

Solution

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Architecture Overview

money.py

Money type with validations

accounts.py

Account hierarchy

exceptions.py

Custom typed exceptions

strategies.py

Interest calculations

transactions.py

Immutable transactions

bank.py

Main orchestrator

mixins.py

Cross-cutting concerns

utils.py

Helper functions

Core Components Detail

money.py

- **Decimal + currency** combination with operator overloads
- Built-in validations for currency operations

transactions.py

- **Immutable & hashable** Transaction objects
- Enables safe set operations and deduplication

mixins.py

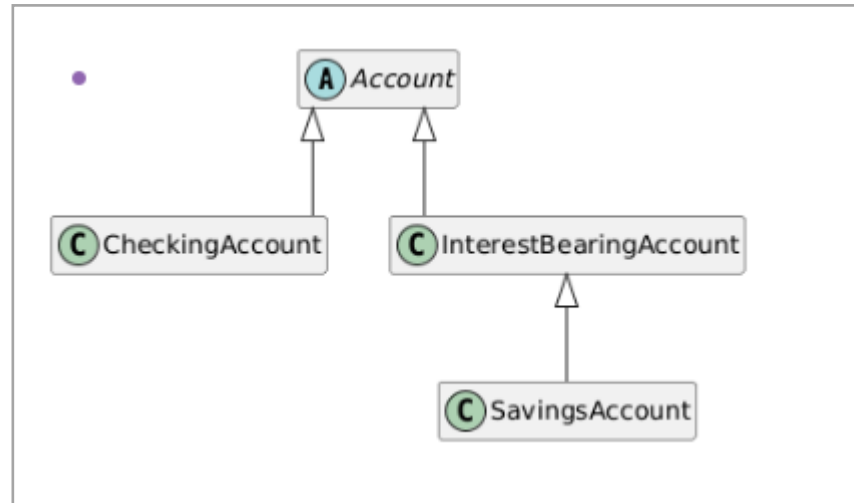
- **JSONSerializable:** Data persistence capability
- **Auditable:** Transaction tracking & logging

OOP Mapping to Requirements

Encapsulation

- **Private balance field** with property access
- Read-only properties ensure data integrity

Inheritance Hierarchy



Multiple Inheritance

- SavingsAccount + JSONSerializable + Auditable
- Clean separation of concerns

Exception Handling Strategy

Specific Exception Types

- **Currency mismatch:** Prevents invalid operations
- **Overdraft violation:** Business rule enforcement
- **Unknown account:** Data integrity protection

Best Practices

```
# Preserve exception context raise CustomException("Clear message")  
from e # Raise at invariant boundaries if balance < withdrawal_amount:  
raise InsufficientFundsException()
```

Benefits

- Clear error messages for debugging
- Context preservation with **raise ... from e**

Magic Methods & Testing

Magic Methods Implementation

- **Money arithmetic:** `__add__`, `__sub__`, rich comparisons
- **Account.__len__:** Returns transaction count
- **Transaction.__hash__:** Enables set usage for dedup

Testing Strategy

- **Unit tests per module:** Comprehensive coverage
- **Deterministic fixtures:** Fixed dates & amounts
- **Behavior-driven assertions:** Test OOP semantics

```
# Example: Testing polymorphic behavior assert
isinstance(savings.apply_interest(), Money) assert
checking.account_type == "CHECKING"
```

Complexity & Extensibility

Pluggable Architecture

- **Strategy Pattern:** Multiple interest calculation methods
- **Mixin Pattern:** Decoupled cross-cutting concerns
- **Fee strategies:** Extensible business rule engine

Key Takeaways

- Clean separation of concerns through proper OOP design
- Extensible architecture supporting business growth
- Robust error handling and testing methodology
- Real-world application of OOP principles

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What We'll Learn Today (Quantize)

Function Overview

The `quantize_2` function rounds decimal numbers to exactly **two decimal places** using precise mathematical rules.

Key Benefits:

- **Financial Accuracy:** Perfect for currency calculations (\$10.58)
- **Consistent Rounding:** Uses standard rounding rules (0.005 rounds up)
- **No Floating-Point Errors:** Essential for financial calculations

Why This Matters: In financial software, even tiny rounding errors can compound into significant problems. This function eliminates those risks.

Breaking Down the Code - Function Definition

```
def quantize_2(amount: Decimal) -> Decimal:
```

Understanding Each Part:

- `def quantize_2(...)`: Defines our function named **quantize_2**
- `amount: Decimal`: Type hint - expects a **Decimal** object (not regular float)
- `-> Decimal`: Return type hint - function returns a **Decimal** object

Why Decimal Instead of Float?

The **Decimal** type provides high-precision calculations, avoiding the binary representation errors that can occur with standard float numbers.

Breaking Down the Code - The Logic

```
return amount.quantize(Decimal("0.01"), rounding=ROUND_HALF_UP)
```

Understanding the Components:

- `amount.quantize(...)`: Core method that rounds the number
- `Decimal("0.01")`: Template for rounding - specifies **2 decimal places**
- `rounding=ROUND_HALF_UP`: Traditional rounding method

How ROUND_HALF_UP Works:

- Numbers ending in 5 or greater → **Round UP**
- Numbers less than 5 → **Round DOWN**

Why Not Use Python's Built-in round()?

```
return amount.quantize(Decimal("0.01"), rounding=ROUND_HALF_UP)
```

The Problem with Float Precision:

```
price = 10.99 tax = 0.075 total = price * (1 + tax) # 10.99 * 1.075 print(total)
```

```
Output: 11.814249999999999
```

The Issue: Standard float numbers can have tiny, hidden inaccuracies due to binary storage representation. This is dangerous for financial calculations!

Solution:

Using `Decimal` with `quantize()` ensures precise results that match financial expectations.

Practical Examples

```
from decimal import Decimal, ROUND_HALF_UP
def quantize_2(amount: Decimal) -> Decimal:
    return amount.quantize(Decimal("0.01"), rounding=ROUND_HALF_UP)
```

Test scenarios:

```
price1 = Decimal("12.345")
price2 = Decimal("12.3449")
price3 = Decimal("12.3")
```

Results:

Input	Output	Explanation
12.345	12.35	Rounds up (5 or greater)
12.3449	12.34	Rounds down (less than 5)
12.3	12.30	Adds trailing zero for consistency

Key Takeaways

What You've Learned:

- **Precision Matters:** Financial calculations require exact decimal handling
- **Decimal > Float:** Use Decimal type for money calculations
- **Quantize Method:** Powerful tool for consistent decimal place formatting
- **ROUND_HALF_UP:** Standard rounding rule for financial applications

Best Practice:

Always use `Decimal` with `quantize()` for any financial calculations in your applications. This prevents costly rounding errors and ensures accuracy.

Money Class Implementation

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Requirements

1. Decimal Precision & Currency

Represents money using `decimal.Decimal` for precision with currency support (e.g., "INR")

2. Same-Currency Arithmetic

Supports `+` and `-` operations only between same currency Money objects

3. Comparison Operations

Implements `==`, `<`, `<=`, `>`, `>=` comparisons between Money objects

4. String Representation

Provides meaningful `__str__` and `__repr__` methods

5. Currency Validation

Raises `CurrencyMismatchError` for cross-currency operations



Implementation

@dataclass + Decimal fields

```
amount: Decimal
currency: str = "INR"
```

Uses dataclass with Decimal type and `__post_init__` for validation

__add__ & __sub__ methods

```
def __add__(self, other):
    self._check_currency(other)
    return Money(self.amount + other.amount)
```

Currency validation before arithmetic operations

_check_currency method

```
def _check_currency(self, other):
    if self.currency != other.currency:
        raise CurrencyMismatchError(...)
```

Private method ensures currency consistency

@total_ordering + __eq__ & __lt__

```
@total_ordering
def __eq__(self, other):
def __lt__(self, other):
```

Decorator provides all comparison methods from eq and lt

__str__ & __repr__ methods

```
def __str__(self): return f"{self.currency} {self.amount}"
def __repr__(self): return f"Money(amount={self.amount})..."
```

User-friendly and developer-friendly string formats

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Requirements

Immutable Record:

Must represent a balance change that cannot be modified once created

Required Fields:

- amount (Money type)
- timestamp
- description

Hashable:

Must be usable as dictionary key or in sets

Printable:

Must have readable string representation



Implementation

frozen=True

Makes all fields read-only

frozen=True

Auto-generates `__hash__()`

@dataclass

Auto-generates `__repr__()`

slots=True

Reduces memory overhead

Account Class Implementation

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Requirements

Abstract Class

Must be abstract for specialization

Fields Required

- id (string)
- owner (string)
- encapsulated balance
- ledger of transactions

Core Methods

- deposit(money: Money)
- withdraw(money: Money)
- transfer(to: Account, money: Money)

Implementation

✓ Abstract Implementation

```
class Account(ABC):  
    @abstractmethod  
    def account_type(self) -> str:
```

✓ Encapsulated Fields

```
self._id = id  
self._owner = owner  
self._balance: Money  
self._ledger: List[Transaction]
```

✓ Business Logic

```
def deposit(self, money: Money):  
def withdraw(self, money: Money):  
def transfer(self, to: "Account", money:  
Money):
```

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Requirements

Encapsulation

- Read-only balance property
- No direct balance mutation
- Protected internal fields

Special Methods

- `__len__` (transaction count)
- `__repr__` (string representation)
- `account_type()` abstract method



Implementation

Property Access

```
@property
def balance(self) -> Money:
    return self._balance
```

Error Handling

```
raise InsufficientFundsError
raise CurrencyMismatchError
raise InvalidOperationError
```



Key Learning Points

Abstraction

ABC ensures subclasses implement `account_type()`. Base class provides common functionality.

Encapsulation

Private fields (`_balance`, `_ledger`) with controlled access via properties and methods.

Transaction Atomicity

Transfer method includes rollback mechanism to maintain data consistency.

Validation & Error Handling

Comprehensive validation with specific exceptions for different error scenarios.

Account Types - Inheritance Implementation

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1 InterestBearingAccount → Abstract Class

Requirement: Create an abstract class with `apply_interest()` method to be called during month-end



Solution Implementation:

```
class InterestBearingAccount(Account, ABC): @abstractmethod def apply_interest(self) -> None: ...
```

- ✓ Inherits from Account and ABC (Abstract Base Class)
- ✓ Defines abstract method `apply_interest()` that must be implemented by subclasses

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2 SavingsAccount → Interest Rate Implementation

Requirement: Inherit from InterestBearingAccount with interest_rate (3-7% p.a., monthly pro-rated)



Solution Implementation:

```
class SavingsAccount(InterestBearingAccount, JSONSerializable, Auditable):  
    def __init__(self, id, owner, opening_balance, interest_rate):  
        self.interest_rate = Decimal(str(interest_rate))  
    def apply_interest(self) -> None:  
        monthly_rate = (self.interest_rate / Decimal("12")) /  
        Decimal("100")  
        inc = Money(self.balance.amount * monthly_rate, self.balance.currency)
```

- ✓ Inherits from InterestBearingAccount
- ✓ Stores interest_rate as Decimal for precision
- ✓ Implements monthly pro-rated interest calculation
- ✓ Overrides the abstract apply_interest() method

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3 CheckingAccount → Overdraft Implementation

Requirement: Inherit from Account with overdraft_limit allowing negative balances up to the limit



Solution Implementation:

```
class CheckingAccount(Account):  
    def __init__(self, id, owner, opening_balance, overdraft_limit):  
        self.overdraft_limit = overdraft_limit  
    def withdraw(self, money: Money) -> None:  
        projected = self.balance.amount - money.amount  
        if projected < -self.overdraft_limit.amount:  
            raise InsufficientFundsError("Overdraft limit exceeded")
```

- ✓ Inherits directly from Account
- ✓ Stores overdraft_limit as Money object
- ✓ Overrides withdraw() method to check overdraft
- ✓ Allows negative balance up to the limit

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4 Method Overriding & super() Usage

Requirement: Demonstrate method overriding and super() usage



Solution Implementation:

```
# Method Overriding Examples: - SavingsAccount.apply_interest() → overrides abstract method - CheckingAccount.withdraw() → overrides base  
withdraw logic - Both classes override account_type() → return specific types # super() Usage: super().__init__(id, owner, opening_balance) #  
Calls parent constructor
```

- ✓ Method overriding demonstrated in multiple places
- ✓ super() used to call parent constructors
- ✓ Polymorphic behavior through overridden methods

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5 Multiple Inheritance with Mixin

Requirement: Add a mixin (e.g., JSONSerializable) to show multiple inheritance



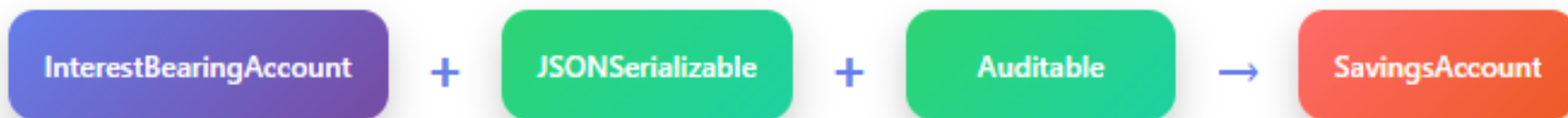
Solution Implementation:

```
class SavingsAccount(InterestBearingAccount, JSONSerializable, Auditable):  
    def __init__(self, ...):  
        super().__init__(id, owner, opening_balance)  
        Auditable.__init__(self) # Explicit mixin initialization
```

- ✓ Multiple inheritance from 3 classes
- ✓ JSONSerializable mixin added
- ✓ Auditable mixin also included
- ✓ Proper initialization of multiple parent classes

Multiple Inheritance in Python

Understanding SavingsAccount Class Design



What You'll Learn

- ✓ What is multiple inheritance?
- ✓ Understanding parent classes and mixins
- ✓ Proper initialization patterns
- ✓ Method Resolution Order (MRO)
- ✓ Real-world application examples

What is Multiple Inheritance?

Understanding SavingsAccount Class Design

Multiple inheritance allows a class to inherit features from **multiple parent classes** simultaneously.

```
class SavingsAccount(InterestBearingAccount, JSONSerializable, Auditable): # This class inherits from  
    THREE different parents pass
```



Key Benefits

- ✓ **Code Reuse:** Combine functionality from multiple sources
- ✓ **Modularity:** Each parent provides specific, focused features
- ✓ **Flexibility:** Mix and match capabilities as needed

Breaking Down the Parents

Understanding SavingsAccount Class Design

1. Primary Parent: InterestBearingAccount

- ✓ **Main functionality:** Core account operations
- ✓ **Relationship:** SavingsAccount "IS A" InterestBearingAccount
- ✓ **Provides:** Balance management, interest calculation

2. Mixin Classes

JSONSerializable

- ✓ Adds JSON export capability
- ✓ Provides .to_json() method
- ✓ Self-contained functionality

Auditable

- ✓ Adds logging capabilities
- ✓ Tracks account activities
- ✓ Requires initialization setup

```
# Each parent contributes different capabilities: account = SavingsAccount("123", "John", 1000) # From
InterestBearingAccount: account.calculate_interest() account.get_balance() # From JSONSerializable:
json_data = account.to_json() # From Auditable: account.log_transaction("Deposit", 500)
```

The Critical `__init__` Pattern

Understanding SavingsAccount Class Design

```
class SavingsAccount(InterestBearingAccount, JSONSerializable, Auditable):  
    def __init__(self, id, owner, opening_balance):  
        # Step 1: Initialize primary parent via MRO  
        super().__init__(id, owner, opening_balance)  
        # Step 2: Explicitly initialize mixins that need setup  
        Auditable.__init__(self)  # Note: JSONSerializable doesn't need initialization
```

Why This Pattern?

- ✓ **`super().__init__()`**: Follows Method Resolution Order (MRO) - handles the main parent
- ✓ **Direct calls**: Guarantees mixin initialization even if MRO chain breaks
- ✓ **Explicit is better**: Clear, predictable, and robust
- ✓ **Skip if not needed**: JSONSerializable has no setup requirements

Method Resolution Order (MRO)

Python follows a specific order when looking for methods: `SavingsAccount` → `InterestBearingAccount` → `JSONSerializable` → `Auditable` → `object`

You can check this with `SavingsAccount.__mro__`



Car Building Analogy

Understanding SavingsAccount Class Design

Think of multiple inheritance like building a custom car from different kits:



InterestBearingAccount Base Car Kit

Chassis, engine, wheels
(Main assembly line)



Auditable Black Box Kit

Flight recorder
(Needs installation & activation)



JSONSerializable GPS Module Kit

Navigation system
(Just bolt it on)

```
def __init__(self, id, owner, opening_balance): # Build the base car (main assembly line)
    super().__init__(id, owner, opening_balance) # Install and activate the black box
    Auditable.__init__(self) # GPS module is ready to use (no setup needed)
```

Key Takeaways

- ✓ **Multiple inheritance** combines focused functionalities
- ✓ **Primary parent** provides core "IS A" relationship
- ✓ **Mixins** add specific, reusable capabilities
- ✓ **Initialization** must be handled carefully and explicitly
- ✓ **This pattern** is common in professional Python codebases

Bank Orchestrator Implementation

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Requirements

1. Factory Pattern for Account Creation

Creates accounts with factory class method `Bank.from_config` or `Bank.create_*`

2. Account Lookup by ID

Looks up accounts by id with proper error handling



Implementation

✓ Factory Method Implemented

`@classmethod create_default()` provides factory pattern

```
@classmethod
def create_default(cls) -> "Bank":
    return cls()
```

✓ Account Lookup with Exception Handling

`get(account_id)` method with proper exception handling

```
def get(self, account_id: str) -> Account:
    try:
        return self._accounts[account_id]
    except KeyError as e:
        raise AccountNotFoundError(account_id) from e
```

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Requirements

3. Month-End Processing

Processes month-end using duck-typed strategy:

`strategy.apply_month_end(account)` called for each account

4. Total Assets Calculation

Provides `total_assets()` returning a Money sum across all accounts



Implementation

✓ Duck-Typed Strategy Pattern

`monthly_process(strategy)` with `hasattr` check

```
def monthly_process(self, strategy) -> None:
    for acct in self._accounts.values():
        if hasattr(strategy, "apply_month_end"):
            strategy.apply_month_end(acct)
```

✓ Money Sum Aggregation

`total_assets()` sums all account balances

```
def total_assets(self) -> Money:
    total = sum((a.balance.amount for a in self._accounts.values()),
                start=Money(0, self._currency).amount)
    return Money(total, self._currency)
```



Key Design Patterns Demonstrated:

- **Factory Pattern:** `create_default()` method for object creation
- **Duck Typing:** `hasattr()` check for strategy compatibility
- **Exception Chaining:** Proper error handling with custom exceptions
- **Aggregation:** Sum pattern for calculating total assets
- **Encapsulation:** Private `_accounts` dictionary with public interface

Strategy Pattern Implementation

Abstraction & Duck Typing in Python

REQUIREMENT

6. Strategies (Abstraction & Duck Typing)

Define an InterestStrategy ABC with `apply_month_end(account)`.

Provide at least one concrete strategy (e.g., `SimpleInterestStrategy`) that calls `apply_interest()` where applicable.

What we need to create:

- Abstract base class for interest strategies
- Define interface with `apply_month_end()` method
- Concrete implementation that handles different account types
- Use duck typing to check if account supports interest

SOLUTION

```
from __future__ import annotations
from abc import ABC, abstractmethod
from .accounts import Account, InterestBearingAccount

class InterestStrategy(ABC):
    @abstractmethod
    def apply_month_end(self, account: Account) -> None:
        ...

class SimpleInterestStrategy(InterestStrategy):
    def apply_month_end(self, account: Account) -> None:
        if isinstance(account, InterestBearingAccount):
            account.apply_interest()
```

How the solution works:

- **ABC:** Defines the contract all strategies must follow
- **Abstract Method:** Forces concrete classes to implement `apply_month_end`
- **Duck Typing:** Checks if account "looks like" an interest-bearing account
- **Type Safety:** Uses `isinstance()` for runtime type checking

Python Mixins Implementation

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Requirements

1. JSONSerializable Mixin

Must provide:

- `to_json()` method
- `from_json()` class method
- Use only **public API** (no private attributes)

2. Auditable Mixin

Must provide:

- `created_at` timestamp
- `updated_at` timestamp
- Auto-update on **balance change**



Implementation

JSONSerializable Class

```
class JSONSerializable:
    def to_json(self) -> str:
        data = {}
        # Collect public attrs only
        for k, v in self.__dict__.items():
            if not k.startswith("_"):
                data[k] = v if isinstance(v,
                                           (int, float, str, bool,
                                            type(None))) else str(v)
        return json.dumps(data, default=str)

    @classmethod
    def from_json(cls, data: str):
        obj = json.loads(data)
        return cls(**obj)
```

Auditable Class

```
class Auditable:
    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
        self.created_at = datetime.utcnow()
        self.updated_at = self.created_at

    def _touch(self):
        # Updates timestamp
        self.updated_at = datetime.utcnow()
```

Python Mixins Implementation

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Key Implementation Details

Public API Only: Code checks `not k.startswith("_")` to exclude private attributes

Type Safety: Uses `TypeVar` and proper type hints for better code quality

Timestamp Management: `created_at` set once, `updated_at` via `_touch()`

Mixin Pattern: Uses `super().__init__()` for proper inheritance chain

JSON Handling: Converts non-primitive types to strings for serialization

Extensibility: Both mixins can be combined with any base class

Exception Design & Best Practices

Requirements vs Implementation Mapping



Requirements

Custom Exception Classes

Create specific exceptions: BankError, CurrencyMismatchError, InsufficientFundsError, AccountNotFoundError, InvalidOperationError

Specific Exception Handling

Use specific exceptions and avoid bare except: clauses

Meaningful Error Messages

Use raise with meaningful messages and consider exception chaining

Proper Exception Structure

Use try/except/else/finally at Bank or I/O boundaries



Implementation

```
# Base exception class for all bank operations
class BankError(Exception):
    """Base class for all bank-related exceptions."""
    pass

# Specific exception classes inheriting from BankError

class CurrencyMismatchError(BankError):
    pass

class InsufficientFundsError(BankError):
    pass

class AccountNotFoundError(BankError):
    pass

class InvalidOperationError(BankError):
    pass
```

Exception Design & Best Practices

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Key Design Benefits

Inheritance Hierarchy: All custom exceptions inherit from `BankError`, allowing catch-all handling when needed

Specific Error Types: Each exception represents a `specific business scenario` for targeted error handling

Clean Architecture: Exceptions are `domain-specific` and provide clear error categorization

Extensibility: Easy to add new exception types while maintaining the `established hierarchy`

Magic/Dunder Methods Implementation

Banking System - Requirements vs Solution Mapping

Money Class

Requirements:

- `__add__`
- `__sub__`
- `__eq__`
- ordering methods
- `__repr__`

Implementation:

- ✓ `__add__` Currency-safe addition
- ✓ `__sub__` Currency-safe subtraction
- ✓ `__eq__` Equality comparison
- ✓ `__lt__` `@total_ordering` provides all
- ✓ `__repr__` Developer representation

Account Class

Requirements:

- `__len__`
- `__repr__`

Implementation:

- ✓ `__len__` Returns ledger size
- ✓ `__repr__` Shows account details

Note: Abstract base class implemented in SavingsAccount and CheckingAccount

Transaction Class

Requirements:

- `__hash__`
- `__repr__`

Implementation:

- ✓ `__hash__` Frozen dataclass provides
- ✓ `__repr__` Dataclass auto-generates

Smart Implementation: Using `frozen=True` dataclass automatically provides both methods



Key Implementation Highlights



Type Safety

All magic methods include proper type checking and return `NotImplemented` when appropriate



Currency Validation

Money operations validate currency compatibility before performing calculations



Smart Decorators

`@total_ordering` reduces boilerplate by generating all comparison methods from `__eq__` and `__lt__`



Dataclass Benefits

Frozen dataclass automatically provides `__hash__` and `__repr__` for Transaction class

Appendix