

```
public interface Points2D {  
    public double x();  
    public double y();  
}
```



```
public interface Points3D  
    extends Points2D {  
    public double z();  
}
```

- `Points3D` is a *Java subtype* of `Points2D`
- Under some conditions, `Points3D` is also a *true subtype* of `Points2D`
- Subtyping is defined only with respect to specifications – not implementations
  - Informally, we often talk about whether an implementation of a specification satisfies the subtyping relationship
  - In Java, this usually means **interfaces** and sometimes means **abstract** base classes
  - In Java, **extends** is used to define subtypes and subclasses

# B is a subtype of A means that a B can always be substituted for an A

- Any property guaranteed by supertype must be guaranteed by subtype (*true subtyping*)
- The subtype is permitted to strengthen and add properties
- Anything provable about an A is provable about a B
- If an instance of subtype is treated purely as supertype – only supertype methods and fields queried – then result should be consistent with an object of the supertype being manipulated

- A **Points3D** can always be treated as a **Points2D**
- **Points3D** adds a property – the z-coordinate
- Invariants over **Points2D** define the semantics of the type and hold over **Points3D** – the following invariants on **Points3D** consider only the components taken from **Points2D** (that is, treating the subtype purely as its supertype)

$\text{Points2D}(\alpha, \beta) . x() = \alpha$   
 $\text{Points2D}(\alpha, \beta) . y() = \beta$   
 $\text{Points3D}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) . x() = \alpha$   
 $\text{Points3D}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) . y() = \beta$

- The semantics of **Points3D** can arbitrarily define semantics of added properties

$\text{Points3D}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) . z() = \gamma$

would be the likely expectation

- But the following, albeit weird, would not compromise the subtyping relationship

$\text{Points3D}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) . z() = \alpha + \beta + \gamma$

# Java subtypes $\neq$ true subtypes

```
public class CartesianTwoDPoints
    implements Points2D {
    double xcoord,ycoord;
    public CartesianTwoDPoints(double a, double b){
        xcoord = a;
        ycoord = b;
    }

    @Override
    public double x() {
        return xcoord;
    }

    @Override
    public double y() {
        return ycoord;
    }
}
```

```
public class CartesianThreeDPoints
    implements Points3D {
    double xcoord,ycoord,zcoord;
    public CartesianTwoDPoints(double a, double b, double c){
        xcoord = a; ycoord = b; zcoord = c;
    }

    @Override x() and y() like in CartesianTwoDPoints

    @Override
    public double z() {
        return zcoord;
    }
}
```

- These implementations satisfy the true subtyping relationship
  - ex:  $\text{CartesianThreeDPoints}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma).y() = \beta$
- Why no subclassing in this example?

# Java subtypes $\neq$ true subtypes

```
public class CartesianTwoDPoints
    implements Points2D {
    double xcoord,ycoord;
    public CartesianTwoDPoints(double a, double b){
        xcoord = a;
        ycoord = b;
    }

    @Override
    public double x() {
        return xcoord;
    }

    @Override
    public double y() {
        return ycoord;
    }
}
```

Here, `CartesianThreeDPoints` is a Java subtype of `Points2D` but does not satisfy the true subtyping relationship

```
public class CartesianThreeDPoints
    implements Points3D {
    double xcoord,ycoord,zcoord;
    public CartesianThreeDPoints(double a, double b, double
c){
        xcoord = a; ycoord = b; zcoord = c;
    }

    @Override x() like in CartesianTwoDPoints

    @Override
    public double y() {
        return xcoord;
    }

    @Override
    public double z() {
        return zcoord;
    }
}
```

**`CartesianThreeDPoints( $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ ).y()  $\neq$   $\beta$`**

# Two questions in class

- What if **Points2D** defined a distance method (return the distance between two points)?
  - **Points3D** could redefine the distance method as long as all points in the plane have the same distance as they would if considered as **Points2D**.
- What if there was a **printPoint** method in **Points2D** that printed (say) “x=? y=?” where the question marks show the actual values?
  - The question becomes one of semantics – if the format is constrained by the specification of **Points2D**, then it would have to be adhered to (perhaps by only printing the x and y coordinates); if it wasn’t constrained, but said something like, “It prints the value of the coordinates,” then **Points3D** would have more choice

# Subtyping vs. subclassing

```
public class PolarTwoDPoints implements Points2D {
    double r, theta;
    public PolarTwoDPoints(double a, double b) {
        r = Math.sqrt(a*a+b*b);
        theta = 2*Math.atan(b/(a+r));
    }
    @Override
    public double x() {
        return r*Math.cos(theta);
    }
    @Override
    public double y() {
        return r*Math.sin(theta);
    }
}
```

```
public class AltThreeDPoints extends PolarTwoDPoints
    implements Points3D {
    double z;

    public AltThreeDPoints(double a, double b, double c){
        super(a, b);
        z = c;
    }
    @Override
    public double z() {
        return z;
    }
}
```

- **AltThreeDPoints** is a subclass of **PolarTwoDPoints** *and* a Java subtype of **Points2D**
- For this implementation, **AltThreeDPoints** is also a true subtype of **Points2D** – the invariants for **Points2D** are maintained
- This is true even though an **AltThreeDPoints** is stored as **(r, theta, z)**

# What if...

- ...we wanted to restrict Points2D to be only in the first quadrant?  $x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0$
- What semantics do we want? Here are two possibilities
  - If the client tries to construct a Points2D outside the first quadrant, throw an exception
  - Take the absolute value of  $x$  and of  $y$  before constructing the point

# exception

```
public class FirstQuadrant2DPoints implements Points2D {
    double xcoord, ycoord;
    public FirstQuadrant2DPoints(double a, double b) throws NotFirstQuadrant {
        if ((a <= 0) || (b <= 0)) {
            throw new NotFirstQuadrant();
        }
        xcoord = a;
        ycoord = b;
    }
    @Override
    public double x() {
        return xcoord;
    }
    @Override
    public double y() {
        return ycoord;
    }
}
```

- Note there is no subtyping here (as yet)
- We are changing the semantics of **Points2D** (without changing the interface directly)  
 $(\alpha \geq 0 \wedge \beta \geq 0) \Rightarrow$   
 $\text{Points2D}(\alpha, \beta).x() = \alpha \wedge \text{Points2D}(\alpha, \beta).y() = \beta$   
 $\neg(\alpha \geq 0 \wedge \beta \geq 0) \Rightarrow \text{throw NotFirstQuadrant exception}$

# abs

```
public class FirstQuadrant2DPoints implements Points2D {
    double xcoord, ycoord;
    public FirstQuadrant2DPoints(double a, double b) {
        xcoord = Math.abs(a);
        ycoord = Math.abs(b);
    }
    @Override
    public double x() {
        return xcoord;
    }
    @Override
    public double y() {
        return ycoord;
    }
}
```

- Notice, there is no subtyping here (as yet)
- We are still changing the semantics of **Points2D** (without changing the interface directly)

$\text{Points2D}(\alpha, \beta).x() = |\alpha|$   
 $\text{Points2D}(\alpha, \beta).y() = |\beta|$

# exception

```
public class FirstQuadrant3DPoints implements Points3D {
    double xcoord, ycoord, zcoord;
    public FirstQuadrant3DPoints(double a, double b, double c) throws NotFirstQuadrant {
        if ((a <= 0) || (b <= 0)) {
            throw new NotFirstQuadrant();
        }
        xcoord = a;
        ycoord = b;
        zcoord = c;
    }
    @Override
    public double z() {
        return zcoord;
    }
}
```

- Now `FirstQuadrant3DPoints` and `FirstQuadrant2D` points satisfy the `Points3D` is a subtype of `Points2D` relationship
- It could also choose to throw a `NotFirstQuadrant` exception if `z` was negative without compromising the subtype relationship

# abs

```
public class FirstQuadrant3DPoints implements Points3D {  
    double xcoord, ycoord, zcoord;  
    public FirstQuadrant3DPoints(double a, double b) {  
        xcoord = Math.abs(a);  
        ycoord = Math.abs(b);  
        zcoord = c;  
    }  
    @Override  
    public double z() {  
        return zcoord;  
    }  
}
```

- Would this `FirstQuadrant3DPoints` and `FirstQuadrant2DPoints` satisfy the `Points3D` is a subtype of `Points2D` relationship?