



Geometry Dispatching

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Objects

```
class Object
{
public:
    geometry_type * m_geometry;
};

std::vector<Object> scene;
```



Broad-Phase

```
void broad_phase(
    std::vector<Object> & scen
    , std::vector<pair<geometry_type*, geometry_type*> > & geometry_pairs
    )
{
    geometry_pairs.clear();
    for(unsigned i=0; i< scene.size(); ++i)
        for(unsigned j=i+1; j< scene.size(); ++j)
            geometry_pairs.push_back(
                make_pair(scene[i].m_geometry, scene[j].geometry)
            );
}
```



Collision Detection

```
void collision_detection(std::vector<Object> & scene)
{
    typedef std::vector<pair<geometry_type*,geometry_type*> > pair_container;
    pair_container pairs;

    broad_phase(scene,pairs);

    pair_container::iterator p    = pairs.begin();
    pair_container::iterator end = pairs.end();

    for(;p!=end;++p)
        narrow_phase(p->first,p->second);
}
```



The Geometry Type

```
class Geometry
{
public:
    virtual std::string get_type() const = 0;
    //--- Bunch of other things here...
};

class Sphere : public Geometry
{
public:
    std::string get_type() const { return ``sphere``; }
};

class Box : public Geometry
{
public:
    std::string get_type() const { return ``box``; }
};
```



Collision Handlers

```
void test_box_sphere(Box const & A, Sphere const & B)
{
    std::cout << ``box sphere test`` << std::endl;
}
```

```
void test_box_box(Box const & A, Box const & B)
{
    std::cout << ``box box test`` << std::endl;
}
```

```
void test_sphere_sphere(Sphere const & A, Sphere const & B)
{
    std::cout << ``sphere sphere test`` << std::endl;
}
```



Narrow-Phase

```
void narrow_phase(geometry_type * A, geometry_type * B)
{
    if( A->get_type()=='box' && B->get_type() == ``sphere'') {
        Box * box = static_cast<Box *>(A);
        Sphere * sphere = static_cast<Sphere *>(B);
        test_box_sphere(*box,*sphere);
    } else if( A->get_type()=='box' && B->get_type() == ``box') {
        Box * boxA = static_cast<Box *>(A);
        Box * boxB = static_cast<Box *>(B);
        test_box_box(*boxA,*boxB);
    } else if( A->get_type()=='sphere' && B->get_type() == ``sphere')
        Sphere * boxA = static_cast<Sphere *>(A);
        Sphere * boxB = static_cast<Sphere *>(B);
        test_sphere_sphere(*sphereA,*sphereB);
    } else {
        std::cerr << ``sorry could not decode geometry types' << std::endl;
    }
}
```



Another Hacky Approach

```
class Object
{
public:
    typedef enum {sphere, box, ...} geometry_types;
    geometry_type m_type;
    void * m_geometry;
};
```



The Task

- This is an unsolved problem, there is no known existing best known design pattern for this!
- Try to come up with a different design approach
- Try to attack performance, maintenance, and modularity problems