

Abstract Data Types (ADTs)

- A functional approach to describing information storage and access.
 - No standardized approach.
 - Not directly supported by language
 - Requires discipline by programmer

Object Oriented Programming (OOP)

- Three Precepts
 - Inheritance
 - Polymorphism
 - Encapsulation
- Not a goal of this course

OOP: Polymorphism

Java supports pseudo-polymorphism

- e.g. operator overloading
- e.g. templates

OOP: Encapsulation

- **Information hiding**
- **Access control**
- Supported in C++ via classes.
- Supported in Java via classes, interfaces and packages
- Public versus private declarations control access

Data Abstraction

Data abstraction requires us to divorce

1) data and how it is stored

from

2) the way it is used

Data Abstraction

- User of data does not need to know
 - How it is stored or
 - How it is organized
- The user only concerned with
 - **How can information be used**
 - **How can I access data**

ADTs

- ADT is **A**bstract **D**ata **T**ype
- An ADT is a Black Box
 - We can't see what's inside (implementation)
 - We only see what goes in and comes out. (interface)

ADTs

In this course we will wear two hats

1) User hat

- we are outside the black box

2) Programmer hat

- we are inside the black box

ADTs: Example

Consider a clock.

- Single function - return time of day
- Lot of implementations:
 - Battery operated,
 - 60 cycle AC
 - Pendulum,
 - Water driven

ADTs: Example

- Some implementations impose restrictions.
 - Pendulum has more space requirements
 - AC power requires electrical source
- Some implementations are better choice
- Situationally dependent

ADTs

- 1) User hat
 - Only consider the functionality
 - How is information used/ accessed
- 2) Programmer hat (Later)
 - Consider implementation tradeoffs
 - Consider how it is stored/organized

ADT Example

- Problem:
Design a new model of automobile
- Designer - outside the black box
- Engineer - inside the black box

Designer

- Thinks about how vehicle will look
 - Set a trend?
 - Be part of the crowd?
- How will vehicle appeal to a particular market segment

Engineer

- Thinks about implementation
- How will the parts fit together?
- Can existing factory tooling be used for all or part of manufacture?
- Costs?

Example: engine

- Designer identifies requirements/priorities
- Fuel efficiency/performance
- Size or weight restrictions
- Must be internal combustion engine
 - Existing societal infrastructure
 - Eliminates battery/electric power options

Example: engine

- Engineer Identifies implementations and necessary tradeoffs
- Piston-based engine
 - Complicated
 - Gasoline powered
 - Diesel powered
- Wankel rotary engine

Example: engine - Gasoline

- Range of fuel economy
- Better performance
- Less pollution than diesel
- Improve fuel efficiency with alcohol mixes

Example: engine - Diesel

- Good fuel economy
- Strong low end torque
- Poor acceleration
- Difficult to start in cold weather
- Fuel is less readily available

Example: engine - Wankel

- Simple, easy to maintain
- Poor fuel economy
- Turbo charger
 - Improves the fuel economy
 - Increases complexity

ADTs: Specifying an ADT

- Good method is to write as a class.
- Use preconditions, postconditions, invariants
- No function bodies needed.

ADT Format

ADT *Name* is

Data

Describe the nature of the data and any initialization.

Methods

Method₁

Input: Data from the client.
Precondition: Necessary state of the system (what needs to be true) before executing the operation
Process: Actions performed with the data.
Postcondition: State of the system (what needs to be true) after executing the operation.
Output: Data values returned to the client.

Method₂

Method_n

end ADT *Name*

ADT Example: Dice

ADT Dice

Data

A count, N , of the number of dice in a single toss, the sum of the toss, and a list of the N tossed die values. Values of a toss range from 1 to 6. Sum ranges from $1N$ to $6N$.

Methods

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Methods

Toss

Input: None
Precondition: None
Process: Toss the dice and compute the sum.
Postcondition: The sum contains the sum of the dice on the toss, and the list identifies the value of each die in the toss.
Output: None

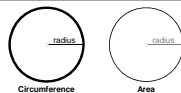
DieTotal

Input: None
Precondition: None
Process: Retrieve the value of the variable which specifies the sum for the most recent toss.
Postcondition: None
Output: Return the total of the dice for the most recent toss.

DisplayToss

Input: None
Precondition: None
Process: Print the list of dice values for the most recent toss.
Output: None
Postcondition: None

End ADT Dice



ADT Circle is

Data

A non-negative real number specifying the radius of the circle, initialized to a non zero real radius.

Methods

Area

Input: None
Precondition: None
Process: Compute the area of the circle.
Postcondition: None
Output: Return the area.

Circumference

Input: None
Precondition: None
Process: Compute the circumference of the circle.
Postcondition: None
Output: Return the circumference.

end ADT Circle

```
#include <iostream.h>
const float PI = 3.14152;
//declare Circle class with data and method declarations
class Circle
{
    private:
        float radius;    //initialize to a positive value

    public:
        Circle (float r);    //constructor
        float Circumference(void) const;
        float Area(void) const;
};
```

Note structural similarity between ADT and Class declaration

