Eiffel: Analysis, Design and Programming Exam

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Directions:

- Exam duration: 90 minutes.
- Except for a dictionary you are not allowed to use any supplementary material.
- Use a pen (**not** a pencil)!
- All solutions can be written directly on the exam sheets. If you need more space for your solution ask the supervisors for a sheet of official paper. You are **not** allowed to use other paper. Please write your student number on **each** additional sheet.
- Only one solution can be handed in per question. Invalid solutions need to be crossed out clearly.
- Please write legibly! We will only correct solutions that we can read.
- Manage your time carefully (take into account the number of points for each question).
- Don't forget to include header comments in features.
- Please **immediately** tell the exam supervisors if you feel disturbed during the exam.

Good luck!

Question	Number of possible points	Points
1	20	
2	20	
3	10	
Total	50	

1 Object-oriented principles, Design by Contract and Eiffel mechanisms (20 points)

Consider the following 5-class Eiffel system with root class APPLICATION and root procedure 'make' where some details related to creation procedures have been omitted. The style of classes RECTANGLE, SQUARE, LINE_SEGMENT and APPLICATION does not show good use of Eiffel (and O-O) design principles.

```
class POINT

create
    default_create , make

feature -- Creation

    make (r1, r2: REAL)
            -- Set (x, y) to (r1, r2).
        do
            x := r1
            y := r2
        ensure
            x_set: x = r1
            y_set: y = r2
        end

feature -- Access

    x: REAL
        -- The x-coordinate.

    y: REAL
        -- The y-coordinate.

feature -- Element change

    move (p: POINT)
            -- Move (x, y) to (x + p.x, y + p.y).
        do
            x := x + p.x
            y := y + p.y
        ensure
            x_updated: x = old x + p.x
            y_updated: y = old y + p.y
        end

end
```

```
class RECTANGLE
...
feature -- Access
    upper_left: POINT
        -- The upper left corner.

    lower_right: POINT
        -- The lower right corner.
```

```
end
```

```
class SQUARE
...
feature -- Access
    upper_left: POINT
        -- The upper left corner.

    side_length: REAL
        -- The side length.
end
```

```
indexing
    description: "Line segments between points p1 and p2."
class LINE_SEGMENT
...
feature -- Access
    p1: POINT

    p2: POINT
end
```

```
class APPLICATION

create
    make

feature

    make
            -- Create some shapes and move them.
        local
            r: RECTANGLE
            s: SQUARE
            l: LINE_SEGMENT
        do
            create r
            create s
            create l
            io.put_string ("Moved the " + move_and_get_name (r, create {POINT}.
                make (2, 2)) + "%N")
            io.put_string ("Moved the " + move_and_get_name (s, create {POINT}.
                make (3, 5)) + "%N")
            io.put_string ("Moved the " + move_and_get_name (l, create {POINT}.
                make (2.5, 4)) + "%N")
        end

    move_and_get_name (a: ANY, p: POINT): STRING
            -- Move the shape stored in 'a' by the vector 'p'.
            -- 'Result' will be the name of the shape.
        do
            if {r: RECTANGLE} a then
                r.upper_left.move (p)
                r.lower_right.move (p)
                Result := "rectangle"
            elseif {s: SQUARE} a then
                s.upper_left.move (p)
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            Result := "square"
        elseif {l: LINE_SEGMENT} a then
            l.p1.move (p)
            l.p2.move (p)
            Result := "line segment"
        else
            Result := "unknown"
        end
    end

end
```

Rewrite the program using Eiffel and O-O principles and Design by Contract. Your solution may use class POINT as given above. Explain the changes: which principles you applied, and which language mechanisms facilitate your solution.

2 Genericity, agents, patterns and components (20 Points)

A principal goal of the Eiffel method is the creation of reusable components. The pattern of publishing some type of object on an event channel that forwards it to a list of subscribers is a common idiom that can be reused across applications. Consider the following (artificial but concise) client code:

```
class APPLICATION

create
    make

feature -- Creation
    make
        local
            ec: EVENT_CHANNEL [INTEGER]
        do
            create ec
                -- 'ec' should now have an empty list of subscribers.
            ec.subscribe (agent subscriber1)
                -- 'ec' should now have exactly one subscriber.
            ec.publish (2)
                -- '2' should now have appeared on the console.
            ec.subscribe (agent subscriber2)
                -- 'ec' should now have two subscribers.
            ec.publish (3)
                -- '3' and '4' should now have appeared on the console.
        end

feature -- Subscriber
    subscriber1 (i: INTEGER)
        do
            io.put_integer (i)
        end

    subscriber2 (i: INTEGER)
        do
            io.put_integer (i + 1)
        end
end
```

The task is to implement class EVENT_CHANNEL. You can make use of class LINKED_LIST whose interface is given here:

```
class interface LINKED_LIST [G]

create
    make
        -- Create an empty list.

feature -- Element change
    extend (v: G)
        -- Add 'v' to the end.

feature -- Access
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    item: G
        -- Item at current cursor position.

feature -- Cursor movement
    start
        -- Move cursor to first position.

    forth
        -- Move cursor to next position.

feature -- Status report
    after: BOOLEAN
        -- Is there no valid cursor position to the right of the cursor?

end
```

(Hint: an agent that can be called with one argument of type G has type PROCEDURE [ANY, TUPLE [G]])

3 Multiple inheritance (10 Points)

The following program with root class APPLICATION and root procedure 'make' uses multiple inheritance:

```
class APPLICATION

create
    make

feature
    make
        local
            a: A
            c: C
            d: D
        do
            create c
            create d
            a := c
            a.f
            c.g
            a := d
            a.f
            c := d
            c.f
            d.f
        end
end
```

```
class A
create
    default_create

feature
    f
        do
            io.put_string ("A.f%N")
        end

    g
        do
            io.put_string ("A.g%N")
        end
end
```

```
deferred class B
inherit
    A
        rename
            f as h
        undefine
            g
        end
end
```

```
class C

inherit
    A redefine f end

create
    default_create

feature
    f
        do
            io.put_string ("C.f%N")
        end
end
```

```
class D

inherit
    B select h end
    C redefine g end

create
    default_create

feature
    g
        do
            io.put_string ("D.g%N")
        end
end
```

What will be printed on the console if the program is executed?

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