

1. We would like to design a class `Square` that inherits from `Rectangle`. A `Square` has the constraint that the four sides are of the same length. Consider the `Rectangle` class below:

```
1  /*
2      Public Class must be in its own file
3      with the filename the same as the class name
4  */
5  public class Rectangle {
6      private double width;
7      private double height;
8
9      public Rectangle(double width, double height) {
10         this.width = width;
11         this.height = height;
12     }
13
14     @Override
15     public String toString() {
16         return "Height: " + this.height + " Width: " + this.width;
17     }
18 }
```

- (a) How should `Square` be implemented to obtain the following output from JShell?

```
1  jshell> new Square(5);
2  $.. ==> Height: 5.0 Width: 5.0
```

**Suggested Guide:**

```
1  public class Square extends Rectangle {
2      public Square(double length) {
3          super(length, length);
4      }
5  }
```

The `toString` method is inherited from `Rectangle`.

- (b) Now implement two separate methods to set the width and height of the `Rectangle` class as follows:

```
1  public void setHeight(double height) {
2      this.height = height;
3  }
4  public void setWidth(double width) {
5      this.width = width;
6  }
```

What undesirable design issues would this present?

**Suggested Guide:**

Square inherits the `setHeight` and `setWidth` methods from `Rectangle`. As a consequence, a square can be changed into a rectangle (*i.e., the length of the sides no longer equal*).

```

1 jshell> Square s = new Square(5.0);
2 s ==> Height: 5.0 Width: 5.0
3 jshell> s.setHeight(4);
4 jshell> s;
5 s ==> Height: 4.0 Width: 5.0

```

```

1 class Vector2D {
2     private double[] coord2D;
3     // code omitted
4 }

```

(c) Now implement two overriding methods in the `Square` class as follows:

```

1 public void setHeight(double height) {
2     super.setHeight(height);
3     super.setWidth(height);
4 }
5 public void setWidth(double width) {
6     super.setHeight(width);
7     super.setWidth(width);
8 }

```

Do you think that it is now sensible to have `Square` inherit from `Rectangle`? Or should it be the other way around? Or maybe they should not inherit from each other?

**Suggested Guide:**

Based on the substitutability principle, if `Square` inherits from `Rectangle`, then anywhere we expect a `Rectangle`, we can always substitute it with a `Square`.

Consider the following example:

```

1 jshell> Rectangle[] rects = {new Rectangle(3.0, 5.0),
2     ...>                     new Square(5.0)};
3 rects ==> Rectangle[2] { Height: 5.0 Width: 3.0, Height: 5.0
4     Width: 5.0 }
5 jshell> rects[0].setHeight(4.0);
6 jshell> rects[0].setWidth(8.0);
7 jshell> rects[0];
8 $.. ==> Height: 4.0 Width: 8.0
9 jshell> rects[1].setHeight(4.0);
10 jshell> rects[1].setWidth(8.0);
11 jshell> rects[1];
12 $.. ==> Height: 8.0 Width: 8.0

```

Notice that setting `rects[1]` (*of type* `Rectangle`) to a height of 4.0 and a width of 8.0 does not produce the desired rectangle.

2. Given the following interfaces.

```
1 public interface Shape {  
2     public double getArea();  
3 }  
4  
5 public interface Printable {  
6     public void print();  
7 }
```

(a) Suppose the class `Circle` implements both interfaces above. Given the following program fragment,

```
1 Circle c = new Circle(new Point(0, 0), 10);  
2 Shape s = c;  
3 Printable p = c;
```

Are the following statements allowed? Why do you think Java does not allow some of the following statements?

- i. `s.print();`
- ii. `p.print();`
- iii. `s.getArea();`
- iv. `p.getArea();`

**Suggested Guide:**

Only `s.getArea()` and `p.print()` are permissible. Suppose `Shape s` references an array of objects that implements the `Shape` interface, so each object is **guaranteed** to implement the `getArea` method.

Other than that, each object may or may not implement other interfaces (*e.g.*, *may not implement Printable*), so `s.print()` may or may not be applicable.

In addition, we say that for the above statement `Shape s = c`, variable `s` has a compile-time type of `Shape` but a run-time type of `Circle`.

(b) Someone proposed to re-implement `Shape` and `Printable` as abstract classes instead. Would this work?

**Suggested Guide:**

No, you cannot inherit from multiple parent classes.

(c) Can we define another interface `PrintableShape` as follows:

```
1 public interface PrintableShape extends Printable, Shape {  
2 }
```

and let the class `Circle` implements `PrintableShape` instead?

**Suggested Guide:**

Yes, it is allowed. Interfaces can inherit from multiple parent interfaces.

3. Using examples of overriding methods, illustrate why a Java class cannot inherit from multiple parent classes, but can implement multiple interfaces.

**Suggested Guide:**

If classes **A** and **B** have the same method **f()** defined, and class **C** inherits from them, which of the two parent methods will be invoked in **new C().f()**? However, for the case of two interfaces **A** and **B**, if they both specify **f()** to be defined by a class **C** that implements them, then an overridden method in **C** would satisfy both contracts.

In the case of interfaces with **default** methods, try compiling the program fragment below:

```
1 interface A {  
2     default void f() { }  
3 }  
4  
5 interface B {  
6     default void f() { }  
7 }  
8  
9 class AB implements A, B { }
```

Does it compile? What if only one of the interface's **f()** has a default implementation? Does it compile now?

If there are compilation errors, what are the compilation errors? What if an overriding method **f()** is implemented in class **AB**?