



EECS 490 – Lecture 15

Object-Oriented Programming

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Announcements

- Project 3 due tomorrow at 8pm
- Midterm Tuesday 10/31 during class time
 - **Will be in 1109 FXB, not in this room**
 - Covers lectures 1-12
 - You are allowed one 8.5x11" note sheet, double sided
 - Review session: Sunday 10/29 2-4pm in 1690 BBB
- Mid-semester survey due Fri 11/3 at 8pm
 - <http://survey2.eecs490.org>

Review: Types and Type Judgments

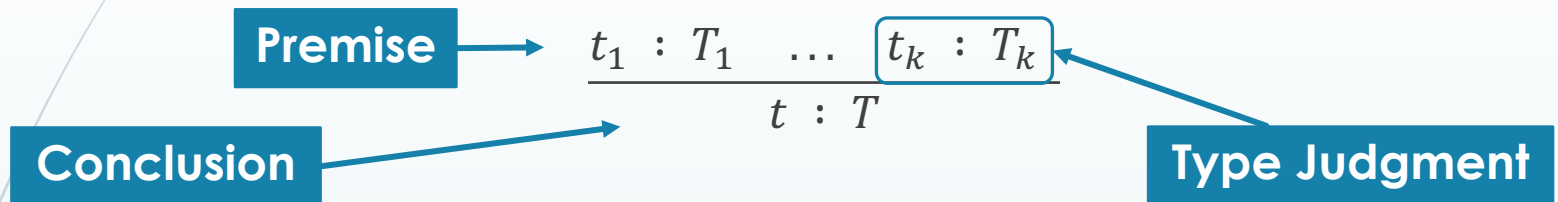
- Our language has two types: *Int* and *Bool*
- We determine the type of a **term** in the program based on its syntactic form and the types of its subterms
- A **typing relation** or **type judgment** has the form

$$t : T$$

and it specifies that term t has type T

Review: Typing Rule

- ▶ Typing rules have the following familiar form:



- ▶ This is a conditional rule that means:
 - ▶ **If** t_1 has type T_1 , ..., and **if** t_k has type T_k
 - ▶ **Then** t has type T
- ▶ This specifies a formula for computing the type of a term in a compiler
 - ▶ If the compiler sees a term of the form t , it can compute the type of t by computing the types of t_1, \dots, t_k that are in the premises

Review: Subsumption Rule

- The **subsumption rule** allows a term to be typed as a supertype of its actual type:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash s : S \quad S <: T}{\Gamma \vdash s : T}$$

- The rule encodes a notion of substitutability, allowing a subtype to be used where a supertype is expected:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash f : \text{Float} \rightarrow \text{Float} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash x : \text{Int} \quad \text{Int} <: \text{Float}}{\Gamma \vdash x : \text{Float}}}{\Gamma \vdash (f x) : \text{Float}}$$

Joins

- We need to rewrite the arithmetic rules to work with both *Ints* and *Floats*
- The result type should be the **least upper bound**, or **join**, of the operand types
 - The join $T = T_1 \sqcup T_2$ is the minimal type T such that $T_1 \leq T$ and $T_2 \leq T$

$$\text{Int} = \text{Int} \sqcup \text{Int}$$

$$\text{Float} = \text{Int} \sqcup \text{Float}$$

$$\text{Float} = \text{Float} \sqcup \text{Float}$$

- Rule for addition:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_2 \quad T_1 \leq \text{Float} \quad T_2 \leq \text{Float} \quad T = T_1 \sqcup T_2}{\Gamma \vdash (t_1 + t_2) : T}$$

Require operand
type to be a number

The Top Type

- Many languages have a *Top* type (also written as *T*), that is a supertype of every other type:

$$S <: Top$$

- Example: object in Python

- Adding *Top* to our language ensures that every pair of types has a join¹
- We can then relax the rule for conditionals:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : Bool \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash t_3 : T_3 \quad T = T_2 \sqcup T_3}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{if } t_1 \text{ then } t_2 \text{ else } t_3) : T}$$

¹This is not necessarily true for other languages.

Contravariant Parameters

- A function that takes in a more general parameter type should be substitutable for a function that takes in a more specific parameter type

- For example, the following should be valid:

`((lambda f : Int → Bool . (f 3)) (lambda x : Float . true))`

- Thus, if $T_1 <: S_1$, then it should be that $S_1 \rightarrow U <: T_1 \rightarrow U$
- This permits a **contravariant** parameter type, since the direction of $<:$ is switched between the parameter and function types

Covariant Return Types

- ▶ A function that takes returns a more specific type should be substitutable for a function returns a more general type

- ▶ For example, the following should be valid:

`((lambda f : Int → Float . (f 3)) (lambda x : Int . x))`

- ▶ Thus, if $S_2 <: T_2$, then it should be that $U \rightarrow S_2 <: U \rightarrow T_2$
- ▶ This permits a **covariant** return type, since the direction of $<:$ is the same between the return and function types

Subtyping for Functions

- In general, a function is substitutable for another if the parameter types are contravariant and the return types are covariant:

$((\mathbf{lambda} f : Int \rightarrow Float . (f\ 3))\ (\mathbf{lambda} x : Float . 0))$

- Rule for subtyping functions:

$$\frac{T_1 <: S_1 \quad S_2 <: T_2}{S_1 \rightarrow S_2 <: T_1 \rightarrow T_2}$$

Data Abstraction

- Abstraction separates what something is from how it works
- **Abstract data types (ADTs)** separate the interface of a data type from its implementation
- **Encapsulation** is an important, though not universal, property of an ADT, binding the data the ADT represents along with the functions that operate on that data
- The course notes build a hierarchy of ADTs, beginning with immutable pairs all the way up to an abstraction similar to that provided by object-oriented programming
 - Required reading, like the rest of the notes!

Message Passing

- Higher-order functions can provide encapsulation in a functional ADT, allowing us to pass a **message** requesting a particular behavior
- A **dispatch function** takes the appropriate action given a message

```
>>> p = mutable_pair(3, 4)
>>> p('first')
3
>>> p('second')
4
>>> p('set_first', 5)
>>> p('set_second', 6)
>>> p('first')
5
>>> p('second')
6
```

```
def mutable_pair(x, y):
    def dispatch(message, value=None):
        nonlocal x, y
        if message == 'first':
            return x
        elif message == 'second':
            return y
        elif message == 'set_first':
            x = value
        elif message == 'set_second':
            y = value
    return dispatch
```

Dispatch Dictionaries

- A **dispatch dictionary** stores a mapping of messages to functions that perform the specified behavior
- The dispatch function now just looks up a message in the dictionary and returns the corresponding function

```
def account(initial_balance):  
    ...  
    dispatch = dictionary()  
    dispatch('setitem', 'balance', initial_balance)  
    dispatch('setitem', 'deposit', deposit)  
    dispatch('setitem', 'withdraw', withdraw)  
    dispatch('setitem', 'get_balance', get_balance)  
  
    def dispatch_message(message):  
        return dispatch('getitem', message)  
  
    return dispatch_message
```

Member
variable

Object-Oriented Programming

- Object-oriented languages provide a systematic mechanism for defining abstract data types
- Fundamental features:
 - **Encapsulation**: bundling together data of an ADT along with the functions that operate on the data
 - **Information hiding**: restricting access to the implementation details of an ADT
 - **Inheritance**: reusing code of an existing ADT when defining a new one
 - **Subtype polymorphism**: using an instance of a derived ADT where a base ADT is expected
 - Requires some form of **dynamic binding**, where the derived functionality is used at runtime

The term "encapsulation" is often used to encompass information hiding as well.

Terminology

- A **class** defines a pattern for the instances of an ADT
 - Specifies the data included and the functions that operate on that data
- An **object** is an instance of a class
- The individual data items and functions that comprise a class are its **members**
- Data members are also called **fields** or **attributes**
- Member functions are usually called **methods**

```
struct Foo {  
    int x;  
    Foo(int x_);  
    int bar(int y);  
};
```

Field

Constructor

Method

Static Fields

- Each object has its own set of instance fields
- **Static fields** are associated with a class, and there is only one copy shared by all instances of the class
 - Can generally be accessed directly through class or indirectly through an instance
- Example in Java:

```
class Foo {  
    static int bar = 3;  
}
```

```
class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println(Foo.bar);  
        System.out.println(new Foo().bar);  
    }  
}
```

Access
through
class



The diagram illustrates two ways to access the static field 'bar' from the 'Main' class. A blue box labeled 'Access through class' has an arrow pointing to the code 'Foo.bar' in the first println statement. Another blue box labeled 'Access through instance' has an arrow pointing to the code 'new Foo().bar' in the second println statement.

Access through
instance

Static Fields in C++

► Example:

```
struct Foo {  
    static int bar;  
};
```

```
int Foo::bar = 3;
```

```
int main() {  
    cout << Foo::bar << endl;  
    cout << Foo().bar << endl;  
}
```

Out-of-line definition
required to designate
storage

Access through
class uses scope-
resolution operator

Access through
instance uses
dot operator

Static Fields in Python

- In Python, variables defined directly within the class definition are automatically static fields

```
class Foo:  
    bar = 3
```

```
print(Foo.bar)  
print(Foo().bar)
```

- Instance fields have to be defined through `self`

```
class Baz:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.bar = 3
```

Access Control

- Information hiding requires ability to restrict access to members of a class
- Access modifiers, in languages that have them, allow the programmer to specify what code has access

| | public | private | protected | | internal in C#, Java default | Python |
|----------------------|--------|---------|-----------|------|------------------------------------|--------|
| | | | C++, C# | Java | | |
| Same instance | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Same class | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Derived classes | X | | X | X | | X |
| Code in same package | X | | | X | X | X |
| Global access | X | | | | | X |


In Ruby, field access is restricted to the same instance.

Instance Methods

- ▶ Instance methods take in the instance on which to operate as a parameter
 - ▶ Often named `self` or `this`
 - ▶ Usually an implicit parameter
- ▶ Example in C++:

```
class Foo {  
    int x;  
public:  
    Foo(int x_) : x(x_) {}  
    int get_x() { return this->x; }  
};
```

Object that
receives
method call



A blue arrow points from the text 'Object that receives method call' to the variable 'f' in the code snippet 'Foo f(3); f.get_x();'.


```
Foo f(3);  
f.get_x();
```

Address of
object implicitly
passed as this



A blue arrow points from the text 'Address of object implicitly passed as this' to the 'this' pointer in the code snippet 'return this->x;'.

this-> can be elided
if x not hidden by
local variable



A blue arrow points from the text 'this-> can be elided if x not hidden by local variable' to the 'this->' part of the code snippet 'return this->x;'.

Methods in Python

- In Python, instance methods must take the instance as an explicit parameter
 - Named `self` by convention
- Example:

```
class Foo:  
    def __init__(self, x):  
        self.x = x  
    def get_x(self):  
        return self.x
```

Object that
receives
method call

```
f = foo(3)  
f.get_x()
```

Object passed to
first parameter

Cannot elide
`self`.

- ▶ We'll start again in five minutes.

Static Methods

- **Static methods** do not operate on an instance, so they do not have access to instance members
- In many languages, the `static` keyword denotes a static method
- In Python, the `@staticmethod` decorator must be used to enable access through both a class and instance

```
class Baz:  
    @staticmethod  
    def name():  
        return 'Baz'
```

```
print(Baz.name())  
print(Baz().name())
```

Class Methods in Python

- Python also allows the definition of **class methods**, which take in the class as an argument

```
class Baz:
    @classmethod
    def name(cls):
        return cls.__name__
```

```
class Fie(Baz):
    pass
```

```
print(Baz.name())      # prints Baz
print(Baz().name())    # prints Baz
print(Fie.name())      # prints Fie
print(Fie().name())    # prints Fie
```


Property Methods

- Some languages enable **property methods** to be defined, which have the syntax of field access but invoke methods

- Abstract the interface of a field from its implementation

- Example in Python:

```
>>> c = Complex(1, math.sqrt(3))
>>> c.magnitude
2.0
>>> c.angle / math.pi
0.3333333333333333
```

```
class Complex(object):
    def __init__(self, real, imag):
        self.real, self.imag = real, imag

    @property
    def magnitude(self):
        return (self.real ** 2 +
                self.imag ** 2) ** 0.5

    @property
    def angle(self):
        return math.atan2(self.imag, self.real)
```

Property Setters

- In Python, the `@property` decorator only specifies a getter property method
- A setter can be defined with `@<method>.setter`, where `<method>` is the name of the property method

```
@magnitude.setter  
def magnitude(self, mag):  
    old_angle = self.angle  
    self.real = mag * math.cos(old_angle)  
    self.imag = mag * math.sin(old_angle)
```

```
>>> c.magnitude = math.sqrt(2)  
>>> c.angle = math.pi / 4  
>>> c.real  
1.0000000000000002  
>>> c.imag  
1.0
```

Nested and Local Classes

- Many languages allow classes to be defined within another class or within a local scope
- Languages in which classes are first-class entities, such as Python, allow classes to be created dynamically
 - Generally have access to all variables in scope
- In other languages, such as C++, the primary purpose of a nested or local class is to limit the scope in which it may be used
 - In C++, a nested class has access to the private members of its enclosing class, but not vice versa
 - Local classes in C++ do not have access to local variables

Nested Classes in Java

- In Java, local classes have access to *effectively final* local variables
- Nested and local classes defined at non-static scope are associated with an instance of the enclosing class and have access to its members

```
class Outer {  
    private int x;  
    Outer(int x_) { x = x_; }  
    class Inner {  
        private int y;  
        Inner(int y_) { y = y_; }  
        int get() { return x + y; }  
    }  
}
```

```
Outer out = new Outer(3);  
Outer.Inner inn = out.new Inner(4);  
System.out.println(inn.get());
```

OOP and Message Passing

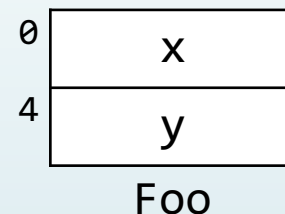
- Conceptually, object-oriented programming consists of passing messages to objects, which then respond to the message
 - Member access on an object can be thought of as sending a message to the object
- Languages differ in:
 - Whether the set of messages an object responds to (i.e. its members) is fixed at compile time
 - Whether the actual message to be sent to an object must be known at compile time

Record¹-Based Implementation

- In languages that prioritize efficiency, the members of an object are known at compile time
- Fields of an object are stored directly within the memory of the object, at offsets that can be computed at compile time
- Field access can be translated by the compiler to an offset into the object

```
class Foo {  
public:  
    int x, y;  
    Foo(int x_, int y_);  
};
```

```
Foo f(3, 4);  
cout << (f.x + f.y);
```



¹Records are called *structs* in C++.

Dictionary-Based Implementation

- In languages that allow members to be added to an object at runtime, an object's members are usually stored in a dictionary
 - Similar to our message-passing implementation from the notes
- A well-defined lookup process specifies how to lookup a member
 - In Python, check instance dictionary first, then class

```
class Foo:  
    y = 2  
    def __init__(self, x):  
        self.x = x
```

```
f = Foo(3)  
print(f.x, f.y, Foo.y)    # prints 3 2 2  
f.y = 4  
print(f.x, f.y, Foo.y)    # prints 3 4 2
```

Adds binding
to instance
dictionary

Slots in Python

- Python actually takes a hybrid approach, using a dictionary by default but allowing a record-like representation as well

```
class Complex(object):
    __slots__ = ('real', 'imag')
    def __init__(self, real, imag):
        self.real, self.imag = real, imag

    @property
    def magnitude(self):
        return (self.real ** 2 +
                self.imag ** 2) ** 0.5

    @property
    def angle(self):
        return math.atan2(self.imag, self.real)
```

**`__slots__` used
to specify fields
in dictionary-
less objects**

Objects that are dictionary-less lose the ability to add instance attributes at runtime.

Dynamic Messages

- Dictionary-based languages generally provide a means for constructing and sending a message to an object at runtime
- Example in Python:

```
>>> x = [1, 2, 3]
>>> x.__getattr__('append')(4)
>>> x
[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

Java Reflection

- In Java, the powerful *reflection* API allows inspection of classes and objects at runtime
- Reflection can be used to construct and invoke a dynamic message

```
import java.lang.reflect.Method;

class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args)
        throws Exception {
        String s = "Hello World";
        Method m =
            String.class.getMethod("length", null);
        System.out.println(m.invoke(s)); // prints 11
    }
}
```