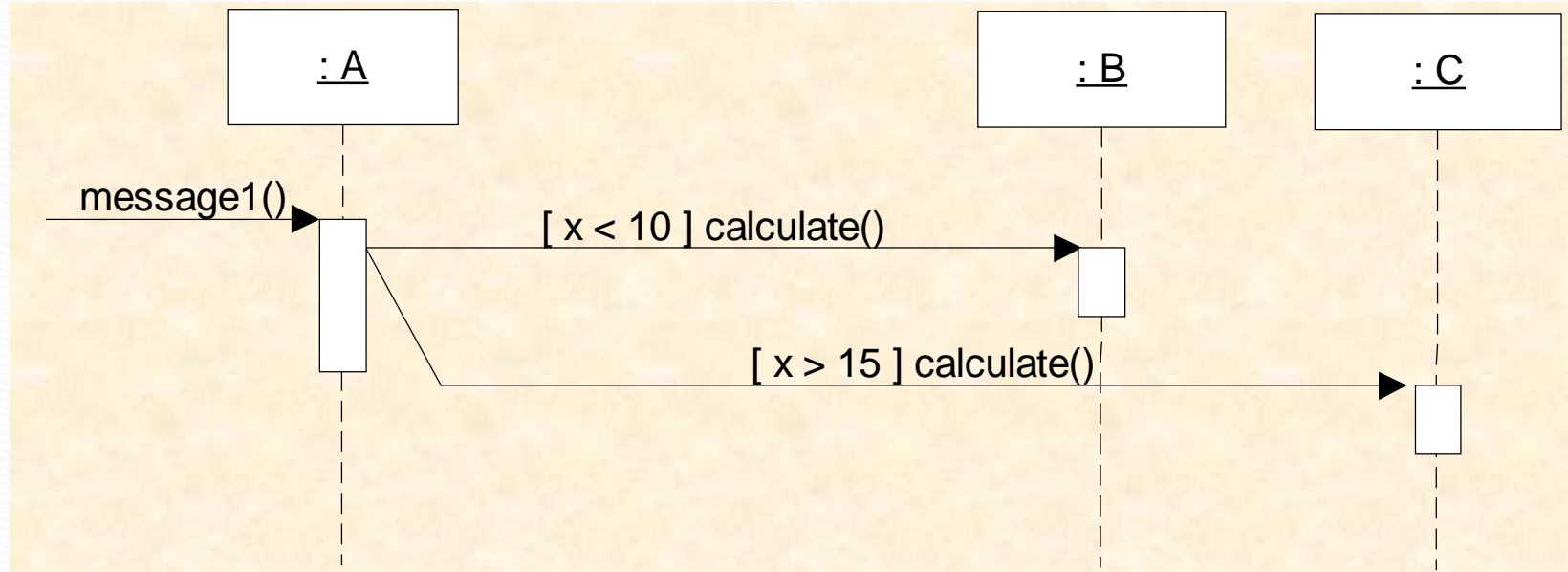
- Sequence expression modified with a conditional path expression.
- By convention, the first letter used is *a*



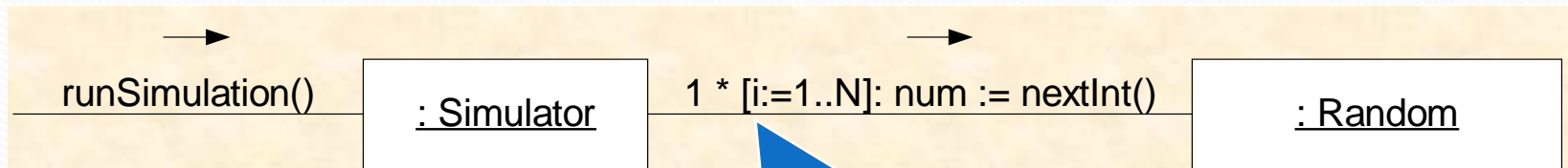
# Mutually Exclusive Conditional Messages

## – Sequence Diagram

- Mutually exclusive conditional messages are illustrated with a kind of angled line emerging from a common point in the Sequence Diagram.

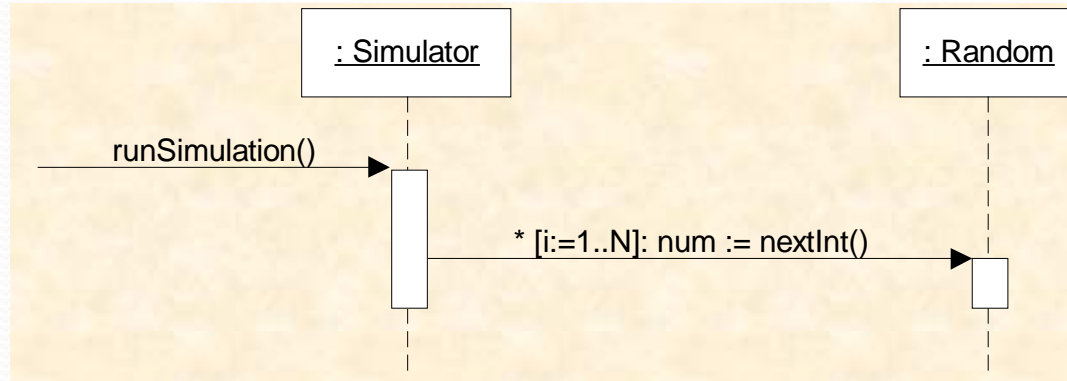


# Iteration (Message Looping) – Collaboration Diagram

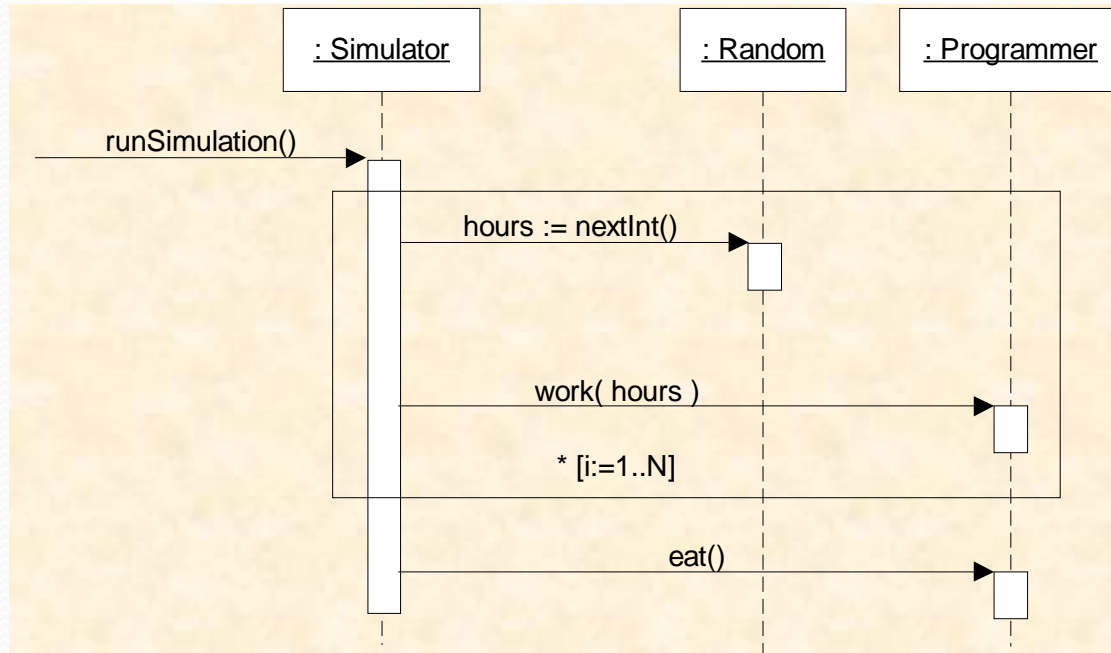


A simple ‘\*’ is used with optional iteration clause following the sequence number

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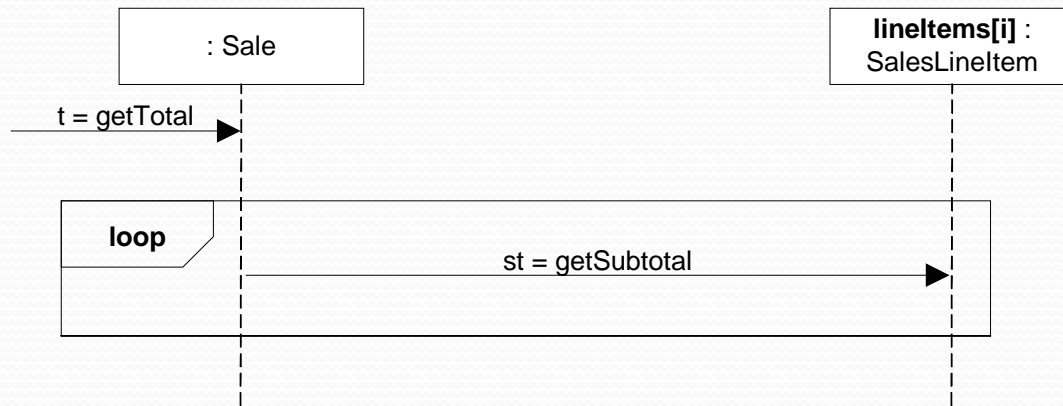


Single message iteration

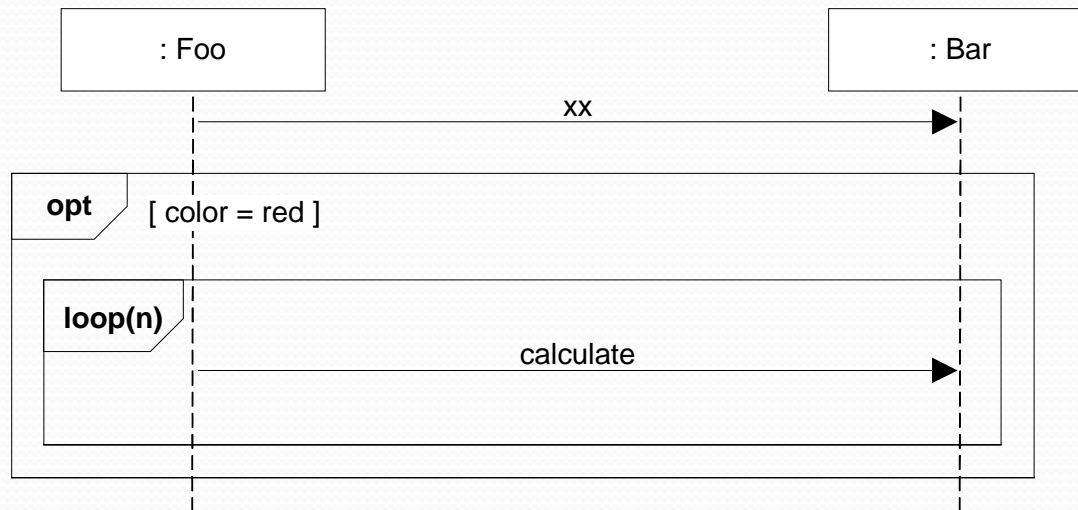


Iteration of series of messages

# Iteration (Message Looping) – Nesting Interaction Frames

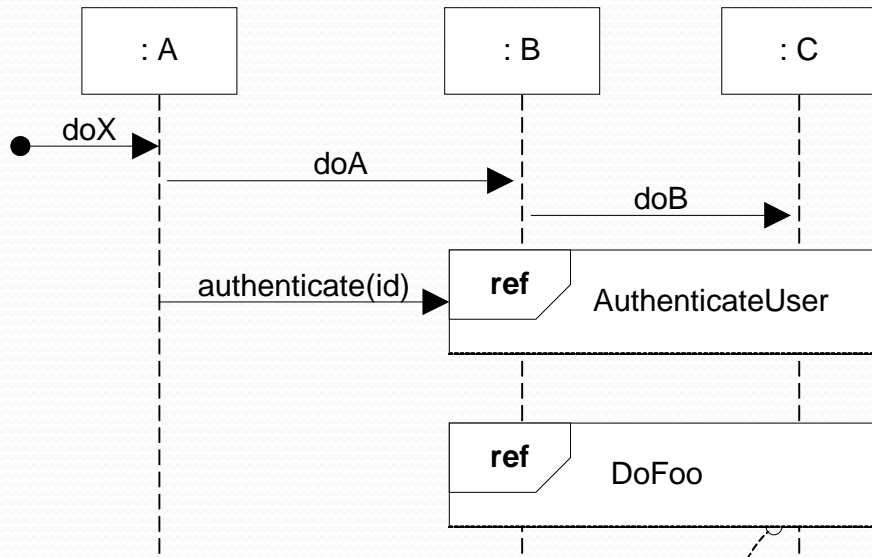


Single message  
Interaction Frame



Iteration Nesting  
Interaction  
Frames

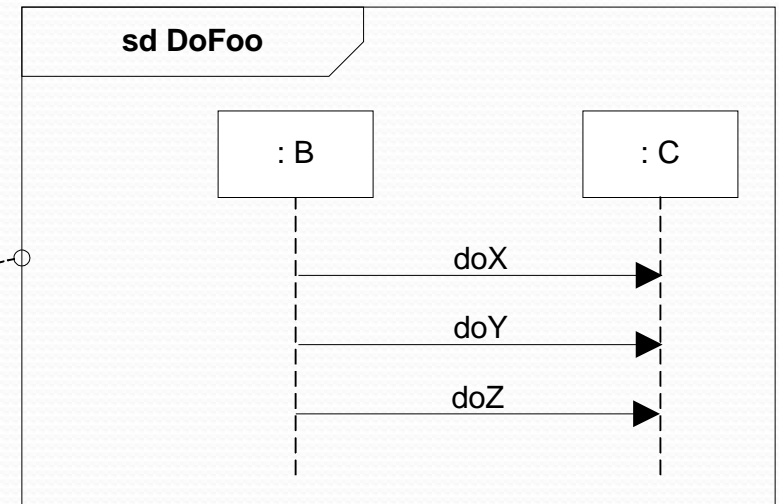
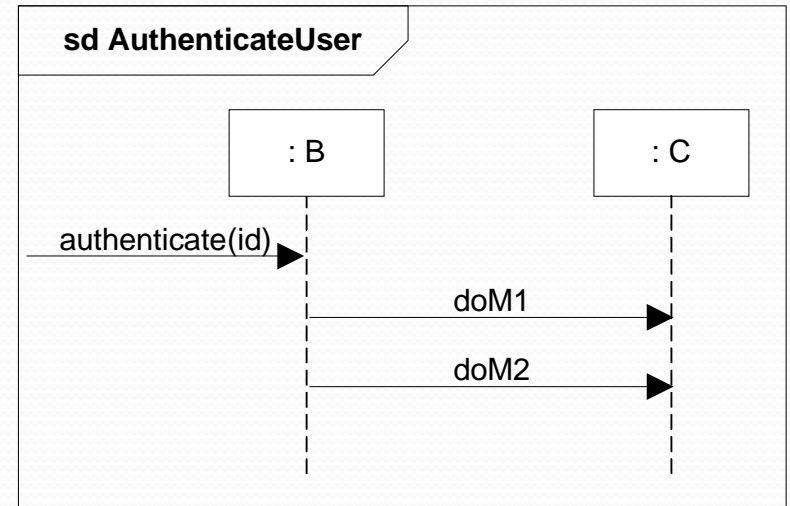
# Reference Interaction Frames



interaction occurrence

note it covers a set of lifelines

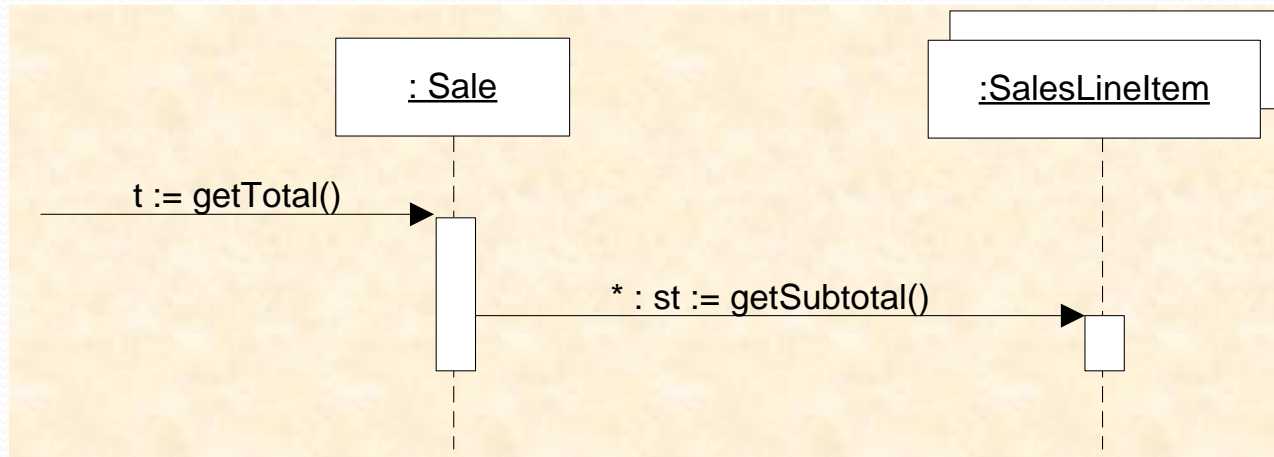
note that the sd frame it relates to has the same lifelines: B and C





# Iteration (Looping) Over A Collection

## – Sequence Diagram

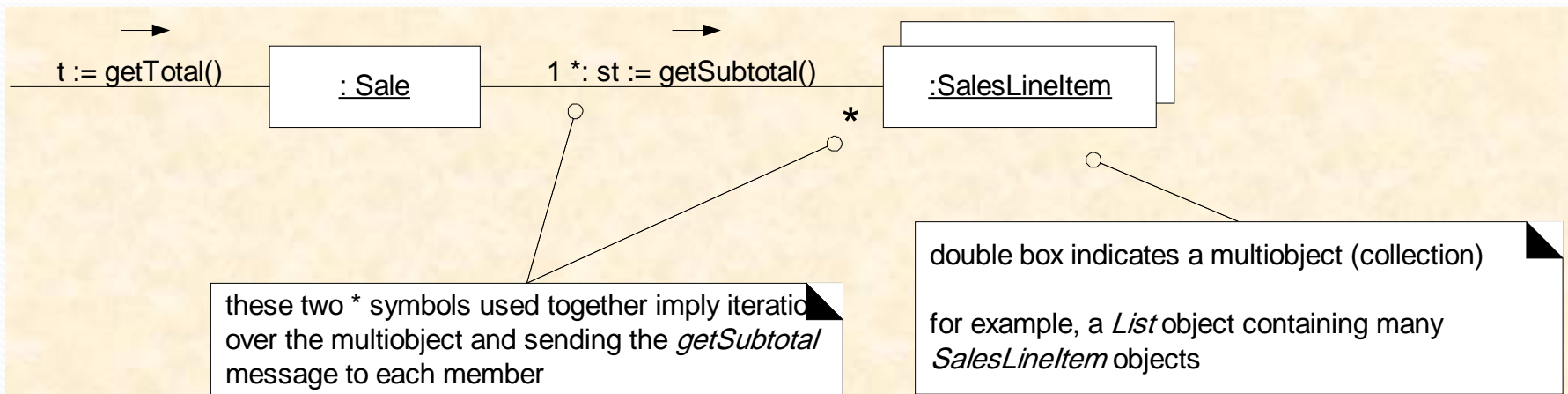


Iteration over  
a collection

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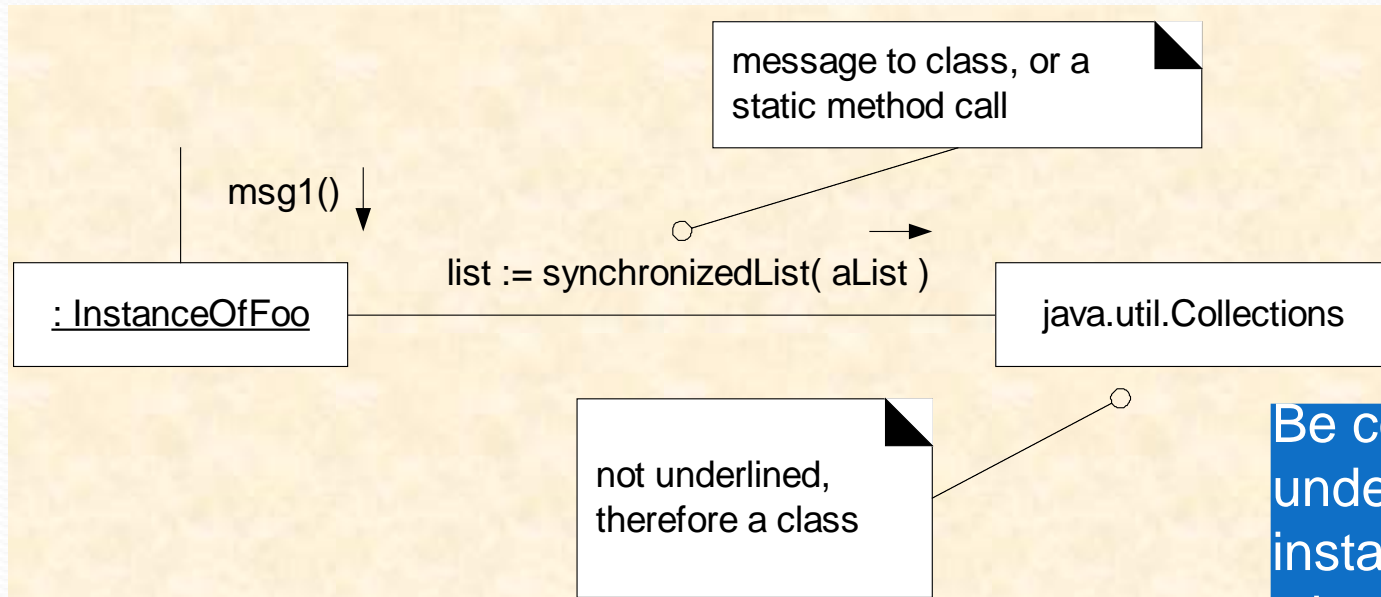
## – Collaboration Diagram

- ✦ UML term *multioject* is used to denote collection
- ✦ A '\*' multiplicity marker at end of link is used to indicate that message is being sent to each element of collection



# Messages To A Class Object – Collaboration Diagram

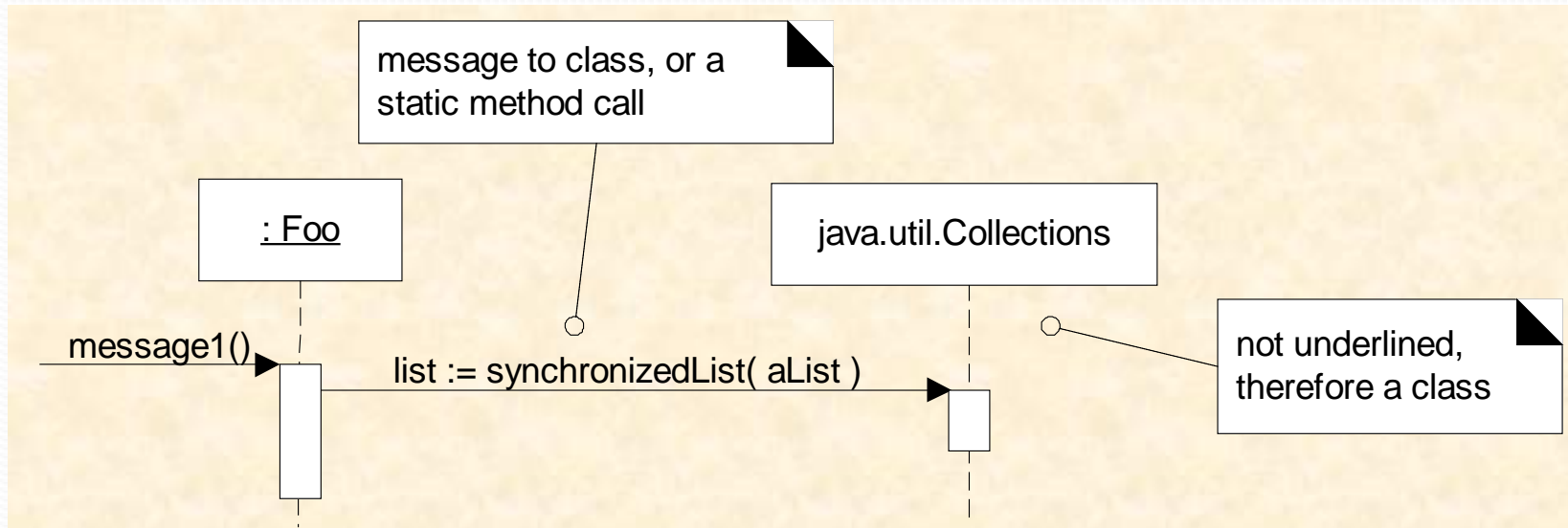
- A Class Object contains static methods.
- This is shown with name not underlined, indicating that message is being sent to a class rather than an instance



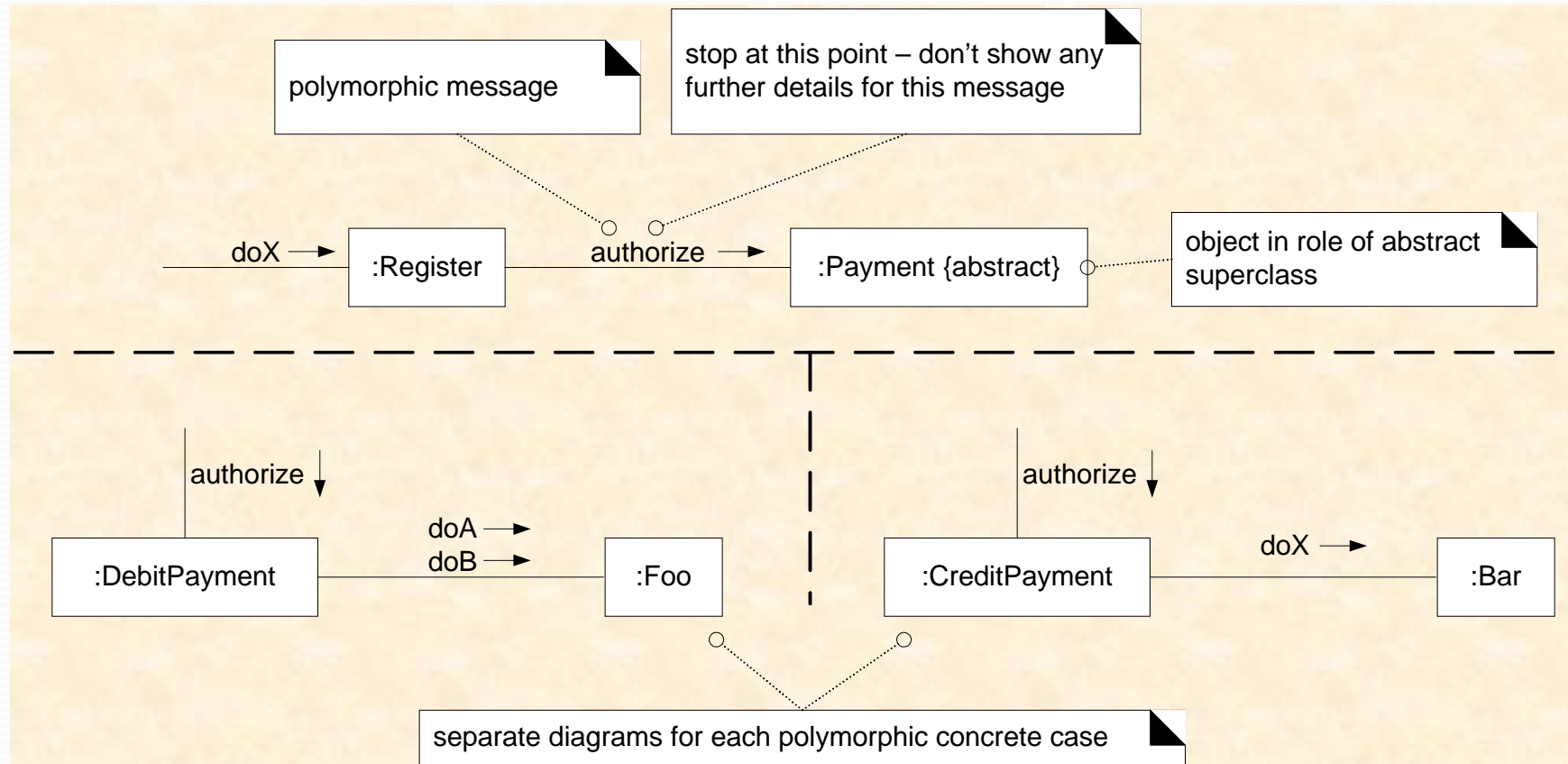
Be consistent in underlining instance names when instance is intended.

# Messages To A Class Object – Sequence Diagram

- Class or static method calls are shown by not underlining the name of the classifier, which signifies a class object rather than an instance.



# Polymorphic Messages – Collaboration Diagram



# Dynamic Object Modeling

- *Guideline*
  - *Spend significant time doing interaction diagrams (sequence or communication diagrams), not just static object modeling with class diagrams.*
  - *Ignoring this guideline is a very common worst-practice with UML*

*Quote from Larman, p.217*