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## **Object Oriented Programming**

Object oriented programming is a programming paradigm that organizes relationships within data into **objects** and **classes**. In object oriented programming, each object is an **instance** of some particular class. For example, we can write a Car class that acts as a template for cars in general:

```
class Car:
    wheels = 4
    def ___init___(self):
        self.gas = 100
    def drive(self):
        self.qas -= 10
        print("Current gas level:", self.gas)
my_car = Car()
```

To represent an individual car, we can then initialize a new instance of Car as my\_car by "calling" the class. Doing so will automatically construct a new object of type Car, pass it into the \_\_init\_\_ method (also called the constructor), and then return it. Often, the \_\_init\_\_ method will initialize an object's instance attributes, variables specific to one object instead of all objects in its class. In this case, the \_\_init\_\_ method initially sets the gas instance attribute of each car to 100. It is important to note, however, that you can also manually set object-specific attributes outside of the \_\_init\_\_ method through variable declaration and methods.

Classes can also have class attributes, which are variables shared by all instances of a class. In the above example, wheels is shared by all instances of the Car class. In other words, all cars have 4 wheels.

Functions within classes are known as methods. Instance methods are special functions that act on the instances of a class. We've already seen the \_\_init\_\_ method. We can call instance methods by using the dot notation we use for instance attributes:

```
>>> my_car.drive()
Current gas level: 90
```

In instance methods, self is the instance from which the method was called. We don't have to explicitly pass in self because, when we call an instance method from an instance, the instance is automatically passed into the first parameter of the method by Python. That is, my\_car.drive() is exactly equivalent to the following:

```
>>> Car.drive(my_car)
Current gas level: 80
```

**Inheritance** is an important feature of object oriented programming. To create an object that shares its attributes or methods with an existing object, we can have the object inherit these similarities instead of repeating code. In addition to making our code more concise, it allows us to create classes based on other classes, similar to how real-world categories are often divided into smaller subcategories.

For example, say the HybridCar class inherits from the Car class as a type of car:

```
class HybridCar(Car):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.battery = 100

def drive(self):
        super().drive()
        self.battery -= 5
        print("Current battery level:", self.gas)

def brake(self):
        self.battery += 1

my_hybrid = HybridCar()
```

By default, the child class inherits all of the attributes and methods of its parent class. Consequently, we would be able to call my\_hybrid.drive() and access my\_hybrid.wheels from the HybridCar instance my\_hybrid. When dot notation is used on an instance, Python will first check the instance to see if the attribute exists, then the instance's class, and then its parent class, etc. If Python goes all the way up the class tree without finding the attribute, an AttributeError is thrown.

Additional or redefined instance and class attributes can be added in a child class, such as battery. If we decided that hybrid cars should have 3 wheels, we could assign 3 to a class attribute wheels in HybridCar. my\_hybrid.wheels would return 3, but my\_car.wheels would still return 4. We can also **override** inherited instance methods by redefining them in the child class. If we would like to call the parent class's version of a method, we can use **super**() to access it.

1. What would Python display? Write the result of executing the following code and prompts. If nothing would happen, write "Nothing". If an error occurs, write "Error".

```
class ForceWielder():
   force = 25
   def __init__(self, name):
        self.name = name
   def train(self, other):
        other.force += self.force / 5
   def __str__(self):
        return self.name
class Jedi(ForceWielder):
   lightsaber = "blue"
   def __str__(self):
        return "Jedi " + self.name
   def __repr__(self):
        return f"Jedi({repr(self.name)})"
class Sith(ForceWielder):
   lightsaber = "red"
   num sith = 0
   def __init__(self, name):
        super().__init__(name)
        Sith.num_sith += 1
        if self.num_sith != 2:
            print("Two there should be. No more, no less.")
   def __str__(self):
        return "Darth " + self.name
   def __repr__(self):
        return f"Sith({repr(self.name)})"
```

```
>>> anakin = Jedi("Anakin")
>>> anakin.lightsaber, anakin.force
("blue", 25)
>>> obiwan = Jedi("Obi-wan")
>>> anakin.master = obiwan
>>> anakin.master
Jedi("Obi-wan")
>>> Jedi.master
AttributeError
>>> obiwan.force += anakin.force
>>> obiwan.force, anakin.force
(50, 25)
>>> obiwan.train(anakin)
>>> obiwan.force, anakin.force
(50, 35.0)
>>> Jedi.train(obiwan, anakin)
>>> obiwan.force, anakin.force
(50, 45.0)
>>> sidious = Sith("Sidious")
Two there should be. No more, no less.
>>> ForceWielder.train(sidious, anakin)
>>> anakin.lightsaber = "red"
>>> anakin.lightsaber, anakin.force
("red", 50.0)
>>> Jedi.lightsaber
```

```
"blue"

>>> print(Sith("Vader"), Sith("Maul").num_sith)

Two there should be. No more, no less.
Darth Vader 3

>>> rey = ForceWielder("Rey")
>>> rey

<__main__.ForceWielder object>

>>> rey.lightsaber
AttributeError
```

2. Let's use OOP to help us implement our good friend, the ping-pong sequence!

As a reminder, the ping-pong sequence counts up starting from 1 and is always either counting up or counting down.

At element k, the direction switches if k is a multiple of 7 or contains the digit 7.

The first 30 elements of the ping-pong sequence are listed below, with direction swaps marked using brackets at the 7th, 14th, 17th, 21st, 27th, and 28th elements:

```
1 2 3 4 5 6 [7] 6 5 4 3 2 1 [0] 1 2 [3] 2 1 0 [-1] 0 1 2 3 4 [5] [4] 5 6
```

>>> tracker1 = PingPongTracker()

Assume you have a function has\_seven (k) that returns True if k contains the digit 7.

```
>>> tracker2 = PingPongTracker()
>>> tracker1.next()
>>> tracker1.next()
>>> tracker2.next()
class PingPongTracker:
    def __init__(self):
    def next(self):
class PingPongTracker:
    def __init__(self):
        self.current = 0
        self.index = 1
        self.add = True
    def next(self):
        if self.add:
            self.current += 1
        else:
            self.current -= 1
        if has_seven(self.index) or self.index % 7 == 0:
            self.add = not self.add
        self.index += 1
        return self.current
```

3. Write TeamBaller, a subclass of Baller. An instance of TeamBaller cheers on the team every time it passes a ball/states it doesn't have the ball when it doesn't and returns a boolean of whether or not it passed the ball. If the TeamBaller did not pass the ball, it'll say it hasn't done so and return False. Assume Baller has a defined pass\_ball method.

```
class TeamBaller(Baller):
   >>> alyssa = BallHog('Alyssa')
   >>> cheerballer = TeamBaller('Esther', has_ball=True)
   >>> cheerballer.pass_ball(alyssa)
   Yay!
   True
   >>> cheerballer.pass_ball(alyssa)
   I don't have the ball
   False
    11 11 11
   def pass_ball(self, other):
        did_pass = Baller.pass_ball(self, other)
        if did_pass:
            print('Yay!')
        else:
            print("I don't have the ball")
        return did_pass
```

4. Implement the classes so the following code runs.

```
>>> p = Plant()
>>> p.height
>>> p.materials
>>> p.absorb()
>>> p.materials
[|Sugar|]
>>> Sugar.sugars_created
>>> p.leaf.sugars_used
>>> p.grow()
>>> p.materials
[]
>>> p.height
>>> p.leaf.sugars_used
11 11 11
class Plant:
    def __init__(self):
        """A Plant has a Leaf, a list of sugars created so far,
        and an initial height of 1.
        self.leaf = Leaf(self)
        self.materials = []
        self.height = 1
    def absorb(self):
        """Calls the Leaf to create sugar."""
        self.leaf.absorb()
    def grow(self):
        """A Plant consumes all of its sugars to grow, each of which
        increases its height by 1.
        for sugar in self.materials:
            sugar.activate()
            self.height += 1
class Leaf:
    def __init__(self, plant): # plant is a Plant instance
        """A Leaf is initially alive, and keeps track of how many
        sugars it has used.
        self.alive = True
```

```
self.sugars_used = 0
        self.plant = plant
    def absorb(self):
        """If this Leaf is alive, a Sugar is added to the plant's
        list of sugars.
        11 11 11
        if self.alive:
            self.plant.materials.append(Sugar(self, self.plant))
    def __repr__(self):
        return '|Leaf|'
class Sugar:
    sugars\_created = 0
    def __init__(self, leaf, plant):
        self.leaf = leaf
        self.plant = plant
        Sugar.sugars_created += 1
    def activate(self):
        """A sugar is used."""
        self.leaf.sugars_used += 1
        self.plant.materials.remove(self)
    def __repr__(self):
        return '|Sugar|'
```