

Self-Check 11

Answer the following questions to check your understanding of your material. Expect the same kind of questions to show up on your tests.

1. Definitions and Short Answers - functions

1. In Python, `ArithmeticError` is a **base class** of `FloatingPointError`, `OverflowError`, and `ZeroDivisionError`. So,
 - a. Does `ArithmeticError` **inherit from** `FloatingPointError` ? Or does `FloatingPointError` inherit from `ArithmeticError`?
 - b. Does `FloatingPointError` inherit from `OverflowError` ? Or `ZeroDivisionError`? Or is there any **inheritance relationship** between them?
 - c. Is `ZeroDivisionError` a **superclass** of `ArithmeticError`? Or the other way around? [subclasses]

Example class hierarchy: exceptions

```
• BaseException
• +-- SystemExit
• +-- KeyboardInterrupt
• +-- GeneratorExit
• +-- Exception
•     +-- StopIteration
•     +-- StopAsyncIteration
•     +-- ArithmeticError
•         |   +-- FloatingPointError
•         |   +-- OverflowError
•         |   +-- ZeroDivisionError
```

2. Let `a`, `f`, `o`, and `z` respectively denote an instance of `ArithmeticError`, `FloatingPointError`, `OverflowError`, and `ZeroDivisionError`.
 - a. Is `a` an **instance of** `FloatingPointError`? **no**
 - b. Is `f` an instance of `ArithmeticError`? **yes**
 - c. Does `z` **inherit from** `ZeroDivisionError`? Or what is the correct word for the relationship? **[is an instance of]**
 - d. Does `o` inherit from `ArithmeticError`? **[is an instance of]**

3. Which of the following evaluates to `True`?
 - a. `isinstance(f, ArithmeticError)` `True`
 - b. `isinstance(z, FloatingPointError)` `False`
 - c. `isinstance(a, ZeroDivisionError)` `False`
 - d. `issubclass(OverflowError, ArithmeticError)` `True`
 - e. `issubclass(FloatingPointError, ZeroDivisionError)` `False`
 - f. `issubclass(ArithmeticError, ZeroDivisionError)` `False`

4. Suppose you want to define a class named `MyList` by subclassing from the built-in `list` class.


```
1 class MyList(list):
2     def __repr__(self):
3         return self.__class__.__name__ + '(' + _____ + ')'
```

 - a. This class does not define the `__init__()` method. Does this mean you can't call `MyList` as a constructor? If you can call `MyList` as a constructor, what method is actually called?
[you can call `MyList` as a constructor. the arguments are the same as those you pass to a `list()` constructor. It inherits the constructor from its superclass, namely `list`'s `__init__()` method.]
 - b. By defining the `__repr__()` method in `MyList` class, what happens to the base class's (i.e., `list` class's) `__repr__()` method? Is it replaced? Or does it continue to exist?
[both `__repr__()` exist. It is just shadowed while inside `MyList`. That is, `MyList`'s `__repr__` will be found first and used, but `list`'s `__repr__` continues to exist, unaffected and unmodified.]
 - c. How does `MyList`'s `__repr__()` method invoke its superclass `list`'s `__repr__()` method to render the actual list content as constructor argument?
[`super().__repr__()`]

5. If you define a `find()` method in `MyList` class,
 - a. does it need to call the `list`'s `find()` method? [no]
 - b. Does it automatically call `list`'s `find()` method? [no]
 - i. If so, is `list`'s `find()` method automatically called before or after `MyList`'s `find()` method?
[n/a]
 - ii. If not, how can `MyList`'s `find()` call its base class's `find()`?
[`super().find(val)`]

6. `MyList`'s `sort()` method is defined as follows:


```
1 class MyList(list):
2     # __repr__() and find() not shown
3     def sort(self):
4         D={'NoneType': 0, 'int': 1, 'float': 1, 'str': 2,
5           'tuple': 3, 'list': 4}
6         return super().sort(key=lambda x: \
7           (D.get(type(x).__name__, 5), x)),
8           reverse=reverse)
9     # additional definition not shown
```

- a. What does `type(x).__name__` do? What is the value of
- `type(3).__name__`? `int`
 - `type((12, 34)).__name__`? `tuple`
 - `type('hello').__name__`? `str`
 - `type({}).__name__`? `dict`
- b. Given the value of `D` defined on lines 4-5, what does `D.get(k, v)` do and how is it different from `D[k]`? What is the value of
- `D.get(type(3).__name__, 5)` `1`
 - `D.get(type((12, 34)).__name__, 5)` `3`
 - `D.get(type('hello').__name__, 5)` `2`
 - `D.get(type([]).__name__, 5)` `4`
 - `D.get(type(3+2j).__name__, 5)` `5`
 - `D.get(type({}).__name__, 5)` `5`
- c. Let

```
k = lambda x:(D.get(type(x).__name__, 5),x)
L = [7.4, 2, 'world', 'bye', (13, 24), (14, 28), None]
```

, then what is the value of

```
list(map(k, L))
```

?

ans: [(1, 7.4), (1, 2), (2, 'world'), (2, 'bye'), (3, (13, 24)), (3, (14, 28)), (0, None)]

and what is the result of

```
list(sorted(map(k, L)))
```

?

ans: [(0, None), (1, 2), (1, 7.4), (2, 'bye'), (2, 'world'), (3, (13, 24)), (3, (14, 28))]

7. In the revised version of `MyList` class's sort method,

```
1 class MyList(list):
2     # __repr__() and find() not shown
3     def sort(self, key=None, reverse=False):
4         D={'NoneType': 0, 'int': 1, 'float': 1, 'str': 2,
5           'tuple': 3, 'list': 4}
6         return super().sort(key=lambda x: \
7             (D.get(type(x).__name__, 5), \
8              key(x) if key is not None else x), \
9             reverse=reverse)
10    # additional definition not shown
```

- a. What is the meaning of line 9, `reverse=reverse` in this context?

[ans: this is to pass a parameter by name. The callee list's parameter named `reverse` (left h and side of the equal sign) gets the value of the expression `reverse`, which is the caller's (i. e., `MyList`'s `sort()`'s) parameter named `reverse`.]

- b. If the caller does not pass a `key` parameter on line 3, then what is the value of the expression

```
lambda x: key(x) if key is not None else x
? [lambda x: x]
```

- c. if the caller passes a callable object to the `key` parameter on line 3, then what is the value of the expression

```
lambda x: key(x) if key is not None else x
? [lambda x: key(x)]
```

8. In the `ColorPoint` class:

```
1 class Point:
2     def __init__(self, x, y):
3         self._x = x
4         self._y = y
5     def __repr__(self):
6         return __class__.__name__ + \
7             repr((self._x, self._y))
8 class ColorPoint(Point):
9     def __init__(self, x, y, color):
10        super().__init__(x, y)
11        self._color = color
12    def __repr__(self):
13        return __class__.__name__ + \
14            repr((self._x, self._y, self._color))
```

- a. What is the purpose of line 10? [calls the base class's constructor on the object being constructed to initialize the base class's attributes]
- b. After line 10, what attributes are defined in `self`? [self._x and self._y]
- c. If `ColorPoint` class doesn't define its own `__repr__` but instead chooses to inherit it, what will be printed on the line below?

```
>>> p = Point(2, 3)
>>> p
Point(2, 3)
>>> q = ColorPoint(4, 5, 'black')
>>> q
```

```
_____
```

Does it print `Point(4, 5)`? `ColorPoint(4, 5)`? or something else?

`Point(4, 5)`

9. What is the meaning of **polymorphism** in a programming language like Python? Does it mean *an object can take on different names*? Or does it mean *a name can refer to one of different possible objects*? 後者

10. Why is the built-in `str()` considered an **overloaded function**?
11. What is the meaning of **operator overloading**? 例如數字+跟字串+
12. To overload operators `+`, `-`, `*`, `/` for the `Point` class above, what do you have to declare?
`[def __add__(self, B); def __sub__(self, B); def __mul__(self, B); def __div__(self, B)]`
13. Assume `x = 3`, what are the values of the following expressions, if valid? If not valid, why not, and how can it be fixed?
- `x.__add__(2)` valid
 - `2.__add__(x)` 2加括號才行
 - `x.__add__(2.)` `float(x).__add__(2.)`
 - `2.__add__(x)` valid

14. In the `Vector` class,

```
class Vector:
3   def __init__(self, *v):
4       self._v = list(v) # covert tuple to list
5   def __repr__(self):
6       return __class__.__name__ + repr(tuple(self._v))
7   def __add__(self, right):
8       return Vector(*map(op.add, self._v, right._v))
9       # op.add is same as lambda x,y: x+y
9   def __sub__(self, right):
10      return Vector(*map(op.sub, self._v, right._v))
11  x = Vector(1, 2, 3)
12  y = Vector(4, 5, 6)
13  z = x + y
14  i = id(x)
15  x += y
16  j = id(x)
17  print(i == j)
```

- When `x = Vector(1, 2, 3)` is called, what is the value of parameter `v` on line 3? (1,2,3)
 - What is the equivalent method syntax when line 13 `z = x + y` is executed? In other words, the statement can be written in the form of
`z = object.method(arg)`
What are the *object*, *method*, and *arg*? [`z = x.__add__(y)`]
 - By the time line 13 `z = x + y` finishes execution, how many times has the `Vector` constructor been called? 1次
 - Does line 17 print True or False? Explain.
false 是新的instance了
15. In the previous problem, Python understands how to execute line 15
- ```
15 x += y
```
- as

```
x = x.__add__(y)
```

So why would you ever need to overload the `__iadd__(self, other)` method? Isn't it redundant?

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16. Assume `x` and `y` refer to the two `Vector` instances. In order to support the following operator syntax `x`, what special methods must be defined in the `Vector` class, and what is the equivalent `object.method(args)` syntax? Fill in the last column of the table below.

| operator syntax    | example                      | equivalent object.method(args) syntax        |
|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                    |                              | <code>x</code>                               |
| indexing           | <code>x[3]</code>            | <code>x.__getitem__(3)</code>                |
| slicing            | <code>x[2:5]</code>          | <code>x.__getitem__(slice(2,5))</code>       |
| indexed assignment | <code>x[1] = 5</code>        | <code>x.__setitem__(1,5)</code>              |
| sliced assignment  | <code>x[0:2] = (8, 6)</code> | <code>x.__setitem__(slice(0,2),(8,6))</code> |

17. Given that binary operators `<<` and `>>` have **lower precedence** than binary operators `+` and `-`, and all are **left associative**, in what order does Python evaluate the expression

```
m + n << p - q >> r
```

? is it

- a. `((m + n) << (p - q)) >> r`
- b. `(m + (n << p)) - (q >> r)`
- c. `(m + n) << ((p - q) >> r)`
- d. `m + ((n << p) - (q >> r))`

or some other way?

18. Both `str()` and `repr()` return a string of an object. What is their difference? Suppose you have `x = 'hello\n'`, what is the value of

- a. `list(str(x))`
- b. `list(repr(x))`

?

```
>>> x = 'hello\n'
>>> list(str(x))
['h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '\n']
>>> list(repr(x))
['"', 'h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '\\n', '"']
>>>
```

19. If you overload the `__len__()` special method in your `Vector` class, how does Python expect the user to call it on an instance `v`? (Hint: not `v.__len__()`)

`len(v)`

## 2. Programming

1. (Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆) Extend the Polynomial class from last week. To recall, it models a polynomial for a single variable  $x$  with integer coefficients and powers. That is,

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots$$

The constructor takes variable-length arguments for the coefficients for polynomials to the 0, 1, 2, ... degrees.

The supported operations include

- adding or subtracting two polynomial functions to make another polynomial function by overloading the + and - operators. (i.e., define `__add__` and `__sub__` special methods)
- evaluating a polynomial function for a given value of  $x$
- scaling a polynomial by implementing the `__imul__` special method

```
>>> f = Polynomial(3, 2, 0, 5, 4)
```

```
>>> g = Polynomial(7, 4, 1)
```

```
>>> f + g
```

```
Polynomial(10, 6, 1, 5, 4)
```

```
>>> g - f
```

```
Polynomial(4, 2, 1, -5, -4)
```

```
>>> f *= 2
```

```
Polynomial(6, 4, 0, 10, 8)
```

```
>>> f(-1)
```

```
-28
```

```
>>>
```

2. (Difficulty: ★★★☆☆) Define a NewTemp class by subclassing from the Temperature class from last week so that it can support

- a. operator overloading for `+` and `-`. The unit of the operation defaults to the unit of the left-hand-side.
- b. changing units, including `'C'` (Celsius), `'F'` (Fahrenheit)

Note: define `__add__(self, RHS)` and `__sub__(self, RHS)` methods to overload the `+` and `-` operators. You must check the `RHS` (= "right hand side") parameter's type to make sure it is an instance of `Temperature` (base class is okay -- doesn't have to be `NewTemp`), or it could be a number (`int` or `float`). If it is a `Temperature`, convert it to the same unit as `self`'s unit before adding or subtracting. If it is a number (`int` or `float`), simply assume it is of the same unit.

```
>>> t = NewTemp(20, 'C')
```

```
>>> t + 3
```

```
NewTemp(23, 'C')
```

```

>>> u = NewTemp(30, 'C')
>>> t + u
NewTemp(50, 'C')
>>> t - u
NewTemp(-20, 'C')
>>> t.unit
'C'
>>> t.unit = 'F'
>>> t
NewTemp(68.0, 'F')
>>> t + u
NewTemp(122.0, 'F')

```

3. (Difficulty: ★★★★★☆) Write a NewList class by inheriting from the built-in list class to support the following operations:

- a. list multiplication (also known as cross-product) by overloading the @ operator (define the `__matmul__(self, RHS)` special method)

```

>>> NewList([6,7,8]) @ NewList(['a', 'b'])
NewList([(6, 'a'), (6, 'b'), (7, 'a'), (7, 'b'), (8, 'a'), (8, 'b')])

```

- b. scalar multiplication, to be distinguished from list repetition. e.g.,

```

>>> NewList([6, 7, 8]) * 2
NewList([6, 7, 8, 6, 7, 8])
as in a regular list, but
>>> 2 * NewList([6, 7, 8])
NewList([12, 14, 16])
>>> 3 * NewList(['a', 'b', 'c'])
NewList(['aaa', 'bbb', 'ccc'])

```

Hint: define the `__rmul__(self, scalar)` special method, where scalar is a number.

- c. alternative base index (e.g., starting from index 1 instead of index 0). However, negative index remains the same.

```

>>> L = NewList(['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'])
>>> L[1]
'a'
>>> L[5]
'e'

```

- d. inclusive limit instead of exclusive (e.g., `L[2:5]` refers to `L[2]`,..., **up to and including** `L[5]`, whereas a regular list is up to **but not including** `L[5]`). This should work for downward (e.g., negative) stepping and slicing.



```
>>> L[2:3]
NewList(['b', 'c'])
>>> L[4:2:-1]
NewList(['d', 'c', 'b'])
>>> L[-1]
'e'
```

Hint: to implement c and d, you will need to overload all operators that may use indexing or slicing. This means

```
__getitem__(self, itemref) -- called by L[i], L[i:j] or L[i:j:k],
__setitem__(self, itemref, val) -- called to do L[i] = val, L[i:j] = val, L[i:j:k]=val
__delitem__(self, itemref) -- called to do del L[i], del L[i:j], or del L[i:j:k]
```

4.