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### Answer to Puzzle

When `AB` prints `____`, because  
it calls `h` and passes it `AB`, whose dynamic type is `B`.  
So `g()`. Since `g` is inherited by `B`, we execute the code for  
`A.g()`. Now `this` contains the value of `h`'s argument,  
whose dynamic type is `B`. Therefore, we execute the definition of  
`B.g()`.  
So `f`, in other words, static type is ignored in figuring out  
what method to call.  
Therefore, we see `____`; selection of `f` still depends on dynamic  
type of `this`. Same for overriding `g` in `B`.  
Therefore, it would print `____` because then selection of `f`  
is based on static type of `this`, which is `A`.  
Therefore, if not defined in `A`, we'd see `____`.

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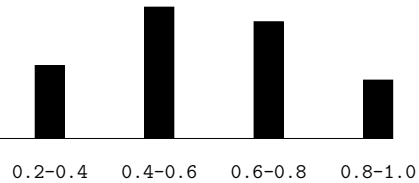
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## Example: Designing a Class

Write a class that represents histograms, like this one:



What do we need from it? At least:

Bounds and limits.

Counts of values.

Intervals of values.

Numbers of buckets and other initial parameters.

## Histogram Specification and Use

```
of floating-point values */
Histogram {
  of buckets in THIS. */

  of bucket #K. Pre: 0<=K<size(). */
  k);

  s in bucket #K. Pre: 0<=K<size(). */
  k);

  the histogram. */
  e val);
```

Sample output:

```
>= 0.00 | 10
>= 10.25 | 80
>= 20.50 | 120
>= 30.75 | 50
```

```
am(Histogram H,
    Scanner in)
{
  sNextDouble();
  nextDouble();

  void printHistogram(Histogram H) {
    for (int i = 0; i < H.size(); i += 1)
      System.out.printf
        (">=%5.2f | %4d\n",
         H.low(i), H.count(i));
  }
}
```

## Let's Make a Tiny Change

*a priori* bounds:

```
rogram implements Histogram {
 istogram with SIZE buckets. */
istogram(int size) {
```

What is to change?

How do you do this? Profoundly changes implementation.

Like `printHistogram` and `fillHistogram` still work with

the power of separation of concerns.

## Answer to Puzzle

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Alternatively, would print `_A.f_` because then selection of `f` is based on static type of `this`, which is `A`.

But if `f` is defined in `A`, we'd see a compile-time error

## Specification Seen by Clients

What a module (class, program, etc.) exports are the programs or modules that *use* that module's exported definitions.

One convention is that exported definitions are designated **public**.

Programs are intended to rely on *specifications*, (aka APIs) not code.

**Specification:** method and constructor headers—syntax and semantics.

**Specification:** what they do. No formal notation, so use

English; a specification is a *contract*.

A client must satisfy (*preconditions*, marked "Pre:" in the code below).

Results (*postconditions*).

These are to be *all the client needs!*

How to communicate errors, specifically failure to meet preconditions.

## An Implementation

```
edHistogram implements Histogram {
  low, high; /* From constructor */
  count; /* Value counts */
```

```
rogram with SIZE buckets of values >= LOW and < HIGH. */
istogram(int size, double low, double high)
```

```
igh || size <= 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
ow; this.high = high;
new int[size];
```

```
e() { return count.length; }
low(int k) { return low + k * (high-low)/count.length; }

nt(int k) { return count[k]; }
```

```
d(double val) {
  low && val < high)
  (int) ((val-low)/(high-low) * count.length)] += 1;
```

## of Procedural Interface over Visible Fields

method for `count` instead of making the array `count` "change" is transparent to clients:

to write `myHist.count[k]`, it would mean

number of items currently in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  bucket of histogram which, by the way, is stored in an array called `count` (that always holds the up-to-date count)."

I'll comment *worse than useless* to the client.

array had been visible, after "tiny change," every use of the program would have to change.

method for the public `count` method decreases what the client knows, and (therefore) has to change.

## Implementing the Tiny Change

pre-allocate the `count` array.

bounds, so must save arguments to `add`.

compute `count` array "lazily" when `count(...)` called.

compute `count` array whenever histogram changes.

```
class Histogram implements Histogram {
    ArrayList<Double> values = new ArrayList<>();

    int[] count;

    Histogram(int size) { this.size = size; this.count = null; }

    void add(double x) { count = null; values.add(x); }

    double count(int k) {
        if (count == null) { compute count from values here. }
        return count[k];
    }
}
```