Project 1 - Part 3

PART 3 – FUNCTIONS AND CLASSES

- 1. Write the introduction of your scenario.
- 2. Write the explanation of the program created above.
- 3. Provide your conclusion.

I am a medical doctor. I want to create a Python project that helps classify lung diseases. Lung disease is an umbrella term for issues of the lungs and can be categorised into categories such as infection, non-infectious, and malignancy. Each category (child class) contains details of the parent class but may include their unique features.

The code begins by initiating the parent class LungDisease, which contains the name and umbrella category "Lung Disease." The LungDisease takes in only one parameter. The parent class is initiated by the __init__ method, which gives the attribute to the name and "Lung Disease" category to itself. A method of get_info() prints out the disease information, i.e. the name and main category. An example of this is creating an instance of pneumonia, an infectious lung disease that is still ultimately a lung disease. Thus, if we create an instance of pneumonia by pneumonia = LungDisease("Pneumonia") and print out the get_info() function, we will be able to obtain the general category and name of the disease.

The subsequent codes are the child class to the LungDisease class, which are InfectiousDisease, NonInfectiousDisease, and Malignancy. The respective child classes contain features such as subcategories, severity, contagious status, staging, and metastasis. The child class also retains information about the parent class and passes it through the super().__init__(). To obtain the information of instances, the get_info(), similar to the parent class, is also available for the child class to streamline the usage of this class.

The first child class is the InfectiousDisease class. The class has multiple parameters such as severity, pathogen_type, and is_contagious. This class is first initiated with the __init__ method and calls in the details from the parent class using the super()__init__(name). There are a few set attributes, such as self.pathogen_type set to the pathogen_type, self.is_contagious set to the is_contagious, self.sub_category set to "Infectious Disease", and self.severity set to severity. It uses the same get info() method as

the parent class, which provides the details of the disease. It also has an extra get pathogen type() method, which returns only the disease name and pathogen type.

The NonInfectiousDisease class is a subclass of LungDisease that focuses on non-infectious conditions. It introduces two new parameters: severity and is_chronic. Like the InfectiousDisease class, the __init__ method calls the parent class constructor using super().__init__(name) to initialize shared attributes. Additionally, it defines specific attributes: is_chronic, which indicates whether the condition is chronic or acute, and severity, which describes the seriousness of the disease. The sub_category is set to "Non-Infectious Disease." The NonInfectiousDisease class also overrides the parent's get_info() method to provide additional details specific to non-infectious conditions, including whether the disease is chronic. Furthermore, it introduces a new method called get_chronic_condition(), which determines and returns whether the condition is chronic.

The last class, the Malignancy class, is the third child of the LungDisease class and focuses on diseases related to lung cancer. This class introduces parameters such as cancer_stage, metastasis, and severity. As with the other subclasses, the __init__ method starts by invoking the parent class's constructor with super().__init__(name). It then defines its unique attributes: cancer_stage, which specifies the stage of cancer progression; metastasis, a boolean value indicating whether the cancer has spread to other parts of the body; severity, describing the seriousness of the malignancy; and sub_category, set explicitly to "Malignancy". The Malignancy class overrides the get_info() method to provide detailed information about the disease, including the cancer stage and the presence of metastasis. It also introduces the prognosis() method, which estimates the disease prognosis based on the cancer stage and metastasis status. This method determines whether the prognosis is good or poor, considering the severity of the condition.

In conclusion, each of the subclasses builds upon the foundation laid by the LungDisease class by enhancing with more specific attributes and methods respective to each disease subcategory. This class can be used to categorise subcategories of Lung Diseases without sacrificing details of general lung diseases. This can be seen with examples provided for each parent and child class.