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1. What is the role of the instance variable `sideLength`?

Store the side length of the box.

2. What is the role of the instance variable `steps`?

Remember how many steps has the bug runned on this side.

3. Why is the `turn` method called twice when `steps` becomes equal to `sideLength`?

Because if we want the bug to move in a square, it should turn 90 degrees whenever it finishes an edge.

4. Why can the `move` method be called in the `BoxBug` class when there is no `move` method in the `BoxBug` code?

The `move` method is inherited from the `Bug` Class.

5. After a `BoxBug` is constructed, will the size of its square pattern always be the same? Why or why not?

Yes. Because the `sidelength` is stored in a private member variable and there is no method to access it.

6. Can the path a `BoxBug` travels ever change? Why or why not?

Yes. If the bug encounters an edge before it reaches the boundary of the box, it turns immediately and the position of the box changes.

7. When will the value of `steps` be zero?

When the bug is constructed, or when it encounters an edge or reaches the boundary of the box.

Exercises

1. Write a class `CircleBug` that is identical to `BoxBug`, except that in the `act` method the `turn` method is called once instead of twice. How is its behavior different from a `BoxBug`?

It tends to move in a path of right octagon.

5. Study the code for the `BoxBugRunner` class. Summarize the steps you would use to add another `BoxBug` actor to the grid.

First, create a `BoxBug` object using the keyword `new`. Then call the `add` method of the world to add the bug to the grid.