

Lecture 11, 13 September 2022

Defining our own data structures

- In Lecture 8, we implemented a "linked" list using dictionaries
- The fundamental functions like `listappend`, `listinsert`, `listdelete` modify the underlying list
- Instead of `mylist = {}`, we wrote `mylist = createlist()`
- To check empty list, use a function `isempty()` rather than `mylist == {}`
- Can we clearly separate the **interface** from the **implementation**
- Define the data structure in a more "modular" way

Object oriented approach

- Describe a datatype using a template, called a **class**
- Create independent instances of a class, each is an **object**
- Each object has its own internal state -- the values of its local variables
- All objects in a class share the same functions to query/update their state
- `l.append(x)` vs `append(l,x)`
 - Tell an object what to do vs passing an object to a function
- Each object has a way to refer to itself

Basic definition of class **Point** using (x, y) coordinates

```
In [1]: class Point:
def __init__(self,a,b):
    self.x = a
    self.y = b

def translate(self,deltax,deltay):
    self.x += deltax # Same as self.x = self.x + deltax
    # In general, if we have a = a op b for any arithmetic operation op, can write a op= b
    # For example: a += 5 is a = a + 5, a -= 10 is a = a - 10 etc
    self.y += deltay

def odistance(self):
    import math
    d = math.sqrt(self.x*self.x +
                  self.y*self.y)
    return(d)
```

Create two points

```
In [2]: p = Point(3,4)
q = Point(7,10)
```

Compute odistance for p and q

```
In [3]: p.odistance(), q.odistance()
```

```
Out[3]: (5.0, 12.206555615733702)
```

Translate p and check the distance

```
In [4]: p.translate(3,4)
p.odistance()
```

```
Out[4]: 10.0
```

- At this stage, `print()` does not produce anything meaningful
- `+` is not defined yet

```
In [5]: print(p)
```

```
<__main__.Point object at 0x7f503001b1d0>
```

```
In [6]: print(p+q)
```

```
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TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)  
/tmp/ipykernel_11157/751839466.py in <module>  
----> 1 print(p+q)  
  
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'Point' and 'Point'
```

```
In [7]: p < q
```

```
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TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)  
/tmp/ipykernel_11157/1530764535.py in <module>  
----> 1 p < q  
  
TypeError: '<' not supported between instances of 'Point' and 'Point'
```

Change the definition of Point to use (r, θ) representation

```
In [8]: import math  
class Point:  
    def __init__(self, a, b):  
        self.r = math.sqrt(a*a + b*b)  
        if a == 0:  
            if b >= 0:  
                self.theta = math.pi/2  
            else:  
                self.theta = 3*math.pi/2  
        else:  
            self.theta = math.atan(b/a)  
  
    def translate(self, deltax, deltay):  
        x = self.r*math.cos(self.theta)  
        y = self.r*math.sin(self.theta)  
        x += deltax  
        y += deltay  
        self.r = math.sqrt(x*x + y*y)  
        if x == 0:  
            if y >= 0:  
                self.theta = math.pi/2  
            else:  
                self.theta = 3*math.pi/2  
        else:  
            self.theta = math.atan(y/x)  
  
    def odistance(self):  
        return(self.r)
```

Repeat the examples above

- Observe that nothing changes for the user of the class

Create two points

```
In [9]: p = Point(3,4)  
q = Point(7,10)
```

Compute odistance for p and q

```
In [10]: p.odistance(), q.odistance()
```

```
Out[10]: (5.0, 12.206555615733702)
```

Translate p and check the distance

```
In [11]: p.translate(3,4)  
p.odistance()
```

```
Out[11]: 10.0
```

```
In [12]: print(p)
<__main__.Point object at 0x7f503008cb90>
```

```
In [13]: print(p+q)
```

```
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TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)
/tmp/ipykernel_11157/751839466.py in <module>
----> 1 print(p+q)

TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'Point' and 'Point'
```

Return to (x, y) representation, adding `__str__` and `__add__`

```
In [14]: class Point:
def __init__(self,a,b):
    self.x = a
    self.y = b

def translate(self,deltax,deltay):
    self.x += deltax
    self.y += deltay

def odistance(self):
    import math
    d = math.sqrt(self.x*self.x +
                  self.y*self.y)
    return(d)

def __str__(self):
    return('(' +str(self.x)+' ,'+
          +str(self.y)+')')

def __add__(self,p):
    return(Point(self.x + p.x,
                 self.y + p.y))
# Previous line is a concise way of saying
#
# newx = self.x + p.x
# newy = self.y + p.y
# newpt = Point(newx,newy)
# return(newpt)
```

Again, run the same examples

```
In [15]: p = Point(3,4)
q = Point(7,10)
```

Compute odistance for p and q

```
In [16]: p.odistance(), q.odistance()
```

```
Out[16]: (5.0, 12.206555615733702)
```

Translate p and check the distance

```
In [17]: p.translate(3,4)
p.odistance()
```

```
Out[17]: 10.0
```

In the following two cells, we see a difference

- Since `__str__` is defined, `print()` gives useful output
- `+` works as expected thanks to the definition for `__add__`

```
In [18]: print(p)
```

```
(6,8)
```

```
In [19]: print(p+q)
```

```
(13,18)
```