

Ch14-OOP

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1 Object Oriented Programming (OOP)

http://openbookproject.net/thinkcs/python/english3e/classes_and_objects_I.html

http://openbookproject.net/thinkcs/python/english3e/classes_and_objects_II.html

- we've been using procedural programming paradigm; focus on functions/procedures
- OOP paradigm is best used in large and complex modern software systems
 - OOD (Object Oriented Design) makes it easy to maintain and improve software over time
- focus is on creation of objects which contain both data and functionality together under one name
- typically, each class definition corresponds to some object or concept in the real world with some attributes/properties that maintain its state; and the functions/methods correspond to the ways real-world objects interact

1.1 class

- we've used classes like str, int, float, dict, tuple, etc.
- class keyword lets programmer define their own compound data types
- class is a collection of relevant attributes and methods like real world objects
- syntax:

```
class className:
    [statement-1]
    .
    .
    [statement-N]
```

1.1.1 a simple Point class

- a class that represents a point in 2-D coordinates

```
[2]: # OK but NOT best practice!
class Point:
    pass
```

```
[3]: # instantiate an object a of type Point
a = Point()
a.x = 0 # dynamically attach attributes
a.y = 0
```

```
print(a.x, a.y)
```

0 0

1.1.2 better class example

- with constructor and destructor methods, class attribute and object attributes

```
[4]: class Point:
    """
    Point class to represent and manipulate x and y in 2D coordinates
    """
    count = 0 # class variable/attribute

    # constructor to customize the initial state of an object
    # first argument refers to the instance being manipulated;
    # it is customary to name this parameter self; but can be anything
    def __init__(self, xx=0, yy=0):
        """Create a new point with given x and y coords"""
        # x and y are object variables/attributes
        self.x = xx
        self.y = yy
        Point.count += 1 # increment class variable

    # destructor
    def __del__(self):
        Point.count -= 1
```

1.2 class members

- like real world objects, object instances can have both attributes and methods
 - attributes are properties that store data/values
 - methods are operations that operate on or use data/values
- use . dot notation to access members
- x and y are attributes of Point class
- __init__() (constructor) and __del__() (destructor) are special methods
 - more on special methods later
- can have as many relevant attributes and methods that help mimic real-world objects

```
[5]: # instantiate an object
p = Point()
# what is the access specifier for attributes?
print('p: x = {} and y = {}'.format(p.x, p.y))
print("Total point objects = {}".format(Point.count)) # access class variable
↳ outside class
# p.__del__() # call destructor explicitly
p1 = Point(10, 100)
print("p1: x = {} and y = {}".format(p1.x, p1.y))
```

```
print("Total point objects = {}".format(Point.count))

# Run this cell few times and see the value of Point.count
# How do you fix this problem? Use __del__ destructor method.
```

```
p: x = 0 and y = 0
Total point objects = 1
p1: x = 10 and y = 100
Total point objects = 2
```

```
[6]: print("Total point objects = {}".format(Point.count))
```

```
Total point objects = 2
```

```
[7]: # let's print objects
print(p, p1)
# not very useful info!
```

```
<__main__.Point object at 0x7fa1f18000d0> <__main__.Point object at 0x7fa1f18003a0>
```

1.2.1 visualizing class and instance attributes using pythontutor.com

- <https://goo.gl/aGuc4r>

1.2.2 exercise: add a method `dist_from_origin()` to Point class

- computes and returns the distance from the origin
- test the methods
- provides `__str__` overloaded method to represent objects as string
 - helps in printing objects

```
[9]: class Point:
    """
    Point class represents and manipulates x,y coords
    """
    count = 0

    def __init__(self, xx=0, yy=0):
        """Create a new point with given x and y coords"""
        self.x = xx
        self.y = yy
        Point.count += 1

    def dist_from_origin(self):
        import math
        dist = math.sqrt(self.x**2+self.y**2)
        return dist
```

```

def __str__(self):
    return "({}, {})".format(self.x, self.y)

# destructor
def __del__(self):
    Point.count -= 1

```

```

[10]: p1 = Point(2, 2)
      print(p1.dist_from_origin())

```

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```

[11]: # let's print p1 object
      print(p1)

```

(2, 2)

1.3 objects are mutable

- can change the state or attributes of an object

```

[38]: p2 = Point(3, 2)
      print(p2)
      p2.x = 4
      p2.y = 10
      print(p2)

```

(3, 2)

(4, 10)

1.3.1 better approach to change state/attribute is via methods

- move(xx, yy) method is added to class to set new x and y values for a point objects

```

[3]: class Point:
      """
      Point class represents and manipulates x and y coordinates
      """
      count = 0

      def __init__(self, xx=0, yy=0):
          """Create a new point with given x and y coords"""
          self.x = xx
          self.y = yy
          Point.count += 1

      def dist_from_origin(self):

```

```

import math
dist = math.sqrt(self.x**2+self.y**2)
return dist

def __str__(self): # string representation of the class; useful in printing
↳objects
    return "({}, {})".format(self.x, self.y)

# use setters to set attributes
def setX(self, xx):
    if isinstance(x, int) or isinstance(x, float):
        self.x = int(xx)
    elif isinstance(xx, str):
        if xx.isnumeric():
            self.x = int(xx)
        # else?

def setY(self, yy):
    if isinstance(y, int) or isinstance(y, float):
        self.y = int(yy)
    elif isinstance(yy, str):
        if yy.isnumeric():
            self.y = int(yy)
        # else?

# use getters to get attributes
def getX(self):
    return self.x

def getY(self):
    return self.y

def move(self, xx, yy):
    self.x = xx
    self.y = yy

# destructor
def __del__(self):
    Point.count -= 1

```

```

[4]: p3 = Point()
print(p3)
p3.move(10, 20)
print(p3)

```

```

(0, 0)
(10, 20)

```

1.4 sameness - alias or deep copy

```
[5]: import copy
p2 = Point(3, 4)
p3 = p2 # alias or deepcopy?
print(p2 is p3) # checks if two references refer to the same object
p4 = copy.deepcopy(p2)
print(p2 is p4)
```

True
False

1.5 passing objects as arguments to functions

```
[6]: def print_point(pt):
    #pt.x = 100
    #pt.y = 100
    print('{0}, {1}'.format(pt.getX(), pt.getY()))
```

```
[7]: p = Point(10, 10)
print_point(p)
#print(p)
print(p.getX(), p.getY())
```

(10, 10)
10 10

1.6 are objects passed by value or reference?

- how can you tell?
- write a simple program to test.

1.7 returning object instances from functions

- object(s) can be returned from functions

```
[8]: def midpoint(p1, p2):
    """Returns the midpoint of points p1 and p2"""
    mx = (p1.getX() + p2.getX())/2
    my = (p1.getY() + p2.getY())/2
    return Point(mx, my)
```

```
[9]: p = Point(4, 6)
q = Point(6, 4)
r = midpoint(p, q)
print_point(r) # better way to do this: use __str__() special method
print(r)
```

```
(4.0, 5.0)
(4.0, 5.0)
```

exercise 1: In-class demo: Design a class to represent a triangle and implement methods to calculate area and perimeter.

1.8 composition

- class can include another class as a member
- let's say we want to represent a rectangle in a 2-D coordinates (XY plane)
- corner represents the top left point on a XY plane

```
[10]: class Rectangle:
        """ A class to manufacture rectangle objects """

        def __init__(self, posn, w, h):
            """ Initialize rectangle at posn, with width w, height h """
            self.corner = posn
            self.width = w
            self.height = h

        def __str__(self):
            return "{0}, {1}, {2}".format(self.corner, self.width, self.height)
```

```
[11]: box = Rectangle(Point(0, 0), 100, 200)
        bomb = Rectangle(Point(100, 80), 5, 10)    # In my video game
        print("box: ", box)
        print("bomb: ", bomb)
```

```
box:  ((0, 0), 100, 200)
bomb:  ((100, 80), 5, 10)
```

1.9 copying objects

- can be challenging as assigning one object to another simply creates alias

```
[47]: r1 = Rectangle(Point(1, 1), 10, 5)
        r2 = copy.copy(r1)
```

```
[48]: # r1 is not r2
        r1 is r2
```

```
[48]: False
```

```
[49]: # but two corners are same
        r1.corner is r2.corner
```

```
[49]: True
```

```
[50]: # let's test alias by moving r1 to a different location
r1.corner.move(10, 10)
```

```
[51]: # you can see r2 is moved to that location as well
print(r1)
print(r2)
```

```
((10, 10), 10, 5)
((10, 10), 10, 5)
```

```
[52]: # fix: use deepcopy from copy module
r3 = copy.deepcopy(r1)
```

```
[53]: r1 is r3
```

```
[53]: False
```

```
[54]: print(r1, r3)
```

```
((10, 10), 10, 5) ((10, 10), 10, 5)
```

```
[55]: r1.corner.move(20, 20)
# r1 is moved but not r3
print(r1, r3)
```

```
((20, 20), 10, 5) ((10, 10), 10, 5)
```

1.10 Class methods and static methods

- Python provides `@classmethod` and `@staticmethod` function decorators
- object/instance methods take `self` keyword as the first argument
 - which can then be used to act on instance data
- class methods take class name (as a variable) as the first argument
 - don't need instances; the class name is actually the uninstantiated class itself
 - follows the **static factory pattern** to generate instances
- static methods are much like `static` keyword in Java
 - mainly contain logic pertaining to the class without the need for specific instance data
- for details: <https://realpython.com/instance-class-and-static-methods-demystified/>

```
[22]: # Simple demo
class MyClass:
    def method(self):
        return 'instance method called', self

    @classmethod
    def classmethod(cls):
        return 'class method called', cls
```



```
@staticmethod
def staticmethod():
    return 'static method called'
```

```
[23]: c = MyClass()
```

```
[23]: 'static method called'
```

```
[24]: c.method()
```

```
[24]: ('instance method called', <__main__.MyClass at 0x7fa1f180cdf0>)
```

```
[25]: MyClass.classmethod()
```

```
[25]: ('class method called', __main__.MyClass)
```

```
[26]: MyClass.staticmethod()
```

```
[26]: 'static method called'
```

```
[13]: class Grades:

    def __init__(self, grades):
        self.grades = grades

    @classmethod
    def from_csv(cls, grade_csv_str):
        grades = list(map(int, grade_csv_str.split(',')))
        cls.validate(grades)
        return cls(grades)

    @staticmethod
    def validate(grades):
        for g in grades:
            if g < 0 or g > 100:
                raise Exception()
```

```
[14]: try:
    # Try out some valid grades
    valid_grades = Grades.from_csv('90,80,85,94,70')
    print('Got grades:', valid_grades.grades)

    # Should fail with invalid grades
    invalid_grades = Grades.from_csv('92,-15,99,101,77,65,100')
    print(invalid_grades.grades)
```

```
except:  
    print('Invalid!')
```

Got grades: [90, 80, 85, 94, 70]
Invalid!

[]: