



Object Oriented Programming

Built-in methods

1. Built-in methods

All classes defined in Python have methods whose name is already defined. The first example of such a method we have seen is the `__init__` method which allows us to initialize an object, but it is not the only one.

Built-in methods give the class the ability to interact with predefined Python functions such as `print`, `len`, `help` and basic operators. These methods usually have the affixes `__` at the beginning and end of their names, which allows us to easily identify them.

Thanks to the `dir(object)` command, we can get an overview of some predefined methods common to all Python objects.

```
In [1]: dir(object)
```

```
Out[1]: ['__class__',
         '__delattr__',
         '__dir__',
         '__doc__',
         '__eq__',
         '__format__',
         '__ge__',
         '__getattr__',
         '__gt__',
         '__hash__',
         '__init__',
         '__init_subclass__',
         '__le__',
         '__lt__',
         '__ne__',
         '__new__',
         '__reduce__',
         '__reduce_ex__',
         '__repr__',
         '__setattr__',
         '__sizeof__',
         '__str__',
         '__subclasshook__']
```

2. The `str` method

One of the most convenient methods is the `__str__` method which is called automatically when the user calls the `print` command on an object. This method returns a character string that represents the object passed to it.

All the classes in Python on which we can apply the `print` function have this method in their definition.

```
In [2]: # The int class
        i = 10
        i.__str__()
```

```
Out[2]: '10'
```

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```
In [3]: # The list class
        tab = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
        tab.__str__()
```

```
Out[3]: '[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]'
```

When we define our own classes, it is better to define a `__str__` method rather than a method like `display` as we did previously. This will allow all future users to directly use the `print` function to display the object on the console.

We are going to use the `Complex` class that we defined in the first module of introduction to object-oriented programming:

```
class Complex:
    def __init__(self, a, b):
        self.part_re = a
        self.part_im = b

    def display(self):
        if(self.part_im < 0):
            print(self.part_re, '-', -self.part_im, 'i')
        if(self.part_im == 0):
            print(self.part_re)
        if(self.part_im > 0):
            print(self.part_re, '+', self.part_im, 'i')
```

- (a) Define in the `Complex` class the `__str__` method which **must return a character string** corresponding to the algebraic representation $a + bi$ of a complex number. This method will replace the `display` method.

❶ To get the string representation of a number, you can call its `__str__` method.

- (b) Instantiate a `Complex` object corresponding to the number $6 - 3i$ then display it on the console using the `print` function.

In []:

```
class Complex:
    def __init__(self, a = 0, b = 0):
        self.part_re = a
        self.part_im = b
    def __str__(self):
        raise NotImplementedError ##### Insert your code here
```

In [4]:

```
class Complex:
    def __init__(self, a = 0, b = 0):
        self.part_re = a
        self.part_im = b
    def __str__(self):
        if(self.part_im < 0):
            return f"{self.part_re} - {-self.part_im} i "
        if(self.part_im == 0):
            return f"{self.part_re}"
        if(self.part_im > 0):
            return f"{self.part_re} + {self.part_im} i"

c = Complex(5, 10)
print(c)
```

5 + 10 i

In [5]:

```
# Output gives an TypeError !!!!!

class Complex:
    def __init__(self, a = 0, b = 0):
        self.part_re = a
        self.part_im = b

    def __str__(self):
        if(self.part_im < 0):
            print(str(self.part_re) + str(self.part_im) + 'i')

        if(self.part_im == 0):
            print(str(self.part_re))

        if(self.part_im > 0):
            print(str(self.part_re) + '+' + str(self.part_im) + 'i')

c = Complex(5, 10)
print(c)
```

5+10i

```
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TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-5-4762435f2fd6> in <module>
     17
     18 c = Complex(5, 10)
--> 19 print(c)

TypeError: __str__ returned non-string (type NoneType)
```

In [6]:

```
class Car():
    def __init__(self, make, model, year):
        self.make = make
        self.model = model
        self.year = year
        print("Init Func executed")
    def __str__(self):
        return f"Make : {self.make} \nModel : {self.model} \nYear : {self.year}"

car = Car('Verso', 'Toyota', 2008)
print(car)
```

Init Func executed
Make : Verso
Model : Toyota
Year : 2008

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In [7]:

```
class Complex:
    def __init__(self, a = 0, b = 0):
        self.part_re = a
        self.part_im = b

    def __str__(self):
        if(self.part_im < 0):
            return self.part_re.__str__() + self.part_im.__str__() + 'i' # returns 'a' '-b' 'i'

        if(self.part_im == 0):
            return self.part_re.__str__() # returns 'a'

        if(self.part_im > 0):
            return self.part_re.__str__() + '+' + self.part_im.__str__() + 'i' # returns 'a' '+' 'b' + 'i'

z = Complex(6, -3)
print(z)
```

6-3i

3. Comparison methods

As for the `int` or `float` classes, we would like to be able to compare the objects of the `Complex` class with each other, i.e. to be able to use the comparison operators (`>`, `<`, `==`, `!=`, ...).

To this end, the Python developers have provided the following methods:

- `__le__` / `__ge__` : *lesser or equal / greater or equal*
- `__lt__` / `__gt__` : *lesser than / greater than*
- `__eq__` / `__ne__` : *equals / not equal*

These methods are automatically called when the comparison operators are used and return a Boolean value (`True` or `False`).

In [8]:

```
x = 5
print(x > 3) # True
print(x.__gt__(3)) # True
print(x < 3) # False
print(x.__lt__(3)) # False
```

True
True
False
False

For the `Complex` class, we will make the comparison thanks to the modulus calculated by the formula $|a + bi| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

- (a) Define in the `Complex` class a `mod` method which returns the modulus of the `Complex` calling the method. You can use the `sqrt` function of the `numpy` package to calculate a square root.
- (b) Define in the `Complex` class the methods `__lt__` and `__gt__` (strictly lower and strictly higher). These methods must return a boolean.
- (c) Perform the two comparisons defined above on the complex numbers $3 + 4i$ and $2 - 5i$

In [9]:

```
import numpy as np

class Complex:
    def __init__(self, a = 0, b = 0):
        self.part_re = a
        self.part_im = b

    def __str__(self):
        if(self.part_im < 0):
            return self.part_re.__str__() + self.part_im.__str__() + 'i' # returns 'a' '-b' 'i'

        if(self.part_im == 0):
            return self.part_re.__str__() # returns 'a'

        if(self.part_im > 0):
            return self.part_re.__str__() + '+' + self.part_im.__str__() + 'i' # returns 'a' '+' 'b' + 'i'

    def mod(self):
        a = self.part_re**2
        b = self.part_im**2
        return np.sqrt(a + b)

# The 'other' argument in the following methods corresponds to the object
# of type Complex that we wish to compare to

    def __lt__(self, other):
        other_modus = np.sqrt(other.real**2 + other.imag**2)

        if self.mod() < other_modus:
            return True
        else:
            return False

    def __gt__(self, other):
        other_modus = np.sqrt(other.real**2 + other.imag**2)

        if self.mod() > other_modus:
            return True
        else:
            return False

c = Complex(3, 4)
c.mod()

print(c.__lt__(1-4j))
print(f"{c} < 1-4j = ", c.__lt__(1-4j))
print(f"{c} > 1-4j = ", c.__gt__(1-4j))
```

```
False
3+4i < 1-4j = False
3+4i > 1-4j = True
```

In [10]:

```
c = 1-4j
print("Real = " + c.real + "\nImaginary = " + c.imag)
```

```
Real = 1.0
Imaginary = -4.0
```

In []:

```
import numpy as np

class Complex:
    def __init__(self, a = 0, b = 0):
        self.part_re = a
        self.part_im = b

    def __str__(self):
        if(self.part_im < 0):
            return self.part_re.__str__() + self.part_im.__str__() + 'i' # returns 'a' '-b' 'i'

        if(self.part_im == 0):
            return self.part_re.__str__() # returns 'a'

        if(self.part_im > 0):
            return self.part_re.__str__() + '+' + self.part_im.__str__() + 'i' # returns 'a' '+' 'b' + 'i'

    def mod(self):
        raise NotImplemented ### Insert your code here

# The 'other' argument in the following methods corresponds to the object
# of type Complex that we wish to compare to

    def __lt__(self, other):
        raise NotImplemented ### Insert your code here

    def __gt__(self, other):
        raise NotImplemented ### Insert your code here
```

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In [11]:

```
import numpy as np

class Complex:
    def __init__(self, a = 0, b = 0):
        self.part_re = a
        self.part_im = b

    def __str__(self):
        if(self.part_im < 0):
            return self.part_re.__str__() + self.part_im.__str__() + 'i' # returns 'a' '-b' 'i'

        if(self.part_im == 0):
            return self.part_re.__str__() # returns 'a'

        if(self.part_im > 0):
            return self.part_re.__str__() + '+' + self.part_im.__str__() + 'i' # returns 'a' '+' 'b' + 'i'

    def mod(self):
        return np.sqrt( self.part_re ** 2 + self.part_im ** 2) # returns (sqrt(a^2 + b^2))

    def __lt__(self, other):
        if(self.mod() < other.mod()): # returns True if |self| < |other|
            return True
        else:
            return False

    def __gt__(self, other):
        if(self.mod() > other.mod()): # returns True if |self| > |other|
            return True
        else:
            return False

z1 = Complex(3, 4)
z2 = Complex(2, 5)
print(z1 > z2)
print(z1 < z2)
```

False
True

In []:



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