

Lab 2: Transitioning from procedural approach to object oriented approach

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- In lab 1 the code for performing fraction arithmetic had many issues including:
 1. Global variables: are accessible by all functions, which can lead to unintended modifications.
 2. Poor Encapsulation: the program is difficult to manage and extend.
 3. Difficulty in maintenance and scalability: adding new features or modifying existing ones can lead to complex and error prone code.
 4. Inflexibility: the code is difficult adapt to new requirements. e.g. try adding a function which can calculate powers of fractions such as $(1/2)^2$
- The **revised code** uses **struct** which simplifies the code, making it more readable, managable and accessible.

Tasks for this lab

1. Taking help from the revised code. Try to create a **struct Point**. Point represent a point on cartesian coordinate plane. Each point is a pair (x,y) where both x and y are integers.
2. Write function to calculate Distance between two points.
The Euclidean distance between two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) in a 2D Cartesian coordinate plane is calculated using the following formula:
$$\text{Distance} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$
3. Write another function **mid_point** The formula for finding the midpoint between two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) on a 2D Cartesian coordinate plane is:
$$\text{Midpoint} = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$
4. Write function **translate** to translate a point.
The formula to translate a point (x, y) by a given translation vector (dx, dy) is:
$$(x', y') = (x + dx, y + dy)$$
5. write **main** function, create 2 point variables and call the above defined functions appropriately.

Explanation of distance calculation:

- (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) are the coordinates of the two points.
- The difference between the x-coordinates $(x_2 - x_1)$ and the difference between the y-coordinates $(y_2 - y_1)$ are squared.
- These squared differences are then summed.
- Finally, the square root of this sum is taken to get the Euclidean distance, which is the straight-line distance between the two points.

Example:

Given two points $A(1, 2)$ and $B(4, 6)$, the Euclidean distance between them is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Distance} = \sqrt{(4-1)^2 + (6-2)^2} = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{9+16} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

So, the distance between points $A(1, 2)$ and $B(4, 6)$ is 5 units.

Explanation of Mid Point calculation:

- The midpoint's x-coordinate is the average of the x-coordinates of the two points: $\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}$.
- The midpoint's y-coordinate is the average of the y-coordinates of the two points: $\frac{y_1+y_2}{2}$.
- This point lies exactly halfway between the two points on the line segment connecting them.

Example:

Given two points $A(1, 2)$ and $B(5, 6)$, the midpoint M is calculated as follows:

$$M = \left(\frac{1+5}{2}, \frac{2+6}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{6}{2}, \frac{8}{2}\right) = (3, 4)$$

So, the midpoint between points $A(1, 2)$ and $B(5, 6)$ is $M(3, 4)$.

Explanation of translate calculation:

- (x, y) : The original coordinates of the point before translation.
- (dx, dy) : The translation vector, where:
 - dx is the distance to move the point along the x-axis.
 - dy is the distance to move the point along the y-axis.
- (x', y') : The new coordinates of the point after translation.

Example:

If you have a point $A(3, 4)$ and you want to translate it by $dx = 2$ units along the x-axis and $dy = -3$ units along the y-axis, the new coordinates A' will be:

$$(x', y') = (3 + 2, 4 + (-3)) = (5, 1)$$

So, the point $A(3, 4)$ is translated to $A'(5, 1)$.