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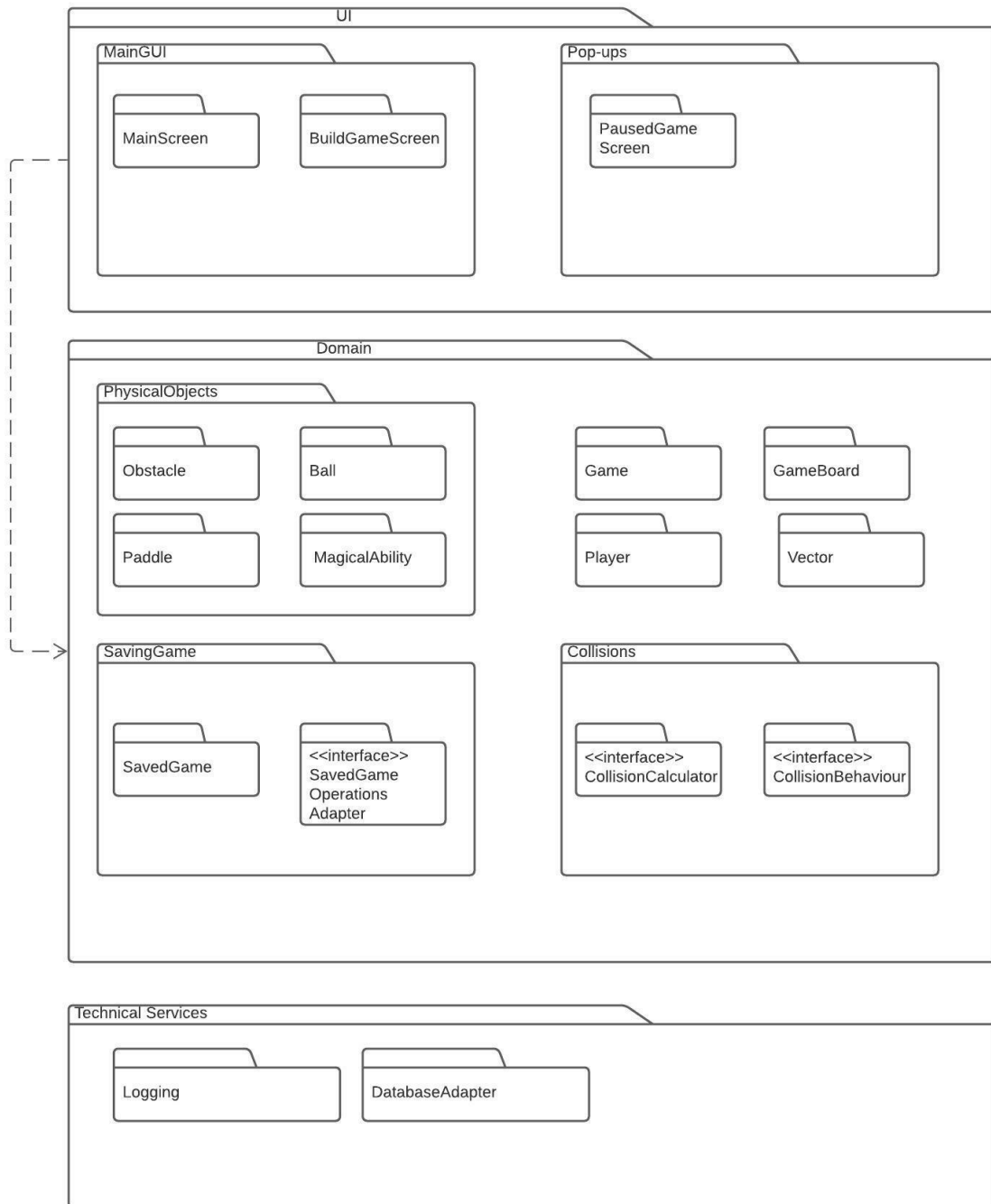
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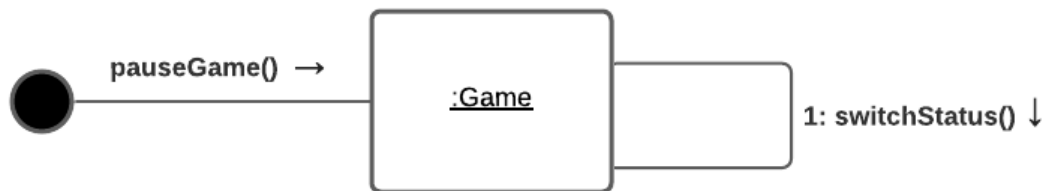
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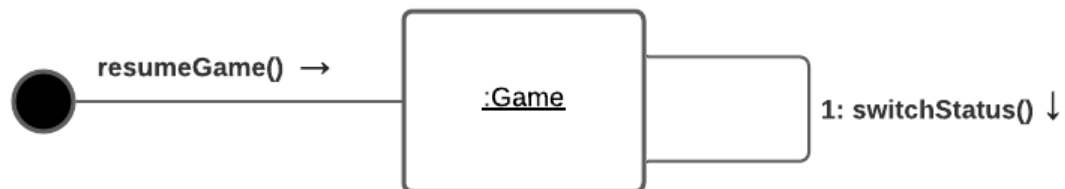
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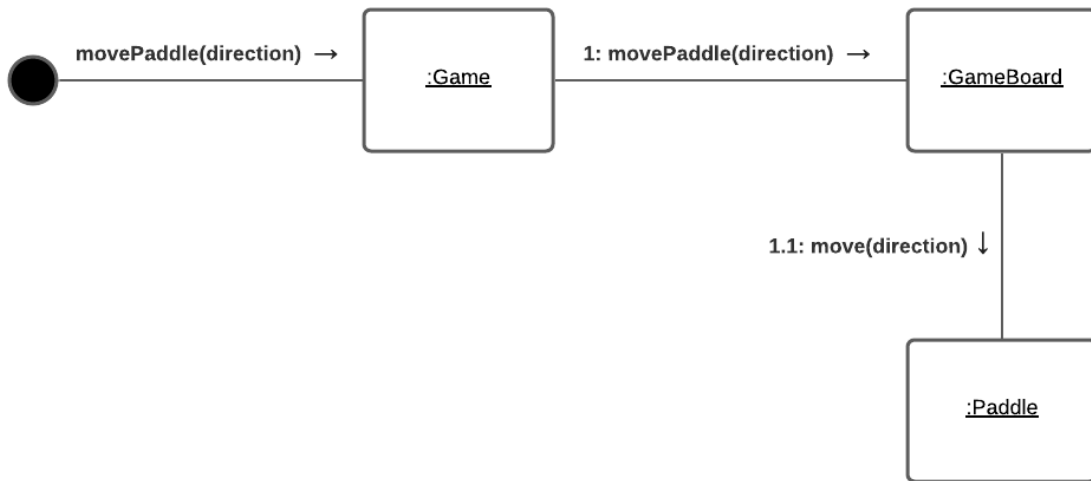
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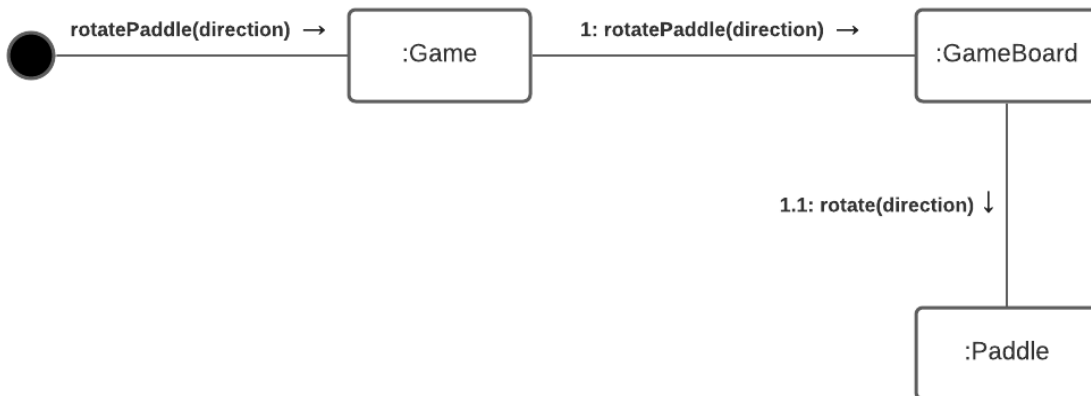
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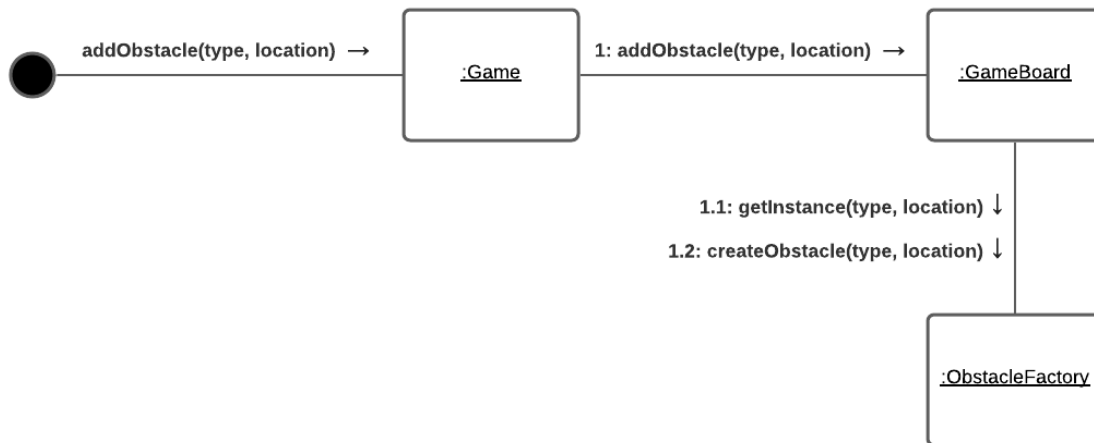
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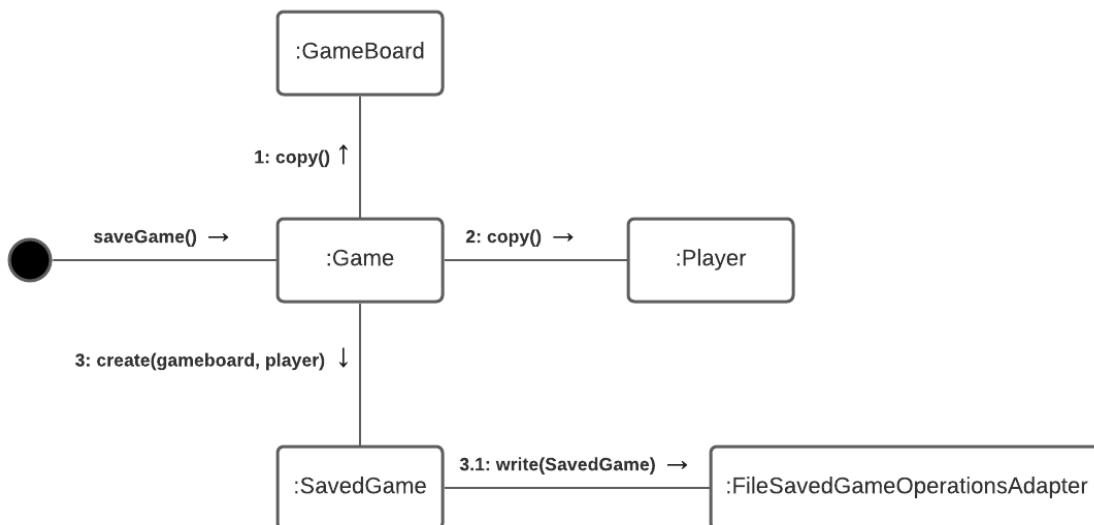
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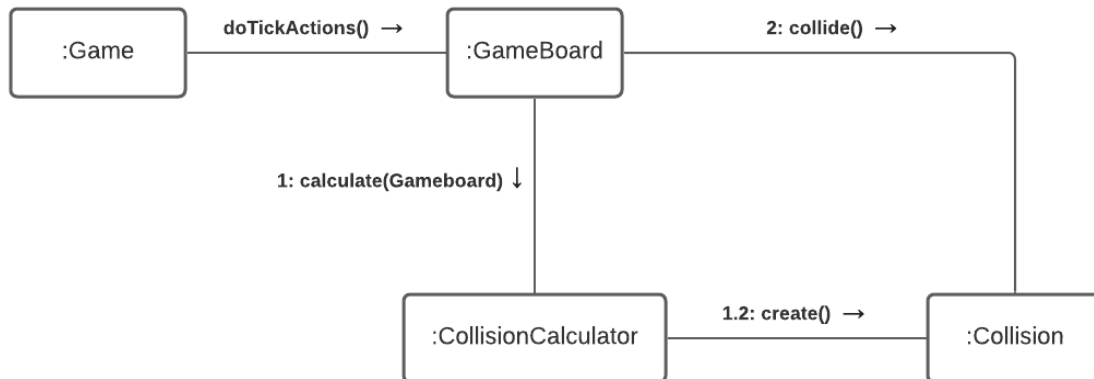
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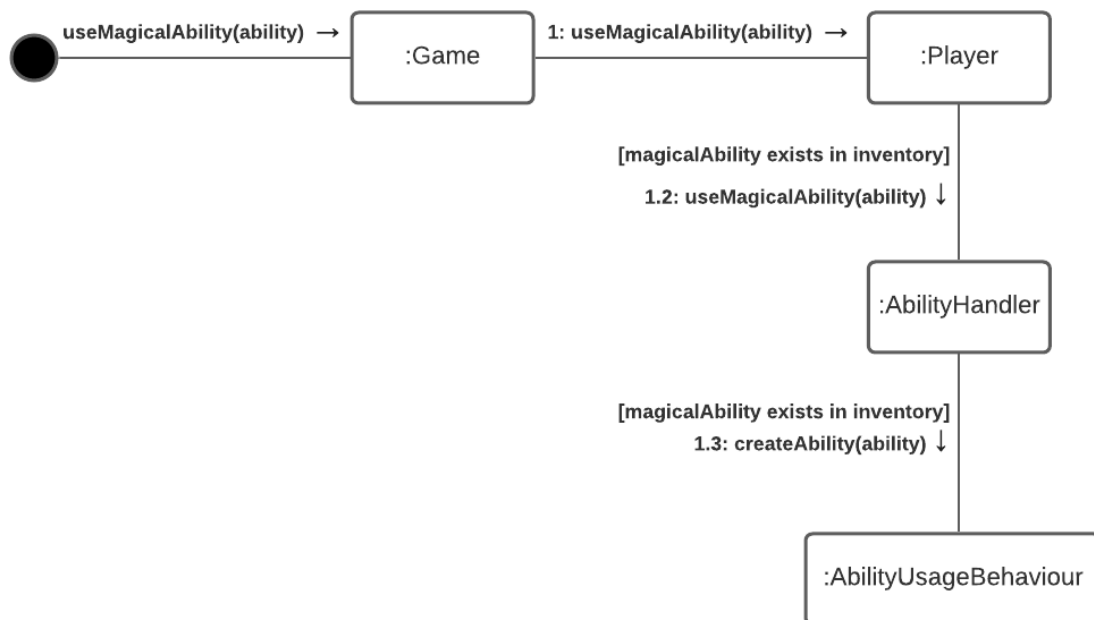
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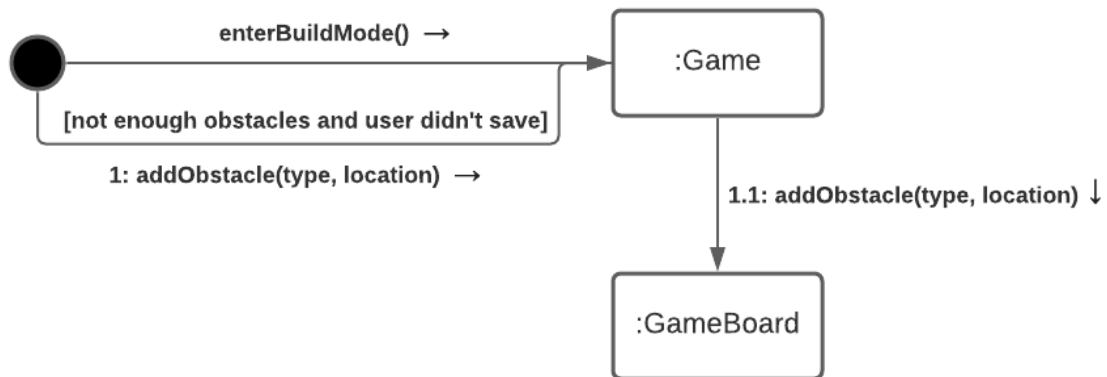
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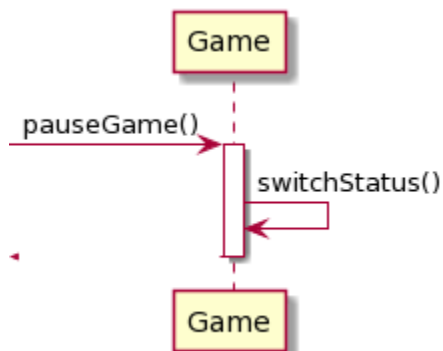


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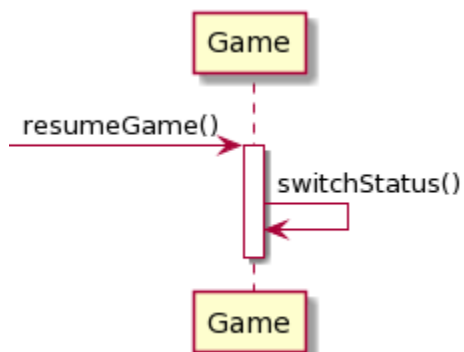


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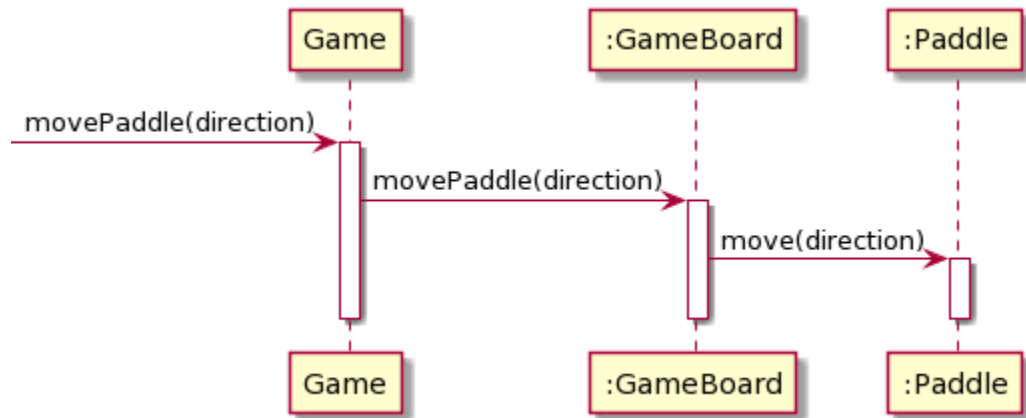
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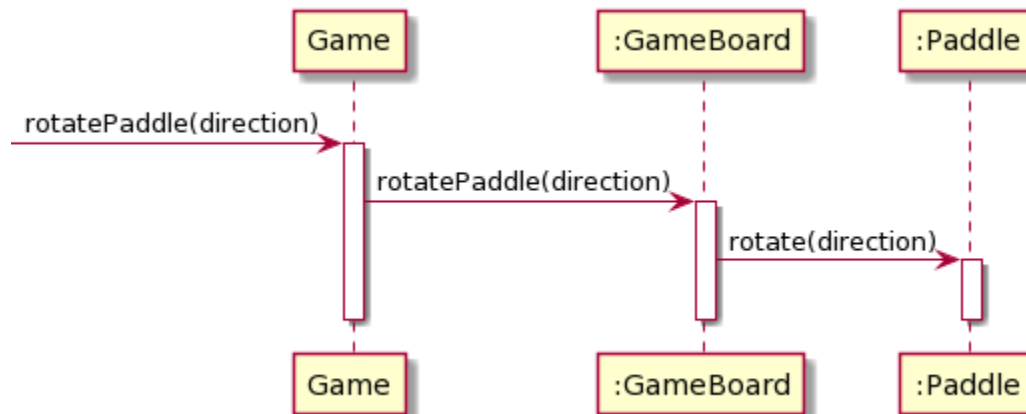
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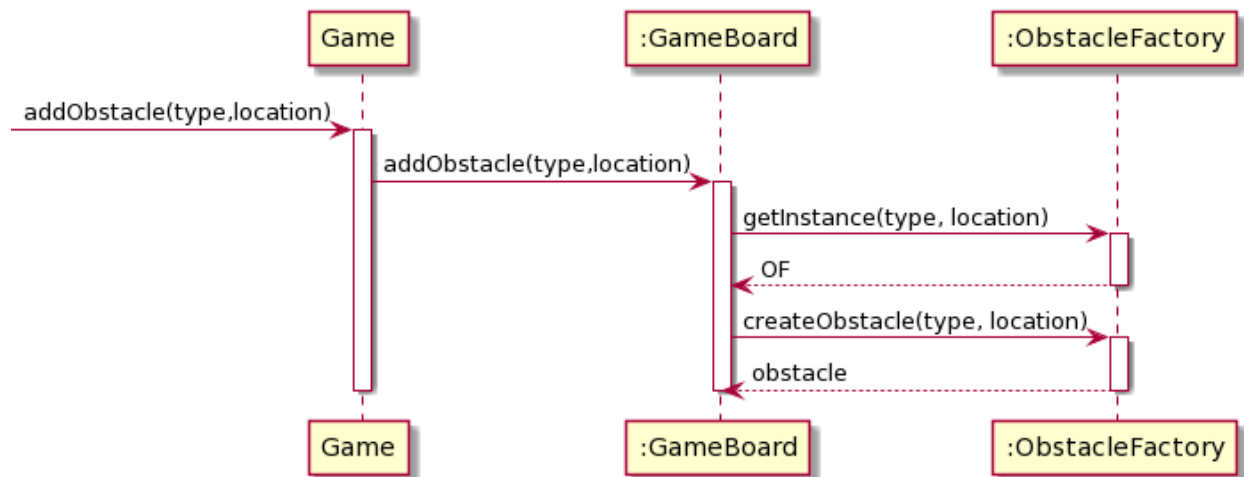
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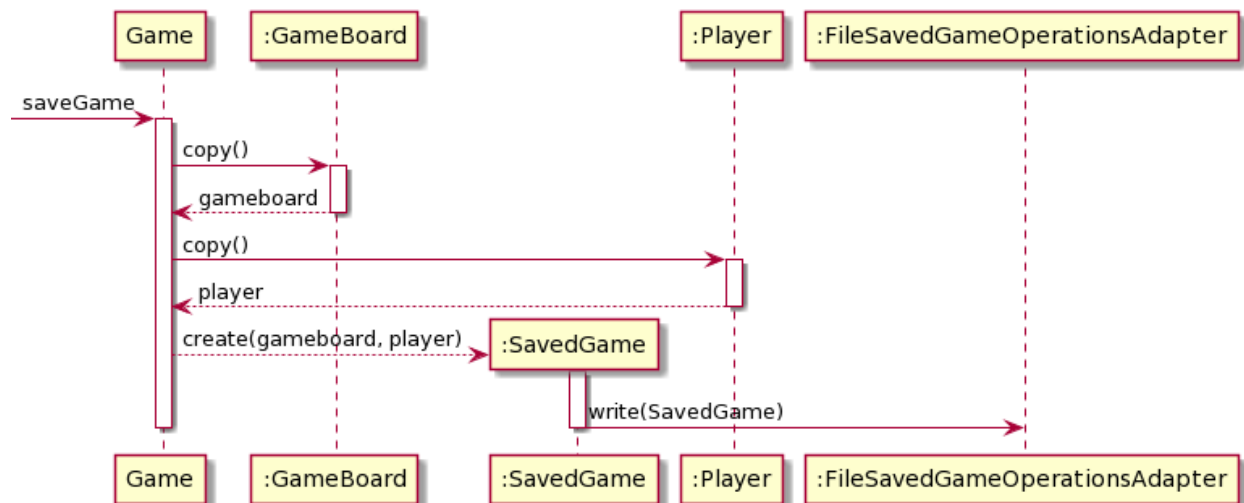
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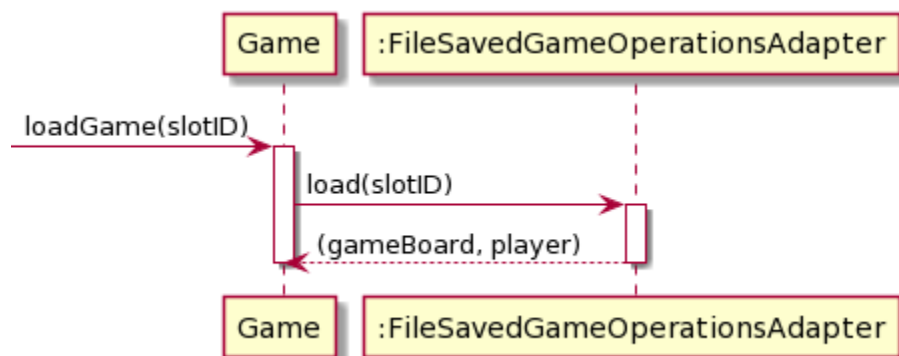
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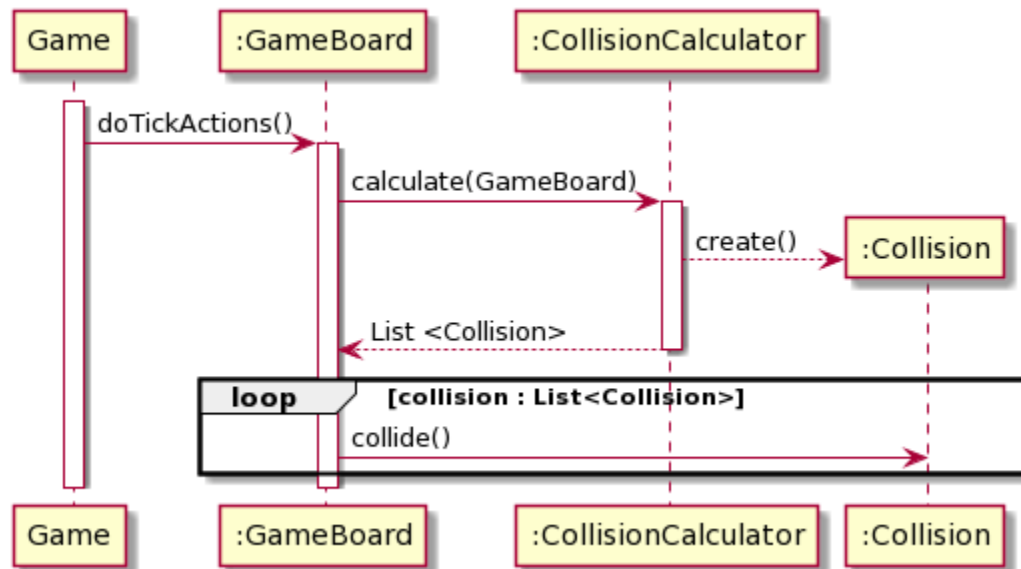
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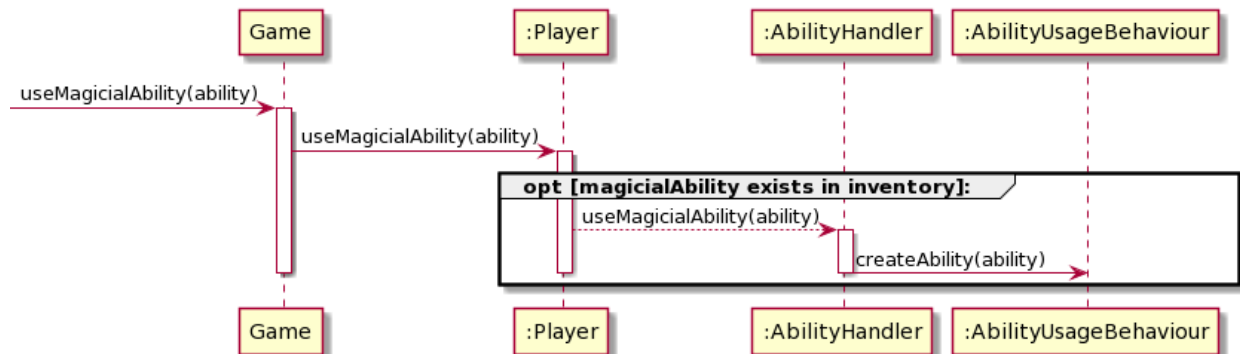
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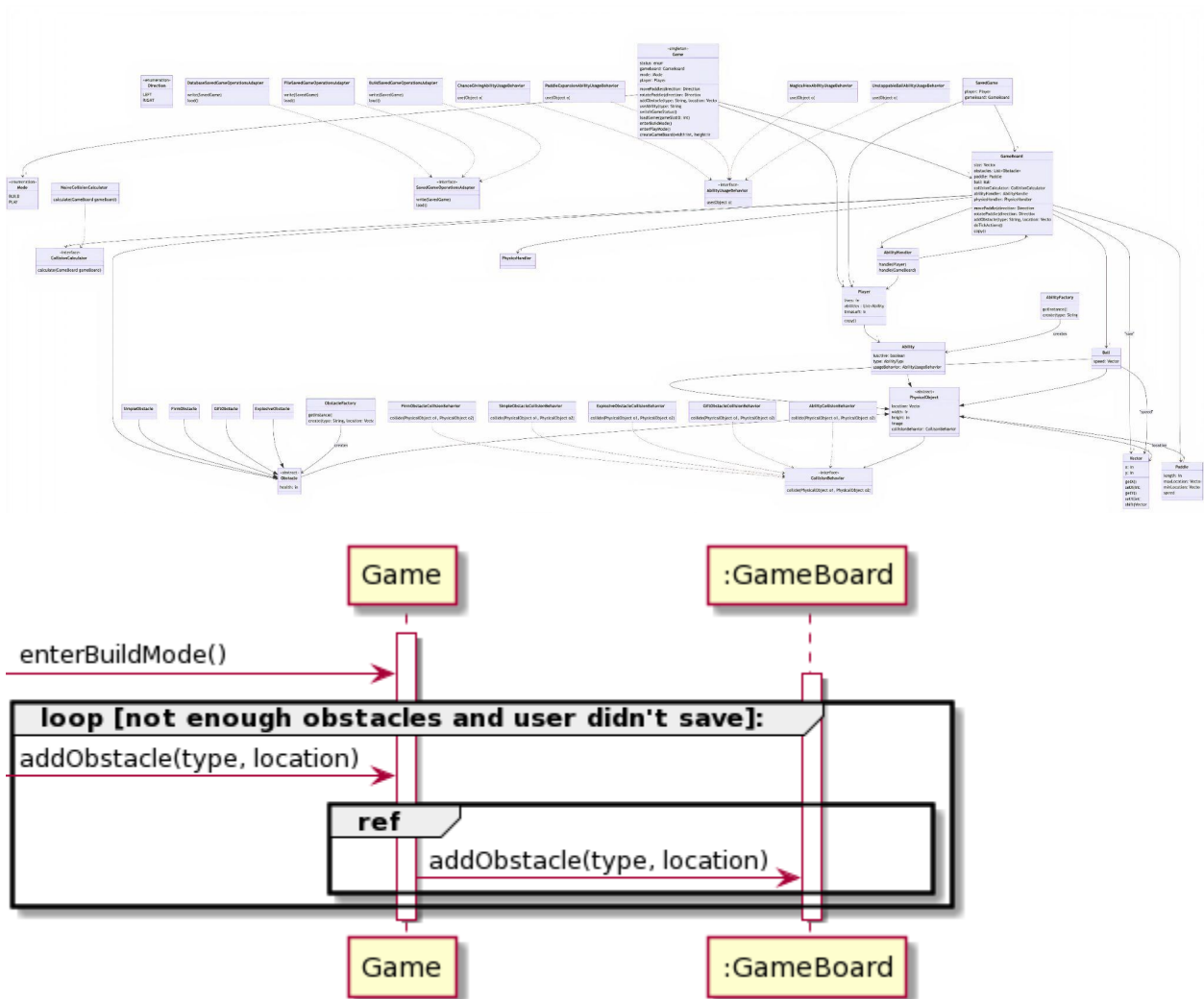
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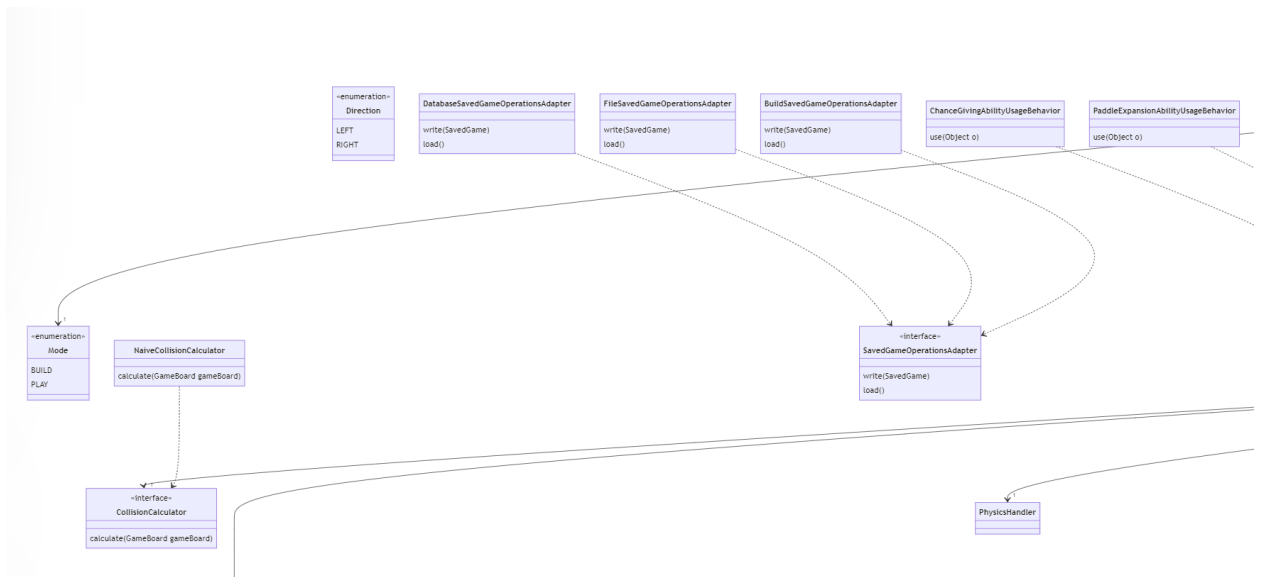
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UML Class Diagram

[Class Diagram](#)

(First image is the entire UML Class Diagram. We added all parts of the entire diagram separately so that it could be read better.)



Discussion of Design Patterns

Controller Pattern

Our Game class is designed for getting all the information and interaction from UI then distributing it to all other domain objects. With this implementation, Game class becomes the one place in which UI and domain layers get in touch. This helps us to evaluate and decide how to distribute inputs of UI to domain. One advantage of this is that this reduces coupling between UI and domain layers as the interaction happens in one place. Another advantage is that this helps us to think how we will integrate the model view separation. A key point in using this pattern is to carefully assign the message received from the UI to responsible classes and avoid handling the tasks solely in Controller pattern as it can result in low cohesion or in some cases, result in high coupling with other classes.

Creator Pattern

We used a creator pattern in several places. We used this pattern in GameBoard because GameBoard has the responsibility of creating our game objects like obstacles, paddle, and ball. We also used the creator pattern for the Game class because it creates the GameBoard. Applying the creator pattern makes us think in terms of responsibilities and create instances of classes in the most relevant class. Even though in our project it was easier to identify which class should be based on the creator pattern, in some cases, if there are several candidate classes it may be difficult to choose the best one without violating high cohesion and low coupling principles.

Factory Pattern

For creating Obstacles and Magical Abilities, we used factories. That made it possible to easily create those objects with a given type. An advantage of this pattern is that if at some point we decide to improve the game or add new features to the classes which use factory design patterns, we can do so easily, since the desired features will only have to implement the interface class and its methods based on the features functionality. A minor disadvantage but worth mentioning in this approach may be the fact that while creating the objects if there are many different obstacles or magical abilities, the code will consist of an inevitable amount of if and else statements.

Singleton Pattern

As a team we planned our game project to have one Game object only, which will be used constantly through the instances of itself. Therefore, for the "Game" class as well as our factory

class (ObstacleFactory) we used the Singleton Pattern. This helps us achieve high cohesion and low coupling. However, one of the disadvantages of this approach is that later in our project we are going to use unit testing to test our code, and the singleton pattern makes it difficult to recognize dependency chains which leads to a more difficult unit testing process.

Strategy Pattern

Collision handling is an important part of our project. However, it is not just a simple case in which we can apply the same logic in possible scenarios. Basically, our way of treating collisions may change in the presence of different magical abilities although the ways are closely related. Therefore, we decided to implement CollisionBehaviour following the strategy pattern. In this way we can have control over collision in the usage of magical ability differently.

Adapter Pattern

For saving and loading the game, we realized that there might be different interfaces like from or to a file or database. Moreover, building a game or loading from a building mode can be treated as another interface. Although there are different options, they all have the same responsibilities. Therefore, we decided to use an adapter.

Low Coupling and High Cohesion

During all our discussions of design and how to assign responsibilities, low coupling and high cohesion are the two things we always have in consideration. We try to make our design to have low dependency, tolerance to change, and objects that are focused. We applied other patterns to reduce coupling and increase cohesion.