Behavioral Subtyping and Behavioral Contracts

This recitation has two parts. In the first part your goal is to better understand behavioral subtyping, which provides a way to characterize good inheritance hierarchies. In the second part, you will learn about Java's java.lang.Object behavioral contracts, particularly the equals(Object obj) method.

Behavioral Subtyping

The following must hold for a class B to be a behavioral subtype of class A:

- 1. B must have the same or stronger invariants than A.
- 2. Overridden methods in B must have weaker or the same preconditions than in A.
- 3. Overridden methods in B must have the same or stronger postconditions than in A.

For each of the supertype/subtype pairs below, is the subtype a behavioral subtype?

1. Consider a Beverage which can contain additional ingredients:

```
public class Beverage {
                                               public class Lemon implements Ingredient {
    //@invariant ingredients != null;
                                                   public String getDescription() {
    protected List<Ingredient> ingredients;
                                                       return "lemon";
                                                   }
                                               }
    //@ensures ingredients != null;
    public Beverage() {
        ingredients = new ArrayList<>();
                                               public class Milk extends Beverage {
                                                   //Milk will curdle with lemons!
                                                   //@requires a != null;
    //@requires a != null;
                                                   //@ensures ingredients.contains(a) ||
    //@ensures ingredients.contains(a);
                                                              (a instanceof Lemon);
    public void addIngredient(Ingredient a)
                                                   public void addIngredient(Ingredient a) {
    {
                                                       if(!(a instanceof Lemon)) {
        ingredients.add(a);
                                                           super.addIngredient(a);
}
                                                   }
                                               }
public interface Ingredient {
    String getDescription();
```

Is Milk a behavioral subtype of Beverage? Why or why not?

2. Consider a Point and ColorPoint class which can draw themselves to a Canvas below:

```
public class Point {
                                                public class ColorPoint extends Point {
    //@invariant px > 0 \&\& py > 0;
                                                    //@invariant px > 0 \&\& py > 0 \&\&
    private int px, py;
                                                                 pc != null;
                                                    private Color pc;
    //@requires x > 0 \&\& y > 0;
    //@ensures px == x && py == y;
                                                    //@requires x > 0 \&\& y > 0 \&\& c != null;
    public Point(int x, int y) {
                                                    //@ensures px == x && py == y && pc == c;
        px = x;
                                                    public ColorPoint(int x, int y, Color c)
        py = y;
    }
                                                        super(x, y);
                                                        pc = c;
                                                    }
    //@requires canvas != null;
    public void draw(Canvas canvas) {
        /* ... */
                                                    //@requires canvas != null &&
                                                                pc != Color.WHITE;
}
                                                    public void draw(Canvas canvas)
                                                    { /* ... */ }
                                                }
```

Is ColorPoint a behavioral subtype of Point? Why or why not?

3. Consider the following *immutable* implementations of a Rectangle and Square class, noting that these immutable implementations are different from the Rectangle and Square we saw in lecture:

```
public class Rectangle {
                                               public class Square extends Rectangle {
    //@ invariant w > 0 \&\& h > 0;
                                                   //@ invariant w > 0;
    protected final int w, h;
                                                   //@ invariant w == h;
    //@ requires aw > 0 && ah > 0;
                                                   //@ requires aw > 0;
    //@ ensures w == aw && h == ah;
                                                   //@ ensures h == w && w == aw;
    public Rectangle(int aw, int ah) {
                                                   public Square (int aw) {
                                                       super(aw, aw);
        w = aw;
                                                   }
        h = ah;
    }
                                                   //@ requires factor >= 0;
    //@ requires factor >= 2;
                                                   //@ ensures \result.w == w+factor &&
    //@ ensures \result.w == w+factor &&
                                                               \result.h == h+factor;
                \result.h == h+factor;
                                                   public Square scale(int factor) {
    public Rectangle scale(int factor) {
                                                       return new Square(w+factor);
        return new Rectangle(w+factor,
                             h+factor);
                                               }
    }
    //0 requires a >= 0;
    //@ ensures \result.w == w+a &&
                \result.h == h;
    public Rectangle wider(int a) {
        return new Rectangle(w+a,h);
}
```

Is Square a behavioral subtype of Rectangle? Why or why not?

java.lang.Object Behavioral Contracts

All Java objects inherit from java.lang.Object. Some of the commonly-used/overriden methods include String toString(), boolean equals(Object obj), int hashCode(), and Object clone().

It is common practice for Java programmers to override these methods to suit the behavior of their own classes. However, the behavioral contracts for each method must be observed. Today, let us consider the contracts for .equals and .hashCode.

The .equals(Object obj) contract:

1. An equivalence relation

```
(a) Reflexive: ∀ x
(b) Symmetric: ∀ x,y
(c) Transitive: ∀ x,y,z
x.equals(y) if and only if y.equals(x)
x.equals(y) and y.equals(z) implies x.equals(z)
```

- 2. Consistent. Invoking x.equals(y) repeatedly returns the same value unless x or y is modified.
- 3. x.equals(null) is always false.
- 4. .equals() always terminates and is side-effect free (does not change state of program).

The .hashCode() contract:

- 1. Consistent. Invoking x.hashCode() repeatedly returns the same value unless x is modified.
- 2. x.equals(y) implies x.hashCode() == y.hashCode().

Because the .hashCode() behavioral contract depends on .equals(), you must always override .hashCode() when you override .equals(), and vice versa.

Exercise: Implement equality-checking for a Point class

Task: Write all the code needed to correctly implement equality-checking for this simple Point class.

```
public class Point {
    private final int x;
    private final int y;
    public Point(int x, int y) {
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
    }
}
```

Consider this subclass of Point called ColorPoint:

```
public class ColorPoint extends Point {
   private final Color color;
   public ColorPoint(int x, int y, Color color) {
       super(x, y);
       this.color = color;
   }

   public boolean equals(Object obj) {
       if (!(obj instanceof ColorPoint)) return false;
       ColorPoint cp = (ColorPoint) obj;
       return this.color.equals(cp.color) && super.equals(obj);
   }

   public int hashCode() {
       return 31 * super.hashCode() + color.hashCode();
   }
}
```

For the following questions, consider this use of the Point and ColorPoint classes. You may assume that Color.equals() correctly meets the behavioral contracts of the java.lang.Object class.

```
Point p = new Point(2, 42);
ColorPoint cp1 = new ColorPoint(2, 42, Color.BLUE);
ColorPoint cp2 = new ColorPoint(2, 42, Color.MAUVE);
```

- (a) Is p.equals(p) true?
- (b) Is p.equals(cp1) true?
- (c) Is cp1.equals(p) true?
- (d) Is p.equals(cp2) true?
- (e) Is cp1.equals(cp2) true?

Question: Based on the behavioral contract of java.lang.Object, is the Point class a behavioral subtype of the Object class? If not, explain why not and change your Point implementation so it is.

Question: Based on the behavioral contract of java.lang.Object, is the ColorPoint class a behavioral subtype of the Object class? If not, explain why not.