**Assignment 3 Rationale for new features**

* **Feauture 2 Grenade:**

**Design choice**:

To realise this feature, we need two new classes: Grenade added in package starwars.entities, and Throw in starwars.actions.

For Throw class, it inherits from SWAffordance and implements SWActionInterface, which allows it to overide some classes(canDo(),act() ) from the interface and also overides an abstract class from its ancestor class (getDescription()).

The constructor of the throw class should create an instance of throw affordance.

For the canDo(a::SWActor) method, it specify the only item(entity) carried by actor can perform this affordance is grenade, so it check whether the item carried is grenade or not.

For the act(a::SWActor) method, it will be implemented in detail as following steps:

1. It will check if the item carried by actor is grenade or not. If yes, then it will first collect all the directions in enum class compassBearing().
2. We should get the location of actor a by calling the function whereis(target) from entitymanger.
3. Then, we should get all the entities in that location(a included) by passing the location of actor a to the function contnets() from entitymanager.
4. Since the contents() will return a list containing all the entities in that location, so we can go through each entity in that list and check if there is any entities except actor a in the same location where the grenade is thrown, if there are some, then we will set those entities to take damage 20. In here, instead of using a figure 20, we will create a static final int attribute maxExplosion = 20, to represent this extent of damage to reduce the dependencies on this figure, and it is also related to a design principle: Avoid excessive use of literals.
5. Next, we will loop through the directions we collect in 1, and for each direction, we use getNeighbour() from Location class to get the neighbouring location in that speficied direction(i.e: can be reach in one step from the location where the grenade is thrown). From this neighbouring location, we can use contents() again to get a list containning all the entities in this location, and loop through the list to cause damage for every entity in this location, in here we will set the damage extent as 10, which will also be represented as a static final int attirbute intermediateExplosion = 10.

In addition, we also use getNeighbour().getNeighbour() for each direction, to get its neighbouring location of neighbouring location(i.e.: can be reach in two steps from the location where the grenade is thrown). From this location, we can use contents() again to get a list containning all the entities in this location, and loop through the list to caiuse damage for every entiity in this locatiion, in here we will set the damage extent as 5, which will be represented as a static final int attribute minExplosion = 5 as well.

1. Since after throwing the grenade, the grenade should be destroyed and disppear in the world, so we remove the grenade from the world, by SWAction.getEntityManager().remove(target).

Also, we set the item carried by the actor to null correspondingly.

Finally, we need to override the getDescription() to return the relative description of the throw action for display.

For Grenade class, it is similar to other entities like blaster or lightsaber, it inherits from SWEntity and it needs to overide some abstract methods (getshortDescription(), getlongDescription()) from that its ancester class implment abstract class. Also, the grenade class needs to add two affordances: Take and Throw, which allows the grenede perform its natural functionalities. (can be picked up and throw to a position and casue damage.)

**Reason:**

A grenade is like a weapon like entity such as blaster and lightsaber, but with different types of use, which is the reason why the Grenade class should be a type of entity class inside the package starwars.entities. A throw is like a action that taken by actors such as leave and take, so we decide to group it with those actions together into the starwars.actions. Since the grenade is the only entity can perform throw action, so we specifically check the item carried by actor is Grenade to perform throw.

This design relates to several OO design principles:

1. Group all related classes together into a package.

Since we group the entity grenade into the entity package, and group the throw action into action package.

1. Avoid excessive use of literals.

In the steps of 4,5,6 explanations for act() method, we set damage extents as static final int attirbutes instead of using figures to represent them.

1. Classes should be responsible for their own properties.

As grenade class should only in charge of the grenade entity, similarly, for the throw class, which should only deal with the throw action.

1. Reduce depencies as much as possible.

The throw action only depends the item that carried by actor is grenade, and no other classes should be depended by the throw class. Similary, the grenade only need to depend on two affordance classes:take and throw, to perform its natural functionalities and no other classes should be depended by grenade class.

1. Don’t repeat yourself.

Because all the methods and attributes in both grenade and throw classess are necessary, which means there is no redundant code inside both classes.

**Advantage:**

1. Minimise the dependencies on other class for both grenade and throw classes, also minimse the dependencies on the figure, by using the static final int attributes.
2. Follow the dry principle.
3. Follow all other princinples mentioned above.
4. It is easy to implement.

**Disadavantage:**

1. Serval functions from engine code are used, especially the throw class, so this will increase the depencies on engine code for throw class.