Lecture 24

GUI Applications

Announcements for This Lecture

Next Week

- There is no lab next week
  - But Tuesday hours are open
  - Open to **EVERYONE**
  - Go for help on lab or A7
- But lecture is **important**
  - Return to topic of invariants
  - Setting us up for sorting
- Try to finish lab 11 first
  - Frees remaining time for A7

Assignment 7

- Start working on it now!
  - Timeline is very important
  - Else too much stress at end
- **Goal**: Move aliens by Tues
  - Expected to be hardest part
  - Use lab next week
- Due last day of class
  - Midnight, December 4th
  - Last day I am allowed to

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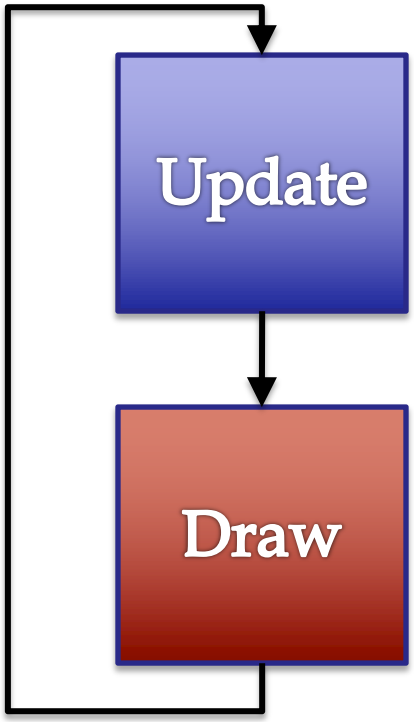

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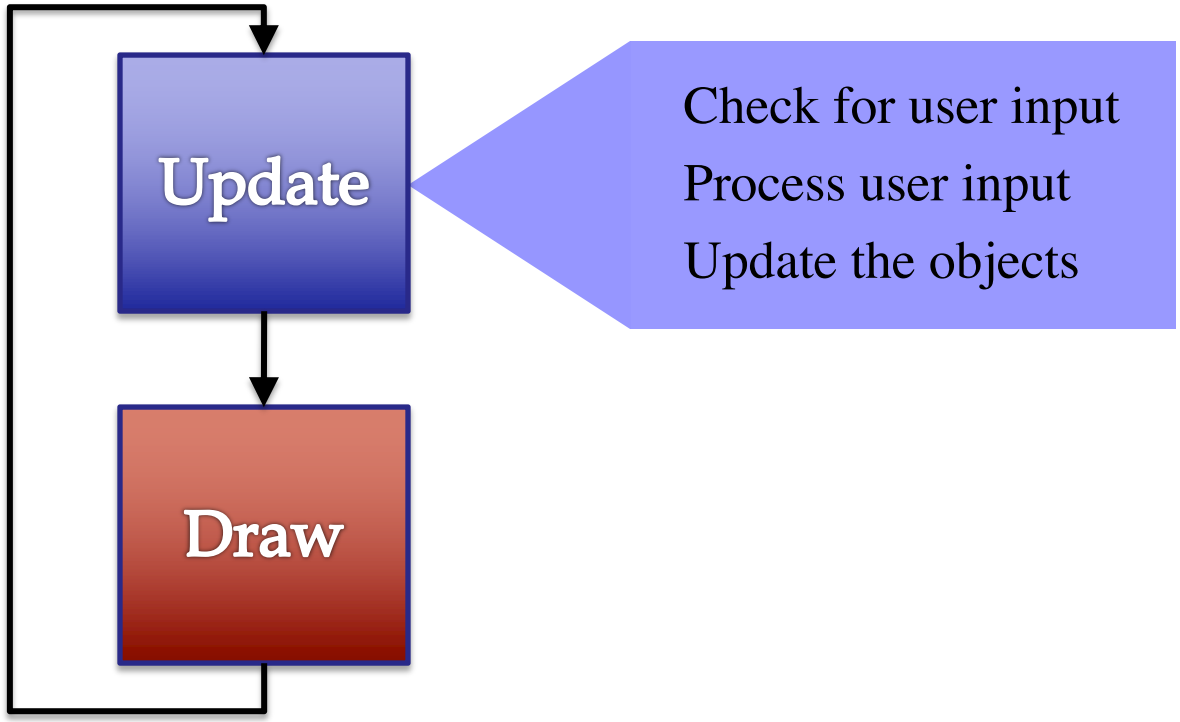

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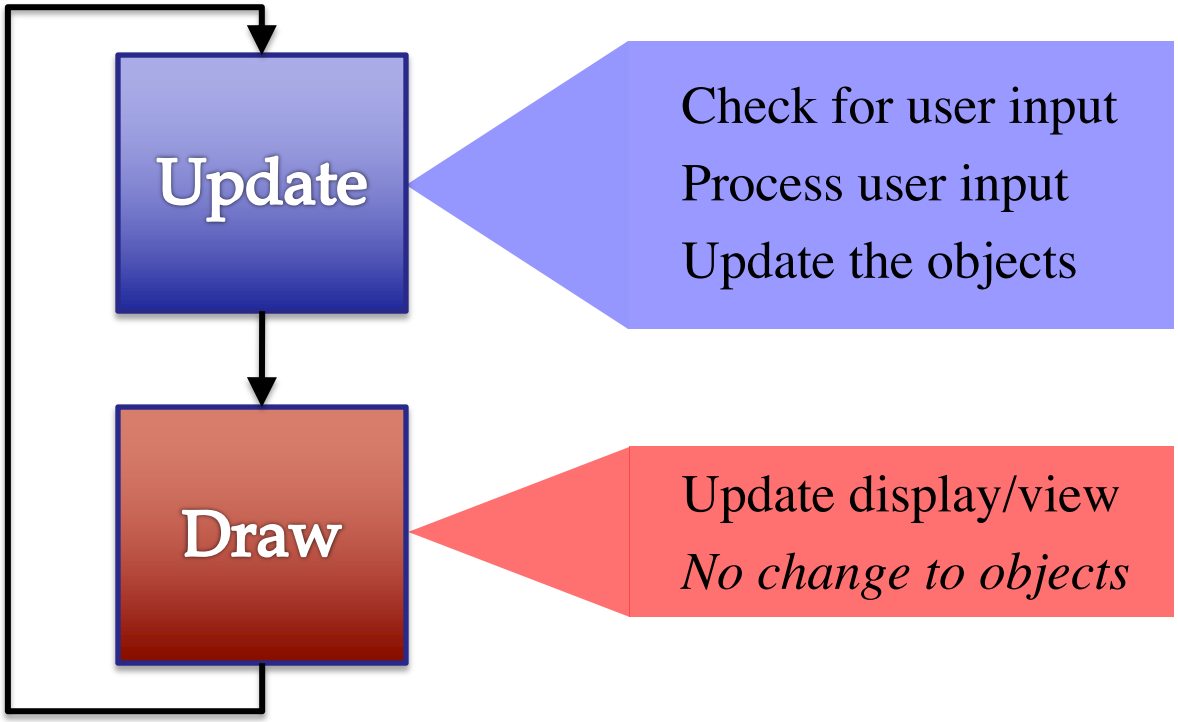

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Would like to "plug in" code

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Method call (for loop body)

Custom Application class

- Write loop body in an app class.
- OS/GUI handles everything else.

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Application is an object. It will have **attributes**!

Attribute Invariants = Loop Invariants

- Attributes are a way to store value between calls
  - Not part of call frame
  - Variables outside loop
- An application needs
  - Loop attributes
  - Initialization method (for loop, not __init__)
  - Method for body of loop
- Attribute descriptions, invariants are important

```
# Constructor
game = GameApp(...)
...
game.start() #Loop initialization
# inv: game attributes are ...
while program_running:
    # Get input
    # Your code goes here
    game.update(time_elapsed)
    game.draw()
# post: game attributes are ...
```

Example: Animation

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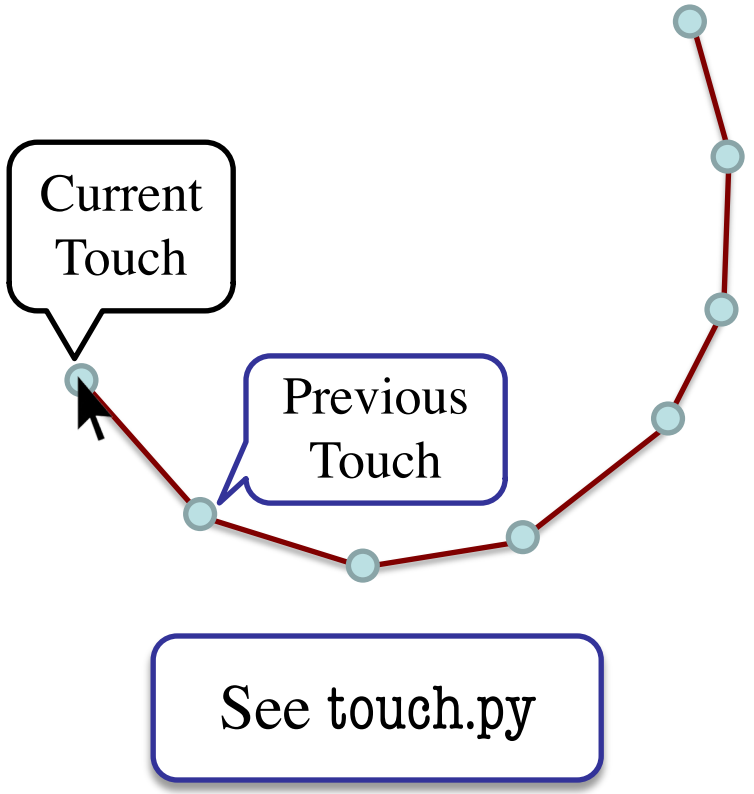
Loop initialization
Do NOT use __init__

Loop body

Use method draw() defined in GObject

What Attributes to Keep: Touch

- Attribute touch in GInput
  - The mouse press position
  - Or **None** if not pressed
  - Use self.input.touch inside your subclass definition
- Compare touch, last position
  - last None, touch not None: Mouse button **pressed**
  - last not None, touch None: Mouse button **released**
  - last and touch both not None: Mouse **dragged** (button down)

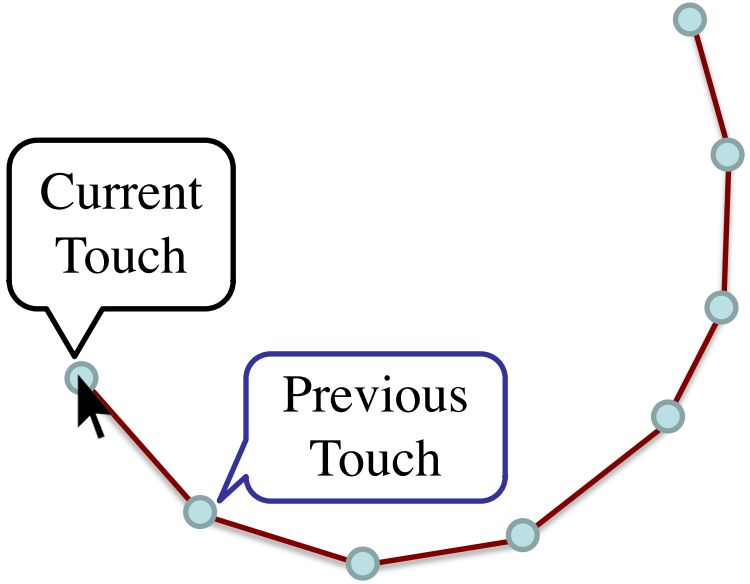


Input and Invariants

- Attribute input is…
  - A GInput object
- Attribute input.touch is…
  - Either a Point2 or None
  - Location of mouse cursor (if it is pressed)
- Attribute last is…
  - Either a Point2 or None
  - input.touch in prev. frame

Relationship between two variables.

Line segment = 2 points

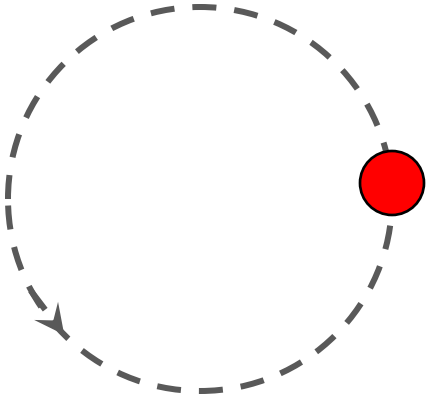


See touch.py

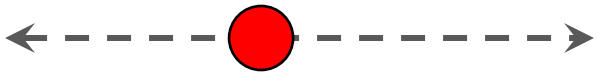
State: Changing What the Loop Does

- **State**: Current loop activity
  - Playing game vs. pausing
  - Ball countdown vs. serve
- Add an attribute `state`
  - Method `update()` checks state
  - Executes correct helper
- How do we store state?
  - State is an *enumeration*; one of several fixed values
  - Implemented as an int
  - Global **constants** are values

State `ANIMATE_CIRCLE`



State `ANIMATE_HORIZONTAL`



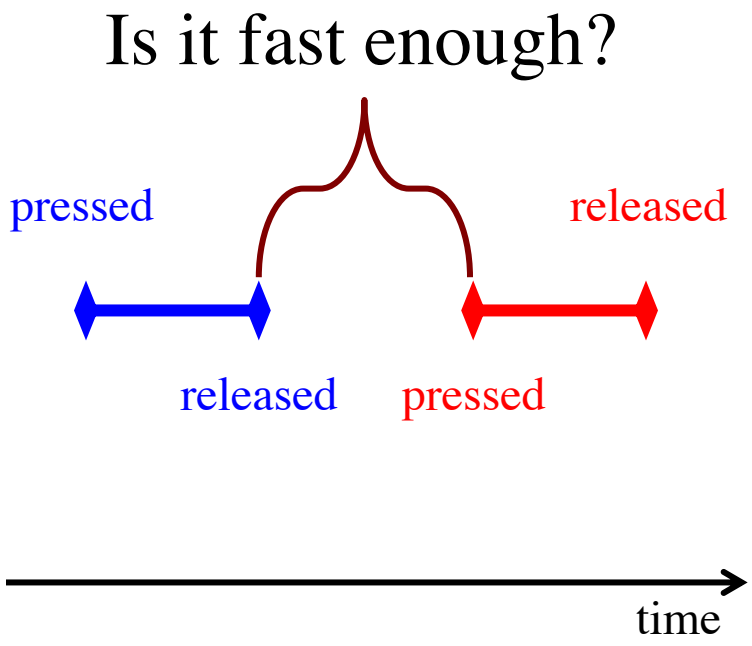
See state.py

Designing States

- Each state has its ***own set*** of invariants.
  - **Drawing?** Then `touch` and `last` are not None
  - **Erasing?** Then `touch` is None, but `last` is not
- Need rules for when we switch states
  - Could just be "check which invariants are true"
  - Or could be a *triggering event* (e.g. key press)
- Need to make clear in class specification
  - What are the invariants ***for each state***?
  - What are the rules to switch to a new state?

Triggers: Checking Click Types

- Double click = 2 fast clicks
- Count number of fast clicks
  - Add an attribute `clicks`
  - Reset to 0 if not fast enough
- Time click speed
  - Add an attribute `time`
  - Set to 0 when mouse released
  - Increment when not pressed (e.g. in loop method `update()`)
  - Check `time` when next pressed



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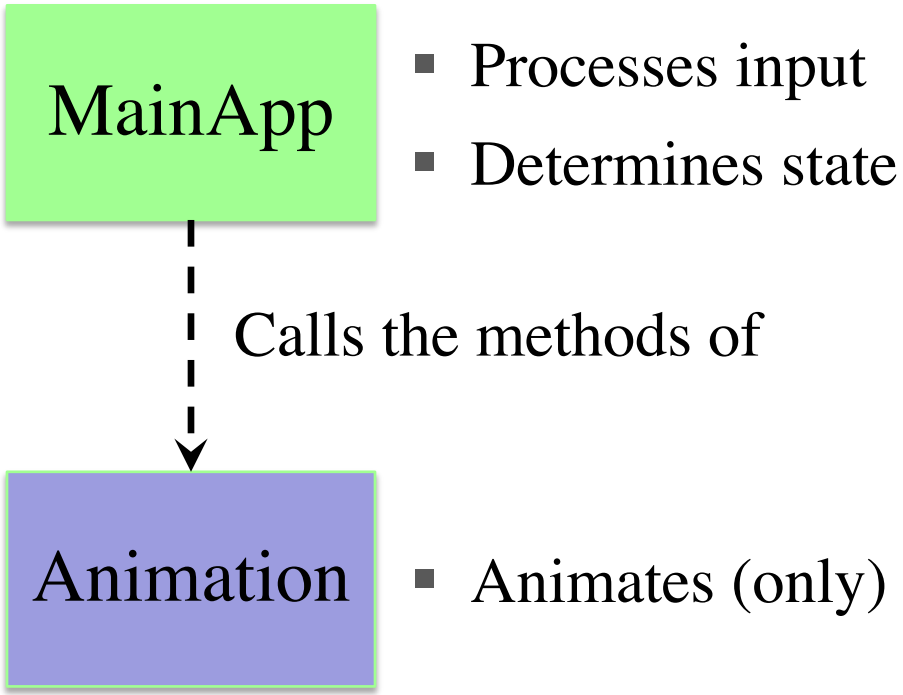
Designing Complex Applications

- Applications can become extremely complex
  - Large classes doing a lot
  - Many states & invariants
  - Specification unreadable
- **Idea**: Break application up into several classes
  - Start with a "main" class
  - Other classes have roles
  - Main class delegates work



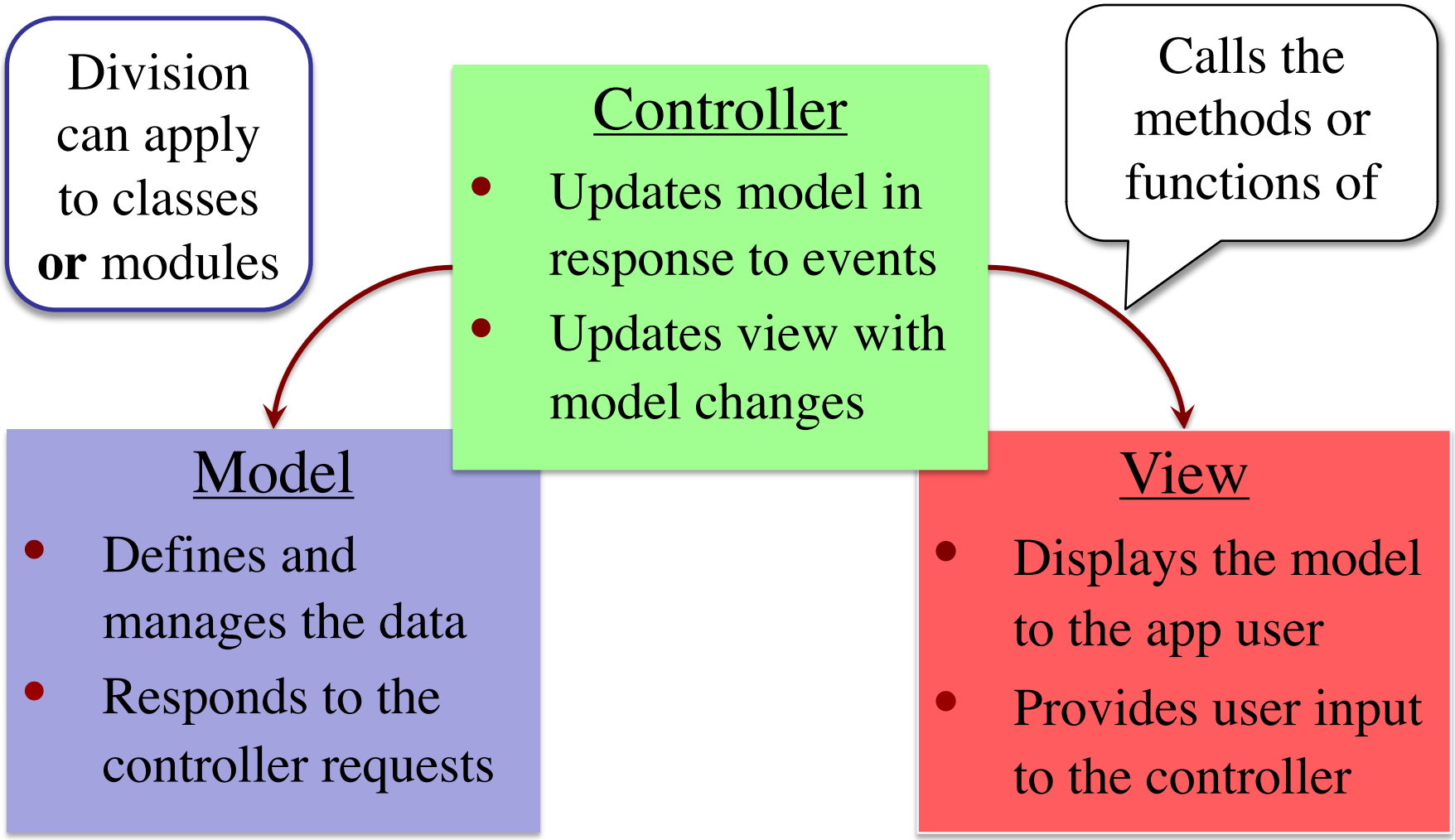
See `subcontroller.py`

How to Break Up: Software Patterns

- **Pattern**: reusable solution to a common problem
  - Template, not a single program
  - Tells you how to design your code
  - Made by someone who ran into problem first
- In many cases, a pattern gives you the interface
  - List of headers for non-hidden methods
  - Specification for non-hidden methods
  - Only thing missing is the implementation

Just like this course!

Model-View-Controller Pattern



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- **A6**: Dataset, Cluster
  - Data is always in model
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Why **classes** sometimes and **functions** others?

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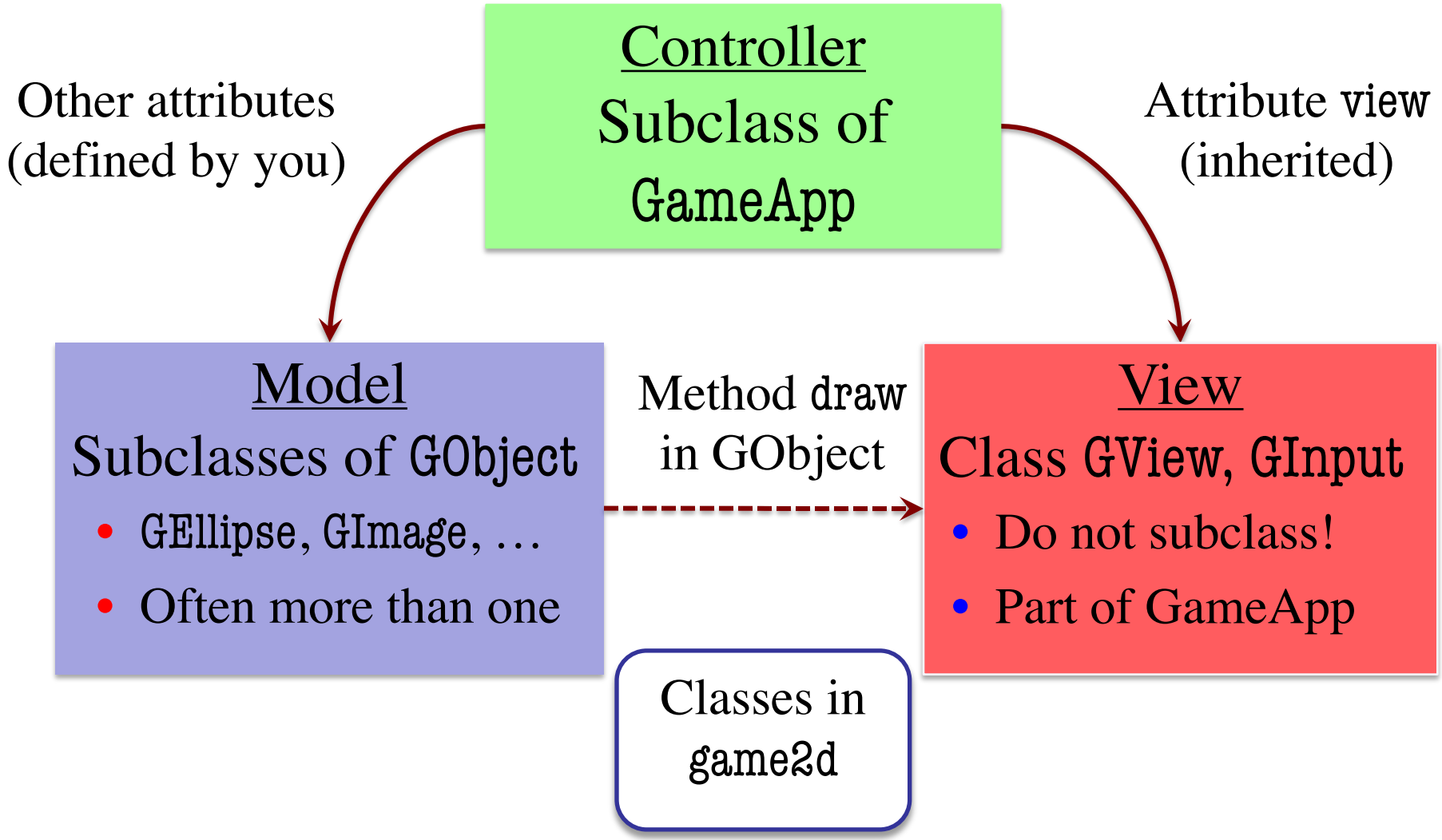

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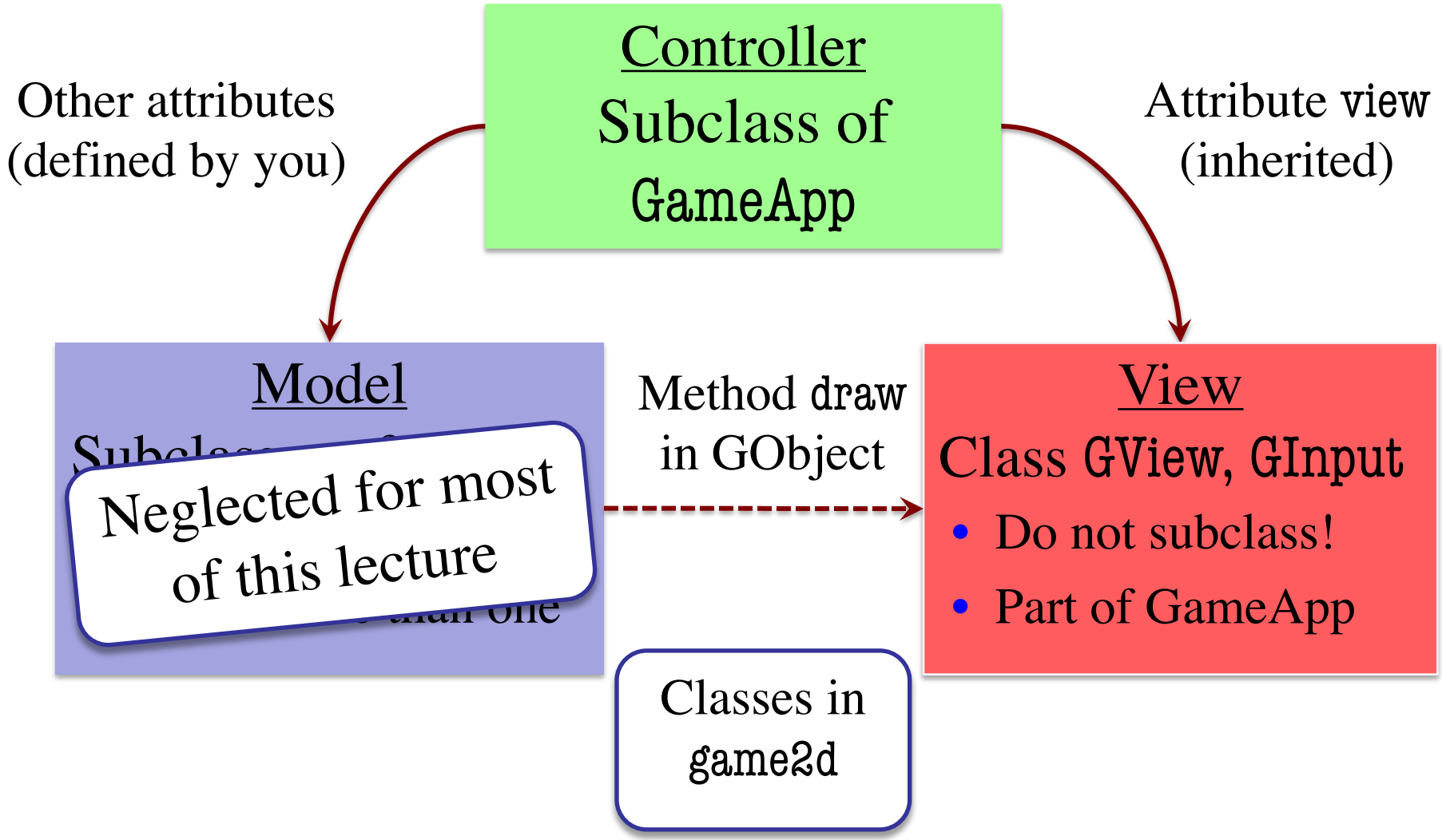
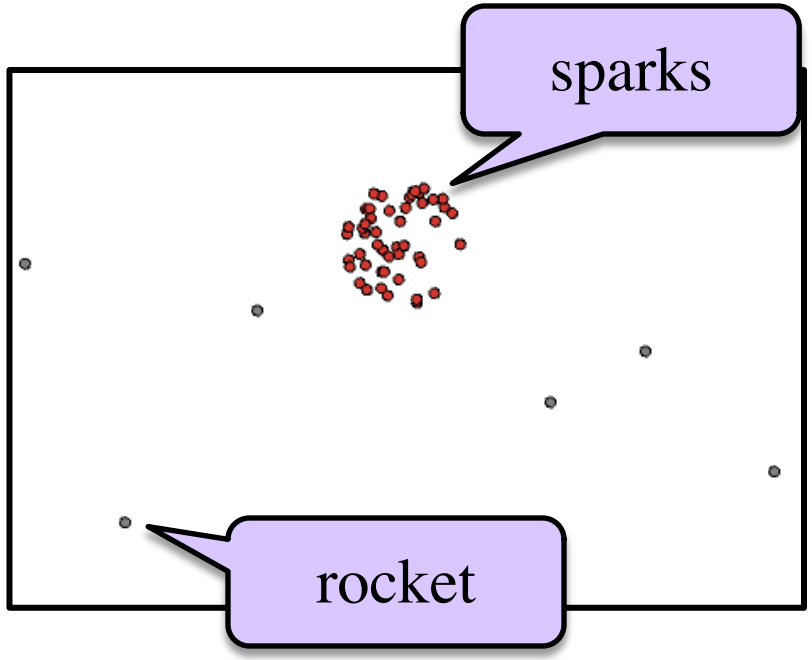


Models in Assignment 7

- Often subclass of `GObject`
  - Has built-in draw method
  - See documentation in A6
- Includes groups of models
  - **Example**: rockets in `pyro.py`
  - Each rocket is a model
  - But so is the entire list!
  - `update()` will change both
- **A7**: Several model classes
  - `Ship` to animate the player
  - `Alien` to represent an alien



See `pyro.py`