



# Double Dispatch (Testing II)

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# Last time...

We implemented two classes: Money, MoneyBag, and MoneyTest

```
fMB1 = new MoneyBag(f12CLP, f7USD)  
...  
test("money bag simple add"){  
    val expected = new MoneyBag(Set(  
        new Money(26, "CLP"),  
        f7USD))  
    fMB1.appendMoney(f14CLP)  
    assertEquals(expected, fMB1)  
}
```

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We had a failing test, which is

```
test("mixed simple add") {  
    // [12 CLP] + [7 USD] == {[12 CLP][7 USD]}  
    val bag = Set(f12CLP, f7USD)  
    val expected = new MoneyBag(bag)  
    assertEquals(expected, f12CLP.add(f7USD))  
}
```

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# Adding MoneyBags

We would like to freely add together arbitrary Monies and MoneyBags, and be sure that *equals behave as equals*:

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test("mixed simple add") {  
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  val expected = new MoneyBag(bag)  
  assertEquals(expected, f12CLP.add(f7USD))  
}
```

That implies that Money and MoneyBag should implement a common interface ...

# Adding MoneyBags

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```
f12CLP.add(f7USD) "==> return a money bag"
```

```
new MoneyBag().add(f12CLP) "==> return a money bag"
```

```
f12CLP.add(f12CLP) "==> return a money"
```

```
f12CLP.add(new MoneyBag()) "==> return a money bag"
```

...



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# A possible solution

```
class Money {  
  def add(m: Any): Any = {  
    if (m.isInstanceOf[Money]) { ... }  
    if (m.isInstanceOf[MoneyBag]) { ... }  
    // error here?  
  }  
}
```

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class MoneyBag {  
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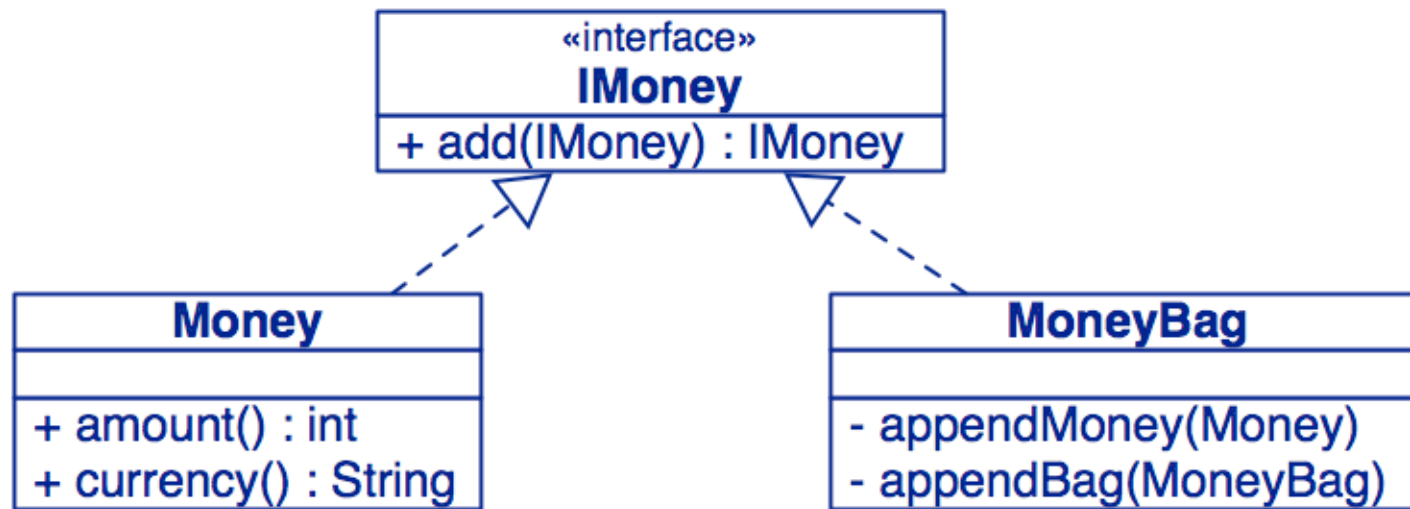


```
class MoneyBag {  
  def add(m: Any): Any = {  
    if(m.isInstanceOf[Money]) { ... }  
    if (m.isInstanceOf[MoneyBag]) { ... }  
  }  
}
```

no no, we do not want  
that!

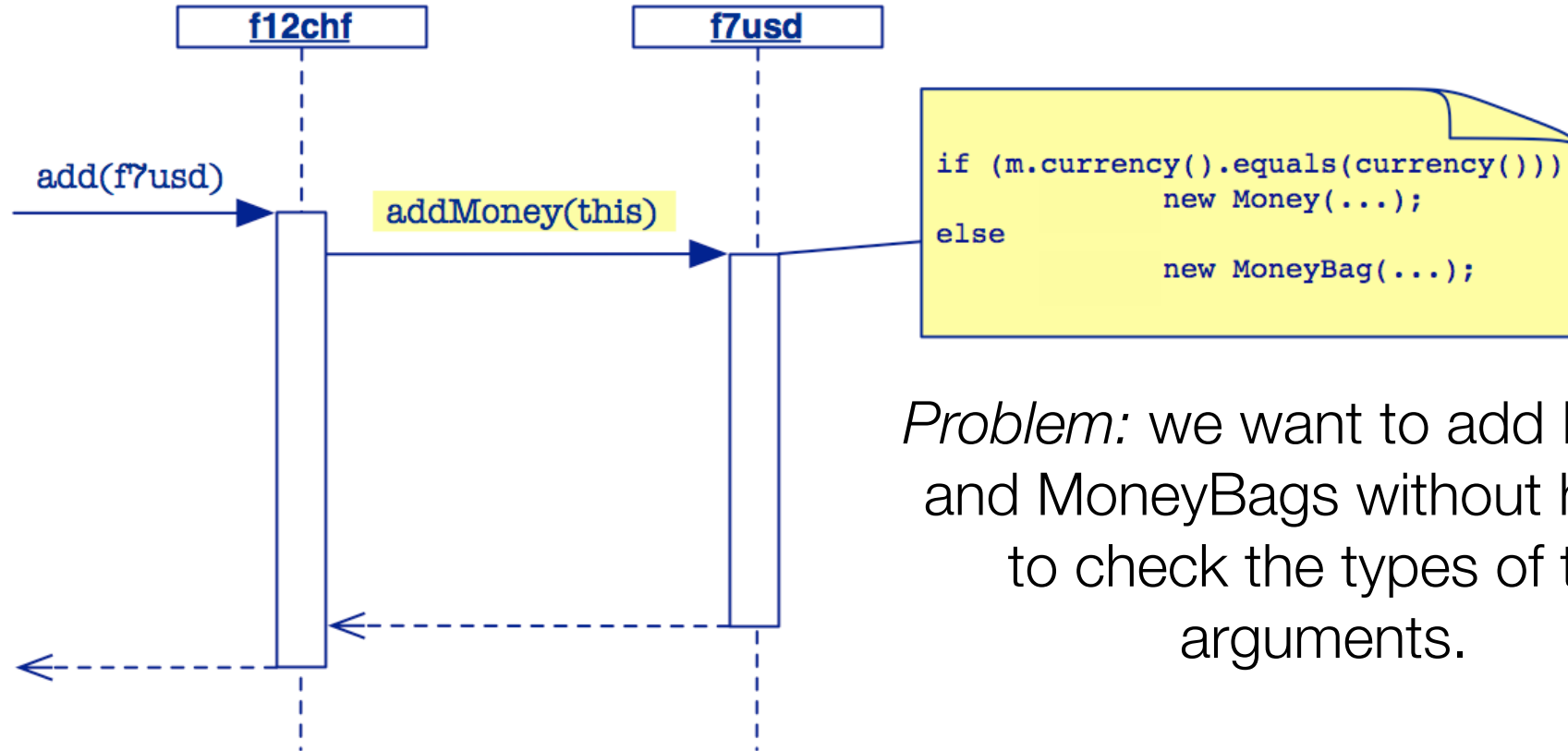
# The IMoney interface (I)

Monies know how to be added to other Monies



*[NOTE: The diagram is incomplete, we will complete it later on]*

# Double Dispatch (I)



*Problem:* we want to add Monies and MoneyBags without having to check the types of the arguments.

*Solution:* use *double dispatch* to expose more of your own interface.

# Double Dispatch (II)

How do we implement `add()` without breaking encapsulation?

```
class Money extends IMoney{  
  override def add(m: IMoney): IMoney = {  
    m.addMoney(this)  
  } ...  
}  
  
class MoneyBag extends IMoney{  
  override def add(m: IMoney): IMoney = {  
    m.addMoneyBag(this)  
  } ...  
}
```

Add me as Money

Add me as MoneyBag

“The idea behind double dispatch is to use an additional call to discover the kind of argument we are dealing with...”

# Double Dispatch (III)

The rest is then straightforward ...

```
class Money(...) extends IMoney{  
  def addMoney(m: Money): IMoney = {  
    if(m.currency.equals(currency))  
      new Money(value+m.value, currency)  
    else  
      new MoneyBag(this, m)  
  }  
  def addMoneyBag(mb: MoneyBag): IMoney = {  
    mb.addMoney(this)  
  } ...  
}
```

and MoneyBag takes care of the rest.

# Double Dispatch (IV)

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## Pros

No violation of encapsulation (no downcasting)

Smaller methods; easier to debug

Easy to add a new type

## Cons

No centralized control

May lead to an explosion of helper methods

# The IMoney interface (II)

So, the common interface has to be:

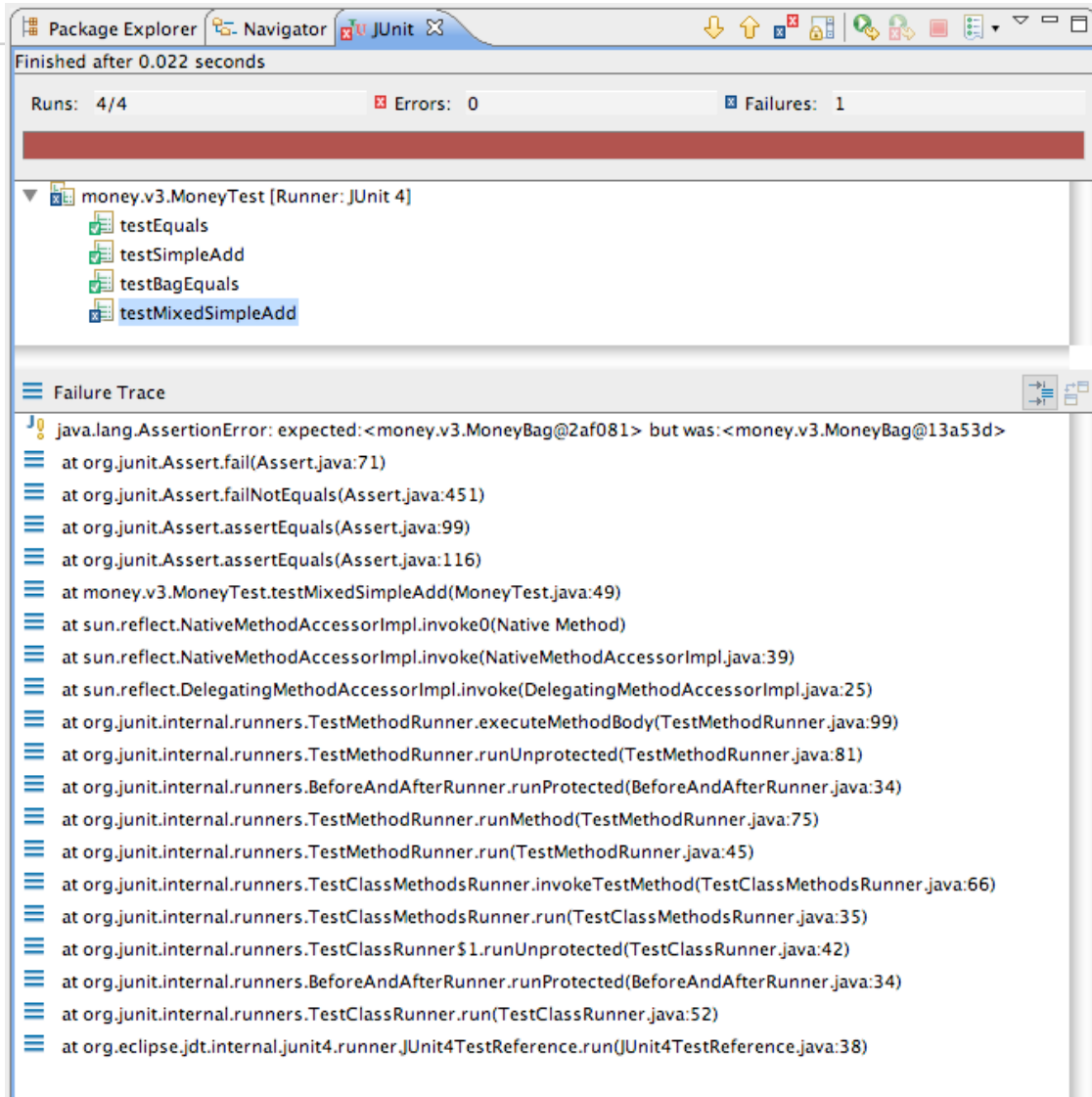
```
trait IMoney {  
  def add(m: IMoney): IMoney  
  def addMoney(m: Money): IMoney  
  def addMoneyBag(mb: MoneyBag): IMoney  
}
```

«interface» <b>IMoney</b>
+ add(IMoney) : IMoney
+ addMoney(Money) : IMoney
+ addMoneyBag(MoneyBag) : IMoney

NB: addMoney() and addMoneyBag() are only needed within the Money package.

# A Failed test

This time we  
are not so  
lucky ...



The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with the JUnit runner. The top status bar indicates "Finished after 0.022 seconds", "Runs: 4/4", "Errors: 0", and "Failures: 1". The Package Explorer on the left shows the test class hierarchy: `money.v3.MoneyTest` [Runner: JUnit 4]. The test methods listed are `testEquals`, `testSimpleAdd`, `testBagEquals`, and `testMixedSimpleAdd`. The `testMixedSimpleAdd` method is highlighted in blue. The Failure Trace pane at the bottom shows the following error:

```
java.lang.AssertionError: expected:<money.v3.MoneyBag@2af081> but was:<money.v3.MoneyBag@13a53d>
at org.junit.Assert.fail(Assert.java:71)
at org.junit.Assert.failNotEquals(Assert.java:451)
at org.junit.Assert.assertEquals(Assert.java:99)
at org.junit.Assert.assertEquals(Assert.java:116)
at money.v3.MoneyTest.testMixedSimpleAdd(MoneyTest.java:49)
at sun.reflect.NativeMethodAccessorImpl.invoke0(Native Method)
at sun.reflect.NativeMethodAccessorImpl.invoke(NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:39)
at sun.reflect.DelegatingMethodAccessorImpl.invoke(DelegatingMethodAccessorImpl.java:25)
at org.junit.internal.runners.TestMethodRunner.executeMethodBody(TestMethodRunner.java:99)
at org.junit.internal.runners.TestMethodRunner.runUnprotected(TestMethodRunner.java:81)
at org.junit.internal.runners.BeforeAndAfterRunner.runProtected(BeforeAndAfterRunner.java:34)
at org.junit.internal.runners.TestMethodRunner.runMethod(TestMethodRunner.java:75)
at org.junit.internal.runners.TestMethodRunner.run(TestMethodRunner.java:45)
at org.junit.internal.runners.TestClassMethodsRunner.invokeTestMethod(TestClassMethodsRunner.java:66)
at org.junit.internal.runners.TestClassMethodsRunner.run(TestClassMethodsRunner.java:35)
at org.junit.internal.runners.TestClassRunner$1.runUnprotected(TestClassRunner.java:42)
at org.junit.internal.runners.BeforeAndAfterRunner.runProtected(BeforeAndAfterRunner.java:34)
at org.junit.internal.runners.TestClassRunner.run(TestClassRunner.java:52)
at org.eclipse.jdt.internal.junit4.runner.JUnit4TestReference.run(JUnit4TestReference.java:38)
```



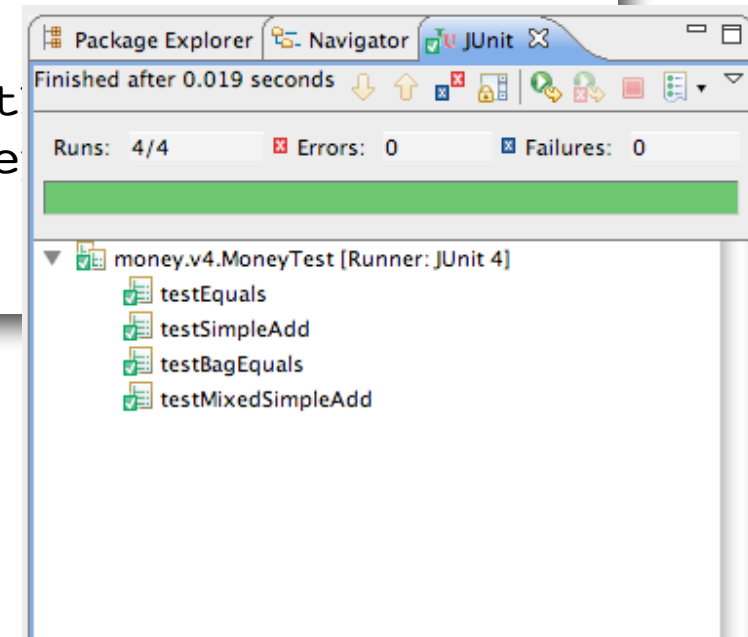
# The fix ...

It seems we forgot to implement `MoneyBag.equals()`!

We fix it:

```
class MoneyBag extends IMoney{  
    ...  
    override def equals(other: Any): Boolean  
        (other.getClass.getName == getClass.getName &&  
         monies.equals(other.asInstanceOf[Mone  
    }  
}
```

... test it, and continue developing.



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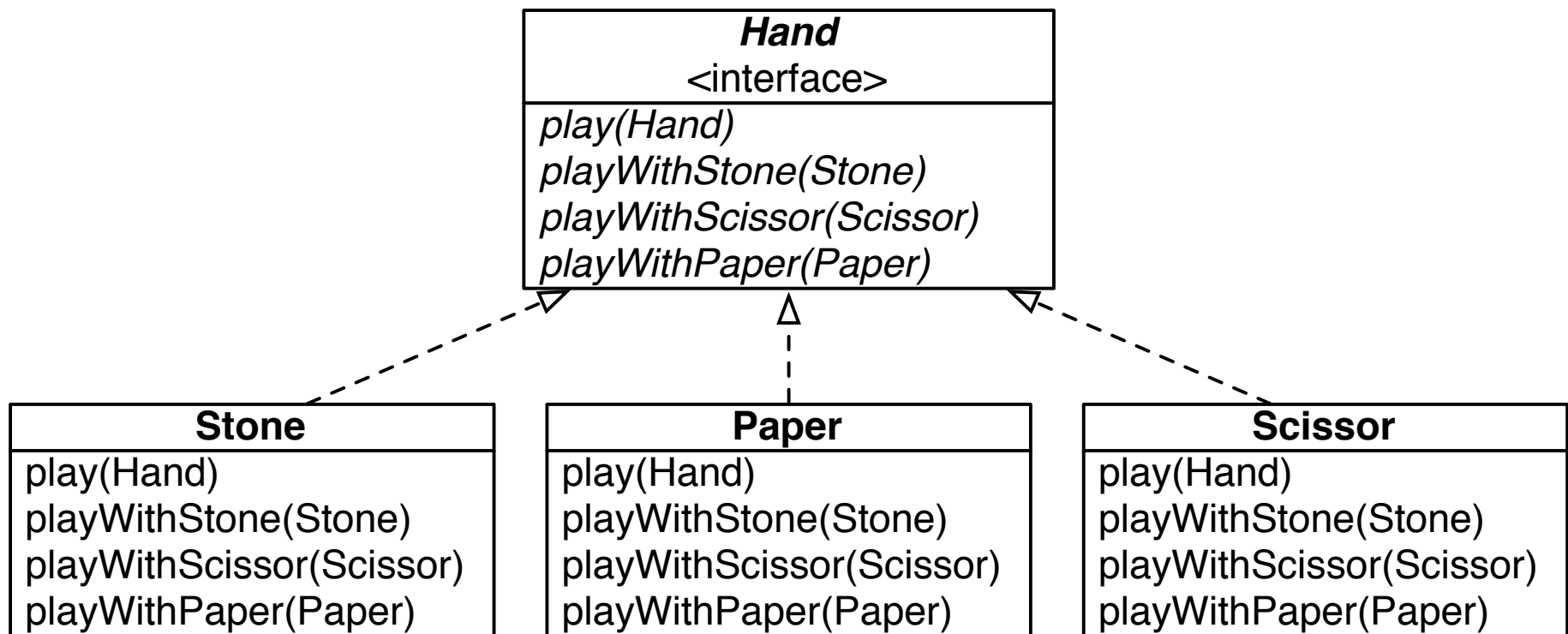
# Cachipun

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Though it looks simple, designing this small game is a fantastic example of the double dispatch design pattern

This pattern is particularly important since it is the base of many other design patterns

# Design



```
trait Hand {  
  // 1 win, 0 draw, -1 loose  
  def play(v: Hand): Int  
  def playWithStone(stone: Stone): Int  
  def playWithPaper(paper: Paper): Int  
  def playWithScissor(scissor: Scissor): Int  
}
```

```
class Stone extends Hand {  
    def play(v: Hand): Int = v.playWithStone(this)  
  
    def playWithStone(stone: Stone): Int = 0  
  
    def playWithPaper(paper: Paper): Int = 1  
  
    def playWithScissor(scissor: Scissor): Int = -1  
}
```

```
class Paper extends Hand {  
  def play(v: Hand): Int = v.playWithPaper(this)  
  
  def playWithStone(stone: Stone): Int = -1  
  
  def playWithPaper(paper: Paper): Int = 0  
  
  def playWithScissor(scissor: Scissor): Int = 1  
}
```

```
class Scissor extends Hand{  
  def play(v: Hand): Int = v.playWithScissor(this)  
  
  def playWithStone(stone: Stone): Int = 1  
  
  def playWithPaper(paper: Paper): Int = -1  
  
  def playWithScissor(scissor: Scissor): Int = 0  
}
```



# Benefit of using double dispatch


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Methods are shorts

Methods do not contains “if” and “instanceof”

This means that code is *easier to test*, thanks to double dispatch

Ideally, `instanceof` has to be used only in the `equals` method

The cost of adding a new type (e.g., spoke or ) is very low

# What you should know

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How does the double dispatch pattern work?

When should one apply this pattern?

What are the benefits when using it?

# Can you answer these questions?

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Can you give an example where the double dispatch is successfully employed?

Can the double dispatch be used to always get rid of the if statements?

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