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Software Modeling Tools

SYS 611: Systems Modeling and Simulation

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Agenda

1. Spreadsheet Modeling Tools (Excel)
2. Scripted Modeling Tools (Python)

Optional Reading: Python Tutorial

SYS 611 GitHub Repository:

<https://github.com/code-lab-org/sys611>



Spreadsheet Modeling Tools

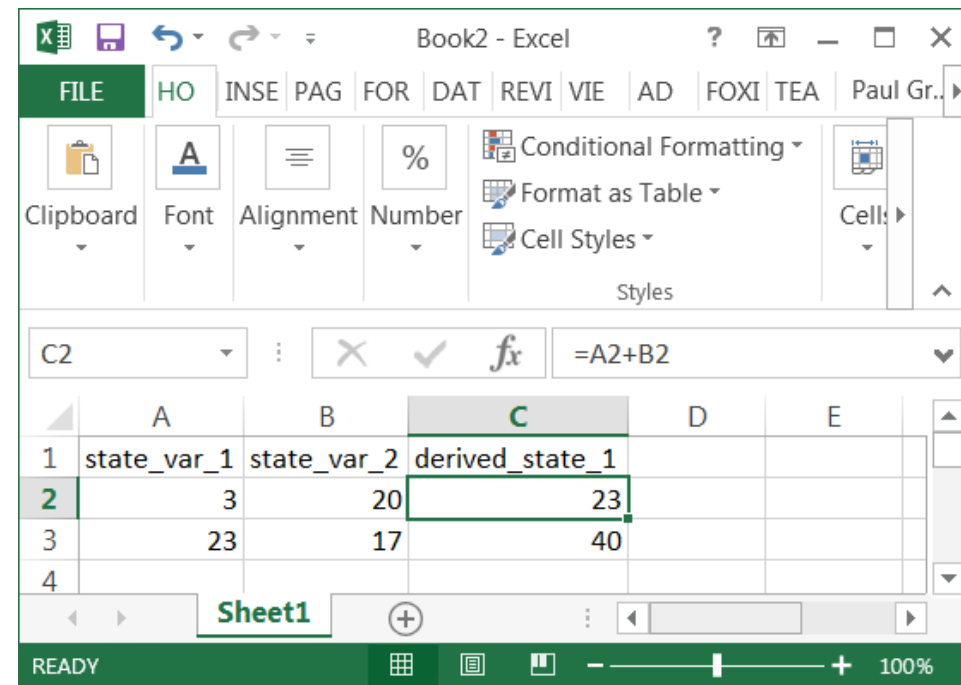


Spreadsheet Modeling Tools

- Several variations
 - Microsoft Excel
 - Google Sheets
- Cells contain either elementary state variables or derived state/state transition functions
- Use relative cell equations to easily repeat functions



Google Sheets





Spreadsheet Modeling Tools

Advantages

- Widely available
- Low barrier to entry
- Visual state representation
- Powerful computational engine

Disadvantages

- State often limited to one-dimensional vectors
- Function chains can be difficult to debug
- Limited ability to document model



Representing State in Excel

- Use columns for each state variable
- First non-header row is “initial state”
- Elementary state variables stored as raw data
- Derived state variables stored as functions

B2	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>fx</i>	20
	A	B	C	D	
1	state_var_1	state_var_2	derived_state_1		
2	3	20	23		
3					
4					
5					
6					

C2	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>fx</i>	=A2+B2
	A	B	C	D	
1	state_var_1	state_var_2	derived_state_1		
2	3	20	23		
3					
4					
5					
6					



State Changes in Excel

- State changes represented in subsequent rows
- Elementary state changes use functions based on previous row
- Derived state variables can copy-paste original functions
- Can usually fill down equations into lower rows

A3		✕ ✓ <i>fx</i> =A2+B2		
	A	B	C	D
1	state_var_1	state_var_2	derived_state_1	
2	3	20	23	
3	23	21	44	
4				
5				
6				

C3		✕ ✓ <i>fx</i> =A3+B3		
	A	B	C	D
1	state_var_1	state_var_2	derived_state_1	
2	3	20	23	
3	23	21	44	
4				
5				
6				



State Variables

DiceFighters
round_number : int
blue_size : int
blue_chance_hit : float
red_size : int
red_chance_hit : float
is_complete() : boolean
generate_blue_hits() : int
generate_red_hits() : int
blue_suffer_losses(int) : void
red_suffer_losses(int) : void
next_round() : void

A2 = 0

B2 = 10

C2 = 3/6

D2 = 20

E2 = 1/6

F2 = OR (B2<=0 , D2<=0)

G2 : ???

H2 : ???

OR (B2<=0 , D2<=0)
checks if either
red_size or
blue_size is less
than or equal to 0 as
is_complete



Derived State Variables

Each of these column labels serve as the index of dice for the blue player (up to 20)

- I1 = 1, J1 = 2, ..., AB1 = 20
- I2 = IF(I\$1<=B\$2,RAND()<\$C2,)
- ...
- AC1 = 1, AD1 = 2, ..., AV1 = 20
- AC2 = IF(AC\$1<=\$D2,RAND()<\$E2,)
- ...
- G2 = COUNTIF(I2:AB2,TRUE)
- H2 = COUNTIF(AC2:AV2,TRUE)

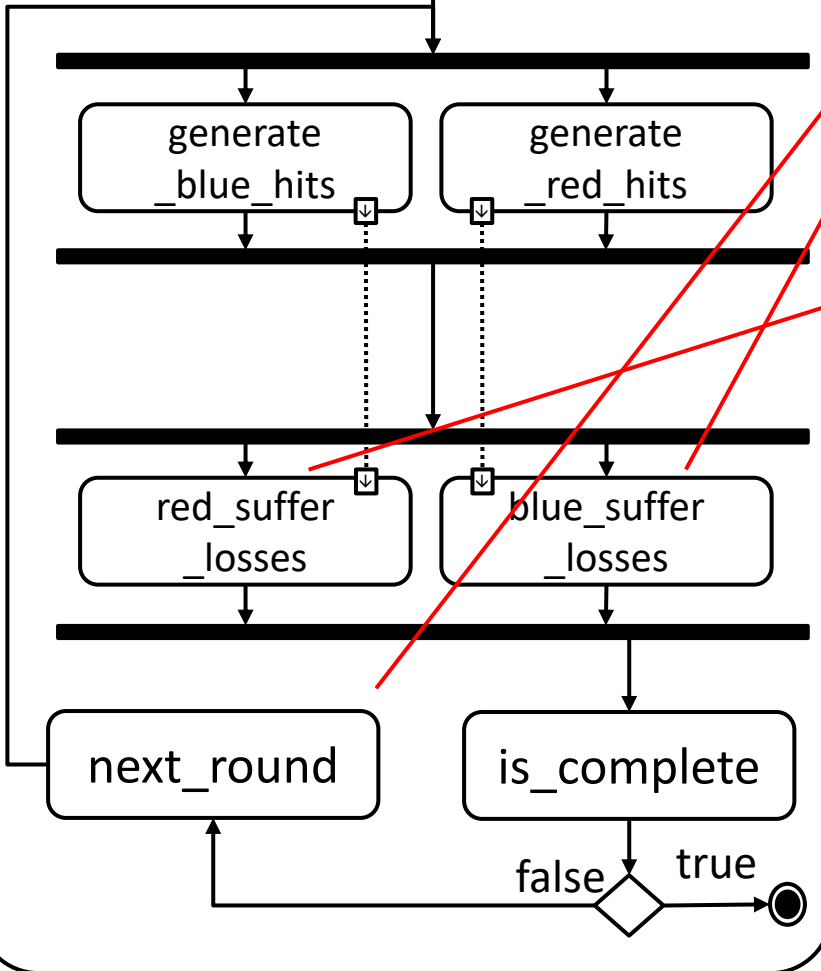
RAND () < \$C2
checks if a random number between 0 and 1 is less than **blue_chance_hit**

IF (I\$1<=B\$2, ... checks if blue team has large enough size for this dice index

COUNTIF (I2 : AB2 , TRUE)
counts how many blue dice generate a hit as derived state **generate_blue_hits**

State Changes

Dice Fighters Game



$$A3 = A2 + 1$$

$$B3 = B2 - H2$$

$$C3 = C2$$

$$D3 = D2 - G2$$

$$E3 = E2$$

$$F3 = \text{OR}(B2 \leq 0, D2 \leq 0)$$

$$G3 = \text{COUNTIF}(I3:AB3, \text{TRUE})$$

$$H3 = \text{COUNTIF}(AC3:AV3, \text{TRUE})$$

$$I3 =$$

$$\text{IF}(I\$1 \leq B\$3, \text{RAND}() < \$C3,)$$

...



Spreadsheet Model

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	round_number	blue_size	blue_chance_hit	red_size	red_chance_hit	is_complete	generate_blue_hits	generate_red_hits	1	2	3
2	0	10	0.5	20	0.166666667	FALSE	7	7	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
3	1	3	0.5	13	0.166666667	FALSE	3	2	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
4	2	1	0.5	10	0.166666667	FALSE	1	1	TRUE	0	0
5	3	0	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	0	0	0	0
6	4	0	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	1	0	0	0
7	5	-1	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	1	0	0	0
8	6	-2	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	2	0	0	0
9	7	-4	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	1	0	0	0
10	8	-5	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	0	0	0	0
11	9	-5	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	0	0	0	0
12	10	-5	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	4	0	0	0
13	11	-9	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	1	0	0	0
14	12	-10	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	0	0	0	0
15	13	-10	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	2	0	0	0
16	14	-12	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	2	0	0	0
17	15	-14	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	0	0	0	0
18	16	-14	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	2	0	0	0
19	17	-16	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	2	0	0	0
20	18	-18	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	1	0	0	0
21	19	-19	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	1	0	0	0
22	20	-20	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	4	0	0	0
23	21	-24	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	2	0	0	0
24	22	-26	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	1	0	0	0
25	23	-27	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	4	0	0	0
26	24	-31	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	2	0	0	0
27	25	-33	0.5	9	0.166666667	TRUE	0	2	0	0	0
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Red Victory

Make any change to re-generate random numbers!



Scripted Modeling Tools





Scripted Modeling Tools

- Infinite variations
 - Python, JavaScript
 - Java, C++, C
- **Variables** contain state
- **Functions** operate on state
- Object-oriented scripts define **classes** to combine variables and functions



```
1 # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
2 """
3 Test Snippet
4
5 @author: Paul T. Grogan, pgrogan@stevens.edu
6 """
7 |
8 state_1 = 3
9 state_2 = 20
10
11 def derived_state_1():
12     return state_1 + state_2
13
```



Scripted Modeling Tools

Advantages

- Widely available
- Many high-quality third-party libraries
- State can be organized in any structure
- Can document code with inline comments

Disadvantages

- Higher barrier to entry
- Scripts can be difficult to debug without integrated development environment (IDE)
- Function chains can be difficult to debug



Representing State in Python

- Declare a variable to store data in memory
- Primitive data types:
 - Boolean (bool)
 - Integer (int)
 - Floating point (float)
 - Text (str)
- Simple data types:
 - Tuple (tuple)
 - List (list), Matrix

```
state_bool = True
state_int = 3
state_float = 3.
state_str = 'test'
state_tuple = (0,1,2)
state_tuple(0) = 9
state_list = [0,1,2]
state_list[0] = 9
state_mat = [[0,1,2],
             [3,4,5]]
state_mat[0][1] = 9
```



Representing State in Python

- Complex data types:

- Numpy arrays
- Dictionary (dict)
- Object (object)

- Derived state expressed using functions

```
import numpy as np
state_array =
    np.array([0,1,2])
state_dict = {
    'name': 'test',
    'mass': 2.0
}
state_obj = object()

state_1 = 3
state_2 = 20
def derived_state_1():
    return state_1 + state_2
```




State Changes in Python

- Declare a function to operate on data
 - Input arguments
 - Output values
- Note: must declare any primitive state variables to be changed as **global** inside function

```
state_int = 0
```

```
def add_one():  
    global state_int  
    state_int += 1
```

```
def add_more(num):  
    global state_int  
    state_int += num
```

```
add_one()  
add_more(5)
```



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generate_blue_hits() : int
generate_red_hits() : int
blue_suffer_loss(int) : void
red_suffer_loss(int) : void
next_round() : void

```
round_number = 0
blue_size = 10
blue_chance_hit = 3/6
red_size = 20
red_chance_hit = 1/6
def is_complete():
    return (red_size<=0
            or blue_size<=0)
def generate_blue_hits():
    pass # see next slide
def generate_red_hits():
    pass # see next slide
```



Derived State Variables

```
def generate_blue_hits():
```

```
    attacks = np.random.rand(blue_size)
```

```
    num_hits = sum(attacks < blue_chance_hit)
```

```
    return num_hits
```

Generate random numbers between 0 and 1 for each of **blue_size**

Count how many attacks are less than **blue_chance_hit**

```
def generate_red_hits():
```

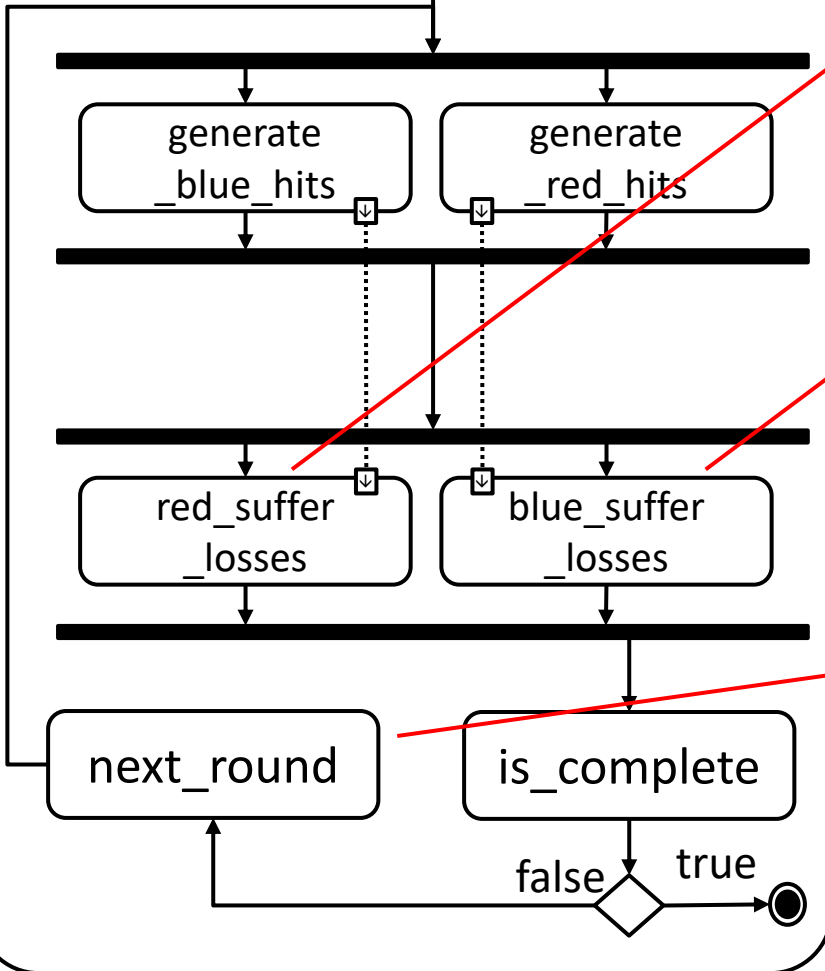
```
    attacks = np.random.rand(red_size)
```

```
    num_hits = sum(attacks < red_chance_hit)
```

```
    return num_hits
```

State Changes

Dice Fighters Game



```
def red_suffer_losses(hits):  
    global red_size  
    red_size -= hits
```

```
def blue_suffer_losses(hits):  
    global blue_size  
    blue_size -= hits
```

```
def next_round():  
    global round_number  
    round_number += 1
```



Dice Fighters Python Model

```
import numpy as np

round_number = 0
red_size = 20
blue_size = 10
red_chance_hit = 1/6
blue_chance_hit = 3/6

def generate_red_hits():
    attacks = np.random.rand(red_size)
    return sum(attacks < red_chance_hit)
def generate_blue_hits():
    attacks = np.random.rand(blue_size)
    return sum(attacks < blue_chance_hit)
def red_suffer_losses(opponent_hits):
    global red_size
    red_size -= opponent_hits
def blue_suffer_losses(opponent_hits):
    global blue_size
    blue_size -= opponent_hits
def is_complete():
    return (red_size <= 0 or blue_size <= 0)

def next_round():
    global round_number
    round_number += 1

while not is_complete():
    red_hits = generate_red_hits()
    blue_hits = generate_blue_hits()
    red_suffer_losses(blue_hits)
    blue_suffer_losses(red_hits)
    next_round()
    print("Round {}: {} Red, {} Blue".format(
        round_number,
        red_size,
        blue_size
    ))
    if red_size > 0:
        print("Red Wins")
    elif blue_size > 0:
        print("Blue Wins")
    else:
        print("Tie - Mutual Destruction!")
```



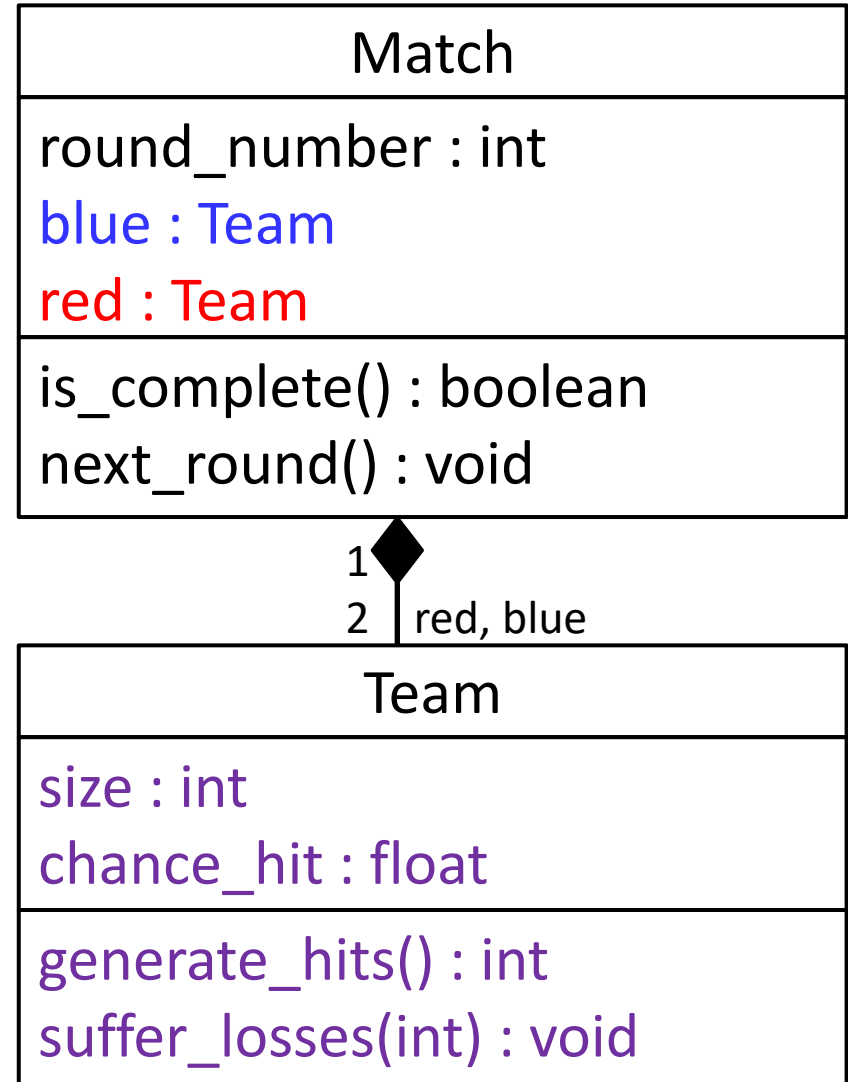
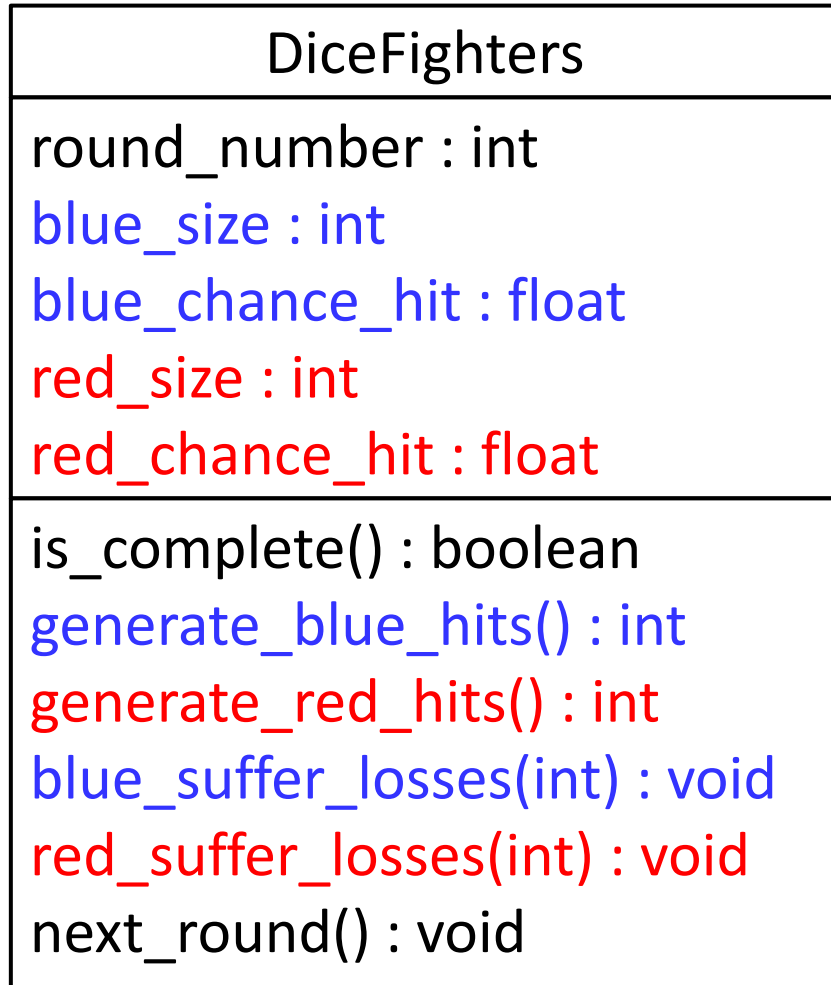
Object-oriented Modeling

- Define **classes** to combine state with functions
 - Functions have access to local state
 - Eliminates global variable problems
- Useful to organize a complex script
- Useful to reuse code

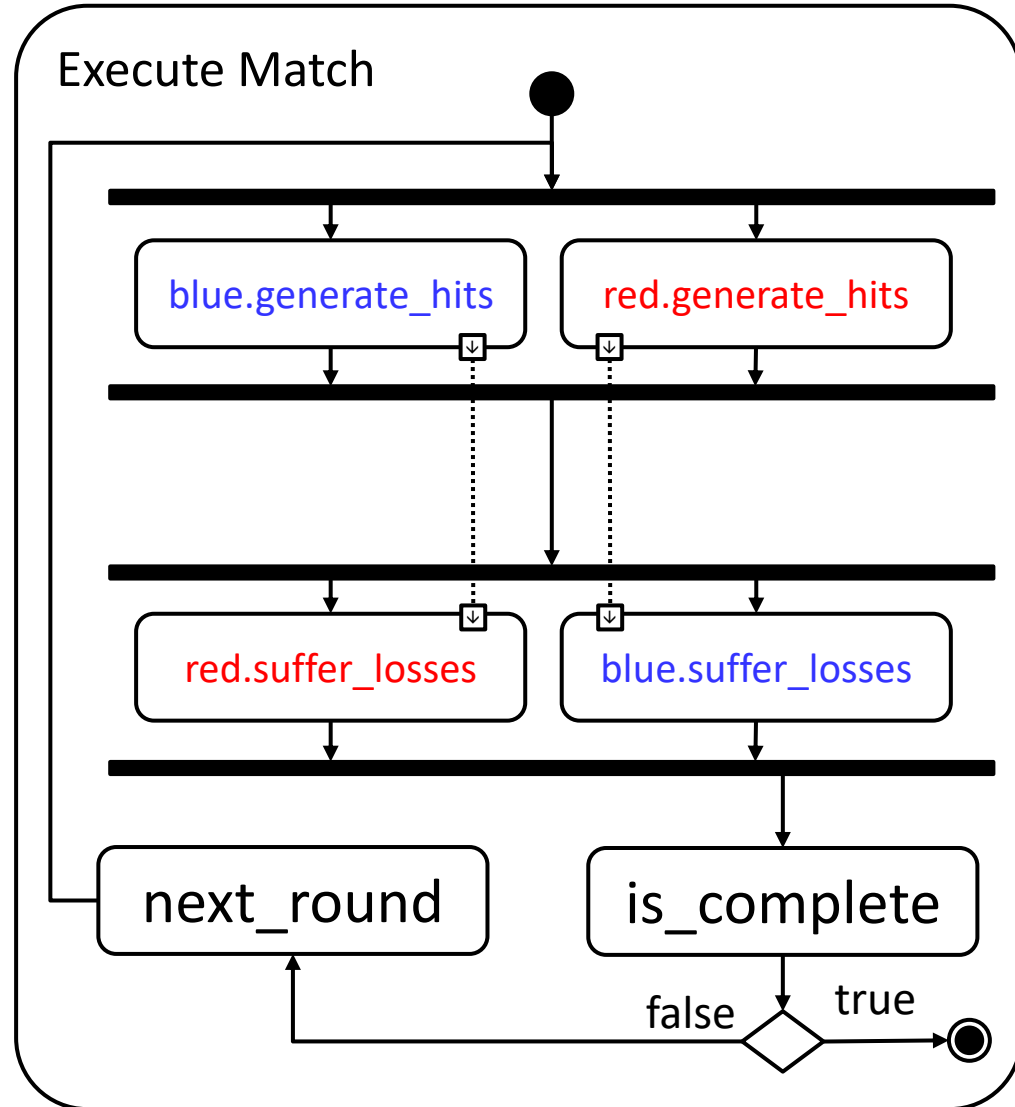
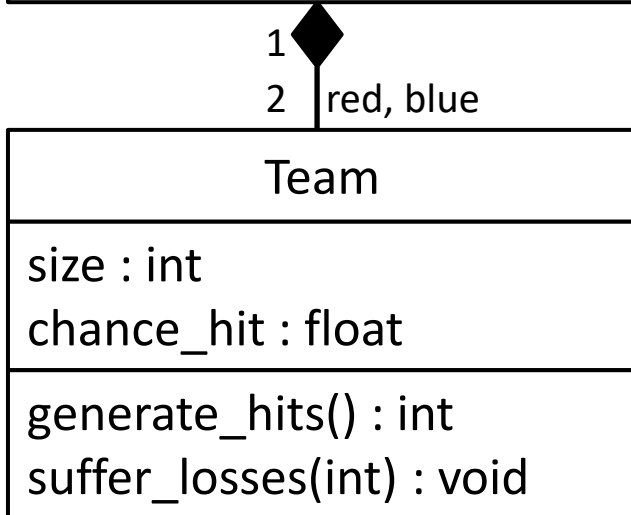
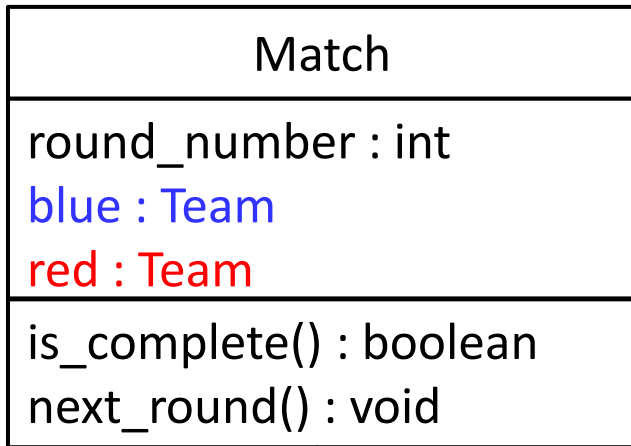
```
class Model:  
    def __init__(self, state_1):  
        self.state_1 = state_1  
        self.state_2 = 3  
    def derived_state_1():  
        return (self.state_1 +  
                self.state_2)  
    def add_one():  
        self.state_1 += 1  
    def add_more(num):  
        self.state_2 += num  
  
model = Model(2)  
model.state_1  
model.add_more(5)
```



Obj.-Orient. State Diagram



Obj.-Orient. Activity Diagram





Obj.-Orient. Python Model

```
import numpy as np

class Team:
    def __init__(self, size, chance_hit):
        self.size = size
        self.chance_hit = chance_hit
    def generate_hits(self):
        attacks = np.random.rand(self.size)
        return sum(attacks < self.chance_hit)
    def suffer_losses(self, opponent_hits):
        self.size -= opponent_hits

round_number = 0
red = Team(20, 1./6)
blue = Team(10, 3./6)
def is_complete(self):
    return (red.size <= 0 or blue.size <= 0)
def next_round(self):
    self.round_number += 1
```

```
while not is_complete():
    red_hits = red.generate_hits()
    blue_hits = blue.generate_hits()
    red.suffer_losses(blue_hits)
    blue.suffer_losses(red_hits)
    next_round()
    print("Round {}: {} Red, {} Blue".format(
        round_number,
        red.size,
        blue.size
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if red.size > 0:
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