

Abstract

The goal for this lab and associated homework is to practice object-oriented design and implementing class hierarchies. This assignment is based on an assignment for a similar class at James Madison University.

1 The Task

You need to design and implement a class hierarchy of shape objects. You'll be using the `turtle` module just like in lab 1.

Your class hierarchy should include at least the following classes:

- Shape (abstract base class)
- Circle
- Square
- RegularPolygon
- Rectangle

If you'd like some bonus points, you can include additional shape classes, such as:

- FilledPolygon
- FilledCircle
- Dot

Each of these represents a broad category of shapes with some common features. Each concrete (non-abstract) shape should have a method `draw()` that uses the `turtle` module to draw itself on the screen. Every shape should also have `perimeter()` and `area()` methods¹.

Think carefully about the class hierarchy you want to use for this. You are free to design any other helper classes you think might be useful in implementing the required classes.

2 Lab

For the lab, draw a formal UML class hierarchy diagram of your design. You will need to determine the member functions and attributes that should be in each class, except you already know (see above) that you need a `draw()` method in your abstract `Shape` class. Each object should keep track of enough information to be able to draw itself without further input. You should look for opportunities to take advantage of inheritance and/or containment, minimizing duplicate code and member variables whenever possible.

Draw your design on a piece of paper and show it to me when finished, either by scanning and emailing or by holding it up to your webcam. Taking a picture is allowed, but please make sure it is readable; using an app like CamScanner is preferable.

¹The following webpage might be useful: <https://www.wikihow.com/Find-the-Area-of-Regular-Polygons>

3 Homework

Once you have finished your class hierarchy design you can begin implementing it in repl.it.

Unfortunately, the “Python with Turtle” environment in repl.it is somewhat limited, since it must execute Python code in your browser. In particular, it does not support the “abc” module, abstract methods, or `super()`. So:

- don't `import abc`
- Instead of using `@abstractmethod`, just declare a method normally, but if it is abstract, the method body should just be `raise NotImplementedError("This method is abstract.")`
- Instead of using `super()`, you will need to use the name of the parent class directly. For example, if class B inherits from class A, to implement B's constructor you will use

```
class B(A):
    def __init__(self, param1, param2, param3):
        A.__init__(self, param1, param2)
```

instead of

```
class B(A):
    def __init__(self, param1, param2, param3):
        super().__init__(param1, param2)
```

Notes

- The `draw()` method should take no parameters and be implemented in each concrete class appropriately.
- To draw a circle, use the `circle` method in the `turtle` module.
- Include a `main()` method that tests all of your classes. Automatically testing graphical programs is quite difficult, so the style of tests we'll write require manual verification that they draw the right things.
- You can use `from turtle import *` to make writing the code a little more convenient. Usually I don't recommend this, but for small programs it is okay.
- If you implement your hierarchy correctly, you should be able to create a list of shapes in `main()` and then iterate over the list, calling `draw()` on every object regardless of what type of shape it is.
- Don't forget doc-strings for each class and method!

3.1 Submission

Submit your homework on repl.it.

4 Resources

- Chapter 2 of the textbook
- the `turtle` documentation: <https://docs.python.org/3.7/library/turtle.html>