Shape Predicates

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The World is Full of Shapes

• When we extract shapes from camera images, we may get a lot of objects.

• We needs ways of selecting and comparing shapes.

• “Find all the orange things.”
  “Find all the lines longer than this line.”

• Tekkotsu provides shape predicates for testing shapes. These can be composed to form complex tests.

• To use these, you need to understand C++ functors.
Function Objects (Functors)

A functor is an object that can accept function calls via operator():

```cpp
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class MyFunctor {
    public:
        void operator() () const { cout << "Foo!" << endl; }
};

int main() {
    MyFunctor fluffy;
    fluffy();
}
```
Functors Can Store Values

class BiggerThan {
    private:
        int value;
    public:
        BiggerThan(int val) : value(val) {}
        bool operator()(int x) const { return x > value; }
};
Testing BiggerThan

```cpp
int main() {
    BiggerThan fivetest(5);

    for (int i = 3; i < 8; i++)
        cout << i << (fivetest(i) ? " passes" : " fails") << endl;
}
```

3 fails
4 fails
5 fails
6 passes
7 passes
Function Conjunction

class AndBigSmall {
private:
  BiggerThan bigtest;
  SmallerThan smalltest;

public:
  AndBigSmall(BiggerThan b, SmallerThan s) :
    bigtest(b), smalltest(s) {} 

  bool operator() (int x) { return bigtest(x) && smalltest(x); } 
};

int main() {
  AndBigSmall myconj(BiggerThan(0),SmallerThan(100));
  for ( int i = -10; i < 150; i+=40 ) 
    cout << i << " gives " << myconj(i) << endl;
}
STL functional.h

• The STL (Standard Template Library) provides classes called unary_function and binary_function from which functors can be composed.

```cpp
class BiggerThan : public unary_function<int,bool> {
private:
  int value;
public:
  BiggerThan(int val) : value(val) {}  
  bool operator() (int x) { return x > value; } 
};
```

• These user-defined functor classes can then be used with STL functions for searching, etc.

• But they're kind of awkward.
Shape Predicates

• The Shape classes provide their own functor mechanism for defining shape predicates.

• Easier to use than the generic STL.

• Some predicates for common shape tests are built in, e.g.,
  – Comparing the positions of two shapes (left/right or above/below)
  – Comparing the lengths of two lines
  – Comparing line orientations

• New predicates are easy to define.
Shape<LineData> Functors

- Compare the lengths of all the pink lines in the image against that of the third line.

```cpp
NEW_SHAPEVEC(lines, LineData,
    select_type<LineData>(camShS));

SHAPEVEC_ITERATE(lines, LineData, someLine)
    if ( LineData::LengthLessThan()(someLine, lines[2]) )
        cout << "Shorter: " << someLine->getId() << endl;
    else
        cout << "Longer: " << someLine->getId() << endl;
END_ITERATE;
```
LineData::LengthLessThan

- Class-specific shape predicates are defined with the respective shape, e.g., in LineData.h and LineData.cc.

In LineData.h:

class LengthLessThan : public BinaryShapePred<LineData> {  
    public:  
        bool operator() (const Shape<LineData> &ln1,  
                        const Shape<LineData> &ln2) const;
};

In LineData.cc:

void LineData::LengthLessThan::operator()  
    (const Shape<LineData> &line1,  
     const Shape<LineData> &line2) const {
    return line1->getLength() < line2->getLength(); }

Generic Shape Predicates

- Some predicates work for shapes of any type. They are defined on class ShapeRoot. Example: IsColor.

```c++
NEW_SHAPEVEC(blobs, BlobData,
    select_type<BlobData>(camShS));

IColor redtest("red");

SHAPEVEC_ITERATE(blobs, BlobData, b)
    if ( redtest(b) )
        cout << "Red: " << b->getId() << endl;
    else
        cout << "Not red: " << b->getId() << endl;
END_ITERATE;
```
Subclasses of BaseData:

Subclasses of ShapeRoot:

null pointer means shape is invalid
Generic IsColor Predicate

class IsColor : public UnaryShapeRootPred {
private:
   rgb color;

public:
   IsColor(rgb col) : UnaryShapeRootPred(), color(col) {} 
   IsColor(std::string const &colorname) :
      UnaryShapeRootPred(),
      color(ProjectInterface::getColorRGB(colorname)) {}  

   bool operator() (const ShapeRoot &shape) const {
      return shape->getColor() == color;  
   }
};

Note: the colorname string is looked up once, by the constructor, and the rgb value is stored in the private variable color. When the functor is invoked on a ShapeRoot, no lookup is necessary.
IsLeftOf / IsLeftOfThis

• IsLeftOf()
  - This is a BinaryShapeRootPred that requires two arguments, and compares their centroids:

\[
\text{IsLeftOf()} \ (\text{line2}, \text{blob6})
\]

• IsLeftOfThis(x)
  - This is a UnaryShapeRootPred that requires one argument:

\[
\text{IsLeftofThis(line2)} \ (\text{blob6})
\]
Using IsLeftOfThis

- An instance of IsLeftOfThis stores a ShapeRoot inside it, and uses it for comparison tests.

```cpp
IsLeftOfThis mytest(lines[4]);

SHAPEVEC_ITERATE(lines, LineData, ln)
    if ( mytest(ln) )
        cout << "This is left of me: "
            << ln->getId() << endl;
END_ITERATE;
```
Built-In Shape Predicates

ShapeRoot:

IsColor
IsType
IsName

IsLeftOf / IsRightOf
IsAbove / IsBelow

IsLeftOfThis ...
IsAboveThis ...

Shape<LineData>:

LengthLessThan

IsHorizontal
IsVertical

ParallelTest
PerpendicularTest
ColinearTest
AndPred / OrPred

- Because shape predicates are classes, we can compose them using the functors AndPred and OrPred.

```cpp
SHAPEVEC_ITERATE(lines, LineData, someLine)
    if ( AndPred(IsColor("red"),
                  IsLeftOfThis(lines[3])) (someLine) )
        cout << "winner: " << someLine->getId() << endl;
    else
        cout << "loser: " << someLine->getId() << endl;
END_ITERATE;
```

- We are composing two unary predicates, so the result is also a unary predicate: it takes one argument.
Vectors of ShapeRoots

- camShS.allShapes() returns all the shapes in the shape space, as a std::vector<ShapeRoot>.

- camShS will be automatically coerced to std::vector<ShapeRoot> by an implicit call to allShapes()

- Use SHAPEROOTVEC_ITERATE(vec,var) to iterate:

  ```cpp
  SHAPEROOTVEC_ITERATE(camShS, s)
  if ( OrPred(IsType(blobDataType),
             IsType(lineDataType)) (s) )
    cout << "Is blob or line: " << s->getId() << endl;
  END_ITERATE;
  ```

- Shape type constants like blobDataType are defined in ShapeTypes.h
Inside SHAPEVEC_ITERATE

SHAPEVEC_ITERATE(lines, LineData, ln)
    do_something_with(ln);
END_ITERATE;

Expands into:

for ( vector<Shape<LineData> >::iterator ln_it = lines.begin();
     ln_it != lines.end(); ln_it++ ) {
    Shape<LineData> &ln = *ln_it;
    do_something_with(ln);
};
Mirroring STL Search Functions

- The STL provides a collection of functions for searching through a vector using either a binary comparison predicate or a unary test predicate.

- Tekkotsu provides similar functions for shape predicates:
  - find_if, subset, max_element, stable_sort, remove_copy_if

- There are also some new functions unique to shapes:
  - find_shape, select_type

- All are defined in DualCoding/ShapeFuns.h
Filtering Shapes

• Find the first blob:

\[
\text{NEW\_SHAPE(blob0, BlobData, find\_if\langle\text{BlobData}\rangle\text{(camShS))));}
\]

• camShS is treated as shorthand for \text{camShS.allShapes()}

• If no blobs found, an invalid Shape is returned

• Find all the blobs:

\[
\text{NEW\_SHAPE\_VEC(all\_blobs, BlobData, select\_type\langle\text{BlobData}\rangle\text{(camShS))});}
\]
More Filtering and Searching

• Find all the orange blobs:

  NEW_SHAPEVEC(red_blobs, BlobData, 
  subset(all_blobs, IsColor("red")))

• Find the longest line:

  NEW_SHAPE(longest, LineData, 
  max_element(lines, 
  LineData::LengthLessThan()))

• Test is “less than”, but max_element returns longest.
Implementing max_element

// from DualCoding/ShapeFuns.h

template<class T, typename ComparisonType>
Shape<T> max_element(const vector<Shape<T> > &vec,  
                        ComparisonType comp) {

    typename vector<Shape<T> >::const_iterator result = 
    max_element(vec.begin(),vec.end(),comp);

    if ( result != vec.end() )
        return *result;
    else
        return Shape<T>();
}

T = LineData
ComparisonType = LengthLessThan
vec is a SHAPEVEC of LineData
comp is an instance of LengthLessThan

If no elements, return an invalid shape.
Functors for Negating a Predicate

- Use not1(pred) to negate a unary predicate:
  
  ```
  NEW_SHAPEROOTVEC(non_red,
                   subset(camShS, not1(IsColor("red"))));
  ```

- Use not2(pred) to negate a binary (comparison) predicate:
  
  ```
  NEW_SHAPEVEC(shortlines, LineData,
                stable_sort(lines, not2(LineData::LengthLessThan())));
  ```
Nested Iteration:
Compare Lines, Longest First

NEW_SHAPEVEC(lines,LineData,select_type<LineData>(camShS));

lines = stable_sort(lines,not2(LineData::LengthLessThan()));

SHAPEVEC_ITERATE(lines, LineData, ln1)
  SHAPENEXT_ITERATE(lines, LineData, ln1, ln2)
    if ( LineData::ParallelTest()(ln1,ln2) )
      cout << ln1 << " parallel to " << ln2 << endl;
    if ( LineData::PerpendicularTest()(ln1,ln2) )
      cout << ln1 << " perpendicular to " << ln2 << endl;
    if ( LineData::ColinearTest()(ln1,ln2) )
      cout << ln1 << " colinear with " << ln2 << endl;
  END_ITERATE;
END_ITERATE;

Shape<LineData>(id=10002,indx=1) perpendicular to
 Shape<LineData>(id=10005,indx=4)
... etc.