• Previous lecture:

- Structure & structure array
- Today's lecture:
 - More on structs
 - Introduction to objects and classes
- Announcements:
 - Project 5 due tonight at 11pm
 - Do Exercise 11 question 3.1 and 3.2. Submit on paper at beginning of your next discussion
 - Prelim 2 on Thurs, Nov 13 at 7:30pm
 - Prelim 2 topics: end with Project 5 and Lecture 19, i.e., will NOT include structs

Different kinds of abstraction

- Packaging procedures (program instructions) into a function
 - A program is a set of functions executed in the specified order
 - Data is passed to (and from) each function
- Packaging data into a structure
 - Elevates thinking
 - Reduces the number of variables being passed to and from functions









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Example: compute "average" of two disks
% D1 and D2 are disk structures.
% Average is:
r = (D1.r + D2.r) /2;
xc = (D1.xc + D2.xc)/2;
yc = (D1.yc + D2.yc)/2;
c = (D1.c + D2.c) /2;
% The average is also a disk
D = struct('xc',xc,'yc'yc,'r',r,'c',c)
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Defining a class \neq creating an object

- A class is a specification
 - E.g., a cookie cutter specifies the shape of a cookie
- An object is a concrete instance of the class
 - Need to apply the cookie cutter to get a cookie (an instance, the object)
 - Many instances (cookies) can be made using the class (cookie cutter)
 - Instances do not interfere with one another. E.g., biting the head off one cookie doesn't remove the heads of the other cookies





Example class: Time

- Properties:
- Hour, minute, second
- Methods (actions):
 - Show (e.g., display in hh:mm:ss format)
 - Advance (e.g., advance current time by some amount)

Example class: Window (e.g., dialog box)

- Properties:
- Title, option buttons, input dialog ...
- Methods (actions):

– Resize	Save in: 🔛 work.	• • • • •
Many such useful	File name: TTTTTT	Save

Matlab supports procedural and object-oriented programming

- We have been writing procedural programs focusing on the algorithm, implemented as a set of functions
- We have used objects in Matlab as well, e.g., graphics
- A plot is a "handle graphics" object
 - Can produce plots without knowing about objects
 - Knowing about objects gives more possibilities

The **plot** handle graphics object in Matlab

x=...; y=...; plot(x,y) creates a graphics object

- In the past we focused on the visual produced by that command. If we want the visual to look different we make <u>another</u> plot.
- We can actually "hold on" to the graphics object—store its "handle"—so that we can later make changes to <u>that</u> object.

Objects of the same class have the same properties

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x= 1:10;
% Two separate graphics objects:
plot(x, sin(x), 'k-')
plot(x(1:5), 2.*x, 'm-*')
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- Both objects have some x-data, some y-data, some line style, and some marker style. These are the properties of one kind, or class, of the objects (plots)
- The values of the properties are different for the individual objects

See demoPlotObj.m

Object-Oriented Programming

- First design and define the classes (of the objects)
 - Identify the properties (data) and actions (methods, i.e., functions) of each class



• Then create the objects (from the classes) that are then used, that interact with one another



Given class Interval (file Interva	l.m)	
<pre>% Create 2 Intervals, call them A= Interval(2,4.5) B= Interval(-3,1)</pre>	Observations: •Each object is referenced by a name. •Two objects of same	
<pre>% Assignment another right end A.right= 14</pre>	 properties (and methods). To access a property 	
<pre>% Half the width of A (scale by A.scale(.5)</pre>	value, you have to specify whose property (which object's	
<pre>% See the result disp(A.right) % show value in rig disp(A) % show all property disp(B)</pre>	property) using the dot notation. •Changing the property values of one object doesn't affect the property values of another object.	

