



# 7. Problems of Object-Oriented Programming

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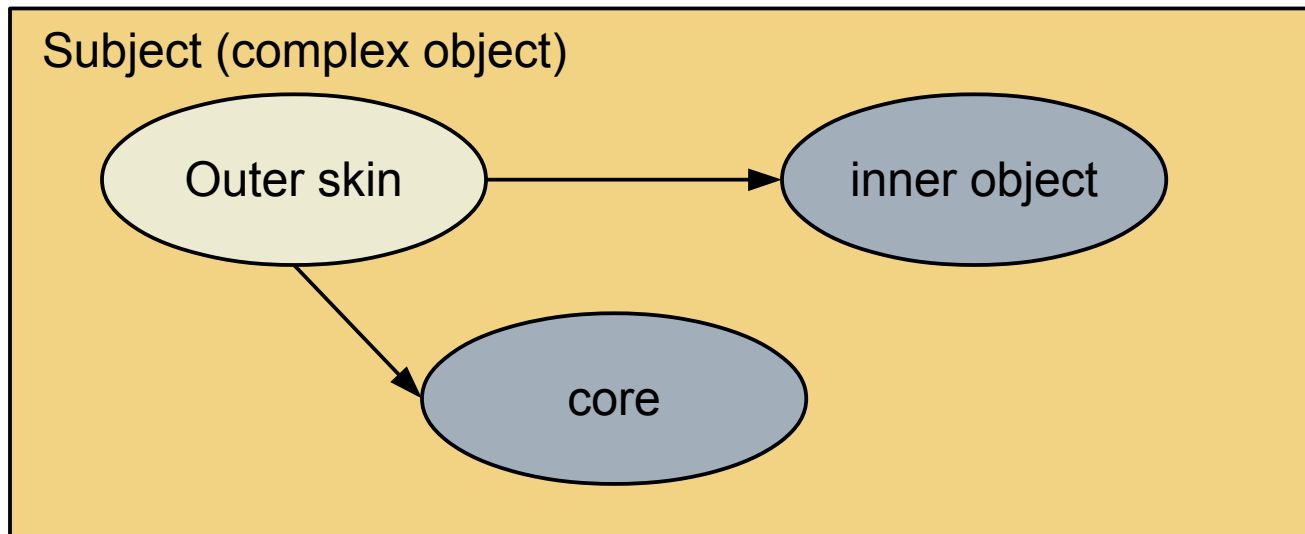
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# Representing Complex Objects (Subjects): Object Schizophrenia

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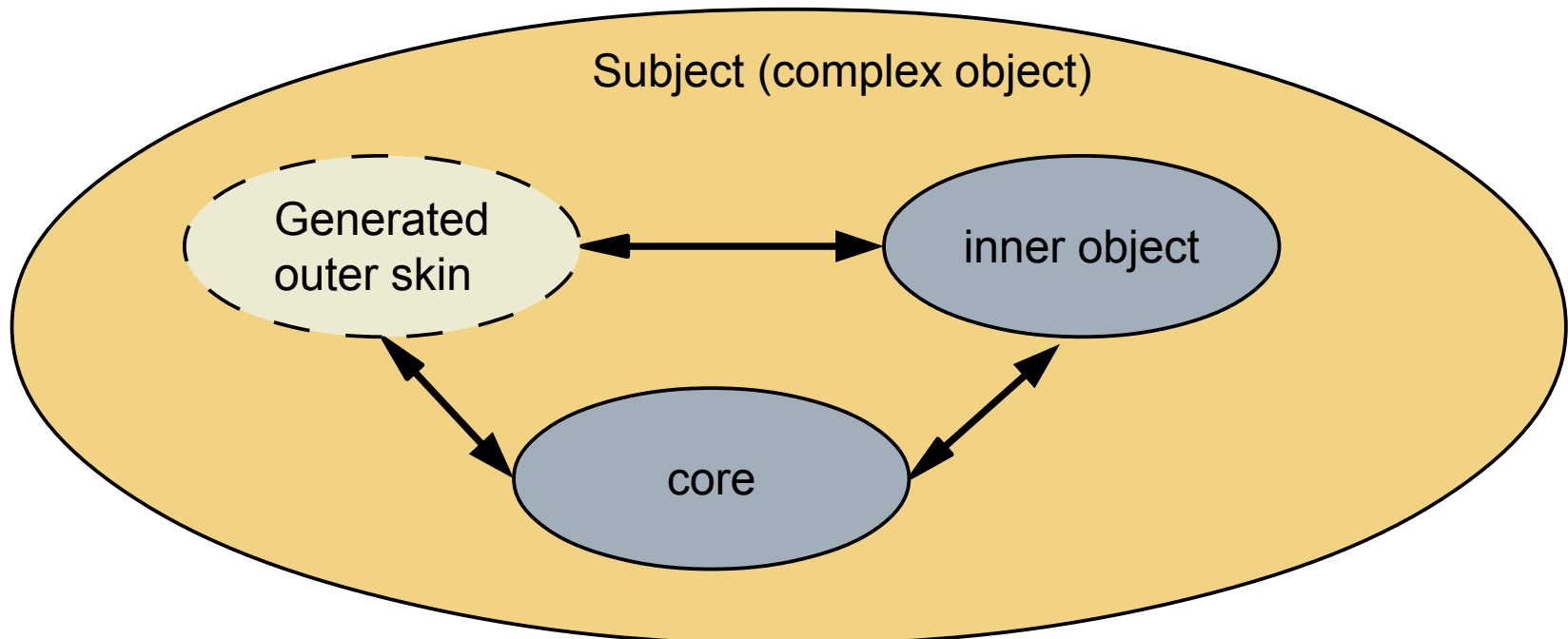
- ▶ A **physical object** is layouted as a coherent record in memory.
- ▶ However, objects can be complex. The representation of a complex application object can be *split* over an **outer** and many **inner** physical objects (implementation objects) in the memory.
- ▶ A **subject (big object)** is a complex object realized with several physical objects
- ▶ How to keep coherence of the physical objects of a subject?
  - unidirectional linkage, bidirectional linkage?



# Generative Skin of Subjects

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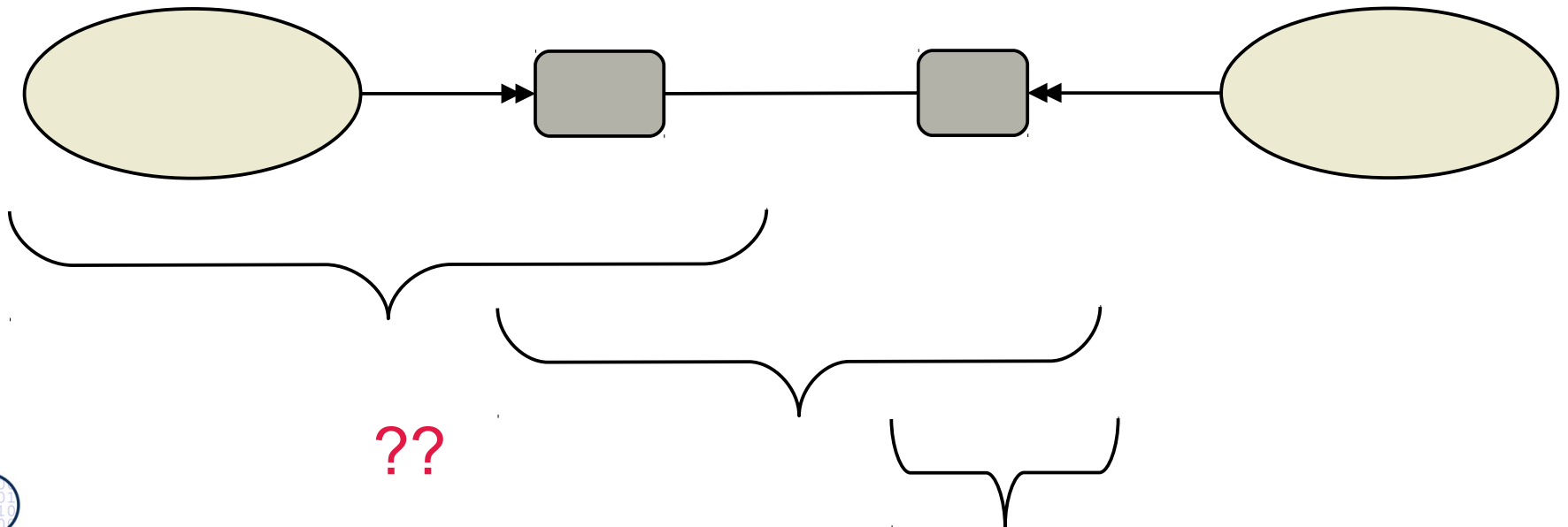
- ▶ A **Generative Skin** of a subject is a generated outer skin object which delegates to inner objects. [Ernst]
  - The implementation of the delegations in the outer skin is generated.
  - The outer skin is a facade for the inner objects.



# Role State Problem (Role State Schizophrenia)

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- ▶ The state of a role (association end) must be stored:
  - In the core object
  - In the relationship
  - In the role object
- ▶ With [Balzer]'s language RUMER, this can be controlled.



# The End: Summary

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- ▶ Object-oriented languages have inherent problems with
  - big objects
  - roles in associations