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1 Overview

2 Module Interaction

2.1 Class Descriptions

2.1.1 Class CommandLineInterface

The class `CommandLineInterface` represents the concrete command line interface. Therefore it only consists of two methods. The first one is `read_input` that receives a message that will be displayed and reads the next user input. The other method is `create_output`. This method prints a string to the CLI.

2.1.2 Class Controller

The controller is the main entry point for the program execution. It creates the view, receives the user input, calls the parser to create a command from the input and starts the module the user wants.

2.1.3 Class CommandParser

The `CommandParser` is a static class that gets the input which the user entered and parses it to a concrete command-object.

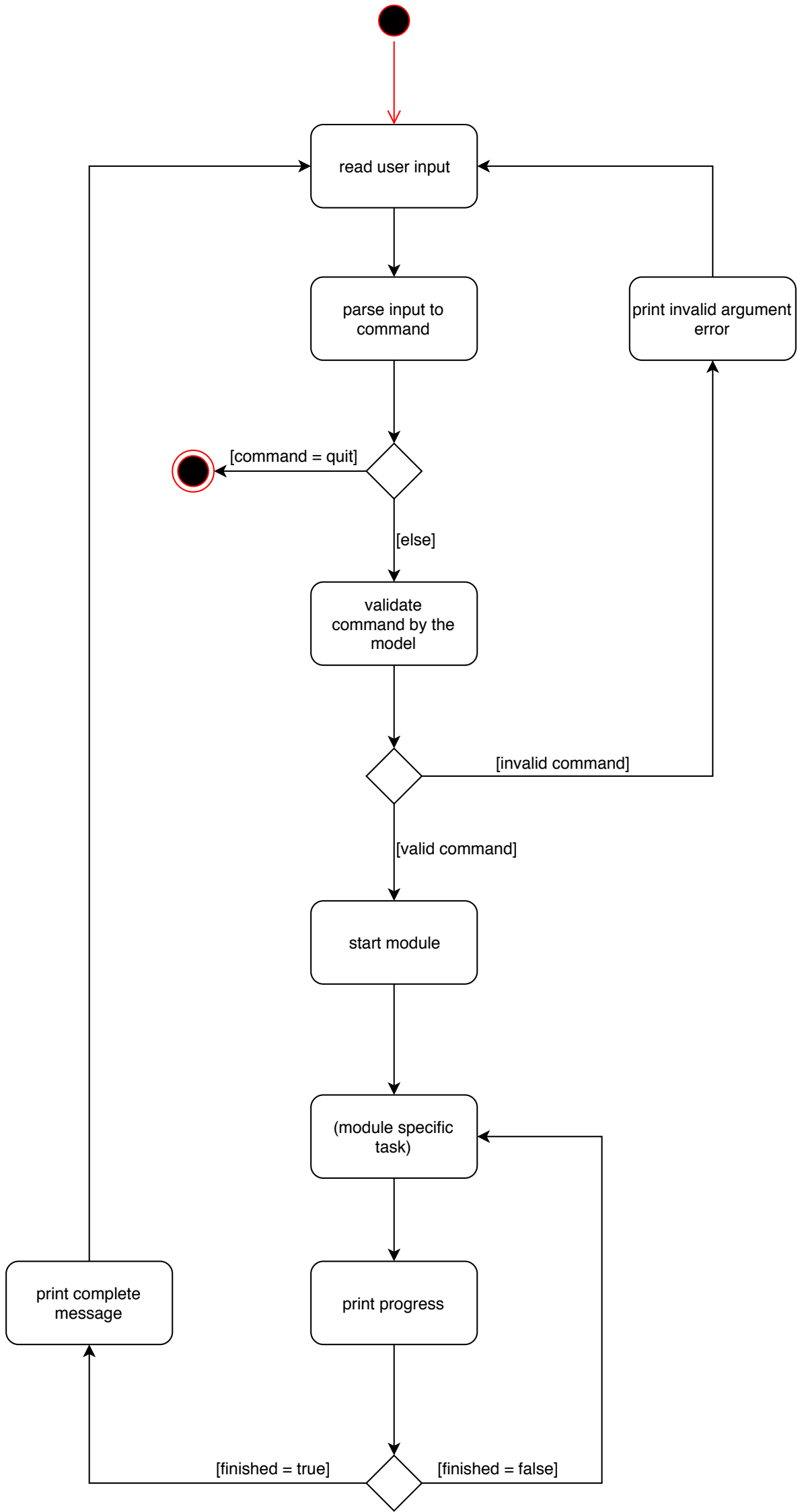
2.1.4 Class Command

The `Command` class holds all the information entered by the user that is needed to execute a module. There is one command subclass for each module and the command class also validates that all parameters are available to run the module. The command also has a `execute` method which runs the specific module with all the arguments it needs.

2.2 Activity Diagrams

2.2.1 User Input Activity Diagram

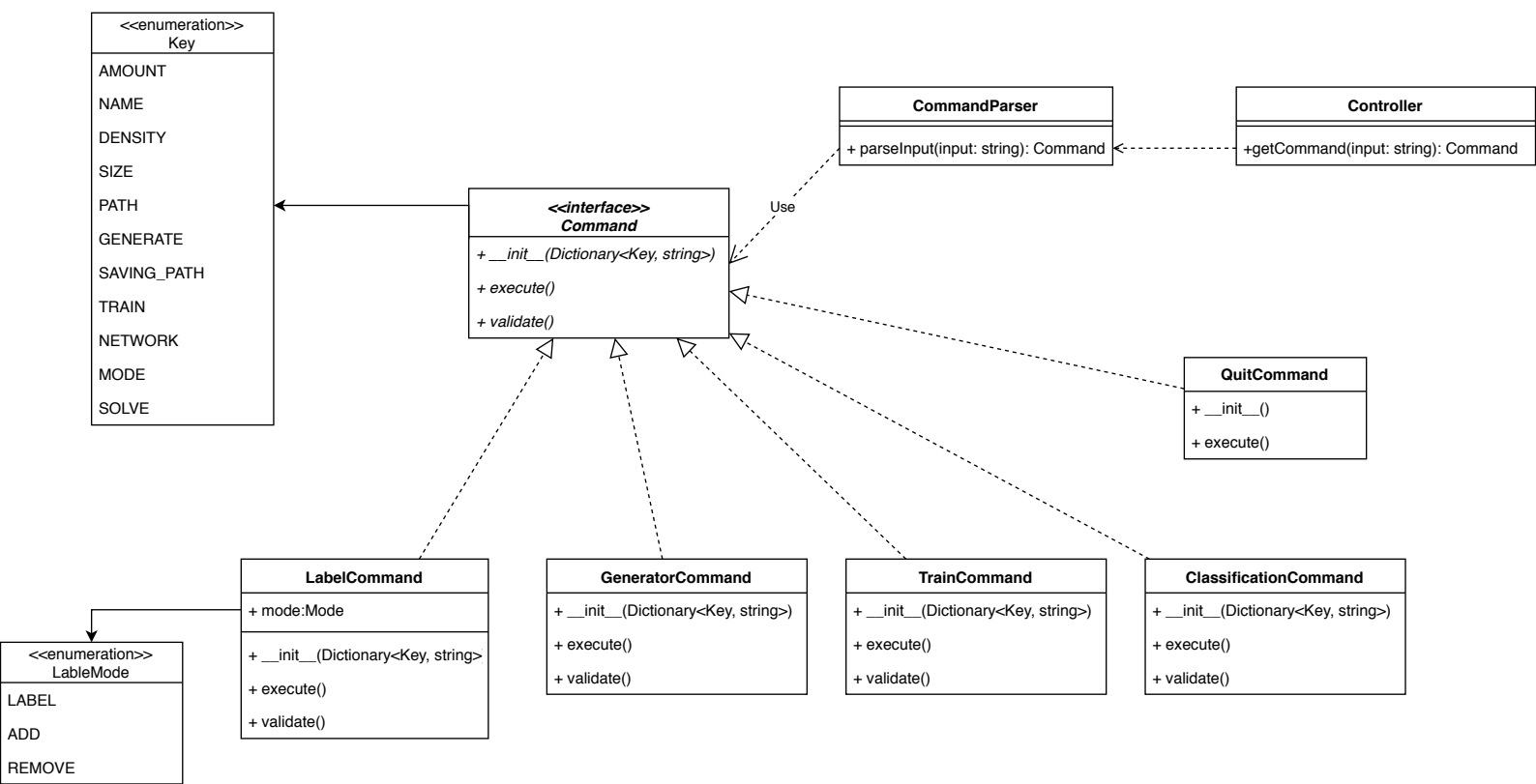
This activity diagram shows the main workflow of the whole program. The program first waits for user input. After the user enters his input into the command line interface, the `CommandParser` parses this input to a command. If the command equals quit, the program will exit. If not the command will be validated to contain enough information to start the desired module. If it is not valid, an error message will be printed and the user can enter a new input. If the command is valid, the module will be started. Therefore the module computes his specific task in iterations. After each iteration it prints the current progress to the user. This two activities repeat until all tasks are done. When the module is finished, the program prints a complete message and starts waiting for new user input.



2.3 Class Diagrams

2.3.1 Command Parsing

This class diagrams shows all classes that are used by the `CommandParser`. The `CommandParser` has one method that receives an input string and returns a command. This method uses the first word of the input string to determine which module is supposed to be started. Based on this he creates an instance of this subclass of the command. The remaining string will be parsed to a dictionary with keys and values. This dictionary is passed to the constructor of the command object. In the constructor of the command, the command also calls the `validate()` method. This method checks if all arguments that are necessary for the specific module start are provided. After that is finished the command can be returned by the `CommandParser`. The `execute` method of the command can be then used to start the modules computation.



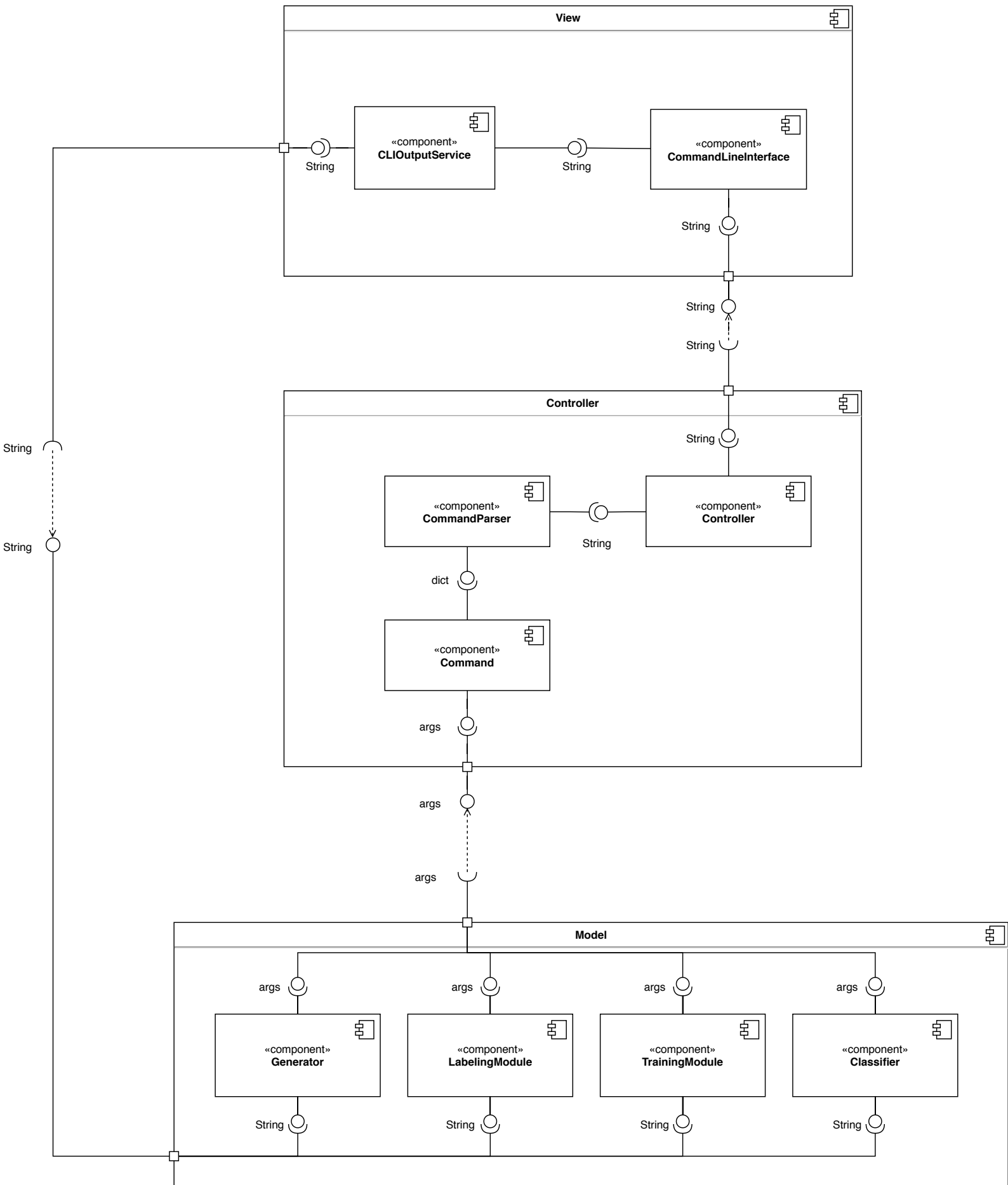
2.4 Component Diagram

2.4.1 Model View Controller Component Diagram

This component diagram shows the main interaction between the modules. For our main structure we use the model view controller. Each class belongs to one of the three parts: view, controller or model. In the view there is the `CommandLineInterface`, which as the name suggests represents the command line. It receives strings, that it will display and makes the user input available for other classes. The other class in the view is the `CLIOutputService`. This class works as the observer for the model and receives the strings the model wants to output. It then provides strings that can be displayed by the command line interface.

The next big part is the controller. This part's main component is the class that is also called controller. This class gets a string by the `CommandLineInterface`. This string is then passed to the `CommandParser`. This class creates the right command and passes the arguments to this command. The command stores these arguments and makes them available for the modules.

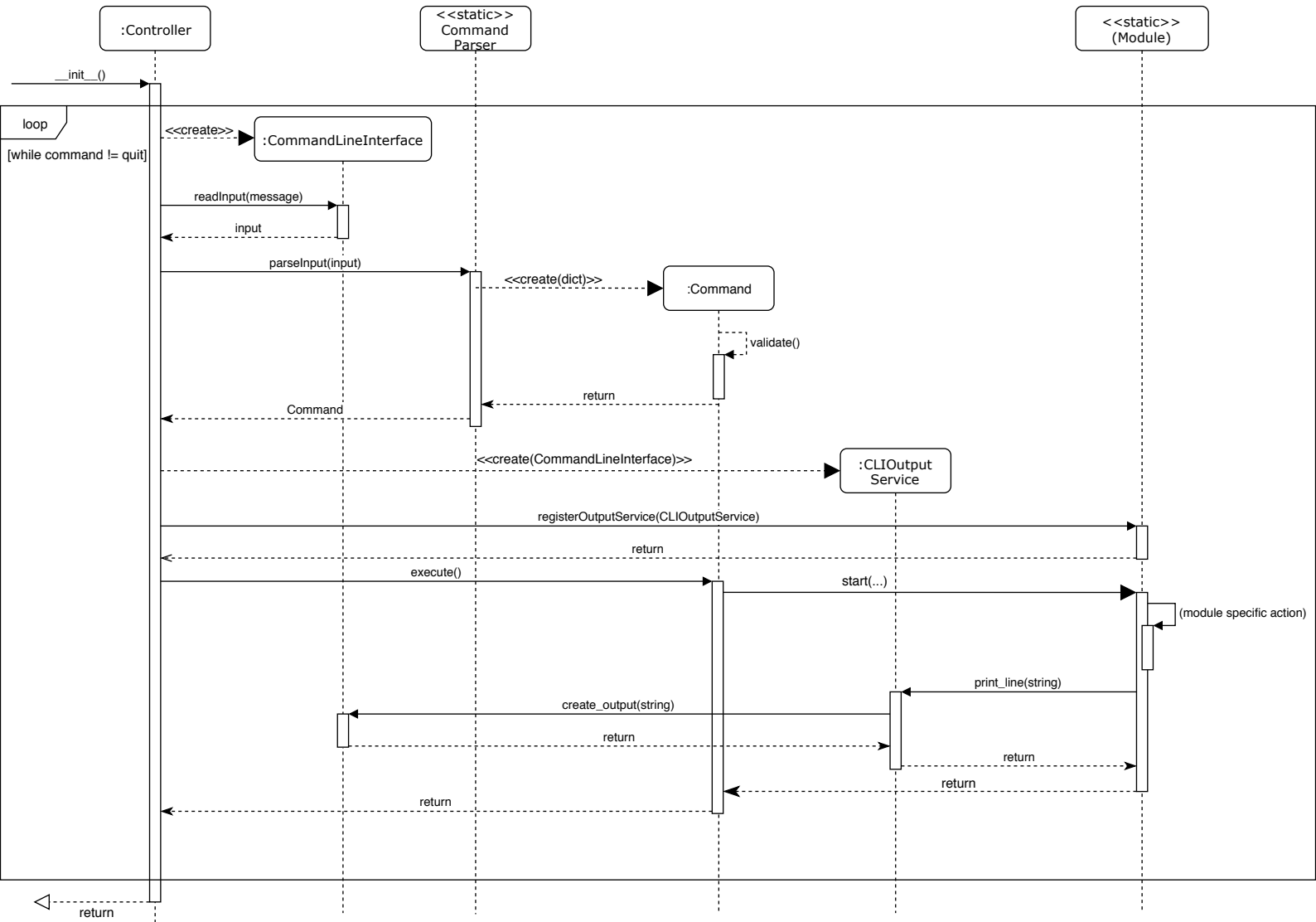
The model consists of the four static modules that make the computations. These modules get the arguments that are provided by the command. The modules can also provide strings that can be displayed in the view.



2.5 Sequence Diagrams

2.5.1 Controller Sequence Diagram

This class diagram shows what happens when the controller is being created. First it will create the `CommandLineInterface` class. After finishing that, it asks the command line interface for user input. This user input is then passed to the `CommandParser` that creates a dict out of this string and creates the right instance of a `Command`. When creating a command, it also calls the `validate` method that checks if all arguments that are needed by the module for running its computation are provided. If that's the case, the controller creates a `CLIOutputService` and attaches the `CommandLineInterface` to it. This `CLIOutputService` is then registered to the module so this can create output to the command line interface. After all this setup steps, the module is ready to be executed. Therefore the controller calls the `execute` method on the command, which then calls the `start` method of the module with the arguments it needs. The module then starts its computations and eventually calls the `CLIOutputService` to create some user output. The module calls `print_line` with the string it wants to output. The `CLIOutputService` creates the string that can be displayed and this is passed to the `CommandLineInterface` that is attached to `CLIOutputService`. After all computations are done, the module returns his call. Now the user can enter a new input until he enters quit.



3 Display Output

3.1 Class Descriptions

3.1.1 Interface OutputService

The OutputService interfaces can be implemented and passed to a module to receive the output of the modules. Therefore it has methods that represent different ways output can be displayed.

3.1.2 Interface Subscriber

The Subscriber interface only provides the method `update()` which will be triggered by an Observable upon receiving new values.

3.1.3 Class Observable

The Observable class can be used to notify subscribers when new values are provided. Subscribers can subscribe themselves to an Observer to get notifications about new data. The `next()` method calls `update()` on each subscriber.

3.2 Class CLIOutputService

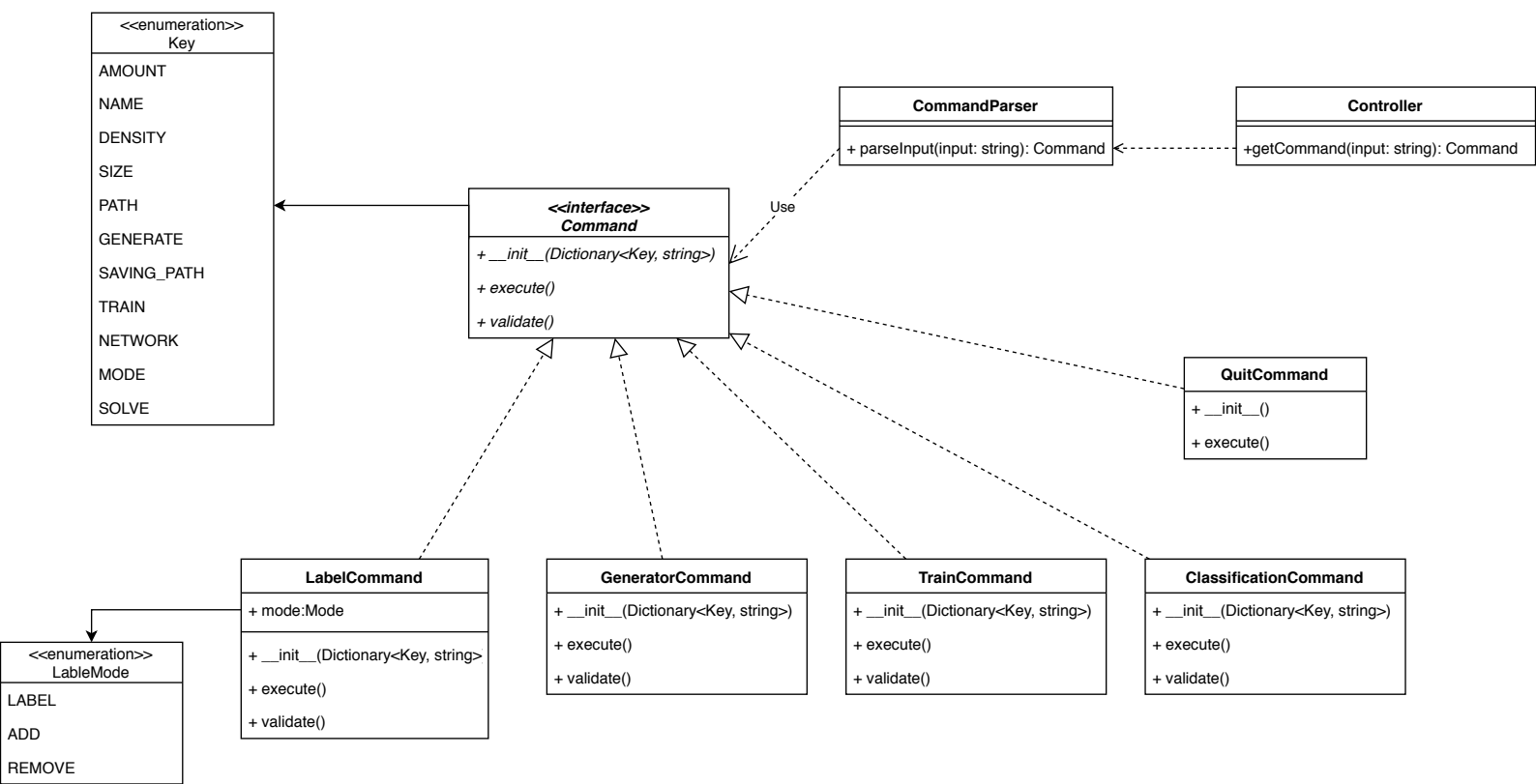
This class implements the OutputService and the Subscriber interface. On creation it gets a reference of the CommandLineInterface to which it will pass the lines the modules wants to output. It also implements the Subscriber interface to subscribe itself to an observable. This can be used to display lines that are overwritten with new values like an progress bar or a counter.

3.3 Class Diagrams

3.3.1 Command Parsing

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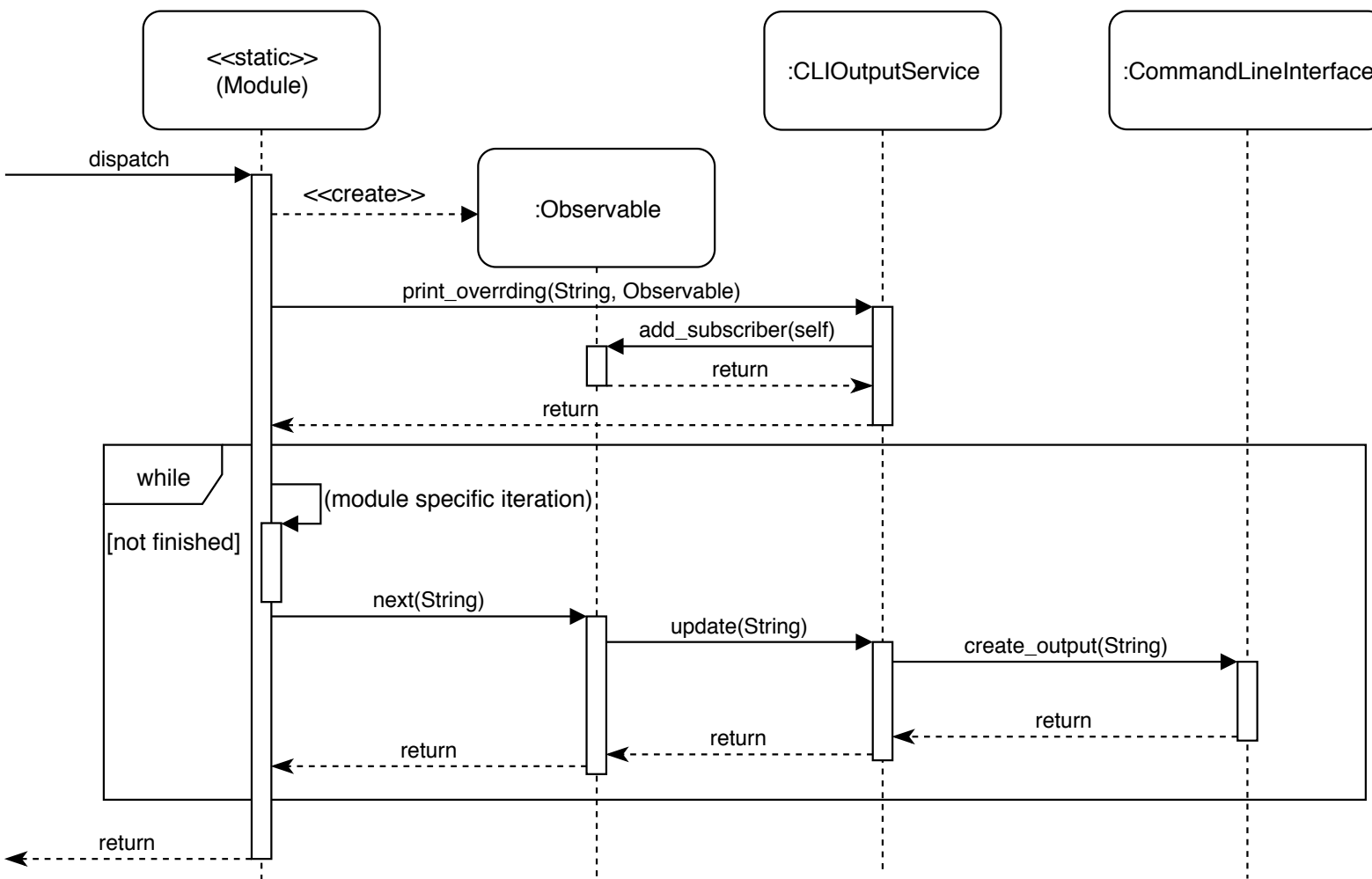
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3.4 Sequence Diagrams

3.4.1 Print Overriding String

Sometimes the user wants to print a progress like a download status that is updated by time. But there should not be a new line for each percentage the download gets further. Instead the old string should be overwritten by time and the module should only have to pass the new status. Therefore there is the method `print_overriding` in the `CLIOutputService` that wants a string and an observable object. That is why the module first creates the observable object. This object is then being passed to the `print_overriding` method together with a string that will stay the same for this process. Because the `CLIOutputService` implements the `Subscriber` interface, it can subscribe itself to the observable. Now that the `CLIOutputService` is subscribed to the `Observable`, it will be notified when the `Observable` gets new data. When the module starts its computations, it can call `next` with the new data with which it wants to override the old one in the view. In the next call of the observable, all subscribers will be notified with the new value. The string with the new value can now be printed to the command line interfaces

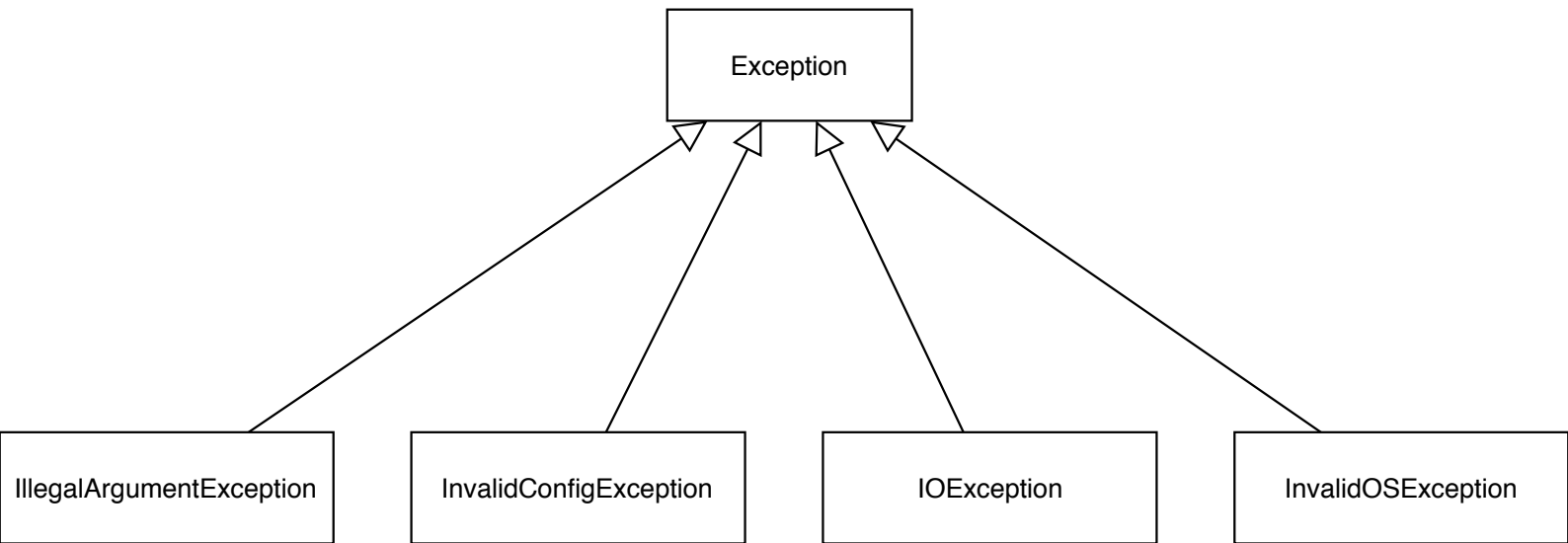


4 Exception Handling

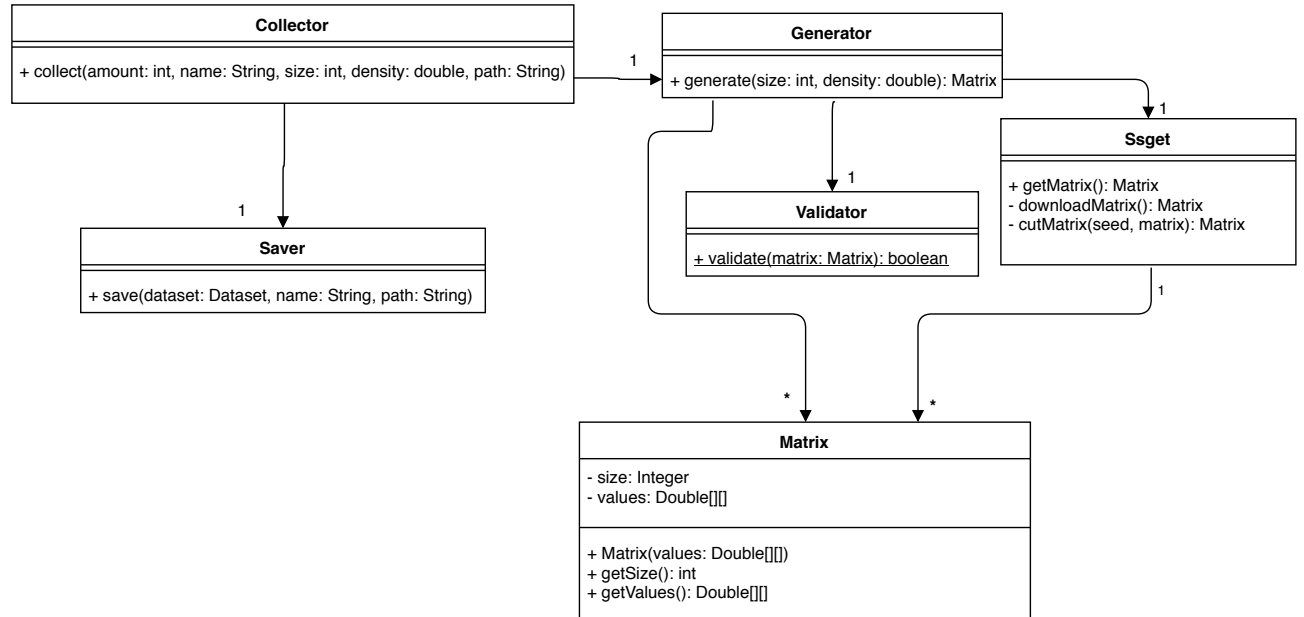
4.1 Class Diagrams

4.1.1 Exception Classes

Each exception extends Python's `Exception` class. There are four kinds of exceptions that are excepted. The `IllegalArgumentException` will be risen when the arguments the user has entered are not valid. The `InvalidConfigException` will be risen when the user edited the configuration file with invalid arguments or syntax. The `IOException` will be risen when errors occur while reading or writing data to the hard drive. The `InvalidOSException` will be risen when trying to access functionality that is not supported on the current operating system.



5 Collector



The collector component is responsible for acquiring, creating, collecting and saving matrices into a dataset. It consists of six classes: the **Collector** class which is the entry point of the component. The **Collector** class has one **Generator** object for generating matrices and one **Saver** object for saving a dataset. The **Generator** class has one **Validator** util class for checking regularity, one **Ssget** object for fetching and cutting matrices from the SuiteSparse Matrix collection and multiple matrix objects for initializing and returning matrices.

5.1 Class Description

5.1.1 Class Collector

The **Collector** class is responsible for collecting a given amount of matrices and saving it into a HDF5 dataset. When the user types `collect` into the CLI, a **Collector** object will be created and the public method `collect()` with its parameters:

amount, name, size, density and path

will be called.

The class has a `Saver` class attribute and a `Generator` class attribute.

It uses methods from the `Generator` class to get matrices to collect and methods from the `Saver` class to save the collected dataset. (see the collect method Activity Diagram for a more detailed overview). The `Collector` class is the interface between matrix collecting and the CLI and conceals all the classes of the `Collector` described in the following.

5.1.2 Class Generator

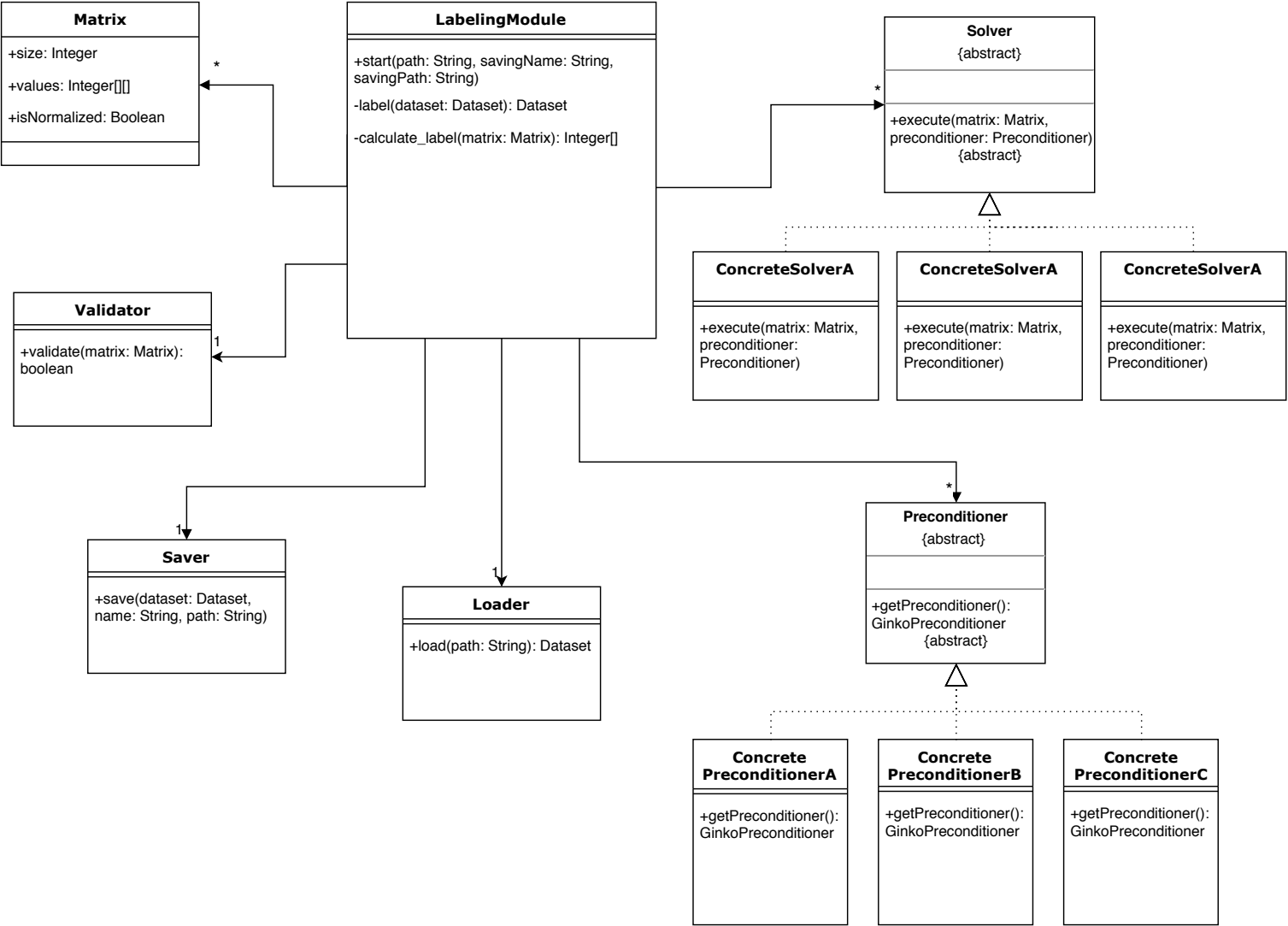
The `Generator` class is responsible for actually generating matrices by transforming raw matrices from `SuiteSparse` and validating them. The `generate(size, density):Matrix` method is called by a `Collector` object, uses the `Matrix` class to initialize an empty matrix, uses the `Ssget` class to fetch and transform matrices from the `SuiteSparse` collection and uses the static `Validator.validate` method to check if the matrix is regular and can be returned.

5.1.3 Class Ssget

The `Ssget` class is responsible for fetching matrices from the `SuiteSparse` collection, transforming them and returning them. Its `getMatrix` method is called by a generator object. The `getMatrix` method uses the `Matrix` class to initialize a matrix, then the private `downloadMatrix` method to fetch a matrix from `SuiteSparse`, and after that uses its private `cutMatrix` method to cut a fixed size, regular matrix out of it.

6 Labeling Module

The labeling module is responsible for the labeling of the sparse matrices. The label of a matrix describes which preconditioner/iterative solver combination solves the given matrix the fastest. The label is represented by a vector. Each entry in the vector corresponds to one preconditioner/iterative solver combination. The entry of the fastest one is 1, all other entries are zero. The matrices with the corresponding labels will be used to train the neural network in the training module.



The main component of the labeling module is the class labeling module. It provides the only public method in the labling module, the method `start(path:String, savingName:String,savingPath:String)`. This method is the entry point of the module and will start the labeling process of the provided matrices(specified by the path).

The class labeling modue has a set of matrices which the module will label.

The module furthermore has a Loader class. The class labeling module has exactly one Loader class. This class is responsible for loading the matrices which get labeled. Its only method is the method `load(path:String)` which gets a path of a hdf5 file supplied and returns a dataset. If the specified path is not a hdf5 file, the programm will print an error to the command line.

Another class in the labeling module is the Saver class. The class labeling module has exactly one Saver class. This class is responsible for the saving of the matrices and the labels. Its only method is the method `save(dataset:Dataset,path:String)`. If this method is called, the specified dataset will be safed at the specified path. The matrices and the labels will be safed in one hdf5 file.

The labeling module class moreover has a validator class. This class is responsible for determining wheter the given matrix is regular. If that is not the case, the matrix will be deleted.

Since the labeling module is responsible for finding the best preconditioner/iterative solver combination for a given set of matrices, the module furthermore has a preconditioner and a Solver class. Those classes are abstract. ConcreteSolvers inherit from the class Solver and Concretepreconditioners from the class preconditioner.

The Solver class contains the logic for solving a matrix with an iterative solver. Each ConcreteSolver corresponds to one iterative solver.Each class of ConcreteSolver has the method `execute(Matrix,preconditioner)` which will solve a given matrix. We will be using the design pattern "stragety" for the iterative solvers. The reason being that each Solver does basically the same thing(solving a matrix) in a different manner. The user moreover has no influence on which Solver we will be using at any given time. Each Solver will take an optional precondtioner as its input for the method `execute(Matrix,preconditioner)`. The preconditioner will be used at every step of the iterative solver. We will be using

the design pattern "strategy" for the preconditioners too. preconditioners each return a Ginkopreconditioner which will be used by the Solver class to communicate with the ginkgo library. So each Concretepreconditioner basically does the same thing(returning a preconditioner). The user furthermore has no influence on which preconditioner we will be using at any given time. That is why the "strategy" design pattern is applicable

6.1 Class Descriptions

6.1.1 Class LabelingModule

The class LabelingModule is the main component of the labeling module. It provides one public method `start(path:String, savingName:String, savingPath:String)` which is the entry point for the labeling module. When the user types label in the command line this command will be executed. The arguments of the start method are optional. If there are no arguments provided the labeling module will be using default paths. The default paths are specified in a configuration file(see the training module for further details). If the User specifies his own paths they have to be valid. Valid in this case means that the path points to a hdf5 file with the correct formatation. If this is not the case the program will print an error message to the command line and execute a controlled shutdown so that the user can specify a correct path.

6.1.2 Class Solver

An Solver in our sense is an iterative Solver which is able to solve a linear system $Ax=b$ for x , where A is a (in our case sparse) matrix of size $n \times n$, x is a vector of size $1 \times n$ and b is vector of size $1 \times n$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$). The matrix A in our case will be the Matrix the method `execute(matrix,preconditioner)` will receive, the vector b will be a random vector with values between 0 and 1. We chose the vector to be random since the choice of b has no great influence on the time it takes to solve the linear system. The iterative solver uses an iterative approach to solve the linear system. An iterative approach is characterized by the idea that the linear system gets solved step by step, where the solution of one step enables the solution of the next step. The class iterative solver achieves this by communicating with the ginkgo library, which has an implementation of the solvers. An iterative solver may optionally use a preconditioner for its calculation. Since there are many different iterative solvers which achieve the same outcome(solving for x) we will be using the design pattern "strategy". That is why the class `Algorithm` is abstract and `ConcreteSolvers` (which actually represent one iterative solver each) will inherit from `Solver`. The user at no point decides which Solver gets used at any given time.

A Solver has one method `execute(Matrix,preconditioner)`, which takes a matrix (and a preconditioner) and solves it. The time the iterative solver takes to solve the matrix will

be recorded and in the class `labelingModule` used to label the matrix. All `ConcreteSolvers` have to implement the abstract function `execute`.

6.1.3 Class `ConcreteSolver`

A `ConcreteSolver` is the actual representation of one iterative solver.

6.1.4 Class `preconditioner`

A preconditioner is a transformation of a linear system $Ax=b$ for x , where A is a (in our case sparse) matrix of size $n \times n$, x is a vector of size $1 \times n$ and b is vector of size $1 \times n$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$). A transformation may be a Matrix p ($n \times n$) which would result in the linear system $PAx = Pb$. A preconditioner is used so that the linear system may be solved more easily by an iterative solver. The transformation of the preconditioner is applied in every step of an iterative solver.

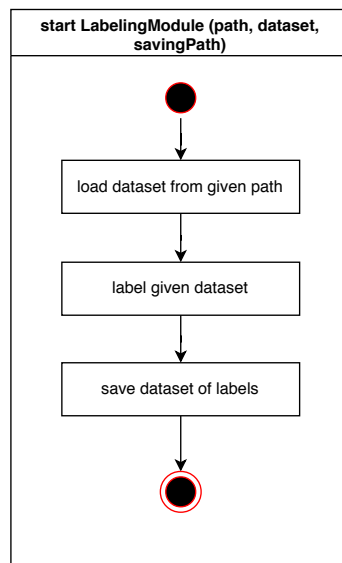
The class `preconditioner` only has one method, `getpreconditioner()` which will return the `Ginkopreconditioner` corresponding to the `preconditioner` class. The `preconditioner` class achieves this by communicating with the `ginkgo` library.

6.1.5 Class `Concretepreconditioner`

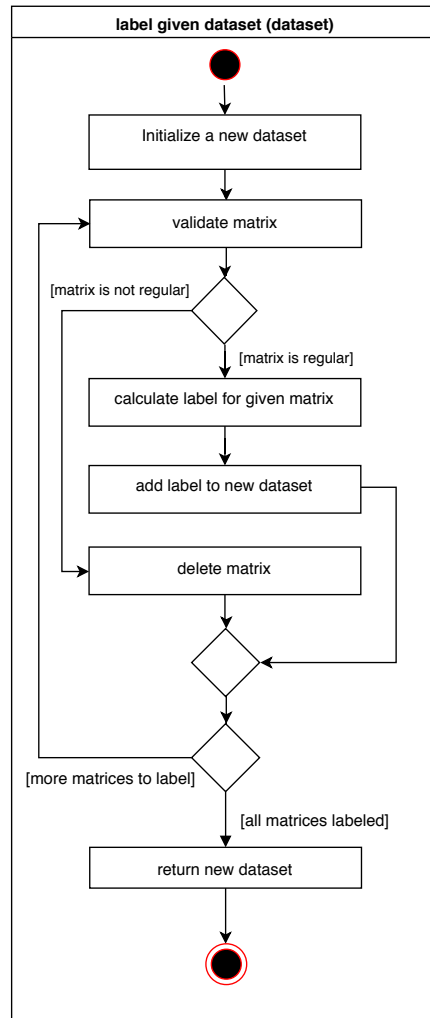
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6.2 Activity Diagrams

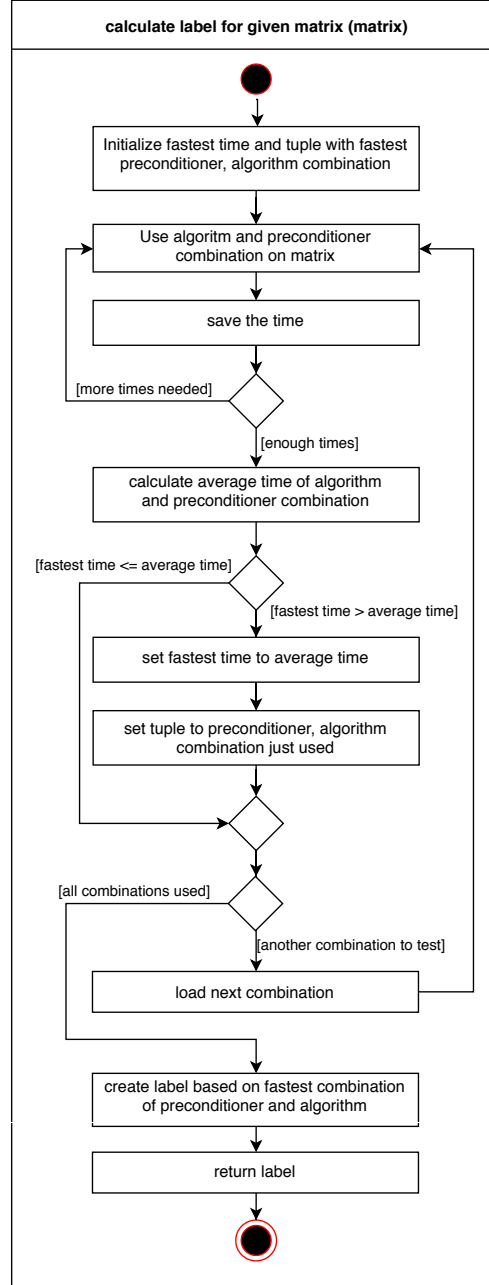
When the user types `label()` in the CLI the method `start()` in the class `LabelingModule` will be executed in the following manner:



The activity diagram “start LabelingModule” shows the general overview of what the LabelingModule does. The shown method `start()` is the only public method in the LabelingModule class, therefore the only way to communicate with it. First of all the dataset to work on will be loaded from the given path, which contains all matrices the LabelingModule has to label. After that the dataset will be labeled (explained in detail in the “label given dataset” activity diagram). Last but not least the new dataset with labels will be saved under the given `savingPath`.



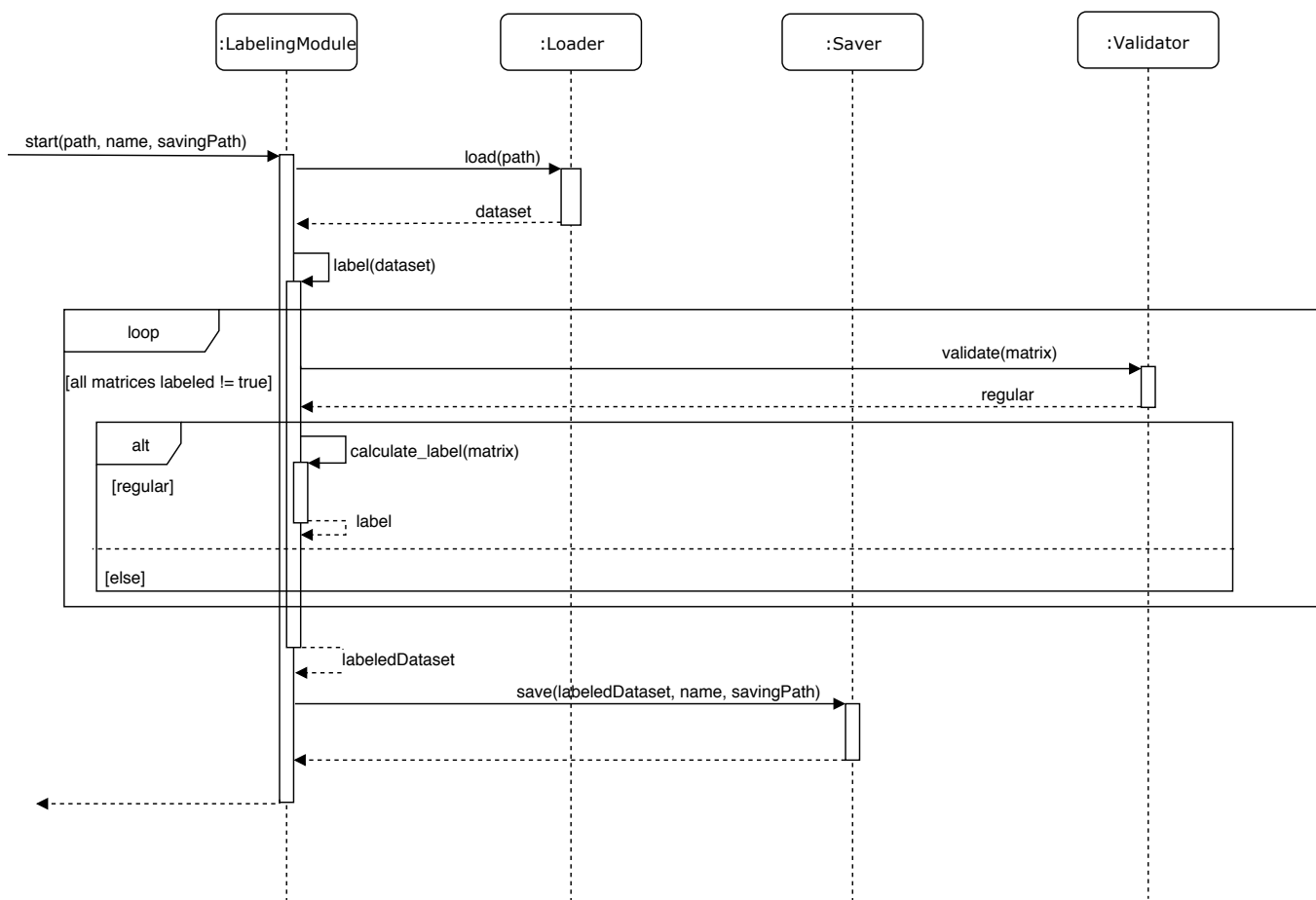
The activity diagram “label given dataset” shows how the class LabelingModule labels a dataset. First of all a new dataset is initialized. The following steps will be made on each matrix in the dataset. First of all the matrix is validated, to see whether the matrix is regular or not, if the matrix isn’t regular the matrix will be removed. In case that the matrix is regular, the label for the matrix is calculated (explained in the “calculate label for given matrix activity diagram”). The calculated label will be saved in the new dataset. As soon as every matrix has been labeled the new dataset is returned.



The activity diagram “calculate label for given matrix” shows how a label is calculated for a single matrix. First of all a fastest item variable and a tuple of preconditioner, iterative solver is initialized. The first preconditioner, iterative solver combination is used on the matrix and the time it took to solve given matrix is saved, that process is looped, until we have enough saved time data. Out of the saved times for the preconditioner, iterative solver combination the average time the combination took will be calculated. The calculated average time will be written in the fastest time variable and the combination in the tuple previously initialized. After that a new combination is loaded, if there is another one to test. For each new combination the process of using the combination, saving the time and calculating the average time remains the same. After the average time of the new combination is calculated. After that there are two options. 1. if the average time of the new combination is smaller than the time saved in the fastest time variable, the fastest time variable gets overwritten with the new average time and the new combination is also getting written in the tuple. 2. the fastest time is smaller then the new average time, is that the case, the new average time and combination is ignored. Last but not least, if all combinations are finished testing a label is created based on the current fastest time and preconditioner, iterative solver combination and the label is returned.

6.3 Sequence Diagrams

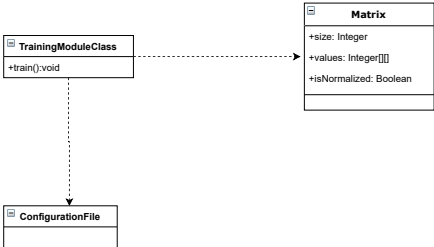
The sequence diagram shows what happens when the start() method of the LabelingModule is called. First of all the method load(), with the parameter path, of the Loader class is called, the path is either the path the user wrote in his input, or it is the standard path, which is specified in the Configuration File. The load() method returns the dataset the LabelingModule will be working on. After that, the LabelingModule calls its own method label() with the just received dataset. The label() method then goes into a loop, covering each matrix on its own. For each matrix, the validate() method of the Validator gets called with the parameter matrix. validate() returns a boolean, whether the matrix is regular (true) or not (false). If the matrix is regular, the method calculate_label() of the LabelingModule with the parameter matrix is called. calculate_label returns a label. if the matrix isn't regular, or the label is calculated the loop starts with the next matrix, until there are none left. After all labels are calculated they all are summarized in a dataset. The new dataset is after that one of the parameters for the save() method of the Saver class, which saves the new dataset, with the given name in the given path.



7 Training module

The training module is responsible for the training and testing of a neural network. It is structured in 2 parts, the configuration file and the class training module. The class training module loads its configuration in the configuration file. It furthermore uses a set of labeled matrices for the training and testing. With the configuration set, the class training module will start the training and testing. The trained network will be saved to a specified

Training Module



7.1 Class descriptions

7.1.1 Class Configuration File

The configuration file is a text file. It is used to specify all necessary information the class neural network needs to train the neural network. If the user does not change anything in the configuration file, default options will be used. The configuration file is organized in four main categories.

1. loading path of the set of matrices
2. saving path for the neural network
3. loading path for the neural network
4. model definition and hyperparameters

The loading path of the set of matrices is the path in which the matrices that are used for the training and testing are stored. The training module only supports one hdf5 file. If the path is any other file, the labling module will print an error and execute a controlled shutdown so that the user can specify a valid path. . For the training and testing making sense there should be at least 500 matrices in the hdf5 file. Otherwise the accuracy of the neural network will be so low that i can not be used for classification. If there is no path specified, the training module will use a default path. In the default path will be the latest matrices that the labling module has produced.

The saving path for the neural network is the path where the trained and tested neural network will be safed. It will be safed as a Keras model. If there is no path specified, the neural network will be safed at a default destination. If there is no path for the neural network specified in the module Classifier the module will use this default path to load its neural network.

The loading path for the neural network is strictly optional. If this path is specified the training module will use the neural network in the path for training and testing. This option enables the user to use a pre-trained neural network for training. This could be the case if the user interrupts the training process at a certain time and wants to to repeat the training later. Other use cases are of course possible too. The neural network has to be a model of the Keras framework. If the path is any other file the training module will print an error and execute a controlled shutdown so that the user can specify a valid path. If this path is not specified the training module will create a new neural

network(with the model definition and hyperparamters of the next category) and train with it.

The model definition and hyperparameters are used to determine which neural network will be trained and tested. The model definition determines the following:

- the amount of layers
- the amount of nodes in every layer
- the kind of neural network(e.g. Convolutional)
- the activation function
- the regularization
- the optimizer

The hyperparamters determine the following:

- the dropout
- the batch size
- how much of the data should be training and how much should be testing data
- the network weight initialization
- the learning rate

7.1.2 Class TrainingModule

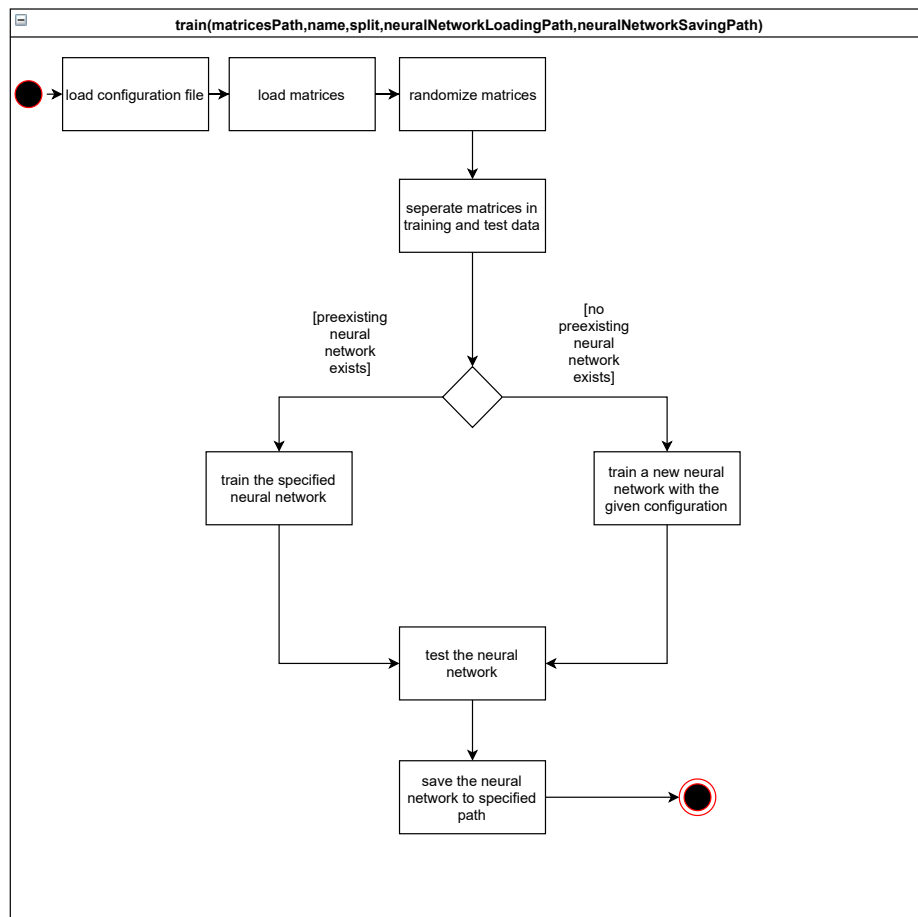
The TrainingModule class is responsible for the training and testing of a neural network. It can not be instantiated, since it is a utility class. The structure is mainly oriented towards the keras workflow and will be further described later in the activity diagramm. The class offers one public method, the method train().

We will furthermore be using the function `keras.callbacks.ModelCheckpoint` to save the neural network after every epoch. This will guarantee that we do not loose all training

progress if the computer crashes or other unexpected events happen. The procedure is consistent with the design pattern memento.

7.2 Activity Diagrams

When the user types `train()` in the CLI the method `train` in the class `TrainingModule` will be executed in the following manner:



- load the configuration file
- load the matrices
- separate matrices in training and test data
- train a preexisting neural network or a new one (depending on the configuration file)
- test the neural network
- save the neural network

The configuration file that gets loaded will be used to specify the subsequent points.

The configuration file will determine from which path the labeled matrices will be loaded. If there were no changes made in the configuration file, the default path will be used (see the class description of the configuration file). The labeled matrices will be loaded in one hdf5 file. If the path links to any other file, the class TrainingModule will print an error to the command line and execute a controlled shutdown so that the user can specify a valid path..

After that the class TrainingModule will separate the training and test data. How the data will be separated is specified in the configuration file.

Following there are two alternatives. If the user has specified a neural network in the configuration file, the class TrainingModule will train this neural network with the labeled matrices for the training. If the user has not specified a neural network in the configuration file, the class TrainingModule will create a new neural network with the specifications in the configuration file. If there are no model definitions in the configuration file the class TrainingModule will use the default neural network. The class TrainingModule then proceeds with training the new neural network with the labeled matrices for the training. In both cases the current loss will be continuously printed to the command line.

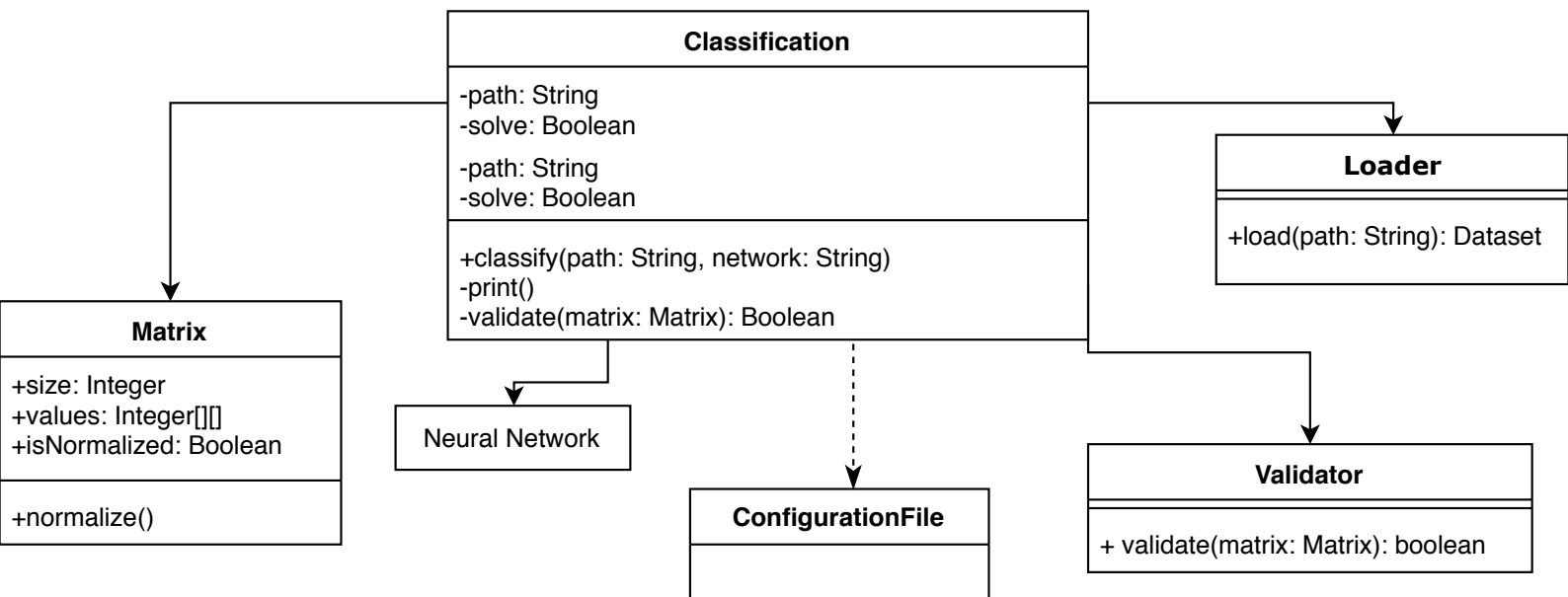
Now the neural network is trained. The class TrainingModule proceeds with testing the neural network with the labeled matrices for the testing. This process will determine the accuracy of the neural network on the given test matrices. The accuracy will be printed on the command line.

After that the neural network will be saved as a keras model. The path for the saving is specified in the configuration file.

8 Classifier

8.1 Diagrams

8.2 Class Diagrams

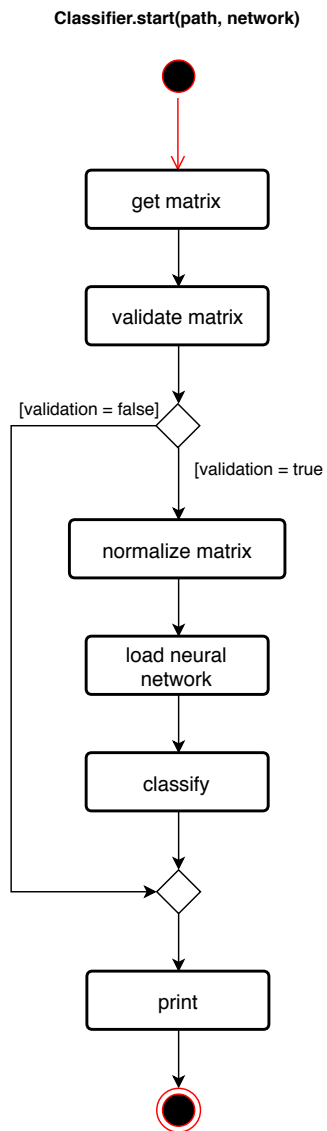


8.3 Class Descriptions

8.3.1 Class Classifier

The classifier classifies a matrix given by a path. In this path, the matrix is stored in the form of an HDF5 file. As a second parameter the neural network path will be given. In this path the trained network the user wants to use for his classification is saved.

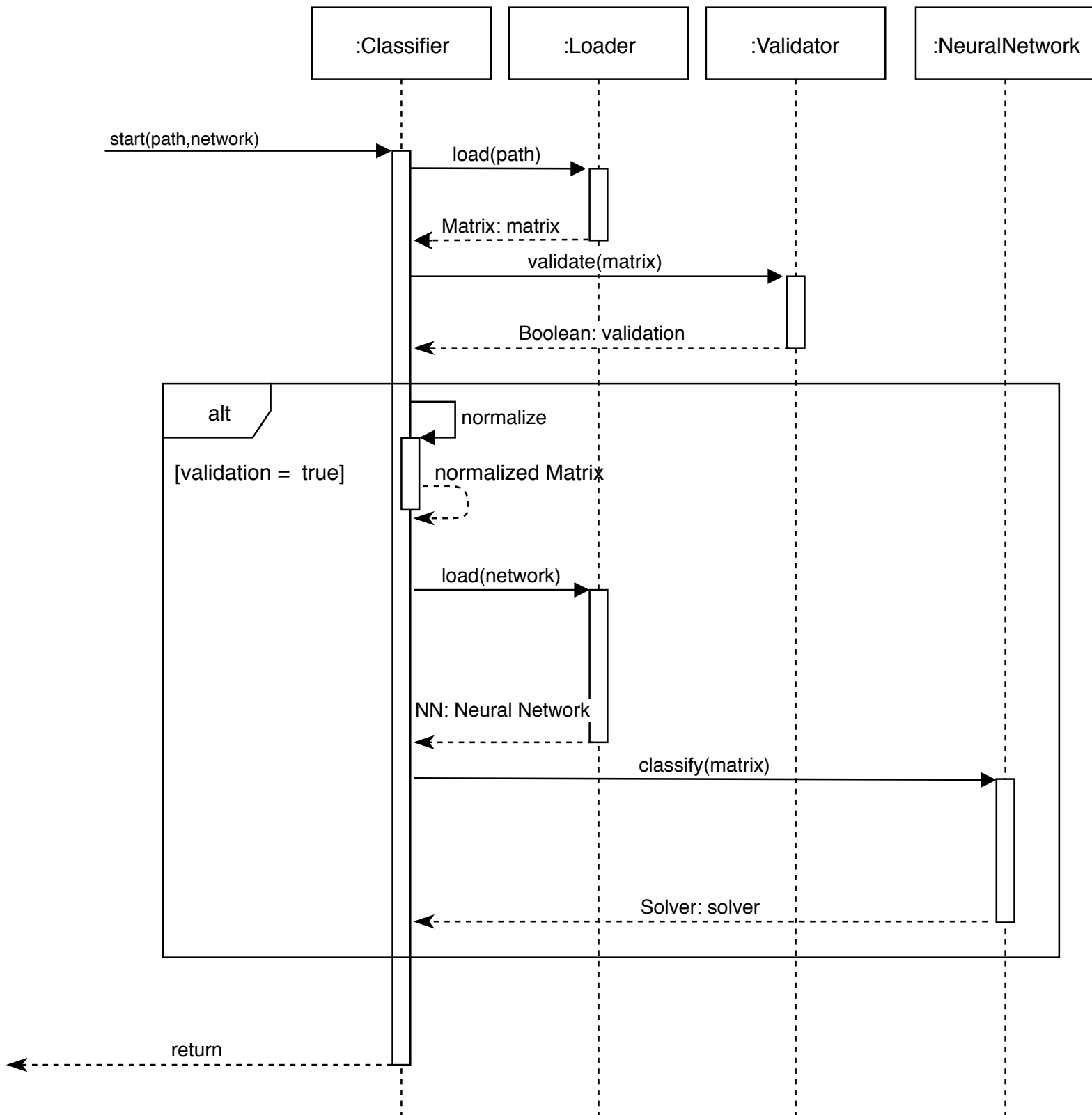
8.4 Activity Diagrams



8.4.1 Description

The method start in the class classifier classifies a given Matrix. First of all the classifier has to get the matrix. After that the matrix has to be validated. This validation will give a boolean back, whether the matrix is regular (true) or not (false). If the validation is true (validation = true) the matrix will be normalized. After that the neural network will be loaded, with which in the following the matrix will be classified. In the last step a result will be printed whether it is the result of the classification or an Error-statement, because the validation was false.

8.5 Sequence Diagrams



8.5.1 Description

The method start has the input parameters "path" and "network". The first parameter "path" is the path to the HDF5 file in which the matrix is saved that shall be classified. The second parameter "network" is the path to the neural network which will classify the matrix. First of all the classifier will be calling the Loader to load the Matrix. The Loader will give back the matrix, that will be in the next step validated by the validator. The validator will give back a boolean value whether the matrix is regular (true) or not regular (false). If the validation value is true the classifier will normalize the matrix. After that the matrix is normalized and ready for classification by the neural network. So in the next step, the loader will load the neural network located on the given network path and gives back the neural network to the classifier. In the next step, the classifier can give the matrix to the neural network for classification and the neural network gives back the solver with which the matrix is classified.

9 Classes used by multiple modules

9.1 Class Loader

9.2 Class Saver

The Saver class is just responsible for saving a given matrix dataset. Its only method is the public method `save(dataset: Dataset, name: String, path: String)`. The save method takes a matrix dataset, converts it into an HDF5 file and saves it into a given directory with a given name.

9.3 Class Validator

The Validator class is a util class and responsible for validating given matrices (checking for regularity). Its only static method `validate` takes a matrix and returns true for regular, and false for not regular.

9.4 Class Matrix

The Matrix class is for representing matrices. It is defined by two attributes. The first attribute is the matrix size which is an integer and the second attribute are the matrix values which is a two-dimensional integer array. Both attributes are set with a constructor and can be requested by its get methods.

9.5 Class Neural Network

10 Glossary

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default neural network The default neural network is the network we will be using if the user does not specify a different architecture. It will be a Convolutional neural network.

iterative solver An iterative solver is a method for solving a linear system. An iterative solver uses an iterative approach to solve a matrix. An iterative approach is characterized by the idea that the matrix gets solved step by step, where the solution of one step enables the solution of the next step. An iterative solver may use a preconditioner to improve its results..

label A label is a word or a phrase that is used to describe the characteristics or qualities of something.

memento Memento is a design pattern which provides the ability to restore an object to its previous state. In our case the object is the neural network. After a certain amount of training steps we will save the state of the neural network. If the program crashes at a certain point in time we will be able to reset the state of a neural network to a safed state. That way we will not loose much of our training achievements..

preconditioner A preconditioner is a Transformation of a linear System. With certain preconditioners, certain iterative solvers may solve a linear system faster that with no preconditioner. The transformation of the preconditioner gets applied in each step of the iterative solver..

strategy strategy is a design pattern of the category behavioral design patterns. It defines a family of interchangable algorithms. It furthermore enables the selection of an algorithm at runtime, so that the algorithm may vary independently of the clients that use them..

tupel A tupel is a structure of data, that holds more than one data, in contrast to other data structures that usually hold only one data..