

# Imperative Programming Part 3

## Problem Sheet 3

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1. **[Programming]** Write a simple graphical user interface for the `WordPaths` program developed in Imperative Programming Part 2.

One simple way to do this is to follow the pattern of the `TemperatureConverter` program discussed in the lectures and extend `SimpleSwingApplication`. Your program should provide text fields to allow the user to input the start and target words, and some way to initiate a call to `WordPaths.findPath` and display the resulting path (if found).

2. The Scala collection framework contains a generic trait `Set[A]` for immutable sets. The documentation states that:

To implement a concrete set, you need to provide implementations of the following methods:

```
def contains(key: A): Boolean
def iterator: Iterator[A]
def +(elem: A): This
def -(elem: A): This
```

If you wish that methods like `take`, `drop`, `filter` return the same kind of set, you should also override:

```
def empty: This
```

Implement a concrete class `MySet[T](elements: Set[T])` that extends `Set[T]`.

3. In this question, we will use the following trait, which specifies that a Scala type `T` is equipped with a partial order `<=` and that corresponding least upper bounds can be computed by `lub`:

```
trait PartialOrder[T] {
  def <=(that: T): Boolean // checks this <= that. Partial order on T.
  def lub(that: T): T // returns the least upper bound of this and that.
}
```

- (a) One standard way of defining a partial order  $\leq_U$  over sets is to use the subset relation:

$$X_1 \leq_U X_2 \iff X_1 \subseteq X_2.$$

Enhance your concrete set class from Question 2 so that it extends `PartialOrder[MySet[T]]` and so implements ordering by inclusion for finite sets.

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- (b) Let  $X$  be a set with a partial order  $\leq$  on the elements. We say that a subset  $X_0$  of  $X$  is *upward closed* if

$$\forall x, y \in X. (x \in X_0 \wedge x \leq y) \implies y \in X_0.$$

The *upward closure* of a subset  $X_0$  of  $X$  is defined to be the set  $Y_0$  given by:

$$Y_0 = \{y \in X \mid \exists x \in X_0. x \leq y\}.$$

Define a generic class `UpSet` so that for any Scala set `s` representing a finite set  $X_0$  with elements of type  $T$ , calling `new UpSet(s)` should create an object representing the upward closure of  $X_0$ . Your class should provide just the following methods for set membership and set intersection:

```
def contains(x: T): Boolean
def intersection(that: UpSet[T]): UpSet[T]
```

Note that the upward closure of a finite set  $X_0$  may be infinite, so you may find it helpful to represent the upward closure by its *minimal elements*, that is, the elements  $x \in X_0$  such that there does not exist  $y \in X_0$  with  $y < x$ .

- (c) Enhance your `UpSet` class so that it extends `PartialOrder[UpSet[T]]` and so implements ordering by inclusion for (possibly infinite) upward closed sets.

4. A bag  $B$  of elements of type  $T$  can be represented by a function

$$f_B : T \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

Using this observation, develop a generic immutable bag class by completing the following code skeleton:

```
class Bag[T](...) {
  def add(x:T): Bag[T] = ...
  def remove(x:T): Bag[T] = ...
  def count(x:T): Int = ...

  def union(that:Bag[T]): Bag[T] = ...
}
```

The following code provides some test cases:

```
val b0: Bag[Any] = (new Bag((x) => List(0, 0.0, "zero", 0).count(x==_)))
val b1: Bag[Any] = new Bag((x) => List(1, 1.1, "one", 1).count(x==_))
val b2: Bag[Int] = new Bag((x) => List(2,3).count(x==_))

val b3: Bag[Any] = b0 union b1

println(b0.add("zero").count("zero") + b1.count(1.1) + b2.count(2))
// Should print 4
println(b3.remove(0).count(0)+" "+b3.count(1)+" "+b3.count(2))
// Should print 2,2,0
```

The definition of `Bag[T]` is *invariant*, so, for example, `b3 union b2` will give a type mismatch error.

What changes are needed to the class definition to make `Bag[T]` *contravariant*? With these changes, what is the type of `b3 union b2`, and what items does this bag contain?

5. Explain why generic mutable collection classes such as `scala.collection.mutable.HashSet[T]` are defined to be *invariant*, rather than *covariant* or *contravariant*. Wouldn't defining them to be covariant or contravariant provide more flexibility?

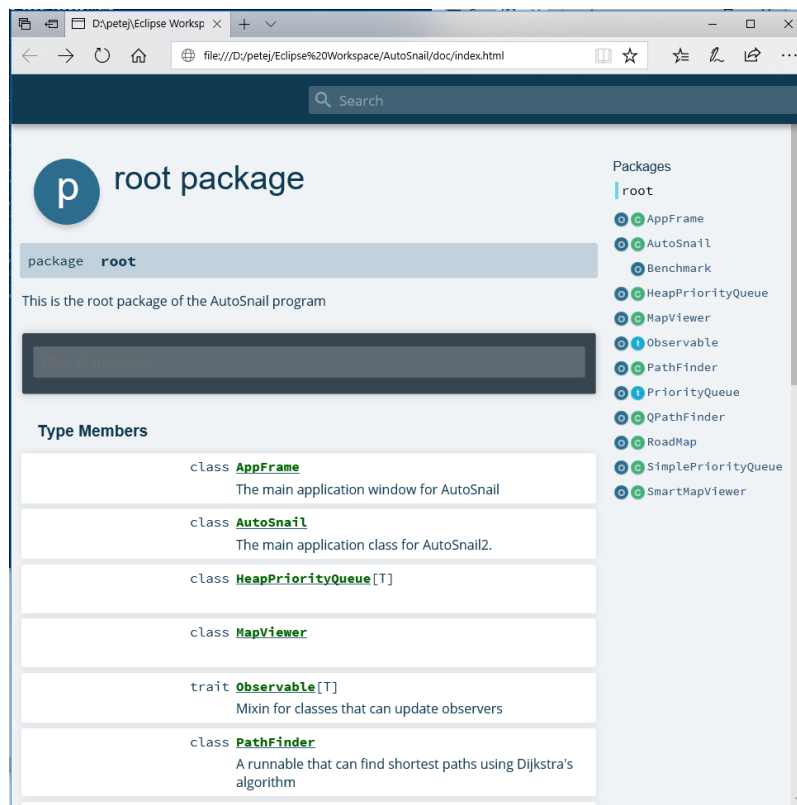


Figure 1: Documentation for the AutoSnail case study

6. Create a full set of documentation for the AutoSnail case study, looking something like Figure 1. (NB: all of this documentation can be (and should be) created using a single command)  
Use this documentation to find a method in the **AppFrame** class that is inherited from **scala.swing.UIElement**.
7. What are the main components of the *Façade* design pattern, and why is it used?  
Which classes in *AutoSnail* implement this design pattern and what roles do they play?
8. **[Programming]** Add to *AutoSnail* some way for the user to change the colour of the sea.  
(You may find it helpful to use the **scala.swing.ColorChooser** class, whose companion object has a **showDialog** method, which offers the user a choice of colours.)
9. (Optional) **[Programming]** In the version of *AutoSnail* we are using, mouse coordinates are converted into the identity of the town they point to by making a linear search of the list of towns. This is done when you click on a town to select it, but also when the mouse hovers over the map, in order to show a tooltip with the name of the town. The program considers that the mouse is pointing at a town when it is within 5 pixels of the town's centre. All this searching of the list of towns may consume large amounts of processor time. Identify a data structure that will substantially speed up the translation from mouse coordinates to towns, and explore whether it has a noticeable impact on performance.