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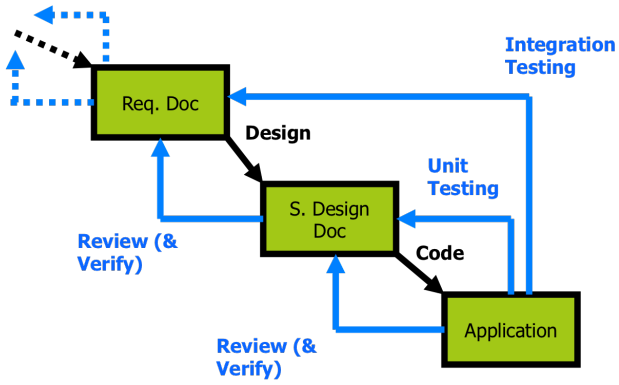
5. Read each question carefully.
6. Try to allocate your time sensibly and divide it appropriately between the questions.
7. The set $\mathbb{N}$ is assumed to include 0.

Question 1 [6 marks] Parnas advocates faking a rational design process as depicted in the figure below. The faked documentation follows these steps: Requirements (SRS) → Design (MG and MIS) → Application Implementation (code) → Verification and Validation (Unit Testing, Integration Testing, Review). How are the principles of a) abstraction and b) separation of concerns applied in a rational design process? In your answer you can refer to any aspects of the process, documentation, and/or Parnas's principles.



[Fill in your answer below —SS]

a) Abstraction
Applying abstraction in the design process means seeking to create a model of the system without including any unnecessary details. For the initial stage, this means only taking the relevant information from the requirement docs and designing the system from that. In the design stage, this means designing the modules in the program to be as general as possible, so that they can have a wider range of use on the application level. It also outlines which routines are necessary to be accessed from within the program, and which ones are necessary to be exported. On the application level, abstraction is applied such that the user only has the information that is necessary to them, and the rest of the data is hidden from them.

b) Separation of Concerns
The separation of concerns is applied starting at the requirements document. Here, it is employed to break the requirements into different requirements, such as different constraints (like timing and accuracy), specifications about the computer system or physical interface, or possible future changes. The separation of concerns is further applied at the design level, as this concept leads to the modularization of the system being designed. Ultimately, the separation of concerns seeks to reduce the amount of human error in the design process by making the amount of information manageable, but it can never full reduce the amount of human error.

Consider the specification for two modules: SeqServices and SetOfInt.

Sequence Services Library

Module

SeqServicesLibrary

Uses

None

Syntax

Exported Constants

None

Exported Types

None

Exported Access Programs

Routine name	In	Out	Exceptions
max_val	seq of $\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{N}$	ValueError
count	$\mathbb{Z}$, seq of $\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{N}$	ValueError
spices	seq of $\mathbb{Z}$	seq of string	ValueError
new_max_val	seq of $\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{B}$	$\mathbb{N}$	ValueError

Semantics

State Variables

None

State Invariant

None

Assumptions

- All access programs will have inputs provided that match the types given in the specification.

Access Routine Semantics

max_val(s)

- output: $out := |m| : \mathbb{N}$ such that $(m \in s) \wedge \forall(x : \mathbb{Z} | x \in s : |m| \geq |x|)$
- exception: $(|s| = 0 \Rightarrow \text{ValueError})$

count(t, s)

- output: $out := +(x : \mathbb{Z} | x \in s \wedge x = t : 1)$
- exception: $(|s| = 0 \Rightarrow \text{ValueError})$

spices(s)

- output: $out := \langle x : \mathbb{Z} | x \in s : (x \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{“nutmeg”} | \text{True} \Rightarrow \text{“ginger”}) \rangle$
- exception: $(|s| = 0 \Rightarrow \text{ValueError})$

new_max_val(s, f)

- output: $out := \text{max\_val}(\langle x : \mathbb{Z} | x \in s \wedge f(x) : x \rangle)$
- exception: $(|s| = 0 \Rightarrow \text{ValueError})$

Set of Integers Abstract Data Type

Template Module

SetOfInt

Uses

None

Syntax

Exported Types

SetOfInt = ?

Exported Constants

None

Exported Access Programs

Routine name	In	Out	Exceptions
new SetOfInt	seq of $\mathbb{Z}$	SetOfInt	
is_member	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{B}$	
to_seq		seq of $\mathbb{Z}$	
union	SetOfInt	SetOfInt	
diff	SetOfInt	SetOfInt	
size		$\mathbb{N}$	
empty		$\mathbb{B}$	
equals	SetOfInt	$\mathbb{B}$	

Semantics

State Variables

s: set of $\mathbb{Z}$

State Invariant

None

Assumptions

- The SetOfInt constructor is called for each object instance before any other access routine is called for that object. The constructor can only be called once. All access programs will have inputs provided that match the types given in the specification.

Access Routine Semantics

new SetOfInt(x_s):

- transition: $s := \cup(x : \mathbb{Z} | x \in x_s : \{x\})$
- output: *out* := *self*
- exception: none

is_member(x):

- output: $x \in s$
- exception: none

to_seq():

- output: *out* := set_to_seq(s)
- exception: none

union(t):

- output: SetOfInt(set_to_seq(s)||t.to_seq())
  # in case it is clearer, an alternate version of output is:
  SetOfInt(set_to_seq($s \cup \{x : \mathbb{Z} | x \in t.\text{to\_seq}() : x\}$))
- exception: none

diff(t):

- output: SetOfInt(set_to_seq($s \cap$ complement(t.to_seq())))
- exception: none

size():

- output: $|s|$
- exception: none

empty():

- output: $s = \varnothing$
- exception: none

equals(t):

- output: $\forall(x : \mathbb{Z} | x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \in t.\text{to\_seq}() \leftrightarrow x \in s)$ *# this means:* $t.\text{to\_seq}() = s$
- exception: none

Local Functions

set_to_seq : set of $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow$ seq of $\mathbb{Z}$
set_to_seq(s) $\equiv \langle x : \mathbb{Z} | x \in s : x \rangle$ # *Return a seq of all of the elems in the set s, order does not matter*

complement : seq of $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow$ set of $\mathbb{Z}$
complement(A) $\equiv \{x : \mathbb{Z} | x \notin A : x\}$

Question 2 [15 marks]

[Complete Python code to match the above specification. —SS] The files you need to complete are: `SeqServicesLibrary.py` and `SetOfInt.py`. Two testing files are also provided: `expt.py` and `test_driver.py`. The file `expt.py` is pre-populated with some simple experiments to help you see the interface in use, and do some initial test. You are free to add to this file to experiment with your work, but the file itself isn't graded. The `test_driver.py` is also not graded. However, you may want to create test cases to improve your confidence in your solution. The stubs of the necessary files are already available in your `src` folder. The code will automatically be imported into this document when the `tex` file is compiled. You should use the provided Makefile to test your code. You will NOT need to modify the Makefile. The given Makefile will work for `make test`, without errors, from the initial state of your repo. The `make expt` rule will also work, because all lines of code have been commented out. Uncomment lines as you complete work on each part of the modules relevant to those lines in `expt.py` file. The required imports are already given in the code. You should not make any modifications in the provided import statements. You should not delete the ones that are already there. Although you can solve the problem without adding any imports, if your solution requires additional imports, you can add them. As usual, the final test is whether the code runs on mills.

Any exceptions in the specification have names identical to the expected Python exceptions; your code should use exactly the exception names as given in the spec.

You do not need to worry about doxygen comments. However, you should include regular comments in the code where it would benefit from an explanation.

You do not need to worry about PEP8. Adherence to PEP8 will not be part of the grading.

Remember, your code needs to implement the given specification so that the interface behaves as specified. This does NOT mean that the local functions need to all be implemented, or that the types used internally to the spec need to be implemented exactly as given. If you do implement any local functions, please make them private by preceding the name with double underscores.

Code for SeqServicesLibrary.py

```
## @file SeqServicesLibrary.py
#  @author Your name
#  @brief Library module that provides functions for working with
   sequences
#  @details This library assumes that all functions will be provided
   with arguments of the expected types
#  @date 03/04/2021

def max_val(s):
    if len(s) == 0:
        raise(ValueError)
    max_value = abs(s[0])
    for v in s:
        if abs(v) > max_value:
            max_value = abs(v)
    return max_value

def count(t, s):
    if len(s) == 0:
        raise(ValueError)
    count = 0
    for item in s:
        if t == item:
            count += 1
    return count

def spices(s):
    if len(s) == 0:
        raise(ValueError)
    lst = []
    for item in s:
        if item <= 0:
            lst.append("nutmeg")
        else:
            lst.append("ginger")
    return lst

def new_max_val(s, f):
    if len(s) == 0:
        raise(ValueError)
    return max_val(list(map(f,s)))
```

Code for SetOfInt.py

```
## @file SetOfInt.py
#  @author Your Name
#  @brief Set of integers
#  @date 03/04/2021

class SetOfInt:

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

    def is_member(self, x):
        return x in self.s

    def to_seq(self):
        return self.__set_to_seq__(self.s)

    def union(self, t):
        newList = list(self.s) + t.to_seq()
        return SetOfInt(self.__set_to_seq__(newList))

    def diff(self, t):
        new_set = []
        for item in self.s:
            if not(item in t.to_seq()):
                new_set.append(item)
        return SetOfInt(self.__set_to_seq__(new_set))

    def size(self):
        return len(self.s)

    def empty(self):
        return []

    def equals(self, t):
        if len(self.to_seq()) != len(t.to_seq()):
            return False
        for i in range(len(t.to_seq())):
            if t.to_seq()[i] != self.to_seq()[i]:
                return False
        return True

    def __set_to_seq__(self, s):
        return sorted(list(s))
```

Code for expt.py

```
## @file expt.py
#  @author Spencer Smith
#  @brief This file is intended to help test that your interface
   matches the specified interface
#  @date 03/04/2021

from SeqServicesLibrary import *
from SetOfInt import *

# Exercising Sequence Services Library
#print()
#print("SeqServicesLibrary, max_val expt:", max_val([1, 2, -3]))
#print("SeqServicesLibrary, count expt:", count(1, [1, 1, 1, 1]))
#print("SeqServicesLibrary, spices expt:", spices([-5, 0, 23]))
#print("SeqServicesLibrary, new_max_val expt:", new_max_val([-5, 0,
   23], lambda x: x >10))
#print()

# Exercising Set of Integers
xs = [-9, 6, 23, 21, -5]
ys = list(xs)
ys.append(99)
S = SetOfInt(xs)
#print("SetOfInt, is_member expt:", S.is_member(21))
#print("SetOfInt, to_seq expt:", S.to_seq())
S2 = SetOfInt(ys)
S3 = S.union(S2)
#print("SetOfInt, union expt:", S3.to_seq())
S4 = S2.diff(S)
#print("SetOfInt, diff expt:", S4.to_seq())
#print("SetOfInt, size expt:", S4.size())
#print("SetOfInt, size expt:", S4.empty())
#S5 = SetOfInt([-9, 6, 23, -5, 21])
#print("SetOfInt, equals expt:", S.equals(S5))
#print()
```

Code for test_driver.py

```
## @file test_driver.py
#  @author Your Name
#  @brief Tests implementation of SeqServicesLibrary and SetOfInt ADT
#  @date 03/04/2021

from SeqServicesLibrary import *
from SetOfInt import *

from pytest import *

## @brief Tests functions from SeqServicesLibrary.py
class TestSeqServices:

    # Sample test
    def test_sample_test1(self):
        assert True

## @brief Tests functions from SetOfInt.py
class TestSetOfInt:

    # Sample test
    def test_sample_test2(self):
        assert True
```

Question 3 [5 marks]
Critique the design of the interface for the SetOfInt module. Specifically, review the interface with respect to its consistency, essentiality, generality and minimality. Please be specific in your answer.
[Put your answer for each quality below. —SS]

- **consistency**: The module specification was very consistent. The variables and methods all had consistent naming conventions relative to their type, and errors were all handled in the same way (which is to say, none were).
- **essentiality**: Although the method `set_to_seq` is a local method and is not exported, it fulfils the exact same service as `to_seq`. This is because `to_seq` directly returns the value computed by `set_to_seq` without any further computation. To make the module more essential, you could just get rid of the local function and put the code inside the `to_seq` method.
- **generality**: The specification of the code is not as general as it could be. Currently, the SetOfInt module only ranges over values in type $\mathbb{Z}$. However, the methods defined in the documentation could be applied to a greater range of types, such as $\mathbb{N}$ or $\mathbb{R}$ or even other user defined types.
- **minimality**: The module can be considered to be minimal, since there is not method that provides more that one service.

Question 4 [4 marks]
The module SetOfInt is for a set of integers. Please answer the following questions related to making that module generic.

a. How would you change the specification to make it generic? (Specifically what changes would you make to the given specification. You don't need to redo the spec, just summarize what changes you would need to make.)

b. What changes would you need to make to the Python implementation to make it generic for type T? (Again, you can describe and characterize the changes; you don't actually have to make them.)

c. What relational operator needs to be defined for type T to be a valid choice?

d. BONUS (1 mark) How would you specify (in the MIS) the relational operator constraint (from the previous question) on the generic type T?

[Put your answer below. —SS]

a.

b.

c.

d. (BONUS)