Design Patterns



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Solver Example

Idiomatic, Template Method, Strategy

Case Study

- Examine a simple problem/solution from three perspectives
 - Idiomatic
 - Template Method Pattern
 - Strategy Pattern

Solver - Find the minima of a line

Build test class first:

```
public class MinimaSolverTest
 private double[] line = \{1.0, 2.0, 1.0, 2.0, -1.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 4.0\};
 private MinimaSolver solver;
 @Test
 public void minima()
   solver = new MinimaSolver();
    double[] result = solver.minima(line);
   assertTrue(result[0] == 1.1);
    assertTrue(result[1] == 2.2);
```

Solver - the MinimaSolver class

- Some preprocessing and post processing is carried out (commented out in the code).
- Note that there are in fact two algorithms for finding the minima - our code just uses the leastSquaresAlgorithm.
- The algorithm implementations are replaced with stubbs to keep the code focussed on the patterns

```
public class MinimaSolver
 public MinimaSolver()
 public double[] minima(double[] line)
   // do some pre-processing
   double[] result = leastSquaresAlgorithm(line);
   // do some post-processing
   return result;
  public double[] leastSquaresAlgorithm(double[] line)
   return new double[] { 1.1, 2.2 };
 public double[] newtonsMethodAlgorithm(double[] line)
   return new double[] { 3.3, 4.4 };
```

Modify to Allow Algorithm to be Selected

- Simple integer to select appropriate algorithm:
 - 0 least squares
 - 1 newtons method

```
@Test
public void leastSquaresAlgorithm()
{
    solver = new MinimaSolver(0);
    double[] result = solver.minima(line);
    assertTrue(result[0] == 1.1);
    assertTrue(result[1] == 2.2);
}

@Test
public void newtonsMethodAlgorithm()
{
    solver = new MinimaSolver(1);
    double[] result = solver.minima(line);
    assertTrue(result[0] == 3.3);
    assertTrue(result[1] == 4.4);
}
```

MinimaSolver with integer selection

 Simple if statement to select desired algorithm.

```
public class MinimaSolver
 private int algorithm;
 public MinimaSolver(int algorithm)
   this.algorithm = algorithm;
 public double[] minima(double[] line)
   // do some pre-processing
   double[] result = null;
    if (algorithm == 0)
      result = leastSquaresAlgorithm(line);
    else if (algorithm == 1)
      result = newtonsMethodAlgorithm(line);
   // do some post-processing
    return result;
 public double[] leastSquaresAlgorithm(double[] line)
   return new double[] { 1.1, 2.2 };
 public double[] newtonsMethodAlgorithm(double[] line)
    return new double[] { 3.3, 4.4 };
```

Idiomatic Improvement

- Eliminate 0 and 1 "magic numbers"
- Use constants
 - LeastSquares
 - NewtonsMethod

```
@Test
public void leastSquaresAlgorithm()
{
   solver = new MinimaSolver(MinimaSolver.LeastSquares)
   double[] result = solver.minima(line);
   assertTrue(result[0] == 1.1);
   assertTrue(result[1] == 2.2);
}

@Test
public void newtonsMethodAlgorithm()
{
   solver = new MinimaSolver(MinimaSolver.NewtonsMethod);
   double[] result = solver.minima(line);
   assertTrue(result[0] == 3.3);
   assertTrue(result[1] == 4.4);
}
```

```
public class MinimaSolver
 public static final int LeastSquares = 0;
  public static final int NewtonsMethod = 1;
  private int algorithm;
  public MinimaSolver(int algorithm)
   this.algorithm = algorithm;
  public double[] minima(double[] line)
   // do some pre-processing
    double[] result = null;
    if (algorithm == LeastSquares)
      return leastSquaresAlgorithm(line);
    else if (algorithm == NewtonsMethod)
      return newtonsMethodAlgorithm(line);
   // do some post-processing
    return result;
```

Enums

 Further enhance readability with enums.

```
@Test
public void leastSquaresAlgorithm()
{
    solver = new MinimaSolver(AlgorithmTypes.Le
    double[] result = solver.minima(line);
    assertTrue(result[0] == 1.1);
    assertTrue(result[1] == 2.2);
    return
}

@Test
public void newtonsMethodAlgorithm()
{
    solver = new MinimaSolver(AlgorithmTypes.NewtonsMethod);
    double[] result = solver.minima(line);
```

assertTrue(result[0] == 3.3);

assertTrue(result[1] == 4.4);

```
public class MinimaSolver
  public enum AlgorithmTypes
    LeastSquares, NewtonsMethod
  private AlgorithmTypes algorithm;
  public MinimaSolver(AlgorithmTypes algorithm)
    this.algorithm = algorithm;
  public double[] minima(double[] line)
    // do some pre-processing
       double[] result = null;
    if (algorithm == AlgorithmTypes.LeastSquares)
      return leastSquaresAlgorithm(line);
    else if (algorithm == AlgorithmTypes.NewtonsMethod)
      return newtonsMethodAlgorithm(line);
    // do some post-processing
    return result;
```

Introducing a new Algorithm

- Write the test first.
- It will fail to compile (as Bisection is not a valid enum)
- Once Bisection is introduced, the test will compile but fail to pass until we implement the method.

```
@Test
public void bisection()
{
   solver = new MinimaSolver(AlgorithmTypes.Bisection);

   double[] result = solver.minima(line);
   assertTrue(result[0] == 5.5);
   assertTrue(result[1] == 6.6);
}
```

New Algorithm - Bisection

- new enum for bisection.
- new method to implement the algorithm.

 new clause in the if statement to dispatch to bisection if selected.

```
public enum AlgorithmTypes
{
   LeastSquares, NewtonsMethod, Bisection
}
```

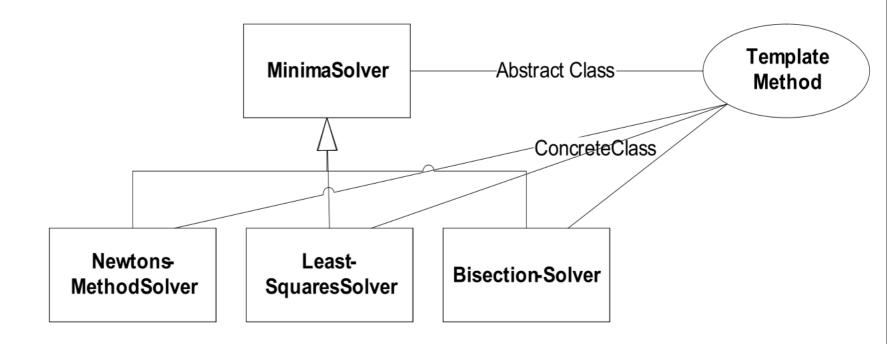
```
public double[] bisectionAlgorithm(double[] line)
{
  return new double[] { 5.5, 6.6 };
}
```

```
public double[] minima(double[] line)
    // do some pre-processing
      double∏ result = null;
    if (algorithm == AlgorithmTypes.LeastSquares)
      return leastSquaresAlgorithm(line);
    else if (algorithm == AlgorithmTypes.NewtonsMethod)
      return newtonsMethodAlgorithm(line);
    else if (algorithm == AlgorithmTypes.Bisection)
      return bisectionAlgorithm(line);
    // do some post-processing
    return result;
```

```
public class MinimaSolver
 public enum AlgorithmTypes
    LeastSquares, NewtonsMethod, Bisection
  private AlgorithmTypes algorithm;
  public MinimaSolver(AlgorithmTypes algorithm)
    this.algorithm = algorithm;
 public double[] minima(double[] line)
    // do some pre-processing
        double[] result = null;
    if (algorithm == AlgorithmTypes.LeastSquares)
      return leastSquaresAlgorithm(line);
    else if (algorithm == AlgorithmTypes.NewtonsMethod)
      return newtonsMethodAlgorithm(line);
    else if (algorithm == AlgorithmTypes.Bisection)
     return bisectionAlgorithm(line);
    // do some post-processing
    return result;
  public double[] leastSquaresAlgorithm(double[] line)
    return new double[] { 1.1, 2.2 };
 public double[] newtonsMethodAlgorithm(double[] line)
    return new double[] { 3.3, 4.4 };
 public double[] bisectionAlgorithm(double[] line)
    return new double[] { 5.5, 6.6 };
```

Template Method Pattern

- Improve the maintainability of the solution.
- Enable new algorithms to be introduced without modifying the MinimaSolver class.
- Continue to improve readability



Template Method - Abstract Class

- Remove all of the algorithm implementations.
- Replace with an abstract method algorithm.
- Adjust minima method to invoke this algorithm.
- · Mark class as abstract.

```
public abstract class MinimaSolver
 public MinimaSolver()
 double[] minima(double[] line)
   // do some pre-processing
   double[] result = null;
   result = algorithm(line);
   // do some post-processing
   return result;
 public abstract double[] algorithm(double[] line);
```

Template Method - Concrete Classes

 Algorithms extend MinimaSolver and implement algorithm method.

```
public class LeastSquaresSolver extends MinimaSolver
{
   public double[] algorithm(double[] line)
   {
     return new double[]{1.1, 2.2};
   }
}
```

```
public class NewtonsMethodSolver extends MinimaSolver
{
   public double[] algorithm(double[] line)
   {
     return new double[]{3.3, 4.4};
   }
}
```

Template Method Test

 Tests now instantiate appropriate MinimaSolver subclass - and test as before.

```
@Test
public void leastSquaresAlgorithm()
{
    solver = new LeastSquaresSolver();
    double[] result = solver.minima(line);
    assertTrue(result[0] == 1.1);
    assertTrue(result[1] == 2.2);
}

@Test
public void newtonsMethodAlgorithm()
{
    solver = new NewtonsMethodSolver();
    double[] result = solver.minima(line);
    assertTrue(result[0] == 3.3);
    assertTrue(result[1] == 4.4);
}
```

Template Method - Introducing new Algorithm

- Just define new class (no need to modify MinimaSolver base class)
- And test by instantiating an object of this class
- Contrast with previous mechanism for introducing new algorithm

```
public class BisectionSolver extends MinimaSolver
{
   public double[] algorithm(double[] line)
   {
     return new double[]{5.5, 6.6};
   }
}
```

```
@Test
public void bisection()
{
   solver = new BisectionSolver();

   double[] result = solver.minima(line);
   assertTrue(result[0] == 5.5);
   assertTrue(result[1] == 6.6);
}
```

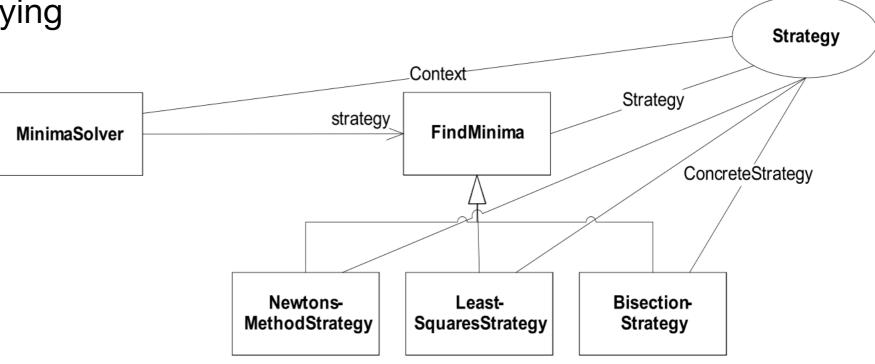
Strategy Pattern

Improve the variability of the solution.

 Enable new algorithms to be introduced without modifying the MinimaSolver class.

 Continue to improve readability

 Enable algorithms to be changed at run time.



Strategy Interface and Concrete Implementations

- Encapsulate algorithm in an interface.
- Realise algorithms as standalone classes implementing this interface

```
public interface FindMinima
{
    double[] algorithm(double[] line);
}
```

```
public class LeastSquaresStrategy implements FindMinima
{
   public double[] algorithm(double[] line)
   {
     return new double[]{1.1, 2.2};
   }
}
```

```
public class NewtonsMethodStrategy implements FindMinima
{
   public double[] algorithm(double[] line)
   {
     return new double[]{3.3, 4.4};
   }
}
```

Strategy Context

- MinimaSolver will now be initialised with the appropriate strategy object.
 - by the constructor...
 - or by a changeStrategy() method...
- minima() delegates algorithm to strategy object.

```
public class MinimaSolver
  private FindMinima strategy;
  public MinimaSolver(FindMinima strategy)
    this.strategy = strategy;
  }
  double[] minima(double[] line)
  {
    // do some pre-processing
    double[] result = null;
    result = strategy.algorithm(line);
    // do some post-processing
    return result;
  public void changeStrategy(FindMinima newStrategy)
    strategy = newStrategy;
```

Strategy Test

 MinimaSolver + the appropriate Strategy object need to be created.

```
@Test
public void leastSquaresAlgorithm()
{
   solver = new MinimaSolver(new LeastSquaresStrategy());
   double[] result = solver.minima(line);
   assertTrue(result[0] == 1.1);
   assertTrue(result[1] == 2.2);
}

@Test
public void newtonsMethodAlgorithm()
{
   solver = new MinimaSolver(new NewtonsMethodStrategy());
   double[] result = solver.minima(line);
   assertTrue(result[0] == 3.3);
   assertTrue(result[1] == 4.4);
}
```

Defining a new Algorithm

Just provide a new implementation of FindMinima...

```
public class BisectionStrategy implements FindMinima
{
   public double[] algorithm(double[] line)
   {
     return new double[]{5.5, 6.6};
   }
}
```

 ... and pass an implementation of this to the solver.

```
@Test
public void bisection()
{
   solver = new MinimaSolver(new BisectionStrategy());
   double[] result = solver.minima(line);
   assertTrue(result[0] == 5.5);
   assertTrue(result[1] == 6.6);
}
```

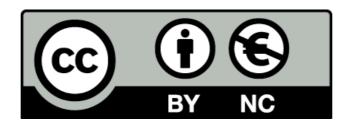
Changing the Strategy at Runtime

- Just call changeStrategy()
 with a new implementation.
- The same solver object is used in both tests here.
- This is not possible with Template Method.

```
@Test
public void testChangeAlgorithm()
{
    solver = new MinimaSolver(new LeastSquaresStrategy());

    double[] result = solver.minima(line);
    assertTrue(result[0] == 1.1);
    assertTrue(result[1] == 2.2);
    solver.changeStrategy(new BisectionStrategy());

    result = solver.minima(line);
    assertTrue(result[0] == 5.5);
    assertTrue(result[1] == 6.6);
}
```



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