

Ch. 5.1: Part-A Advanced Structural Specification in UML

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UML Class Diagram Revisited

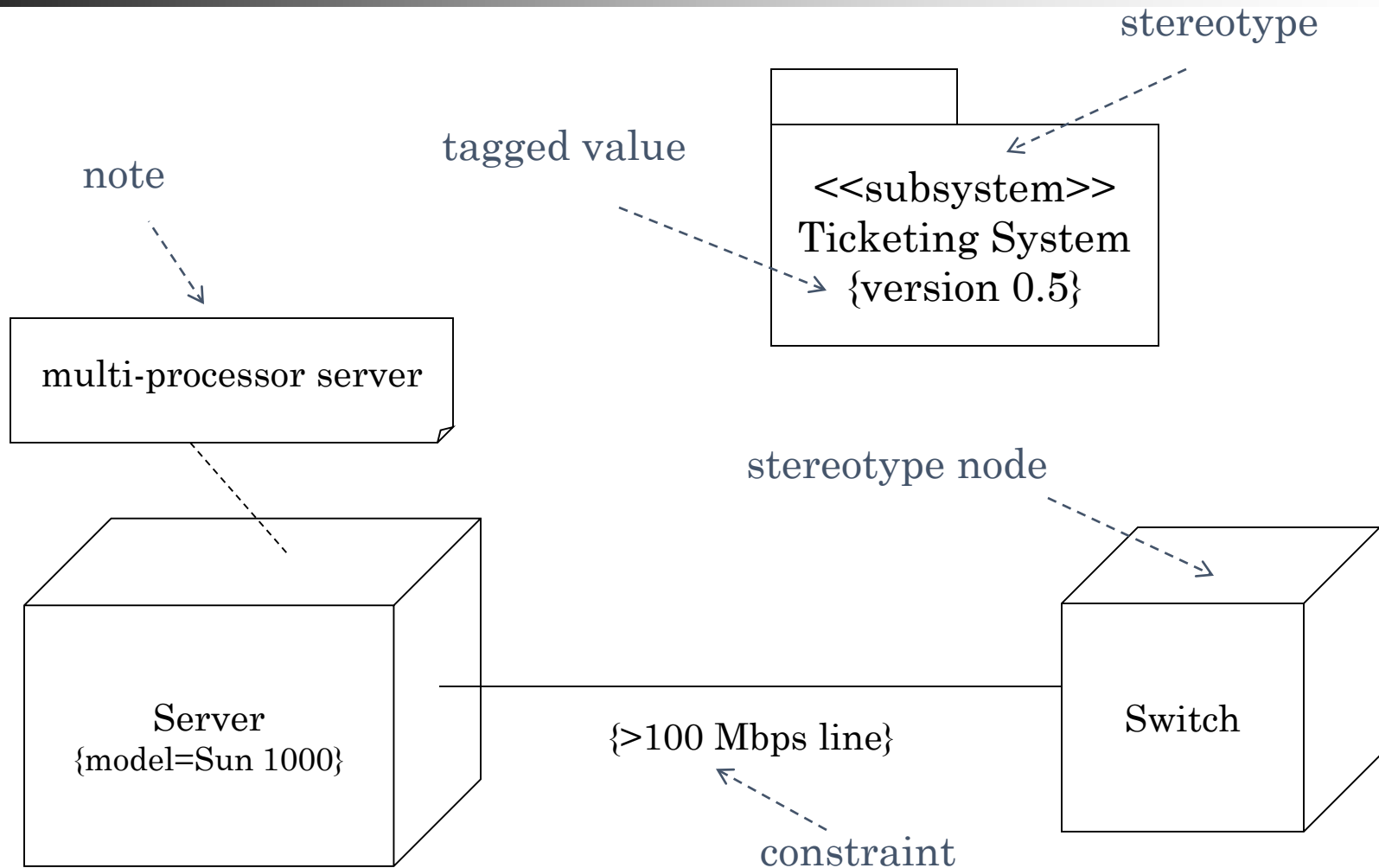
- Class diagrams are useful for modeling static views of a system
 - Each class diagram helps analyst and designer in visualization, specification, and documentation of a set of classes, interfaces, and other elements and their relationships
 - Each class diagram captures one collaboration at a time
 - Generally a family of class diagrams are necessary
- Class diagrams are the basis for constructing executable systems
- Class diagrams are the basis for component and deployment diagrams

Class Diagram (cont.)

Class diagram generally contains

- Class diagram may contain classes, interfaces, relationships (association, dependency, generalization, inheritance), packages and subsystems, and collaborations
- **Notes:** can be used to add descriptions, observations, requirements
- **Constraints:** can be used to create new rules for UML elements – extends semantics of UML elements
- **Tagged values:** can be used to create new information about UML elements – extends properties of UML elements
- **Stereotypes:** can be used to create new elements for specific domains – extends vocabulary of the UML

Notes, Tagged Values, and Constraints



Abstract, Root, and Leaf Classes

Abstract class

- a class that includes (or inherits) at least one abstract method
- can not be instantiated

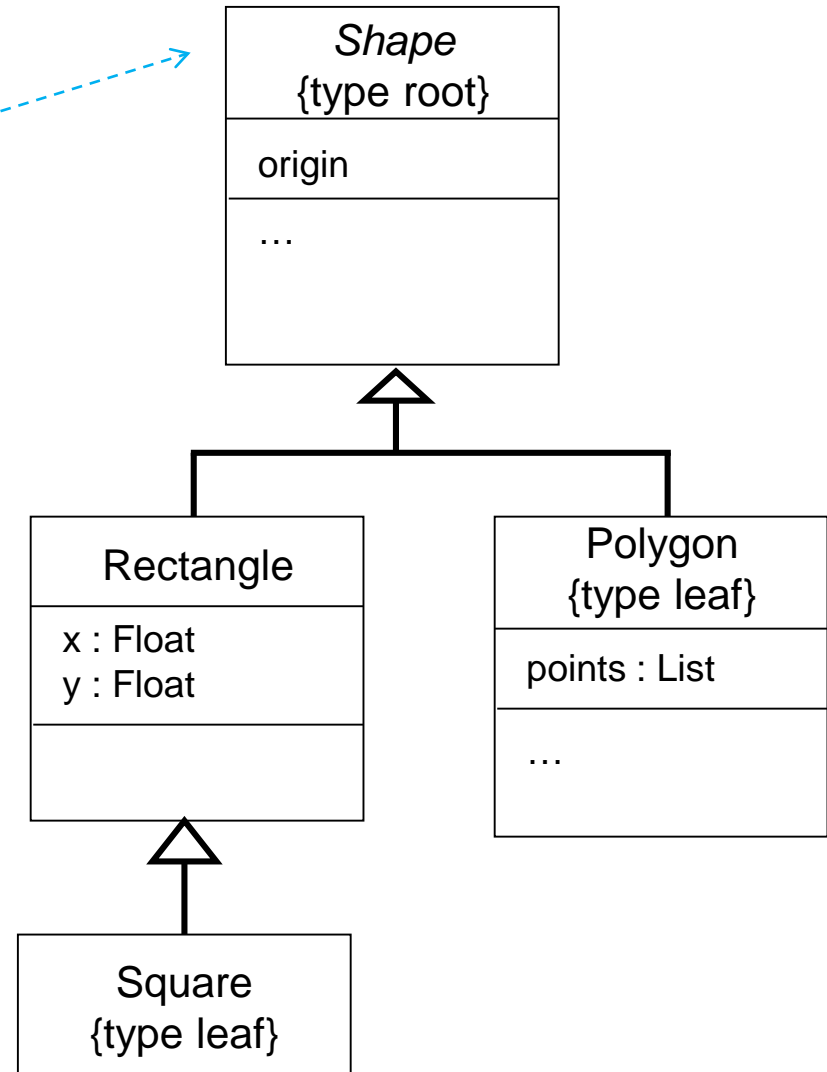
Root class:

- any class which can not have any parent class

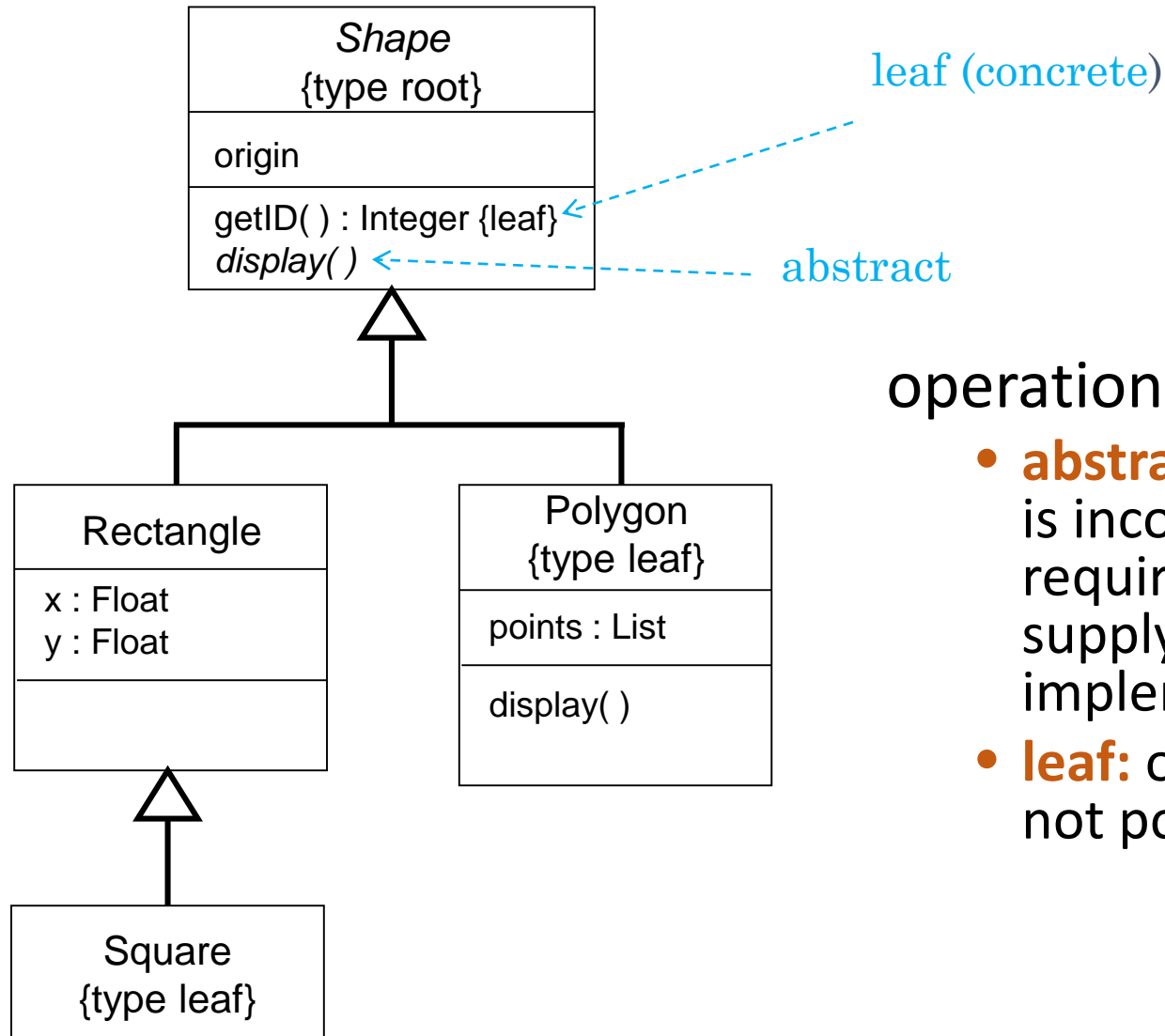
Leaf class:

- any class which does not have any children

abstract class



Abstract, Leaf, and Polymorphic Operations



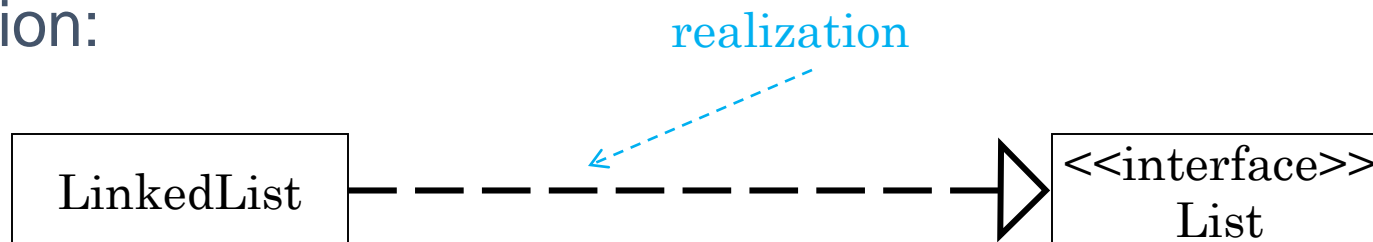
operations

- **abstract:** operation is incomplete requiring a child supplying its implementation
- **leaf:** operation is not polymorphic.

Semantics

- an interface is a collection of operations that can be used to specify a service of a class
 - An interface is a special form of a class which specifies methods without their implementations (can not have direct instances) – interface does not include attributes and method implementations
- an interface can have a realization relationship with a class
 - Realization relationship shows that a class carries out (realizes) the contracts of an interface
- an interface can have generalization relationship with another interface
- generally an “I” is appended to the front of the interface name

notation:



Interface Example: List and LinkedList

```
public interface Collection<E> extends Iterable<E>
```

```
public interface List extends Collection
```

```
void add(int index, Object element);
```

```
    // inserts the specified element at the specified position in this list
```

```
Object remove(int index) ;
```

```
    // removes the element at the specified position in this list
```

```
public class LinkedList extends AbstractSequentialList  
implements List, Cloneable, java.io.Serializable
```

```
public void add(int index, Object element) {  
    addBefore(element, (index==size ? header : entry(index)));}
```

```
public Object remove(int index) {  
    Entry e = entry(index);  
    remove(e);  
    return e.element;}  
}
```


Interface Example: List and LinkedList

public interface Collection<E> extends Iterable<E>

Java Platform SE 11.0

public **interface List** extends Collection

void **add**(int index, E element); *// inserts the specified element at the specified position in this list*

E **remove**(int index); *// removes the element at the specified position in this list*

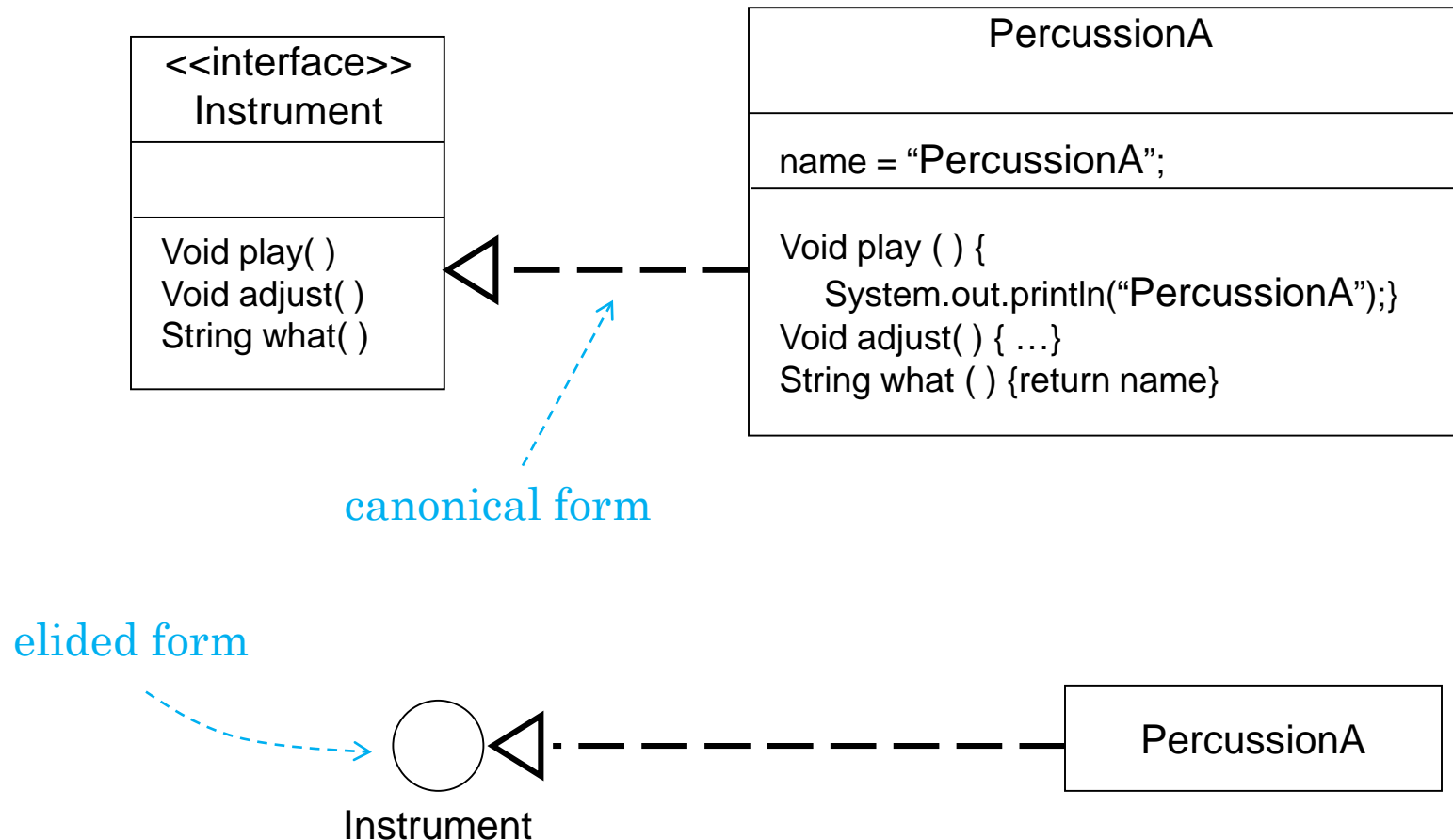
public **class LinkedList<E>** **extends** AbstractSequentialList<E>
implements List<E>, Deque<E>, Cloneable, java.io.Serializable

```
public void add(int index, E element) {  
    checkPositionIndex(index);  
    if (index == size) linkLast(element);  
    else linkBefore(element, node(index));  
}
```

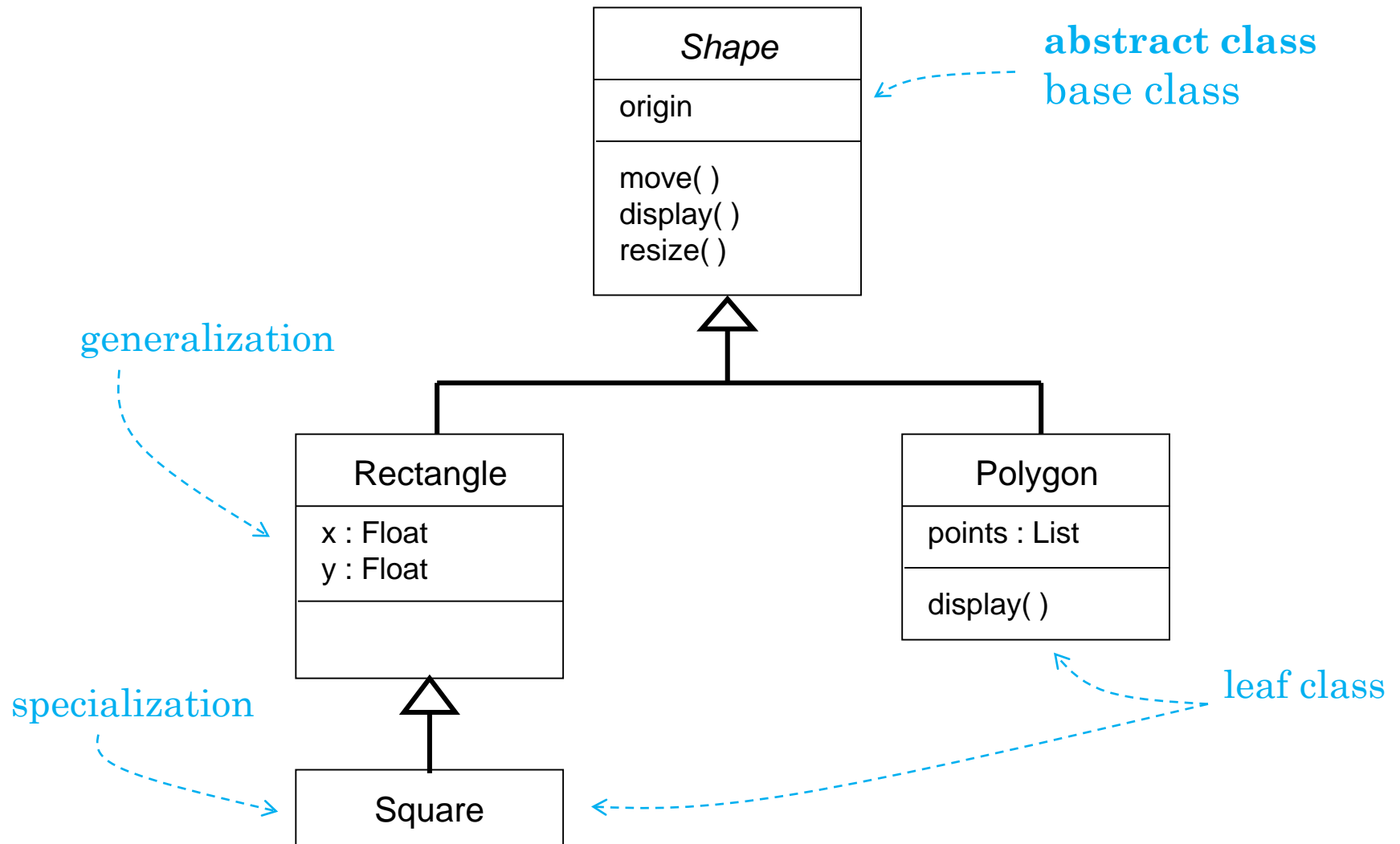
```
public E remove(int index) {  
    checkElementIndex(index)  
    return unlink(node(index));  
}
```

Realization Specification

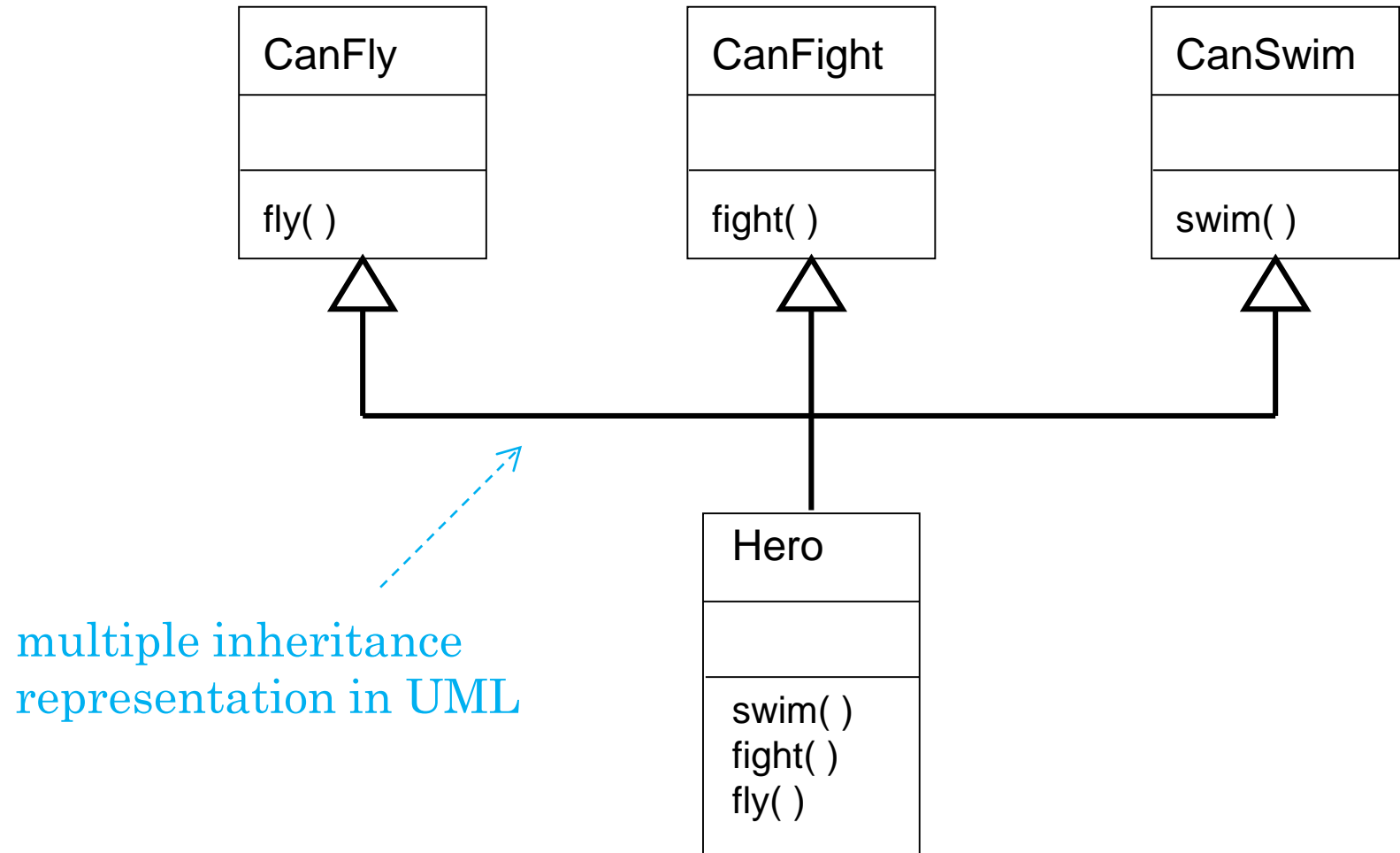
UML notation



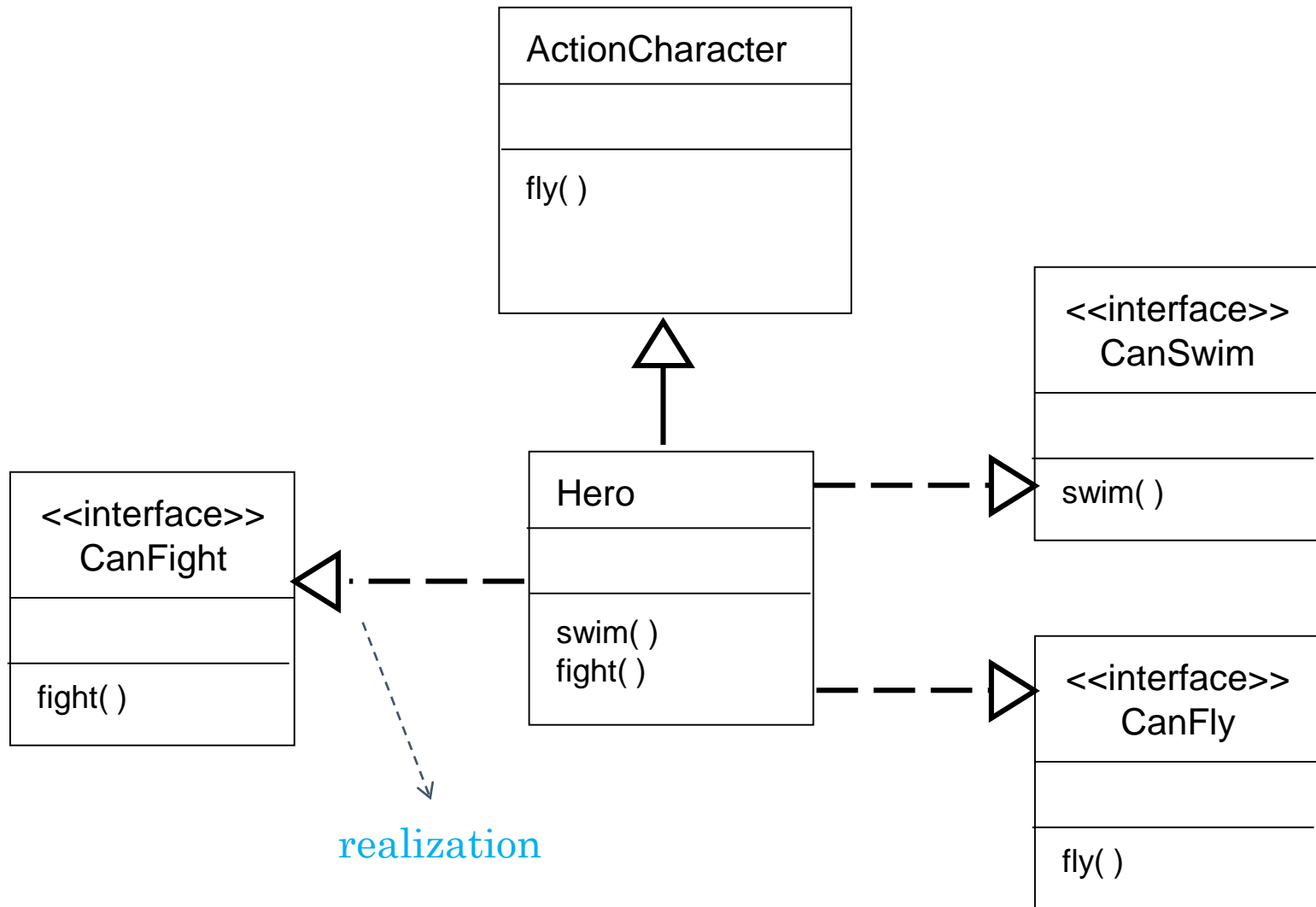
Single Inheritance



Multiple Inheritance



Interface Example in Java



UML Class Diagram Revisited (cont.)

Class diagrams can be used in three ways

- Model vocabulary of a system
 - Focuses on key abstractions clearly relevant to a specific system analysis or design view while excluding all others – refer to Ch4 OOAD
- Model collaborations
 - A collaboration is a society of classes, interfaces, and other elements (e.g., subsystems) that collectively provide some behavior that is bigger than the sum of all the elements
- Model a logical database schema
 - Specify design of databases

Basic Class Diagram Modeling

Modeling Procedure

- Identify mechanisms of interest – each represents some function or behavior for a part of system being modeled
- Identify classes, interfaces, and other elements that participate in this collaboration
- Identify relationships that are expected to support the collaboration
- Specify the responsibilities each element is expected to provide
- Use scenarios to examine the elements and their relationships. Revise the choice of elements and their relationships to achieve the intended behavior

it is very important to develop **use-case** and **CRC** diagrams before beginning to specify class diagrams

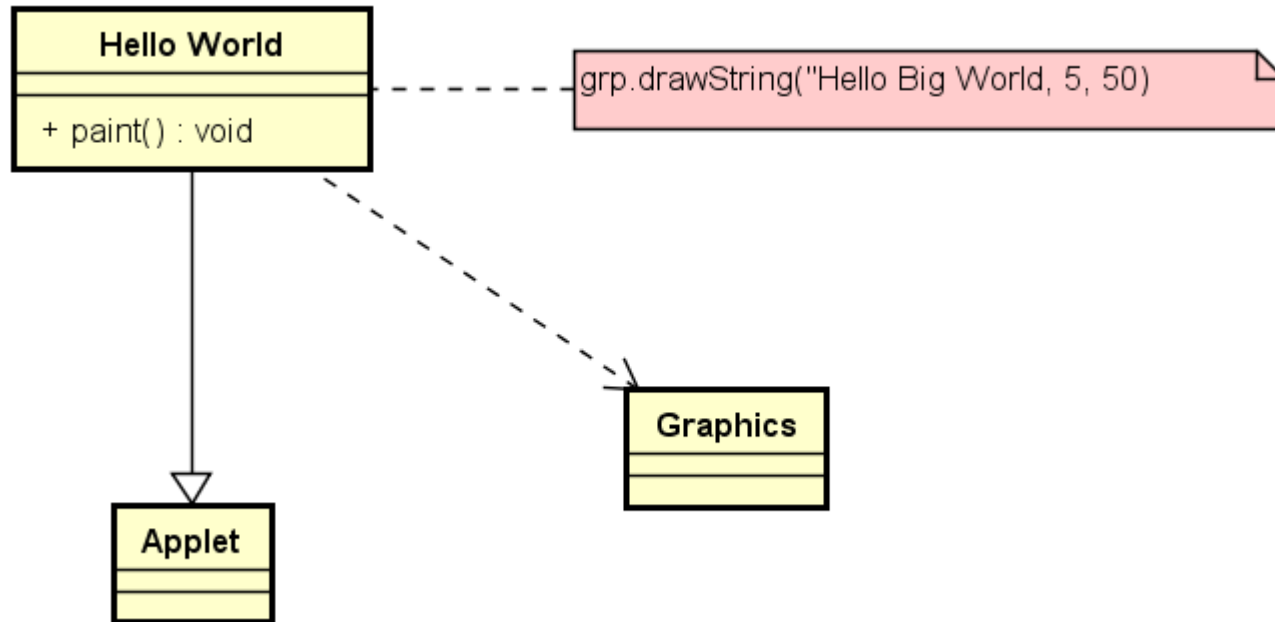
Attributes of a Well-Structured Class Diagram

- Focuses on communicating one aspect of a system's **static view**
- Contains only those elements that are essential to understanding one aspect of a ***system's static view***
- Provides detail **consistent with its level of abstraction** – only includes those adornments that are key to understanding
- **Is not so minimalist** that it misinforms the user about important semantics

Hints on Class Diagram Visualization

- Choose a **suitable name** – communicates the intended purpose
- Place those elements that are **semantically dependent** close to one another
- Layout elements to **minimize crossing** of relationships
- Use notes and other **visual cues** to emphasis key features
- Include **details** to the extent needed – i.e., the set of all attributes and operations for every element is usually not necessary to be shown (hide details, not exclude them)

Basic Class Diagrams: HelloWorld Example

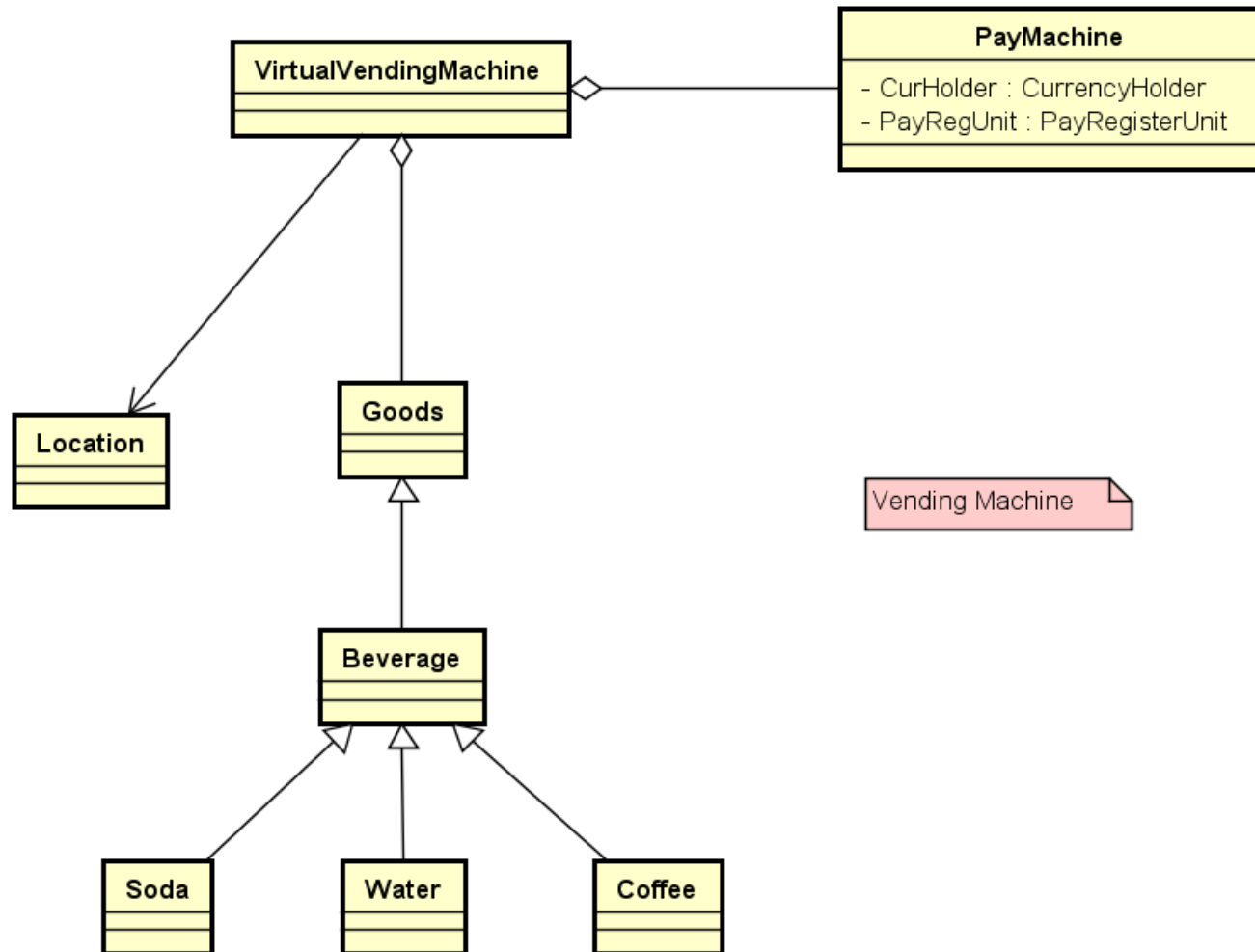


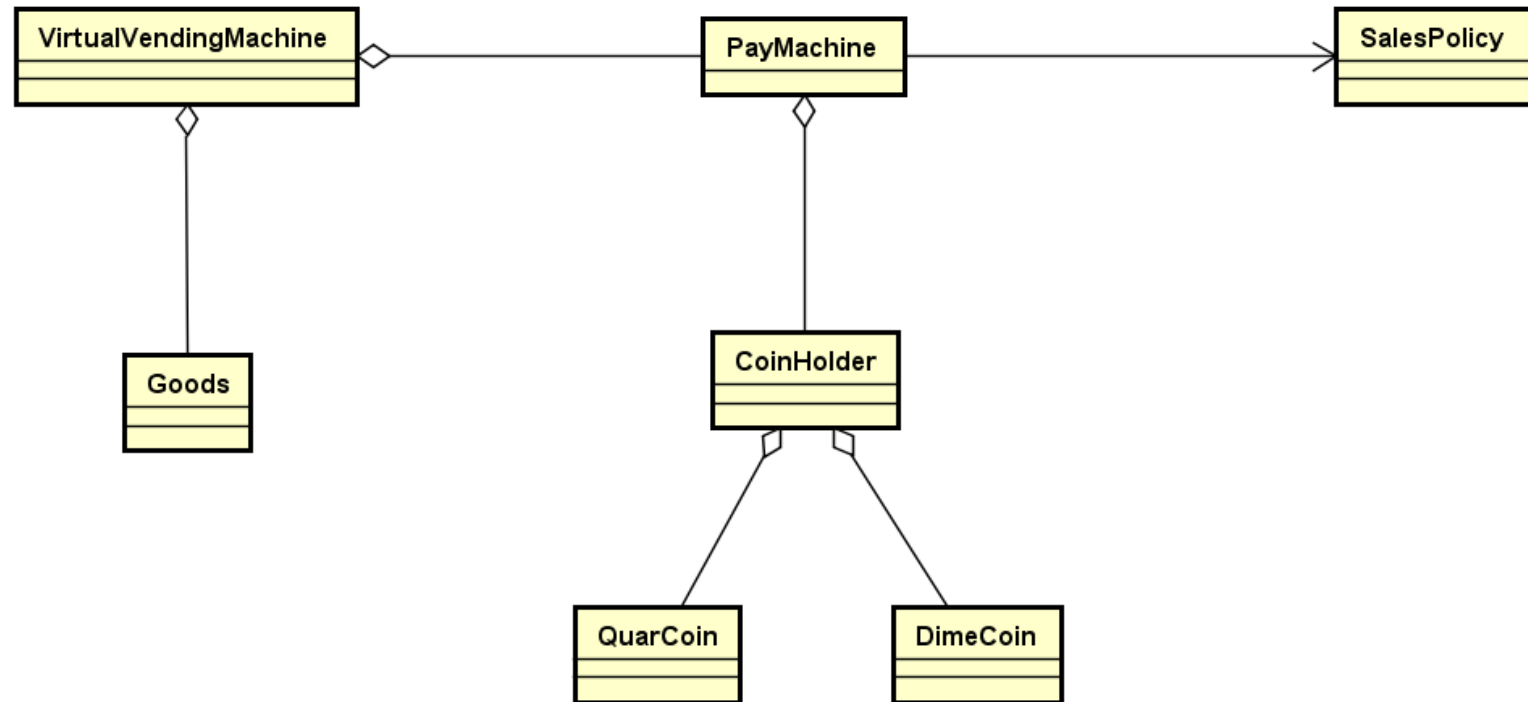
HelloWorld.java

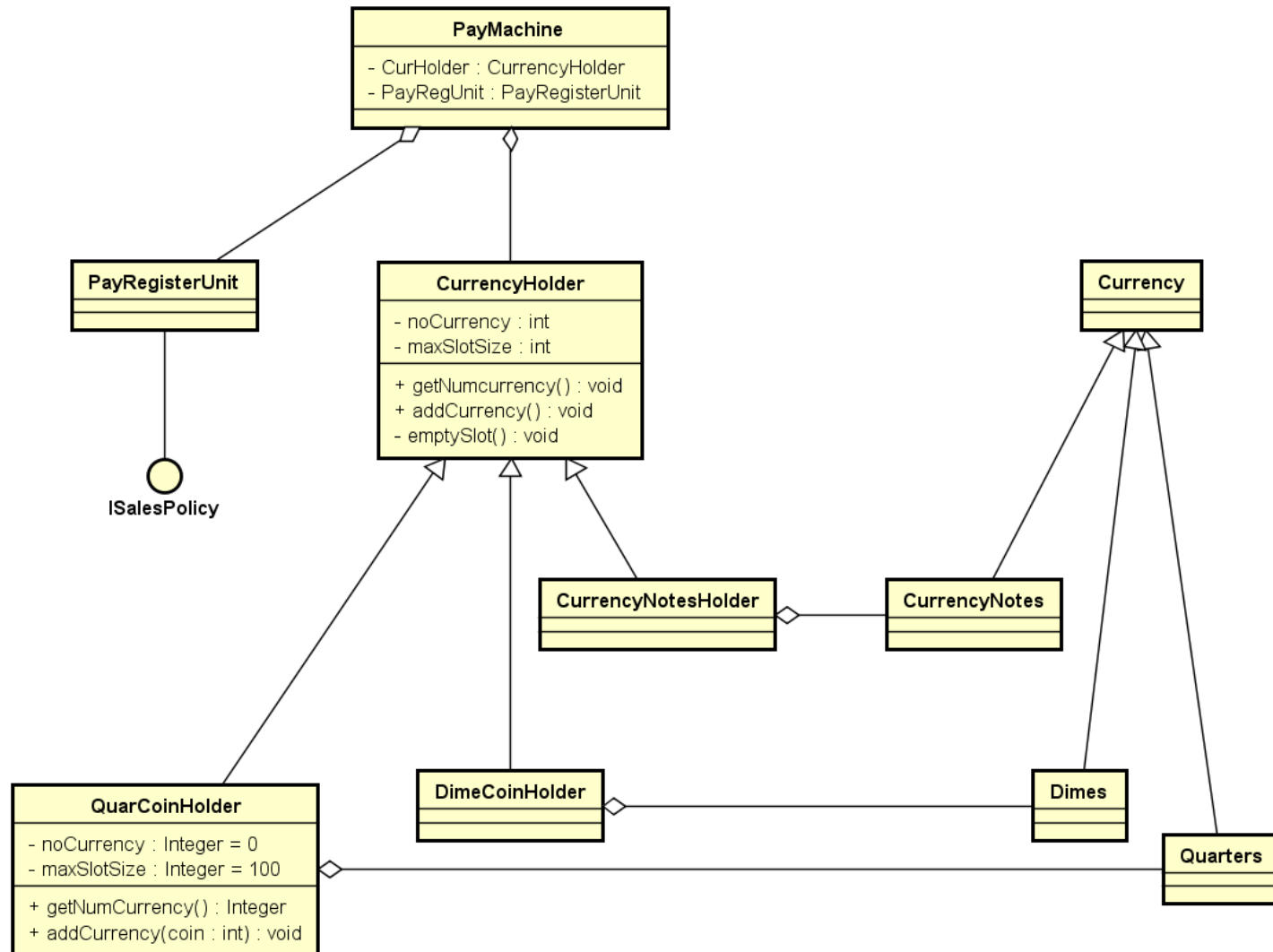
```
import java.awt.Graphics;

class HelloWorld extends java.applet.Applet {
    public void paint(Graphics grp) {
        grp.drawString("Hello, Big World", 5, 50);
    }
}
```

Basic Class Diagrams: *Virtual Vending Machine Example*







Forward and Reverse Engineering

- **Forward Engineering:** supports transforming a UML model into code through a mapping to an implementation language
 - Use of forward engineering should be decided in the early stages since it depends on the choice of programming languages – e.g., whether a programming language supports multiple inheritance or not affects analysis and design choices and methods
 - Forward engineering results in loss of information – UML has a more general and thus richer set of semantics
- **Reverse Engineering:** Supports transforming code implemented in a particular programming language into UML models – these models are generally incomplete!
- The Forward and Reverse Engineering are **complementary** – neither can be sufficient!

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