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Lecture #10: OOP mechanism and Class Design

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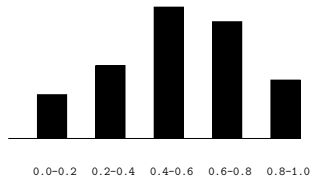
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Example: Designing a Class

Write a class that represents histograms, like this one:



What do we need from it? At least:

Bucket limits.

Counts of values.

Limits of values.

Numbers of buckets and other initial parameters.

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Histogram Specification and Use

<pre>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);</pre>	<p>Sample output:</p> <pre>>= 0.00 10 >= 10.25 80 >= 20.50 120 >= 30.75 50</pre>
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Let's Make a Tiny Change

Change *priori* bounds:

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

What is to change?

How do you do this? Profoundly changes implementation.

Can you make `printHistogram` and `fillHistogram` still work with

the power of separation of concerns.

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Why does `va C` print `_B.f_`, because

`h` calls `h` and passes it `aB`, whose dynamic type is `B`.

`g()`. Since `g` is inherited by `B`, we execute the code for `A`.

`is.f()`. Now `this` contains the value of `h`'s argument, whose dynamic type is `B`. Therefore, we execute the definition of `is.f` in `B`.

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

Therefore, if `f` is not defined in `A`, we'd see a compile-time error.

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Specification Seen by Clients

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

One important distinction is that exported definitions are designated **public**. Clients are intended to rely on *specifications*, (aka APIs) not code.

Specification: method and constructor headers—syntax and semantics.

Implementation: what they do. No formal notation, so use comments.

A specification is a *contract*.

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

Results (*postconditions*).

It is the client's responsibility to use the API as intended.

It is the client's responsibility to communicate errors, specifically failure to meet preconditions.

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An Implementation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I comment *worse than useless* to the client.

array had been visible, after "tiny change," every use of `count` in 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); }

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