OOP, String Representation

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Note: For formal explanations of the concepts on this discussion, feel free to look at the **Appendix** section on the back of the worksheet.

OOP

Here's a recap of the OOP vocab we've learned so far:

- class: a template for creating objects
- instance: a single object created from a class
- instance variable: a data attribute of an object, specific to an instance
- class variable: a data attribute of an object, shared by all instances of a class
- method: a bound function that may be called on all instances of a class

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Q1: WWPD: Legally Blonde OOP

Below we have defined the classes Student and Professor. Remember that Python passes the self argument implicitly to methods when calling the method directly on an object.

```
class Student:
   extension_days = 3 # this is a class variable
   def __init__(self, name, staff):
        self.name = name # this is an instance variable
        self.understanding = 0
        staff.add_student(self)
        print("Added", self.name)
   def visit_office_hours(self, staff):
        staff.assist(self)
        print("Thanks, " + staff.name)
class Professor:
   def __init__(self, name):
        self.name = name
        self.students = {}
   def add_student(self, student):
        self.students[student.name] = student
```

```
def assist(self, student):
        student.understanding += 1
    def grant_more_extension_days(self, student, days):
        student.extension_days = days
What will the following lines output?
>>> callahan = Professor("Callahan")
>>> elle = Student("Elle", callahan)
>>> elle.visit_office_hours(callahan)
>>> elle.visit_office_hours(Professor("Paulette"))
>>> elle.understanding
>>> [name for name in callahan.students]
>>> x = Student("Vivian", Professor("Stromwell")).name
>>> x
>>> elle.extension_days
>>> callahan.grant_more_extension_days(elle, 7)
>>> elle.extension_days
```

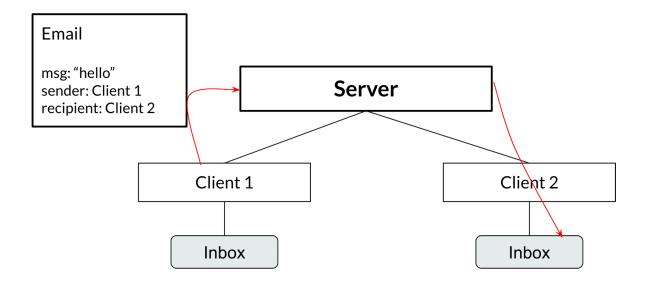
>>> Student.extension_days

Q2: Email

We would like to write three different classes (Server, Client, and Email) to simulate a system for sending and receiving emails. A Server has a dictionary mapping client names to Client objects, and can both send Emails to Clients in the Server and register new Clients. A Client can both compose emails (which first creates a new Email object and then sends it to the recipient client through the server) and receive an email (which places an email into the client's inbox).

Emails will only be sent/received within the same server, so clients will always use the server they're registered in to send emails to other clients that are registered in the same rerver.

An example flow: A Client object (Client 1) composes an Email object with message "hello" with recipient Client 2, which the Server routes to Client 2's inbox.



Email example

Fill in the definitions below to finish the implementation!

```
class Email:
    """
    Every email object has 3 instance attributes: the
    message, the sender name, and the recipient name.
    >>> email = Email('hello', 'Alice', 'Bob')
    >>> email.msg
    'hello'
    >>> email.sender_name
    'Alice'
    >>> email.recipient_name
    'Bob'
    """
    def __init__(self, msg, sender_name, recipient_name):
        "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
```

```
class Client:
   ....
   Every Client has three instance attributes: name (which is
   used for addressing emails to the client), server
   (which is used to send emails out to other clients), and
   inbox (a list of all emails the client has received).
   >>> s = Server()
   >>> a = Client(s, 'Alice')
   >>> b = Client(s, 'Bob')
   >>> a.compose('Hello, World!', 'Bob')
   >>> b.inbox[0].msg
   'Hello, World!'
   >>> a.compose('CS 61A Rocks!', 'Bob')
   >>> len(b.inbox)
   >>> b.inbox[1].msg
   'CS 61A Rocks!'
   0.00
   def __init__(self, server, name):
       self.inbox = []
       "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
   def compose(self, msg, recipient_name):
        """Send an email with the given message msg to the given recipient client."""
        "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
   def receive(self, email):
        """Take an email and add it to the inbox of this client."""
        "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
```

```
class Server:
   0.00
   Each Server has one instance attribute: clients (which
   is a dictionary that associates client names with
   client objects).
   0.00
   def __init__(self):
        self.clients = {}
   def send(self, email):
        Take an email and put it in the inbox of the client
        it is addressed to.
        "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
   def register_client(self, client, client_name):
        Takes a client object and client_name and adds them
        to the clients instance attribute.
        "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
```

Q3: Keyboard

Below is the definition of a Button class, which represents a button on a keyboard. It has three attributes: pos (numerical position of the button on the keyboard), key (the letter of the button), and times_pressed (the number of times the button is pressed).

```
class Button:
    def __init__(self, pos, key):
        self.pos = pos
        self.key = key
        self.times_pressed = 0
```

We'd like to create a Keyboard class that takes in an arbitrary number of Buttons and stores these Buttons in a dictionary. The keys in the dictionary will be ints that represent the position on the Keyboard, and the values will be the respective Button. Fill out the methods in the Keyboard class according to each description.

Important: Utilize the doctests as a reference for the behavior of a Keyboard instance.

• Hint: You can iterate over *args as if it were a list.

Inheritance

Recall that a *subclass* (child class) by default inherits all of the methods and class attributes of its *superclass* (parent class). The subclass can override methods and class attributes by redefining them. **super()** can be used to access the methods and class attributes of the parent class.

Q4: That's inheritance, init?

Let's say we want to create a class Monarch that inherits from another class, Butterfly. We've partially written an __init__ method for Monarch. For each of the following options, state whether it would correctly complete the method so that every instance of Monarch has all of the instance attributes of a Butterfly instance. You may assume that a monarch butterfly has the default value of 2 wings.

```
super.__init__()
```

```
super().__init__()
```

```
Butterfly.__init__()
```

```
Butterfly.__init__(self)
```

Some butterflies like the Owl Butterfly have adaptations that allow them to mimic other animals with their wing patterns. Let's write a class for these MimicButterflies. In addition to all of the instance variables of a regular Butterfly instance, these should also have an instance variable mimic_animal describing the name of the animal they mimic. Fill in the blanks in the lines below to create this class.

Q5: Cat

Below is the implementation of a Pet class. Each pet has three instance attributes (is_alive, name, and owner), as well as two class methods (eat and talk).

```
class Pet():
   def __init__(self, name, owner):
       self.is_alive = True
                                # It's alive!!!
        self.name = name
        self.owner = owner
   def eat(self, thing):
       print(self.name + " ate a " + str(thing) + "!")
   def talk(self):
        print(self.name)
```

Implement the Cat class, which inherits from the Pet class seen above. To complete the implementation, override the __init__ and talk methods and add a new lose_life method.

Hint: You can call the __init__ method of Pet (the superclass of Cat) to set a cat's name and owner.

Hint: The __init__ method can be called at any point and used just like any other method.

```
class Cat(Pet):
   def __init__(self, name, owner, lives=9):
       "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
   def talk(self):
       """Print out a cat's greeting.
       >>> Cat('Thomas', 'Tammy').talk()
       Thomas says meow!
       "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
   def lose_life(self):
       """Decrements a cat's life by 1. When lives reaches zero,
       is_alive becomes False. If this is called after lives has
       reached zero, print 'This cat has no more lives to lose.'
       "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
   def revive(self):
       """Revives a cat from the dead. The cat should now have
       9 lives and is_alive should be true. Can only be called
       on a cat that is dead. If the cat isn't dead, print
       'This cat still has lives to lose.'
       0.00
       if not self.is_alive:
           -----
       else:
```

Q6: NoisyCat

More cats! Fill in this implementation of a class called NoisyCat, which is just like a normal Cat. However, NoisyCat talks a lot: in fact, it talks twice as much as a regular Cat! If you'd like to test your code, feel free to copy over your solution to the Cat class above.

```
class _____ # Fill me in!
   """A Cat that repeats things twice."""
   def __init__(self, name, owner, lives=9):
        # Is this method necessary? Why or why not?
        "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
   def talk(self):
        """Talks twice as much as a regular cat.
       >>> NoisyCat('Magic', 'James').talk()
       Magic says meow!
       Magic says meow!
        "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
```

Representation: Repr. Str

Recall that, for any given object obj:

- repr(obj) is used to get a formal representation of obj, which is displayed when obj is evaluated directly in the interpreter. The __repr__ method of obj defines the output of repr(obj).
- str(obj) is used to get a human-readable representation of obj, which is displayed when print(obj) is evaluated directly in the interpreter. The __str__ method of obj defines the output of str(obj).

Q7: WWPD: Repr-esentation

Note: This is not the typical way repr is used, nor is this way of writing repr recommended, this problem is mainly just to make sure you understand how repr and str work.

```
class Car:
   def __init__(self, color):
        self.color = color
   def __repr__(self):
        return self.color
   def __str__(self):
        return self.color * 2
class Garage:
   def __init__(self):
        print('Vroom!')
        self.cars = []
   def add_car(self, car):
         self.cars.append(car)
   def __repr__(self):
        print(len(self.cars))
        ret = ''
        for car in self.cars:
             ret += str(car)
        return ret
```

Given the above class definitions, what will the following lines output?

```
>>> Car('red')
```

```
>>> print(Car('red'))
```

```
>>> repr(Car('blue'))
```

```
>>> g = Garage()
```

```
>>> g.add_car(Car('red'))
>>> g.add_car(Car('blue'))
>>> g
```

Q8: Cat Representation

Now let's implement the __str__ and __repr__ methods for the Cat class from earlier so that they exhibit the following behavior:

```
>>> cat = Cat("Felix", "Kevin")
>>> cat
Felix, 9 lives
>>> cat.lose_life()
>>> cat
Felix, 8 lives
>>> print(cat)
Felix
```

```
# (The rest of the Cat class is omitted here, but assume all methods from the Cat class
above are implemented)
def __repr__(self):
    "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"

def __str__(self):
    "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
```

Appendix: Explanation of Material OOP

Object-oriented programming (OOP) is a programming paradigm that allows us to treat data as objects, like we do in real life.

For example, consider the class Student. Each of you as individuals is an instance of this class.

Details that all CS 61A students have, such as name, are called **instance variables**. Every student has these variables, but their values differ from student to student. A variable that is shared among all instances of **Student** is known as a **class variable**. For example, the **extension_days** attribute is a class variable as it is a property of all students.

All students are able to do homework, attend lecture, and go to office hours. When functions belong to a specific object, they are called **methods**. In this case, these actions would be methods of **Student** objects.

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Inheritance

To avoid redefining attributes and methods for similar classes, we can write a single **base class** from which the similar classes **inherit**. For example, we can write a class called **Pet** and define **Dog** as a **subclass** of **Pet**:

```
class Pet:

    def __init__(self, name, owner):
        self.is_alive = True  # It's alive!!!
        self.name = name
        self.owner = owner

    def eat(self, thing):
        print(self.name + " ate a " + str(thing) + "!")

    def talk(self):
        print(self.name)

class Dog(Pet):

    def talk(self):
        super().talk()
        print('This Dog says woof!')
```

Inheritance represents a hierarchical relationship between two or more classes where one class **is a** more specific version of the other: a dog **is a** pet (We use **is a** to describe this sort of relationship in OOP languages, and not to refer to the Python **is** operator).

Since Dog inherits from Pet, the Dog class will also inherit the Pet class's methods, so we don't have to redefine __init__ or eat. We do want each Dog to talk in a Dog-specific way, so we can override the talk method.

We can use super() to refer to the superclass of self, and access any superclass methods as if we were an instance
of the superclass. For example, super().talk() in the Dog class will call the talk() method from the Pet class,
but passing the Dog instance as the self.

This is a little bit of a simplification, and if you're interested you can read more in the Python documentation on super.

Representation: Repr. Str

There are two main ways to produce the "string" of an object in Python: str() and repr(). While the two are similar, they are used for different purposes.

str() is used to describe the object to the end user in a "Human-readable" form, while repr() can be thought of as a "Computer-readable" form mainly used for debugging and development.

When we define a class in Python, __str__ and __repr__ are both built-in methods for the class.

We can call those methods using the global built-in functions str(obj) or repr(obj) instead of dot notation, obj. __repr__() or obj.__str__().

In addition, the print() function calls the __str__ method of the object and displays the returned string with the quotations removed, while simply calling the object in interactive mode in the interpreter calls the _repr__ method and displays the returned string with the quotations removed.

Here are some examples:

```
class Rational:

    def __init__(self, numerator, denominator):
        self.numerator = numerator
        self.denominator = denominator

    def __str__(self):
        return str(self.numerator) + '/' + str(self.denominator)

    def __repr__(self):
        return 'Rational' + '(' + str(self.numerator) + ',' + str(self.denominator) + ')'

>>> a = Rational(1, 2)

>>> [str(a), repr(a)]
['1/2', 'Rational(1,2)']

>>> print(a)

1/2

>>> a

Rational(1,2)
```