

# 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_I.html)

[http://openbookproject.net/thinkcs/python/english3e/classes\\_and\\_objects\\_II.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

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

```
[2]: # instantiate an object a of type Point
a = Point()
```

```
[3]: a
```

```
[3]: <__main__.Point at 0x7fae9ce59850>
```

```
[4]: a.x = 0 # dynamically attach attributes
     a.y = 0
     print(a.x, a.y)
```

```
0 0
```

```
[5]: b = Point()
```

```
[6]: b.x
```

```
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AttributeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-6-252ebe2d9b6c> in <module>
----> 1 b.x

AttributeError: 'Point' object has no attribute 'x'
```

### 1.1.2 better class example

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

```
[ ]: 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

```
[ ]: # 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.
```

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

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

```
<__main__.Point object at 0x7fae9cf0c490> <__main__.Point object at 0x7fae9cf0c9d0>
```

### 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

```
[15]: 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

```

```

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

```

2.8284271247461903

```

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

```

(2, 2)

### 1.3 objects are mutable

- can change the state or attributes of an object

```

[18]: 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

### 1.3.2 Member access specifiers

- Python doesn't support `private`, `public`, `protected` specifiers provided by C++, Java, etc.
- all the members are public by default
- however, it uses `__` double learding underbar notation to treat members as private
  - this, however is not enforced

```
[1]: 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)

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

    # 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

```

```

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

```

(0, 0)  
(10, 20)

#### 1.4 sameness - alias or deep copy

```

[3]: 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

```

[4]: def print_point(pt):
      #pt.x = 100
      #pt.y = 100
      print(pt)

```

```

[5]: p = Point(10, 10)
      print_point(p)
      #print(p)
      print(p)

```

(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

```
[10]: 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)
```

```
[11]: 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)
```

(5.0, 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

```
[15]: 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)
```

```
[16]: 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 an alias
  - does shallow copy
- use `deepcopy` for the proper copy of objects

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

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

```
[18]: False
```

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

```
[19]: True
```

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

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

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

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

```
[23]: r1 is r3
```

```
[23]: False
```

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

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

```
[25]: 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 method types

- there are three types of methods: `instance methods`, `class methods` and `static methods`



- Python provides `@classmethod` and `@staticmethod` function decorators
- object/instance methods take `self` (notational) or some parameter as the first argument that points to the instance
  - which can then be used to act on instance data
  - instance methods can freely access attributes and other methods on the same object
  - typical members are methods
- class methods take class name (as a variable) as the first argument
  - don't need instances; the class name is itself is used
  - usually `cls` or some parameter is used as the first argument that points to the class
  - class method can only access and modify class attributes (state)
- static methods are much like `static` keyword in Java
  - mainly contain logic pertaining to the class without the need for specific instance data
  - static methods takes neither `self` nor `cls`
  - can't access both object attributes (state) and class attributes (state)
- for details: <https://realpython.com/instance-class-and-static-methods-demystified/>

```
[26]: # 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'
```

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

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

```
[28]: ('instance method called', <__main__.MyClass at 0x7fdd0cf75820>)
```

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

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

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

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

```
[31]: 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()
```

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

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

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

```
[ ]:
```