

Ch15-Overloading-Polymorphism

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1 More OOP, Operator Overloading and Polymorphism

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

1.1 MyTime

- class that records the time of day
- provide `__init__` method so every instance is created with appropriate attributes and initialization

```
[1]: class MyTime:
      """MyTime class that keeps track of time of day"""
      def __init__(self, hrs=0, mins=0, secs=0):
          """ Creates a MyTime object initialized to hrs, mins, secs """
          self.hours = hrs
          self.minutes = mins
          self.seconds = secs

      def __str__(self):
          return "{:02}:{:02}:{:02}".format(self.hours, self.minutes, self.
↪seconds)
```

```
[2]: time1 = MyTime(11, 59, 3)
```

```
[3]: print(time1)
```

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1.2 Functions can be pure and modifiers

- what functions should be part of class or methods?
- typically, all the functions that operate on or use attributes of class should be part of the class called methods

1.3 pure functions

- pure functions do not have side effects, such as modifying parameters and global variables
- similar to constant functions in C++ world
- getter methods are pure functions

- e.g.: see `add_time()`

```
[31]: def add_time(t1, t2):
      h = t1.hours + t2.hours
      m = t1.minutes + t2.minutes
      s = t1.seconds + t2.seconds

      while s >= 60:
          s -= 60
          m += 1

      while m >= 60:
          m -= 60
          h += 1

      sum_t = MyTime(h, m, s)
      return sum_t
```

```
[32]: current_time = MyTime(9, 50, 45)
      bread_time = MyTime(2, 35, 20)
      done_time = add_time(current_time, bread_time)
      print(done_time)
```

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1.4 modifiers

- functions that modify the object(s) it gets as parameter(s)
- setter methods are modifiers

```
[22]: # function takes MyTime myT and secs to update myT
      def increment(myT, seconds):
          myT.seconds += seconds
          mins = myT.seconds//60

          myT.seconds = myT.seconds%60
          myT.minutes += mins

          hours = myT.minutes//60
          myT.hours += hours
          myT.minutes = myT.minutes%60
```

```
[23]: current_time = MyTime(9, 50, 45)
      print(current_time)
```

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```
[33]: increment(current_time, 60*60)
```

```
[34]: print(current_time)
```

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1.5 Converting increment() to a method

- OOD prefers the functions that work with objects to be member of the class or methods
- increment can be a useful method for MyTime class

```
[4]: class MyTime:
    def __init__(self, hrs=0, mins=0, secs=0):
        """ Create a new MyTime object initialized to hrs, mins, secs.
            The values of mins and secs may be outside the range 0-59,
            but the resulting MyTime object will be normalized.
        """
        self.hours = hrs
        self.minutes = mins
        self.seconds = secs

        # Calculate total seconds to represent
        self.__normalize()

    def __str__(self):
        return "{:02}:{:02}:{:02}".format(self.hours, self.minutes, self.
↪seconds)

    def to_seconds(self):
        """ Return the number of seconds represented
            by this instance
        """
        return self.hours * 3600 + self.minutes * 60 + self.seconds

    def increment(self, seconds):
        self.seconds += seconds
        self.__normalize()

    # should be treated as private method
    def __normalize(self):
        totalsecs = self.to_seconds()
        self.hours = totalsecs // 3600          # Split in h, m, s
        leftoversecs = totalsecs % 3600
        self.minutes = leftoversecs // 60
        self.seconds = leftoversecs % 60
```

```
[5]: # improved add_time function
def add_time(t1, t2):
    secs = t1.to_seconds() + t2.to_seconds()
    return MyTime(0, 0, secs)
```

```
[6]: # test add_time function
current_time = MyTime(9, 50, 45)
bake_time = MyTime(2, 35, 20)
done_time = add_time(current_time, bake_time)
print(done_time)
```

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1.5.1 similarly, `add_time` can be moved inside `MyTime` class as a method

```
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            The values of mins and secs may be outside the range 0-59,
            but the resulting MyTime object will be normalized.
        """
        self.hours = hrs
        self.minutes = mins
        self.seconds = secs
        # Calculate total seconds to represent
        self.__normalize()

    def __str__(self):
        return "{:02}:{:02}:{:02}".format(self.hours, self.minutes, self.
→seconds)

    def to_seconds(self):
        """ Return the number of seconds represented
            by this instance
        """
        return self.hours * 3600 + self.minutes * 60 + self.seconds

    def increment(self, secs):
        self.seconds += secs
        self.__normalize()

    def __normalize(self):
        totalsecs = self.to_seconds()
        self.hours = totalsecs // 3600          # Split in h, m, s
        leftoversecs = totalsecs % 3600
        self.minutes = leftoversecs // 60
        self.seconds = leftoversecs % 60

    def add_time(self, other):
        return MyTime(0, 0, self.to_seconds() + other.to_seconds())
```

```
[8]: # now let's use MyTime class and its methods again
current_time = MyTime(9, 50, 45)
bake_time = MyTime(2, 35, 20)
done_time = current_time.add_time(bake_time)
print(done_time)
```

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1.6 special methods / operator overloading

- <https://docs.python.org/3/reference/datamodel.html>
- how about $t1 = t2 + t3$ just like adding primitive types
- $+$ operator appends two strings, but adds two integers or floats
- the same operator has different meaning for different types called operator overloading
- replace `add_time` with built-in special method `__add__` to overload $+$ operator

```
[62]: class MyTime:

    def __init__(self, hrs=0, mins=0, secs=0):
        """ Create a new MyTime object initialized to hrs, mins, secs.
            The values of mins and secs may be outside the range 0-59,
            but the resulting MyTime object will be normalized.
        """
        self.hours = hrs
        self.minutes = mins
        self.seconds = secs
        # Calculate total seconds to represent
        self.__normalize()

    def __str__(self):
        return "{:02}:{:02}:{:02}".format(self.hours, self.minutes, self.
↪seconds)

    def to_seconds(self):
        """ Return the number of seconds represented
            by this instance
        """
        return self.hours * 3600 + self.minutes * 60 + self.seconds

    def increment(self, secs):
        self.seconds += secs
        self.normalize()

    def __normalize(self):
        totalsecs = self.to_seconds()
        self.hours = totalsecs // 3600          # Split in h, m, s
        leftoversecs = totalsecs % 3600
        self.minutes = leftoversecs // 60
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        self.seconds = leftoversecs % 60

    def __add__(self, other):
        return MyTime(0, 0, self.to_seconds() + other.to_seconds())

```

```

[66]: current_time = MyTime(9, 50, 45)
      bread_time = MyTime(2, 35, 20)
      done_time = current_time + bread_time # equivalent to: done_time = current_time.
      ↪ __add__(bread_time)
      print(done_time)

```

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1.7 add two points

- overloading our Point class to be able to add two points

```

[75]: 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)

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

      def __add__(self, other):
          x = self.x + other.x
          y = self.y + other.y
          return Point(x, y)

      def __mul__(self, other):
          """

```

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        computes dot product of two points
        """
        return self.x * other.x + self.y * other.y

    def __rmul__(self, other):
        """
        if the left operand is primitive type (int or float)
        and the right operand is a Point, Python invokes __rmul__
        which performs scalar multiplication
        """
        return Point(other * self.x, other * self.y)

```

```

[80]: p1 = Point(2, 2)
      p2 = Point(10, 10)
      p3 = p1 + p2
      print(p3)
      print(p1 * p3)
      print(4 * p1)

```

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1.8 some special methods

`__del__(self)`

- destructor - called when an instance is about to be destroyed

`__str__(self)`

- called by `str(object)`

- called by `format()` and `print()` functions to format and print string representation

- must return string representation of object

`__lt__(self, other)`

`x < y` calls `x.__lt__(y)`

`__gt__(self, other)`

`x > y` calls `x.__gt__(y)`

`__eq__(self, other)`

`x == y` calls `x.__eq__(y)`

`__ne__(self, other)`

`__ge__(self, other)`

`__le__(self, other)`

Emulating numeric types:

```

__add__(self, other)
__sub__(self, other)
__mul__(self, other)
__mod__(self, other)
__truediv__(self, other)
__pow__(self, other)
__xor__(self, other)
__or__(self, other)
__and__(self, other)

```

exercise 1: implement some relevant special methods for Point class and test them

exercise 2: implement some relevant special methods for Triangle class defined in previous chapter and test them

1.9 Polymorphism

- functions typically work on a specific type we pass as parameter
- some functions we want to apply to many types, such as arithmetic operations + in previous example
 - function template technique provided by C++
- e.g., multadd operation (common in linear algebra) takes 3 arguments, it multiplies the first two and then adds the third
- function like this that can take arguments with different types is called polymorphic

```
[71]: def multadd(x, y, z):
      return x * y + z
```

```
[81]: multadd(3, 2, 1)
```

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[81]: 7
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```
[82]: p1 = Point(3, 4)
      p2 = Point(5, 7)
      print(multadd(2, p1, p2))
```

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```
[83]: print(multadd(p1, p2, 1))
```

```
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```

1.10 duck typing rule - dynamic binding

- duck test: “If it walks like a duck and it quacks like a duck, then it must be a duck”
- to determine whether a function can be applied to a new type, we apply Python’s fundamental rule of polymorphism, called duck typing rule: if all of the operations inside the function can be applied to the type, the function can be applied to the type
- e.g.: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duck_typing


```
[85]: class Duck:
        def fly(self):
            print("Duck flying")

class Airplane:
    def fly(self):
        print("Airplane flying")

class Whale:
    def swim(self):
        print("Whale swimming")

# polymorphism
def lift_off(entity):
    entity.fly()
    # only throws error if some entity doesn't have fly attribute during
    ↪run-time!
    # statically typed languages such as C++ give compile time errors!

duck = Duck()
airplane = Airplane()
whale = Whale()

lift_off(duck) # prints `Duck flying`
lift_off(airplane) # prints `Airplane flying`
lift_off(whale) # Throws the error `Whale' object has no attribute 'fly'`
```

Duck flying

Airplane flying

```
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AttributeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-85-44deada23680> in <module>()
    21 lift_off(duck) # prints `Duck flying`
    22 lift_off(airplane) # prints `Airplane flying`
---> 23 lift_off(whale) # Throws the error `Whale' object has no attribute_
    ↪'fly'`

<ipython-input-85-44deada23680> in lift_off(entity)
    12
    13 def lift_off(entity):
---> 14     entity.fly() # only throws error if some entity doesn't have fly_
    ↪attribute during run-time!
    15     # statically typed languages such as C++ give compiler errors!
    16
```

```
AttributeError: 'Whale' object has no attribute 'fly'
```

```
[ ]:
```