Solution 7: Inheritance and polymorphism

ETH Zurich

1 Polymorphism and dynamic binding

Task 1

```
create warrior.make ("Thor")
warrior.level_up
```

Does the code compile? ☒ Yes ☐ No
"Thor is now a level 2 warrior".
Task 2

```
create hero.make ("Althea")
hero.level_up
```

Does the code compile? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Creation instruction applies to target of a deferred type.
Task 3

```
create warrior.make ("Thor")
create healer.make ("Althea")
warrior.do_action (healer)
```

Does the code compile? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Class *WARRIOR* does not have a feature *do_action*.
Task 4

```
create {HEALER} warrior.make ("Diana")
warrior.level_up
```

Does the code compile? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Explicit creation type *HEALER* does not conform to the target type *WARRIOR*.
Task 5

```
create {WARRIOR} hero.make ("Thor")
hero.do_action (hero)
create {HEALER} hero.make ("Althea")
hero.do_action (hero)
```

Does the code compile? ☒ Yes ☐ No
"Thor attacks Thor. Does 5 damage
Althea heals Althea by 0 points".
Task 6

```
create {WARRIOR} hero.make ("Thor")
warrior := hero
warrior.attack (hero)
```

Does the code compile? ☐ Yes ☒ No
The source of assignment (of type *HERO*) does not conform to target (of type *WARRIOR*).

2 Ghosts in Zurich

Listing 1: Class *GHOST*

```
note
  description: "Ghost that flies around a station."

class
  GHOST

inherit
  MOBILE

create
  make

feature {NONE} -- Initialization

  make (a_station: STATION; a_radius: REAL_64)
      -- Create ghost flying around 'a_station' at distance 'a_radius'.
    require
      station_exists: a_station /= Void
      radius_positive: a_radius > 0.0
    do
      station := a_station
      radius := a_radius
    ensure
      station_set: station = a_station
      radius_set: radius = a_radius
    end

feature -- Access

  position: VECTOR
      -- Current position in the city.
    do
      Result := station.position + create {VECTOR}.make_polar (radius, angle)
    end

  station: STATION
      -- Station around which the ghost flies.

  radius: REAL_64
      -- Distance from 'station'.

  speed: REAL_64 = 10.0
      -- Motion speed (meters/second).

feature {NONE} -- Movement
```

```
  angle: REAL_64
      -- Angle of the current position (with respect to eastwards direction).

  move_distance (d: REAL_64)
      -- Move by 'd' meters.
    do
      angle := angle + d / radius
    end

invariant
  station_exists: station /= Void
  radius_positive: radius > 0.0
  circular_trajectory: approx_equal (position.distance (station.position), radius)
end
```

Listing 2: Class *GHOST_INVASION*

```
note
  description: "Adding ghost to Zurich."

class
  GHOST_INVASION

inherit
  ZURICH_OBJECTS

feature -- Explore Zurich

  invade
      -- Add ghosts to random stations.
    local
      i: INTEGER
      cursor: like Zurich.stations.new_cursor
      random: V_RANDOM
    do
      from
        i := 1
        cursor := Zurich.stations.new_cursor
        create random
      until
        i > 10
      loop
        cursor.go_to (random.bounded_item (1, Zurich.stations.count))
        random.forth
        add_ghost (cursor.item, random.bounded_item (10, 100))
        random.forth
        i := i + 1
      end
      Zurich_map.animate
    end

  add_ghost (a_station: STATION; a_radius: REAL_64)
      -- Add a ghost going around 'a_station'.
```

```
    require
      a_station_exists: a_station /= Void
      a_radius_positive: a_radius > 0.0
    local
      ghost: GHOST
    do
      create ghost.make (a_station, a_radius)
      Zurich.add_custom_mobile (ghost)
      Zurich_map.update
      Zurich_map.custom_mobile_view (ghost).set_icon ("../image/ghost.png")
    end

end
```

3 Code review

There is no master solution for this task.

4 Board game: Part 3

You can download a complete solution from
http://se.inf.ethz.ch/courses/2014b_fall/eprog/assignments/07/board_game_solution.zip.
Below you will find listings of classes that changed since assignment 6.

Listing 3: Class *SQUARE*

```
class
  SQUARE

inherit
  ANY
    redefine
      out
    end

feature -- Basic operations

  affect (p: PLAYER)
      -- Apply square's special effect to 'p'.
    require
      p_exists: p /= Void
    do
      -- For a normal square do nothing.
    end

feature -- Output

  out: STRING
      -- Textual representation.
    do
      Result := "."
    end
```

```
end
```

Listing 4: Class *BAD_INVESTMENT_SQUARE*

```
class
  BAD_INVESTMENT_SQUARE

inherit
  SQUARE
    redefine
      affect,
      out
    end

feature -- Basic operations

  affect (p: PLAYER)
      -- Apply square's special effect to 'p'.
    do
      p.transfer (-5)
    end

feature -- Output

  out: STRING
      -- Textual representation.
    do
      Result := "#"
    end

end
```

Listing 5: Class *LOTTERY_WIN_SQUARE*

```
class
  LOTTERY_WIN_SQUARE

inherit
  SQUARE
    redefine
      affect,
      out
    end

feature -- Basic operations

  affect (p: PLAYER)
      -- Apply square's special effect to 'p'.
    do
      p.transfer (10)
    end

feature -- Output
```

```
  out: STRING
      -- Textual representation.
    do
      Result := "$"
    end

end
```

Listing 6: Class *BOARD*

```
class
  BOARD

inherit
  ANY
    redefine
      out
    end

create
  make

feature {NONE} -- Initialization
  make
      -- Initialize squares.
    local
      i: INTEGER
    do
      create squares.make (1, Square_count)
      from
        i := 1
      until
        i > Square_count
      loop
        if i \\ 10 = 5 then
          squares [i] := create {BAD_INVESTMENT_SQUARE}
        elseif i \\ 10 = 0 then
          squares [i] := create {LOTTERY_WIN_SQUARE}
        else
          squares [i] := create {SQUARE}
        end
        i := i + 1
      end
    end

feature -- Access
  squares: V_ARRAY [SQUARE]
      -- Container for squares

feature -- Constants
  Square_count: INTEGER = 40
      -- Number of squares.
```

```
feature -- Output
  out: STRING
    do
      Result := ""
      across
        squares as c
      loop
        Result.append (c.item.out)
      end
    end

invariant
  squares_exists: squares /= Void
  squares_count_valid: squares.count = Square_count
end
```

Listing 7: Class *PLAYER*

```
class
  PLAYER

create
  make

feature {NONE} -- Initialization

  make (n: STRING; b: BOARD)
      -- Create a player with name 'n' playing on board 'b'.
    require
      name_exists: n /= Void and then not n.is_empty
      board_exists: b /= Void
    do
      name := n.twin
      board := b
      position := b.squares.lower
    ensure
      name_set: name ~ n
      board_set: board = b
      at_start: position = b.squares.lower
    end

feature -- Access
  name: STRING
      -- Player name.

  board: BOARD
      -- Board on which the player in playing.

  position: INTEGER
      -- Current position on the board.

  money: INTEGER
```

```
      -- Amount of money.

feature -- Moving
  move (n: INTEGER)
      -- Advance 'n' positions on the board.
    require
      not_beyond_start: n >= board.squares.lower - position
    do
      position := position + n
    ensure
      position_set: position = old position + n
    end

feature -- Money
  transfer (amount: INTEGER)
      -- Add 'amount' to 'money'.
    do
      money := (money + amount).max (0)
    ensure
      money_set: money = (old money + amount).max (0)
    end

feature -- Basic operations
  play (d1, d2: DIE)
      -- Play a turn with dice 'd1', 'd2'.
    require
      dice_exist: d1 /= Void and d2 /= Void
    do
      d1.roll
      d2.roll
      move (d1.face_value + d2.face_value)
      if position <= board.squares.upper then
        board.squares [position].affect (Current)
      end
      print (name + " rolled " + d1.face_value.out + " and " + d2.face_value.out +
        ". Moves to " + position.out +
        ". Now has " + money.out + " CHF.%N")
    end

invariant
  name_exists: name /= Void and then not name.is_empty
  board_exists: board /= Void
  position_valid: position >= board.squares.lower -- Token can go beyond the finish position,
      but not the start
  money_non_negative: money >= 0
end
```

Listing 8: Class *GAME*

```
class
  GAME

create
```

```
  make

feature {NONE} -- Initialization

  make (n: INTEGER)
      -- Create a game with 'n' players.
    require
      n_in_bounds: Min_player_count <= n and n <= Max_player_count
    local
      i: INTEGER
      p: PLAYER
    do
      create board.make
      create players.make (1, n)
      from
        i := 1
      until
        i > players.count
      loop
        create p.make ("Player" + i.out, board)
        p.transfer (Initial_money)
        players [i] := p
        print (p.name + " joined the game.%N")
        i := i + 1
      end
      create die_1.roll
      create die_2.roll
    end

feature -- Basic operations

  play
      -- Start a game.
    local
      round, i: INTEGER
    do
      from
        winners := Void
        round := 1
        print ("The game begins.%N")
        print_board
      until
        winners /= Void
      loop
        print ("%NRound #" + round.out + "%N%N")
        from
          i := 1
        until
          winners /= Void or else i > players.count
        loop
          players [i].play (die_1, die_2)
          if players [i].position > board.Square_count then
```

```
            select_winners
          end
          i := i + 1
        end
        print_board
        round := round + 1
      end
    ensure
      has_winners: winners /= Void and then not winners.is_empty
      winners_are_players: across winners as w all players.has (w.item) end
    end

feature -- Constants

  Min_player_count: INTEGER = 2
      -- Minimum number of players.

  Max_player_count: INTEGER = 6
      -- Maximum number of players.

  Initial_money: INTEGER = 7
      -- Initial amount of money of each player.

feature -- Access

  board: BOARD
      -- Board.

  players: V_ARRAY [PLAYER]
      -- Container for players.

  die_1: DIE
      -- The first die.

  die_2: DIE
      -- The second die.

  winners: V_LIST [PLAYER]
      -- Winners (Void if the game if not over yet).

feature {NONE} -- Implementation
  select_winners
      -- Put players with most money into 'winners'.
    local
      i, max: INTEGER
    do
      create {V_LINKED_LIST [PLAYER]} winners
      from
        i := 1
      until
        i > players.count
      loop
```

```
        if players [i].money > max then
          max := players [i].money
          winners.wipe_out
          winners.extend_back (players [i])
        elseif players [i].money = max then
          winners.extend_back (players [i])
        end
        i := i + 1
      end
    ensure
      has_winners: winners /= Void and then not winners.is_empty
      winners_are_players: across winners as w all players.has (w.item) end
    end

  print_board
      -- Output players positions on the board.
    local
      i, j: INTEGER
    do
      io.new_line
      print (board)
      io.new_line
      from
        i := 1
      until
        i > players.count
      loop
        from
          j := 1
        until
          j >= players [i].position
        loop
          print (" ")
          j := j + 1
        end
        print (i)
        io.new_line
        i := i + 1
      end
    end

invariant
  board_exists: board /= Void
  players_exist: players /= Void
  all_players_exist: across players as p all p.item /= Void end
  number_of_players_consistent: Min_player_count <= players.count and players.count <=
      Max_player_count
  dice_exist: die_1 /= Void and die_2 /= Void
end
```

We introduced class *BOARD* because in the new version of the game the board has a more complicated structure (arrangement of squares of different kinds).

We went for a flexible solution that introduces class *SQUARE* and lets squares affect players that land on them in an arbitrary way. Classes *BAD_INVESTMENT_SQUARE* and *LOTTERY_WIN_SQUARE* define specific effects. This design would be easily extensible if other types of special squares are added, that affect not only the player's amount of money, but also other properties (e.g. position).

A simpler solution would be not to create class *SQUARE*; instead of array of squares in class *BOARD* introduce an array of integers that represent how much money a square at certain position gives to a player. This solution is not flexible with respect to adding other kinds of special squares.

Another simpler solution would be to add a procedure *affect* (*p*: *PLAYER*) directly to class *BOARD* (instead of creating a class *SQUARE* and an array of squares):

```
affect (p: PLAYER)
    require
        p_exists: p /= Void
    do
        if p.position \\ 10 = 5 then
            p.transfer (−5)
        elseif p.position \\ 10 = 0 then
            p.transfer (10)
        end
    end
```

The disadvantage of this approach is that the logic behind all different kinds of special squares is concentrated in a single feature; it isn't decomposed. Adding new kinds of special squares will make this feature large and complicated.

5 MOOC: Single Inheritance

The order in which the questions and the answers appear here in the solution may vary because they are randomly shuffled at each attempt.

Single Inheritance Quiz

- Assume classes *MAMMAL* and *REPTILE* inheriting from a class *VERTEBRATE*. Furthermore assume the following declarations:

  ```
  v: VERTEBRATE
  m: MAMMAL
  r: REPTILE
  ```

  Assuming that every reference above is attached to an object of the exact same type, the corresponding snippets compile:

  ```
  v := m
  v := r
  ```

- Assume concrete classes *CAT* and *DOG* inheriting from deferred class *MAMMAL*. Furthermore assume the following declarations (implementation of routine *print_info* is omitted):

  ```
  m: MAMMAL
  c: CAT
  d: DOG
  print_info (mam: MAMMAL) do ... end
  ```

The following are true: I can pass to routine *print_info* an object of type *CAT* attached to m; I can pass to routine *print_info* an object of type *DOG* attached to m; I can pass to routine *print_info* an object of type *CAT* attached to c; I can pass to routine *print_info* an object of type *DOG* attached to d.

- Assume concrete classes *CAT* and *DOG* inheriting from deferred class *MAMMAL*. Furthermore assume the following declarations:

```
m: MAMMAL
t: TIGER
e: ELEPHANT
```

The code snippets that compile are:

```
create t; m := t
create e; m := e
create t
```

- Assume classes *MAMMAL* and *CAT* as follows:

```
deferred class
    MAMMAL
feature
    eat
        do
            print ("Mammal eating.")
        end
end

class
    CAT
inherit
    MAMMAL
redefine
    eat end
feature
    eat
        do
            print ("Cat eating.")
        end
end
```

Assume the following references have been defined:

```
m: MAMMAL
c: CAT
```

The code snippets that compile and print the suggested text at the console are:

```
create {CAT}m
m.eat
--Prints "Cat eating."

create {CAT}c
c.eat
--Prints "Cat eating."
```

- Assume classes *MAMMAL* and *CAT* as follows:

```
deferred class
    MAMMAL
feature
    eat
        do
            print ("Mammal eating.")
        end
end

class
    CAT
inherit
    MAMMAL
redefine
    eat end
feature
    eat
        do
            Precursor
            print ("Cat eating.")
        end
end
```

Assume the following references have been defined:

```
m: MAMMAL
c: CAT
```

The code snippets that compile and print the suggested text at the console are

```
create {CAT}m
m.eat
Prints "Mammal eating.Cat eating."
create {CAT}c
c.eat
Prints "Mammal eating.Cat eating."
```