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Programming in C++ Sheet 4

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The Amoeba Game

In this simple game, the player is an amoeba that fights and eats other microorganisms. The DNA of these microorganisms is used for levelling up the amoeba which makes it become stronger and stronger. However, enemies also get stronger every round. The goal for the player is to survive as long as possible.

In this worksheet we will practice several concepts like function overriding, polymorphism and passing lambda functions to create the amoeba as well as its enemies/food.

4.1 Polymorphism, abstract classes and lambda functions (100 Points)

We will start with the base class **Food**. Both player and enemy will derive from it later.

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- a) Implement the is_alive function of the Food class. It should return true if health > 0, otherwise false.
- b) Implement the **constructor** of the **Food** class at the position indicated in the code. The constructor should initialize the class member variables with the passed values. We will use this constructor later to create enemies of different strength.

Now we will implement different classes of enemies. Let's assume that our game design already tells us that we need to add a lot of customization later. Thus, we decide to create one C++ class for each class of enemies.

- c) Complete the **DeadCell** class, which is derived from the **Food** class: First, complete the **constructor** which takes (health, power, defence) as arguments. health_gain=10.0, dna_gain=100.0 should be initialized by calling the constructor of the base class.
- d) Create and implement the **Bacterium** class analogous to DeadCell (implement constructor same as in DeadCell with function arguments (health, power, defence), and (health_again=10.0, dna_gain=200) passed to the base class).
- e) Create and implement the **Virus** class with a similar constructor as in the DeadCell and Bacterium classes, the default values will be (health_gain=400.0, dna_gain=400.0).

Hint: The Bacterium and Virus class, implements same functions as DeadCell class (available in student_template), and make sure cmake picks these classes by adding it to the CMakeList.

Now let's implement the Amoeba class (yes, that is us: the player). Your task is to implement the missing parts of the **Amoeba** class (which is also derived from the **Food** class).

f) Add a protected member variable of type double with the name dna_level_th with 100.0 as default value to the Amoeba class. This will be used to determine if our player levels up. Complete the default and custom constructor. We don't want to become food of some enemy early on, so by default, we give us a good advantage health=1000.0, power=50.0, defence=50.0, dna_level_th=100.0. Note that the Amoeba constructor has the option to use different parameters and we will do that later to initialize our amoeba with non-default values.

- g) Override the **print** and **print_header** member functions in the **Amoeba** class. Instead of the gain variables it should print out the dna_level_th and the dna_level.
- h) Implement the **eat** member function of the **Amoeba** class. The method eat takes two parameters health and dna that indicate how much health and dna the Amoeba should gain. These values should be added to the respective member variables of the Amoeba instance. If dna_level is larger or equal to the threshold dna_level_th, then (1) the dna_level_th is doubled, and (2) dna_level reset to zero.

Now read the **engine.h** function and fill the missing pieces:

- i) Create one instance of the **Amoeba** class in the **engine** function with the defaults we defined above.
- j) In each round, we will fill the all_enemies vector in the engine function with exactly one DeadCell, one Bacterium, and one Virus. Our enemies are born with certain skills and aptitudes. For dead cells (which should be an easy enemy, right) we consider health=10.0, power=0.0, defence=0.0 the default for creating DeadCell objects in engine.h. Bacteria are our first serious enemy, and we consider health=200.0, power=10.0, defence=50.0 a default for them. A Virus is a significantly stronger enemy with defaults health=500.0, power=25.0, defence=25.0. We will use the random_value function to create some variation between enemies and to also make them stronger (more health, more power, more defence) each round. When creating the object, instead of passing the defaults for health, power and defence as listed above, we pass random_value(difficulty)*default health, random_value(difficulty)*default power, random_value(difficulty)*default defence upon construction for each type of enemy.
- k) For educational purposes, we will take a look at a common (and often required) technique that allows us to perform deep polymorphic copies (=make a deep copy given just a Food*). (If you know Java you might have seen the related Java clone() methods before.) Implement the clone member function of the DeadCell, Bacterium, Virus, and Amoeba class, such that it returns a copy of the object as Food*. Hint: Don't copy the pointer (shallow copy) but dynamically create the object using the (synthesized) copy constructor and return it as Food*. Fill the enemies vector in the engine function with 1 to 3 randomly sampled (e.g. use std::rand) (deep) copies from the all_enemies vector. Duplicates are allowed and should show up with same stats. Don't forget to delete the allocated memory at the end and clear the vectors after each round.
- 1) Implement the combat function in the engine.h. For educational purposes, we did not add a setter for the health function. Instead, we provide a member attacked that takes a lambda function that determines if the attack was successful and updates the protected variables. During the first attack, the enemy is attacked by the player. The lambda function that you need to implement (1) computes random_value()*player→get_power() random_value()*defence. (2) checks if this value is positive, and if so subtracts the value from the enemy health. The second attack, where the player is attacked, works analogously just the other way around.

The game ends if the Amoeba is dead and the number of rounds (=the maximum difficulty) is printed.