



Einführung in die Programmierung Introduction to Programming

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Exercise Session 13

Tuples



In mathematics, computer science, linguistics, and philosophy a tuple is an ordered list of elements. In set theory, an (ordered) n -tuple is a sequence (or ordered list) of elements, where n is a non-negative integer.

Wikipedia, Tuple
For example:

(2, 1, 4, 5)

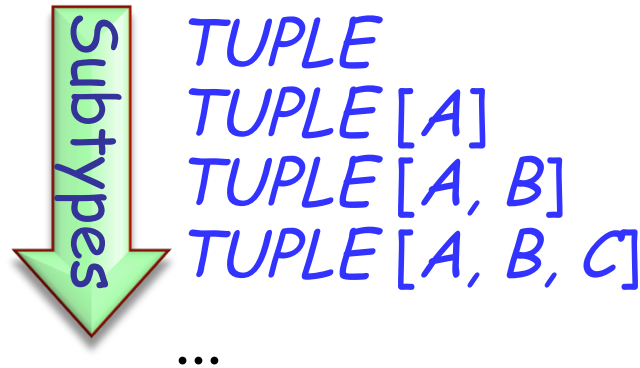
(cat, dog)

()

Tuples in Eiffel



- A tuple of type `TUPLE[A, B, C]` is a sequence of **at least** three values, first of type `A`, second of type `B`, third of type `C`.
- In this case possible tuple values that conform are:
 - `[a, b, c], [a, b, c, x], ...`
where `a` is of type `A`, `b` of type `B`, `c` of type `C` and `x` of some type `X`
- Tuple types (for any types `A, B, C, ...`):



Tuple conformance



```
tuple_conformance
```

```
  local
```

```
    t0: TUPLE
```

```
    t2: TUPLE [INTEGER, INTEGER]
```

```
  do
```

```
    create t2
```

```
    t2 := [10, 20]
```

```
    t0 := t2
```

```
    print (t0.item (1).out + "%N")
```

```
    print (t0.item (3).out)
```

```
  end
```

Not necessary in this case

Implicit creation

Runtime error, but will compile

Labeled Tuples



- Tuples may be declared with labeled arguments:

tuple: TUPLE [food: STRING; quantity: INTEGER]

- Same as an unlabeled tuple:

TUPLE [STRING, INTEGER]

but provides easier (and safer!) access to its elements:

May use

Io.print (tuple.food)

instead of

Io.print (tuple.item (1))

Assigning tuple values



```
t1 : TUPLE [INTEGER, INTEGER, STRING]
```

```
n : INTEGER
```

```
...
```

```
if attached {INTEGER} t1.item (1) as comp then
```

```
    n := comp
```

```
end
```

```
-- or
```

```
n := t1.integer_32_item (1)
```

What are agents in Eiffel?



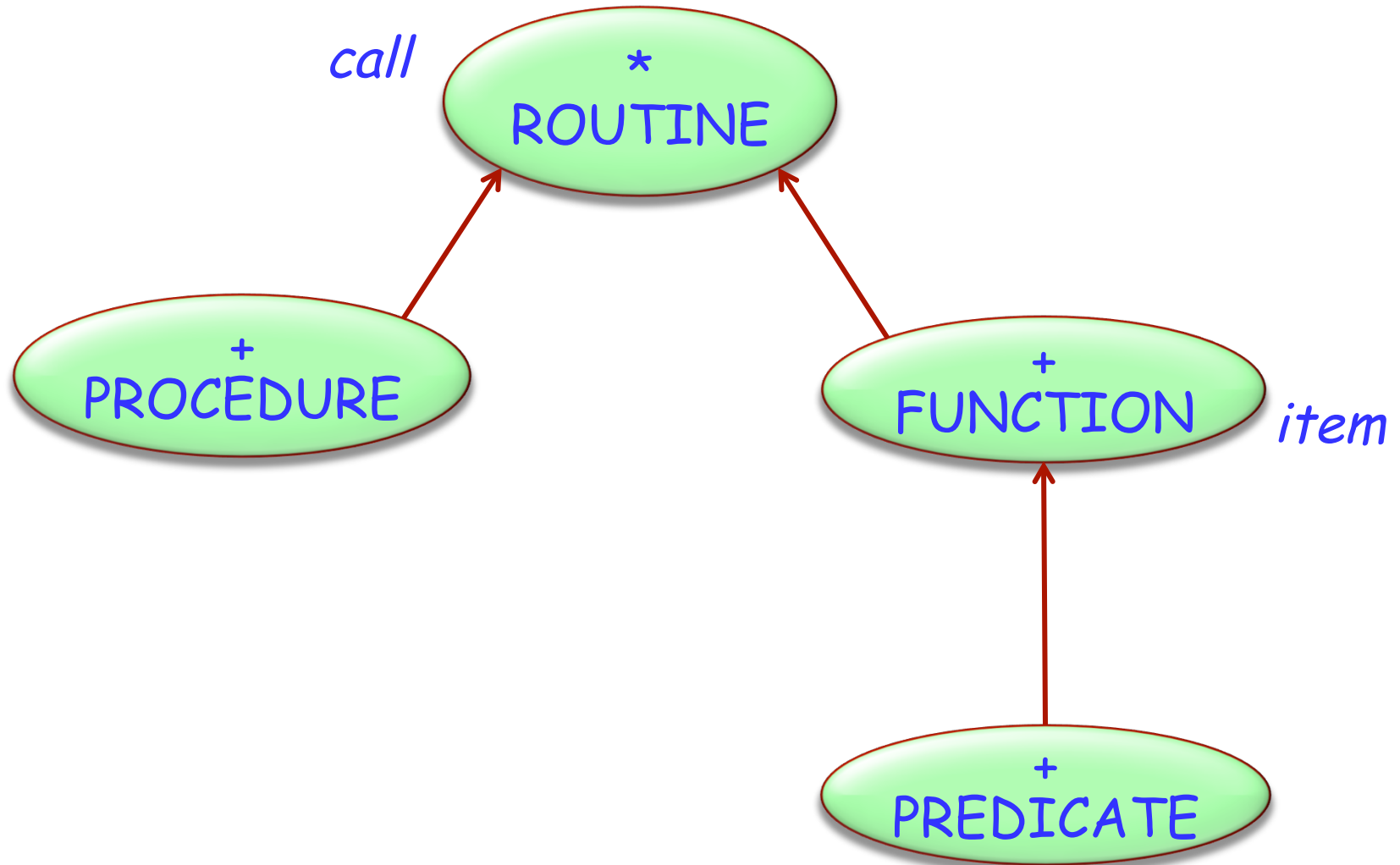
- Objects that represent operations
- Can be seen as operation wrappers
- Similar to
 - delegates in C#
 - anonymous inner classes in Java < 7
 - closures in Java 7
 - function pointers in C
 - functors in C++

Agent definition



- Every agent has an associated routine, which the agent wraps and is able to invoke
- To get an agent, use the **agent** keyword
e.g. `a_agent := agent my_routine`
- This is called **agent definition**
- What's the type of `a_agent`?

EiffelBase classes representing agents



Agent Type Declarations



p: PROCEDURE [ANY, TUPLE]

Agent representing a procedure belonging to a class that conforms to *ANY*. At least 0 open arguments

q: PROCEDURE [C, TUPLE [X, Y, Z]]

Agent representing a procedure belonging to a class that conforms to *C*. At least 3 open arguments

f: FUNCTION [ANY, TUPLE [X, Y], RES]

Agent representing a function belonging to a class that conforms to *ANY*. At least 2 open arguments, result of type *RES*

Open and closed agent arguments



- An agent can have both “closed” and “open” arguments:
 - **closed arguments** are set at agent definition time
 - **open arguments** are set at agent call time.
- To keep an argument open, replace it by a question mark

$u := \text{agent } a0.f(a1, a2, a3)$ -- All closed

$v := \text{agent } a0.f(a1, a2, ?)$

$w := \text{agent } a0.f(a1, ?, a3)$

$x := \text{agent } a0.f(a1, ?, ?)$

$y := \text{agent } a0.f(?, ?, ?)$

$z := \text{agent } \{C\}.f(?, ?, ?)$ -- All open

Agent Calls



An agent invokes its routine using the feature "call"

```
f (x1: T1; x2: T2; x3: T3)
  -- defined in class C with
  -- a0: C; a1: T1; a2: T2; a3: T3
```

Arguments in excess,
if any, are ignored

<code>u := agent a0.f (a1, a2, a3)</code>	PROCEDURE [C, TUPLE]
<code>v := agent a0.f (a1, a2, ?)</code>	PROCEDURE [C, TUPLE [T3]]
<code>w := agent a0.f (a1, ?, a3)</code>	PROCEDURE [C, TUPLE [T2]]
<code>x := agent a0.f (a1, ?, ?)</code>	PROCEDURE [C, TUPLE [T2, T3]]
<code>y := agent a0.f (?, ?, ?)</code>	PROCEDURE [C, TUPLE [T1, T2, T3]]
<code>z := agent {C}.f (?, ?, ?)</code>	PROCEDURE [C, TUPLE [C, T1, T2, T3]]

What are the types of the agents?

Doing something to a list

Hands-On

Given a simple `ARRAY [G]` class, with only the features ``count`` and ``at``, implement a feature which will take an agent and perform it on every element of the array.

```
do_all (do_this : PROCEDURE[ANY, TUPLE[G]])  
  local  
    i : INTEGER  
  do  
    from  
      i := 1  
    until  
      i > count  
    loop  
      do_this.call ([at (i)])  
      i := i + 1  
    end  
  end  
end
```

For-all quantifiers over lists

Hands-On

```
for_all (pred: PREDICATE [ANY, TUPLE[G]]): BOOLEAN
  local
    i: INTEGER
  do
    Result := True
  from
    i := 1
  until
    i > count or not Result
  loop
    Result := pred.item ([at (i)])
    i := i + 1
  end
end
```

Using inline agents



We can also define our agents as-we-go!

Applying this to the previous `for_all` function we made, we can do:

```
for_all_ex (int_array : ARRAY [INTEGER]): BOOLEAN
  local
    greater_five: PREDICATE [ANY, TUPLE [INTEGER]]
  do
    greater_five := agent (i : INTEGER): BOOLEAN
      do
        Result := i > 5
      end
    Result := int_array.for_all (greater_five)
  end
```

Problems with Agents/Tuples



We have already seen that `TUPLE [A,B]` conforms to `TUPLE [A]`. This raises a problem. Consider the definition:

```
f (proc : PROCEDURE [ANY, TUPLE [INTEGER]])  
  do  
    proc.call ([5])  
  end
```

Are we allowed to call this on something of type `PROCEDURE [ANY, TUPLE [INTEGER, INTEGER]]` ?

Yes! Oh no... that procedure needs at least TWO arguments!



Runtime error
(compiles fine)