

Assignment-4

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1. Explain Inheritance and polymorphism. from OOP's concept with Example.

Inheritance and polymorphism are two fundamental concepts in Object-Oriented Programming (OOP).

Both concepts facilitate code reuse and enhance the flexibility and extensibility of software.

To understand these concepts from a loops perspective let's use the analogy to explain each one:

* Inheritance:

Inheritance is a concept of OOP where one class can inherit properties and behaviours from another class. The subclass can extend the functionality of the superclass by adding new features (or) overriding existing ones.

Loop Analogy: Thinking of inheritance as a looping mechanism where you start with a basic loop and then use it as a template to create additional specialized loops.

Example: The "Shape" class is the base class and the "Rectangle" and "Circle" classes are derived class. The "Shape" class provides a generic method "area()", and each derived class implements its own version of the area() method, which calculates the area of the specific shape. By inheriting from the "Shape" class, the "Rectangle" and "Circle" classes reuse the common behavior while adding their specific implementation.

* Polymorphism:

Polymorphism is the ability of objects to take on multiple forms. In the context of OOP, it allows different classes to have methods with the same name, but the behaviour can vary depending on the actual object type (runtime).

Loop Analogy: Think of polymorphism as a looping mechanism that iterates over a list of different objects, treating each other object uniformly even though they may belong to different class.

Example: The 'print-area' function takes a 'Shape' object as an argument. It doesn't know about the specific type of shape, it only knows that all shapes have 'area' method. This polymorphism is in action - treating objects uniformly when the loop iterates over the list of shapes the appropriate 'area' method of each shape is involved, demonstrating polymorphic behaviour.