

# CLASSES AND OOP

## OVERVIEW

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- In this section, we will see how to design, implement and use classes in object oriented programs
- What is a class?
  - A class is a user defined **abstract data type (ADT)** that contain variables (called attributes) and a collection of operations on these variables (called methods)
  - The primary advantage of classes is that they give us a natural way to create robust and reliable code that can be **reused** in a wide range of applications

# OVERVIEW

- **A class is normally created by one programmer and used by many other programmers**
  - Only the creator needs to know implementation details
  - Users can ignore details and build code on top of the class
  - This allows teams of programmers to work on separate classes to build very large and complex applications
- **Class libraries**
  - Java contains over 4000 general purpose class libraries that can be used in any program
  - We have already been using the String, Scanner, and System.out, Math, Arrays classes in our programs

# OVERVIEW

- **To design a class**
  - Select appropriate names and data types for the **data** fields
  - Decide on names and parameters for the class **methods**
  - This defines the user interface for the class
- **To implement a class**
  - Implement **constructor** methods to initialize data fields
  - Implement other methods to perform data operations
- **To use a class**
  - Declare objects of the class
  - Call methods on these objects

# OVERVIEW

- **Lesson objectives:**

- Learn how to create and use simple classes
- Learn how to create and use **composite** classes
- Study example programs with classes
- Complete online labs on classes
- Complete programming project using classes

# **CLASSES**

## **PART 1**

## **DESIGNING CLASSES**

# DESIGNING CLASSES

- **The main purpose of a class is to bundle together the data and operations that make up an abstract data type (ADT)**
  - We must declare **variables** to store the data fields that make up the abstract data type
  - We must declare **methods** to implement all operations that are possible on these data fields
- **We must also specify how the class can be used**
  - We must specify which of the variables and methods are **public** and can be accessed directly by users of this class
  - We must also specify which of the variables and methods are **private** and hidden from users of this class

# DESIGNING CLASSES

- Overview of Java's class syntax

```
public class class_name
```

```
{
```

```
    // Private variables
```

```
    private data_type variable_name;
```

```
    private data_type variable_name;
```

```
    ...
```




We give the name of the class here



# DESIGNING CLASSES

- Overview of Java's class syntax

```
public class class_name
{
    // Private variables
    private data_type variable_name;
    private data_type variable_name;
    ...
}
```




These variable declarations define the **data fields** inside the class that make up the abstract data type

# DESIGNING CLASSES

- Overview of Java's class syntax

```
public class class_name
{
    // Private variables
    private data_type variable_name;
    private data_type variable_name;
    ...
```




The keyword `private` says that these variables are **hidden** from users of the class can not be accessed directly

# DESIGNING CLASSES

```
...  
// Constructors  
public class_name() { }  
public class_name( parameter_list ) { }  
  
// Methods  
public return_type method_name( parameter_list ) { }  
public return_type method_name( parameter_list ) { }  
public return_type method_name( parameter_list ) { }  
}
```

First we declare **constructor** methods that initialize the private data fields



# DESIGNING CLASSES

...

// Constructors

```
public class_name() { }
```

```
public class_name( parameter_list ){ }
```

// Methods

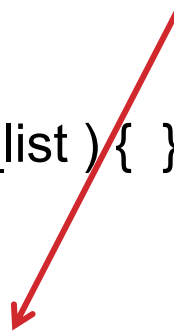
```
public return_type method_name( parameter_list ) { }
```

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```
public return_type method_name( parameter_list ) { }
```

```
}
```

Next we declare the public **methods** that implement operations on the data fields



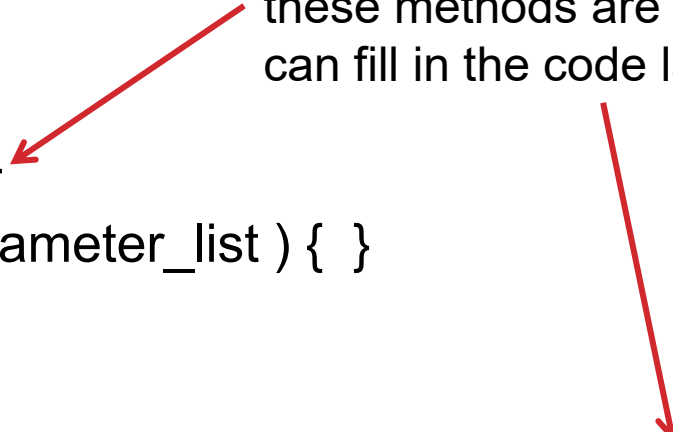
# DESIGNING CLASSES

...

```
// Constructors
public class_name() { }
public class_name( parameter_list ) { }
```

For now the implementation of these methods are **empty**. We can fill in the code later.

```
// Methods
public return_type method_name( parameter_list ) { }
public return_type method_name( parameter_list ) { }
public return_type method_name( parameter_list ) { }
}
```



# TIME CLASS EXAMPLE

- **Consider the problem of keeping track of the time of day in a program**
  - We need an integer hour value [0..23]
  - We need an integer minute value [0..59]
  - We need an integer second value [0..59]
- **We need to operations that safely manipulate the hour, minute, second values**
  - Provide methods to access/modify time values
  - Provide methods to input/output time values
  - Make sure the user **can not create invalid** times

# TIME CLASS EXAMPLE

- **First we declare private variables to store the data fields inside the Time class**
  - Use integers for hour, minute, second values
- **Then we declare the constructor methods and all public methods of the Time class**
  - Use “get” methods to **access** each of the Time data fields
  - Use “set” methods to **modify** each of the Time data fields
  - Use “read” method to input all Time data fields
  - Use “print” method to output all Time data fields

# TIME CLASS EXAMPLE

- **Where do we put the Time class?**
  - By convention, the declaration of a class is placed in a java file with the same name as the class
  - For example, the Time class would be stored in **Time.java**
- **How can we use the Time class in our program?**
  - We simply put the Time.java file in the same folder as our program and compile both using “javac” or similar tool
  - The Java run time system will automatically combine the Java class files when you run the program



# TIME CLASS EXAMPLE

```
public class Time
```

```
{
```

```
    // Private variables
```

```
    private int hour;
```

```
    private int minute;
```

```
    private int second;
```

```
    ...
```



These variable declarations define the data fields inside the Time class

# TIME CLASS EXAMPLE

...

// Constructors

```
public Time() { }
```

```
public Time(int h, int m, int s) { }
```



The constructor methods will  
**initialize** the data fields

// Setter methods

```
public void setHour(int h) { }
```

```
public void setMinute(int m) { }
```

```
public void setSecond(int s) { }
```

...

# TIME CLASS EXAMPLE

...

// Constructors

```
public Time() { }
```

```
public Time(int h, int m, int s) { }
```

// Setter methods


```
public void setHour(int h) { }
```

```
public void setMinute(int m) { }
```

```
public void setSecond(int s) { }
```

...

The setter methods will let users **change** the data fields. The name of the data field is normally part of the method name



# TIME CLASS EXAMPLE

...

// Getter methods

```
public int getHour() { }
```

```
public int getMinute() { }
```

```
public int getMinute() { }
```



The getter methods will let users access the **values** of data fields.

The name of the data field is normally part of the method name

// Other methods

```
public void read() { }
```

```
public void print() { }
```

```
}
```

# TIME CLASS EXAMPLE

...

// Getter methods

```
public int getHour() { }
```

```
public int getMinute() { }
```

```
public int getMinute() { }
```

// Other methods

```
public void read() { }
```

```
public void print() { }
```

```
}
```



We define other methods that use or manipulate data fields here

# TIME CLASS EXAMPLE

- **It is possible to extend the Time class in many ways**
  - Add more data fields (eg. days, microseconds)
  - Add more methods to manipulate Time values
  - A method to print time in military time
  - A method to compare two time values
  - A method to add H hours, M minutes, S seconds
  - A method to subtract H hours, M minutes, S seconds

# SUMMARY

- **A Java class is used to bundle together data and operations that make up an abstract data type (ADT)**
  - Data fields are stored in class variables
  - Operations on this data are defined by methods
- **The class definition also tells us how to use a class**
  - public methods (and variables) can be accessed
  - private variables (and methods) are **hidden** from users
  - The Java compiler will give us error messages if we attempt to break these rules

# CLASSES

## PART 2

## IMPLEMENTING CLASSES



# IMPLEMENTING CLASSES

- **To complete the implementation of a Java class we must fill in the body of the methods we declared above**
  - We are allowed to access the method parameters and define local variables to perform calculations
  - We are also allowed to **access and modify** all of the private variables in this class
- **Information hiding**
  - We are not allowed to directly access or modify private variables from another class
  - Other classes are not allowed to directly access or modify the private variables in this class

# IMPLEMENTING CLASSES

- The first methods we implement are the **constructors**
  - The default constructor has no parameters, so we have to choose a sensible default value for each private variable

```
public Time()  
{  
    hour = 0;  
    minute = 0;  
    second = 0;  
}
```

# IMPLEMENTING CLASSES

- The first methods we implement are the **constructors**
  - The second constructor typically has parameters to initialize each of the private variables

```
public Time(int h, int m, int s)
{
    hour = h;
    minute = m;
    second = s;
}
```

# IMPLEMENTING CLASSES

- Next we implement are the **setters** to store the parameter values in the private variables
  - We can add error checking later to ensure that the values being stored are valid (e.g. minutes between 0..59)

```
public void setHour(int h)
{
    hour = h;
}
```

```
public void setMinute(int m)
{
    minute = m;
}
```

```
...
```

# IMPLEMENTING CLASSES

- Next we implement are the **getters** to return the current value of private variables
  - The return type of each getter should match the data type of the corresponding private variable

```
public int getHour()  
{  
    return hour;  
}
```

```
public int getMinute()  
{  
    return minute;  
}
```

```
...
```

# IMPLEMENTING CLASSES

- Finally we implement the remaining methods in the class

```
public void read()
{
    Scanner scnr = new Scanner(System.in);
    System.out.print("Enter hour: ");
    hour = scnr.nextInt();
    System.out.print("Enter minute: ");
    minute = scnr.nextInt();
    System.out.print("Enter second: ");
    second = scnr.nextInt();
}
```

# IMPLEMENTING CLASSES

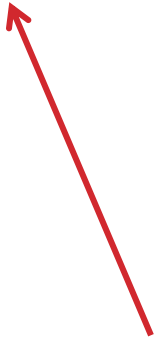
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```
public void print()
{
    // Basic output of time variables
    System.out.println("Hour: " + hour);
    System.out.println("Minute: " + minute);
    System.out.println("Second: " + second);
}
```

# IMPLEMENTING CLASSES

- Finally we implement the remaining methods in the class

```
public void print()  
{  
    // Formatted output of Time variables  
    System.out.printf("%02d:%02d:%02d",  
        hour, minute, second);  
}
```



Each time variable is printed as an integer in a field 2 characters wide and with leading zeros

Example: 12:04:07



# CODE DEMO

**Time1.java**

# ERROR CHECKING

- **How should we test that a Time value is valid?**
  - We need to check that the hour, minute, second values are always within their expected 0..23, 0..59, 0..59 ranges
- **How should we correct invalid Time values?**
  - Simple solution uses modulo arithmetic to “wrap around” any overflow that occurs (10:66:90 becomes 10:06:30)
  - Fancy solution “wraps around and carries” the hour, minute, second values (10:66:90 becomes 11:07:30)
  - Change the hour/min/sec values to min/max value (10:66:90 becomes 10:59:59)

# ERROR CHECKING

// Simple time validation

hour = hour % 24;

minute = minute % 60;

second = second % 60;



This method will “wrap around” any value overflows

It will **not** change valid hour, minute, second values

# ERROR CHECKING

// Fancy time validation

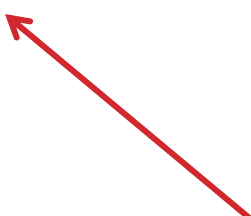
```
minute = minute + second / 60;
```

```
second = second % 60;
```

```
hour = hour + minute / 60;
```

```
minute = minute % 60;
```

```
hour = hour % 24;
```



This method will “wrap around and carries” any value overflows

It will **not** change valid hour, minute, second values

# ERROR CHECKING

- **Private variables can be updated in several places in the Time class (the constructor method and setter methods)**
  - We can put error checking code in a **helper** method
  - This helper method is not intended for users of this class, so we can make it a **private** method
  - We can call helper method in any method in the class


```
private void correctTime()  
{  
    // Put error checking code here  
}
```

# ERROR CHECKING

- We call the helper function when Time value is set

```
public Time(int h, int m, int s)
{
    hour = h;
    minute = m;
    second = s;
    correctTime();
}
```

This will fix any errors in  
hour, minute, second when  
the Time object is created




# ERROR CHECKING

- We also call helper function when Time value is changed

```
public void setSecond(int s)
{
    second = s;
    correctTime();
}
```

This will fix any errors in  
hour, minute, second when  
the second value is changed



# SUMMARY

- **To complete the implementation of Java class we fill in the bodies of all of the methods in the class**
  - Start with constructors and getters and setters
  - Then complete the read and print methods
  - Make sure these compile before working on other methods
  - Finally add error checking/correction **after** all of the basic operations are completed
- **Incremental development**
  - It is almost always faster and easier to edit, compile, debug methods one at a time than all at once




# CLASSES

**PART 3**

**USING CLASSES**

# CREATING OBJECTS

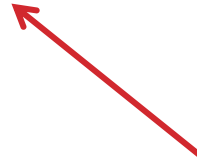
- **Java objects are essentially variables of the abstract data type we defined in our Java class**
  - In Java parlance, an object is an “instance of the class”
- **We create objects in Java as follows:**
  - `class_name object_name = new class_name( params );`



We use the class  
name in two places

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This object is initialized  
using these parameters

# CREATING OBJECTS

- Time class example

```
// Creating time1 = 00:00:00
```

```
Time time1 = new Time();
```

```
// Creating time2 = 01:02:03
```

```
Time time2 = new Time(1, 2, 3);
```

# CALLING METHODS

- **To call a public method on an object, we must tell the Java compiler which object to send to the method**
  - This is done with the following “dot notation”
  - `object_name.method_name( params );`
- **Java will send the specified object into the method as an “implicit parameter”**
  - This allows the method to have access to the private data fields in the object

# CALLING METHODS

- The Java compiler will only let us access **public** methods
  - You will get errors if you attempt to access the private data fields in the class using the dot notation

```
Time time3 = new Time(4,5,6);  
time3.minute = 42;
```



This will cause a  
compiler error

# CALLING METHODS

- **Time class example**

```
// Creating time1 = 00:00:00  
Time time1 = new Time();
```

```
// Change time values  
time1.setHour(11);  
time1.setSecond(42);
```

```
// Print time values  
time1.print();  
System.out.println("minute = " + time1.getMinute());
```

# UNIT TESTING

- **You should always test all of the methods in a class before using it in another program**
  - One way to do this is to add a “unitTest” method in the class when it is being implemented
  - This method should be a static method (which does not have direct access to private variables of an object)
  - The “unitTest” method should call all methods with typical parameters, and verify that they are working correctly



# UNIT TESTING

- Time class example

```
public static unitTest()  
{  
    Time time1 = new Time();  
    time1.setHour(1);  
    time1.setMinute(2);  
    time1.setSecond(3);  
    time1.print();  
    ...  
}
```

Testing the set methods

Should print 01:02:03

# UNIT TESTING

Testing the get methods




...

```
System.out.println("hour = " + time1.getHour());  
System.out.println("minute = " + time1.getMinute());  
System.out.println("second = " + time1.getSecond());
```

```
Time time2 = new Time(1, 2, 321);  
time2.print();
```

Testing error correction in  
the constructor method



...

Should print 01:07:21



# SUMMARY

- **In this section, we saw how to create Java objects and call methods using these objects**
  - Must use “dot notation” to call methods
  - We can only access **public** methods in a class
  - Java will stop us from using **private** variables directly
- **Unit testing is strongly recommended**
  - Test all of the methods with normal parameter values
  - Test error checking code by calling methods with abnormal parameter values

# CLASSES

## PART 3

## SIMPLE CLASS EXAMPLES

# SIMPLE CLASS EXAMPLES

- The goal of object oriented programming is to create applications that build upon a collection of a classes
- There are three steps to this design process:
  - Decide what information is needed to describe object
    - What private **variables** to declare
  - Decide what operations on the object are necessary
    - What public **methods** to create
  - Decide how to build applications using class
    - How to create and use objects in a program

# SIMPLE CLASS EXAMPLES

- **In this section, we will illustrate object oriented programming by creating two simple classes:**
  - **Student class**
    - Stores basic information about a student
    - Very basic operations to access information
    - Could be used as part of large university database
  - **Linear class**
    - Store information about linear equations
    - Classic mathematical operations for linear equations
    - Could be used in an engineering application

# STUDENT CLASS

- **What student information might be of interest?**
  - Student ID number (int)
  - First name, middle name, last name (string)
  - Home address, campus address (string)
  - ACT, SAT test scores (int)
  - Undergraduate major (string)
  - Current GPA (float)
- **We store information in **private** variables in the class**

# STUDENT CLASS

- **What operations could we perform on a student?**
  - Change address
  - Update test scores
  - Change major
  - Update GPA
  - Print all information
- **We use `get` and `set` methods and other methods to implement operations**



# STUDENT CLASS

```
public class Student
{
    // Private variables
    private int ID;
    private String Name;
    private String Address;
    private float GPA;
    ...
}
```



These variable declarations define the data fields inside the Student class

# STUDENT CLASS

// Default constructor

```
public Student()
```

```
{
```

```
    ID = 0;
```


```
    Name = "name";
```

```
    Address = "address";
```

```
    GPA = 0.0;
```

```
}
```

We choose  
default values  
for all variables



# STUDENT CLASS

// Getters

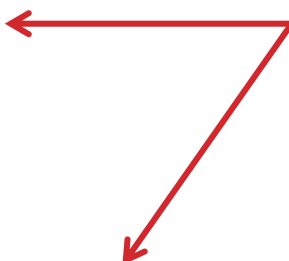
```
public int getID() { return ID; }
```

```
public String getName() { return Name; }
```

```
public String getAddress() { return Address; }
```

```
public float getGPA() { return GPA; }
```

One line getters and  
setters save space  
in the program



// Setters

```
public void setID(int id) { ID = id; }
```

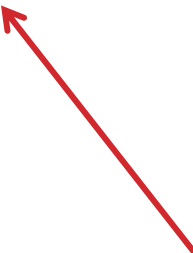
```
public void setName(String name) { Name = name; }
```

```
public void setAddress(String address) { Address = address; }
```

```
public void setGPA(float gpa) { GPA = gpa; }
```

# STUDENT CLASS

```
// Print method
public void print()
{
    System.out.println("ID: " + ID);
    System.out.println("GPA: " + GPA);
    System.out.println("Name: " + Name);
    System.out.println("Address: " + Address);
}
```



The format of the output  
may depend on the needs  
of the application

# STUDENT CLASS

// Main program

```
public static void main(String[] args)
```

```
{
```

```
    System.out.println("Testing the Student class");
```

```
    Student test = new Student();
```

```
    test.setID(123456);
```

```
    test.setName("John Gauch");
```


```
    test.setAddress("518 JB Hunt");
```

```
    test.setGPA(3.14);
```

```
    test.print();
```

```
}
```

We can test the Student class by calling each of the methods



# STUDENT CLASS

## Testing the Student class

ID: 123456

GPA: 3.14

Name: John Smith

Address: 518 JB Hunt

# CODE DEMO

**Student.java**

# LINEAR CLASS

- **How can we represent a linear equation?**
  - Slope intercept formula:  $y = mx + b$ 
    - Store  $m$ ,  $b$  values
  - Geometric formula:  $(n_x, n_y) \cdot (x, y) = d$ 
    - Store normal  $(n_x, n_y)$  and distance from origin  $d$
  - Parametric formula:  $(x_1, y_1) + t(x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1)$ 
    - Store points on line  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$
  - Classic formula:  $ax + by + c = 0$ 
    - Store  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  values
- **We can store the linear equation in one way, and convert to any of the other representations as needed**



# LINEAR CLASS

- **What operations could we perform on a linear equation?**
  - Get and set the line equation coefficients
  - Print the line in  $y=mx+b$  or  $ax+by+c=0$  format
  - Check if line is vertical or horizontal
  - Check if two lines are parallel or perpendicular
  - Solve for  $x$  when given  $y$
  - Solve for  $y$  when given  $x$
  - Calculate the **intersection** point of two lines
  - Calculate distance from a point to the line
- **Users of this class do not need to know how these operations are implemented – just how to call them**

# LINEAR CLASS

```
public class Linear
```

```
{
```

```
    // Private variables
```

```
    private double A;
```

```
    private double B;
```

```
    private double C;
```

```
    ...
```

We are using the  
 $Ax + By + C = 0$   
line representation



# LINEAR CLASS

```
public Linear() {
```


```
    A = 0;
```

```
    B = 0;
```

```
    C = 0;
```

```
}
```

The default constructor  
sets line equation to  
 $0x + 0y + 0 = 0$



```
public Linear(double a, double b, double c) {
```


```
    A = a;
```

```
    B = b;
```

```
    C = c;
```

```
}
```

The non-default constructor  
sets line equation to  
 $ax + by + c = 0$



# LINEAR CLASS

// Setter methods

```
public void setA(double a) { A = a; }
```

```
public void setB(double b) { B = b; }
```

```
public void setC(double c) { C = c; }
```

// Getter methods

```
public double getA() { return A; }
```

```
public double getB() { return B; }
```

```
public double getC() { return C; }
```

# LINEAR CLASS

// Check if line is vertical

```
public Boolean isVertical()
```

```
{
```

```
    return (B == 0);
```

```
}
```

// Check if line is horizontal

```
public Boolean isHorizontal()
```

```
{
```

```
    return (A == 0);
```

```
}
```

# LINEAR CLASS

// Solve  $Ax + By + C = 0$  for  $x$  given  $y$

```
public double solveForX(double y)
```

```
{
```

```
    if (A == 0)
```

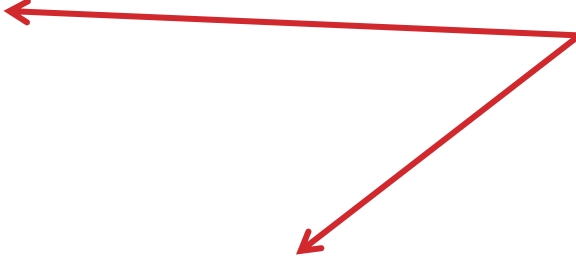
```
        return 0;
```

```
    else
```

```
        return -(B * y + C) / A;
```

```
}
```

We must check value of  $A$   
to avoid a divide by zero



# LINEAR CLASS

// Solve  $Ax + By + C = 0$  for  $y$  given  $x$

```
public double solveForY(double x)
```

```
{
```

```
    if (B == 0)
```

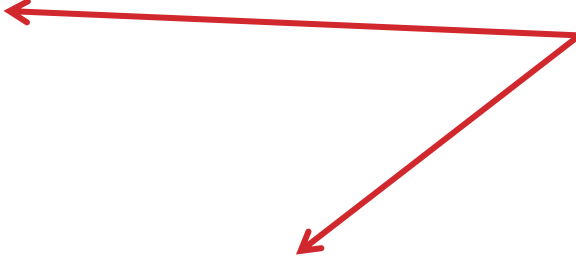
```
        return 0;
```

```
    else
```

```
        return  $-(A * x + C) / B$ ;
```

```
}
```

We must check value of  $B$   
to avoid a divide by zero



# LINEAR CLASS

// Print methods

```
public String toString()
```

```
{
```

```
    return String.format("%3.2fx + %3.2fy + %3.2f = 0", A, B, C);
```

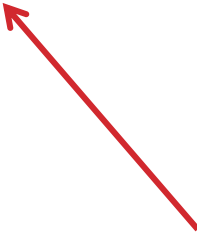
```
}
```

```
public void print()
```


```
{
```

```
    System.out.println(toString());
```

```
}
```



Here we create formatted string for the line equation



Here we print the formatted string out to the screen



# LINEAR CLASS

// Main program

```
public static void main(String[] args)
```

```
{
```

```
    System.out.println("Testing the Linear class");
```

```
    Linear eq1 = new Linear(1,2,3);
```

```
    System.out.println("\nLine equation: " + eq1.toString());
```

```
    System.out.println("\nLine vertical = " + eq1.isVertical());
```

```
    System.out.println("\nLine horizontal = " + eq1.isHorizontal());
```

```
    ...
```

# LINEAR CLASS

```
Linear eq2 = new Linear(0,1,2);  
System.out.println("\nLine equation: " + eq2.toString());  
System.out.println("\nLine vertical = " + eq2.isVertical());  
System.out.println("\nLine horizontal = " + eq2.isHorizontal());
```

```
Linear eq3 = new Linear(3,0,1);  
System.out.print("\nLine equation: "); eq3.println();  
System.out.println("\nLine vertical = " + eq3.isVertical());  
System.out.println("\nLine horizontal = " + eq3.isHorizontal());  
}
```

# LINEAR CLASS

## Testing the Linear class

Line equation:  $1.00x + 2.00y + 3.00 = 0$

Line vertical = false

Line horizontal = false

# LINEAR CLASS

...

Line equation:  $0.00x + 1.00y + 2.00 = 0$

Line vertical = false

Line horizontal = true

Line equation:  $3.00x + 0.00y + 1.00 = 0$

Line vertical = true

Line horizontal = false

# CODE DEMO

**Linear.java**

# SUMMARY

- **In this section, we showed how two simple classes could be defined, implemented, and used in a program**
  - The Student class illustrated how separate get/set methods could be used for each private variable
  - The Student class methods do not have any error checking, but this could be added (eg.  $GPA < 4.0$ )
  - The Linear class uses get/set methods with multiple parameters to access/store private variables
  - The Linear class illustrated how the toString method can simplify print methods

# CLASSES

**PART 4**

**ADVANCED CLASSES**

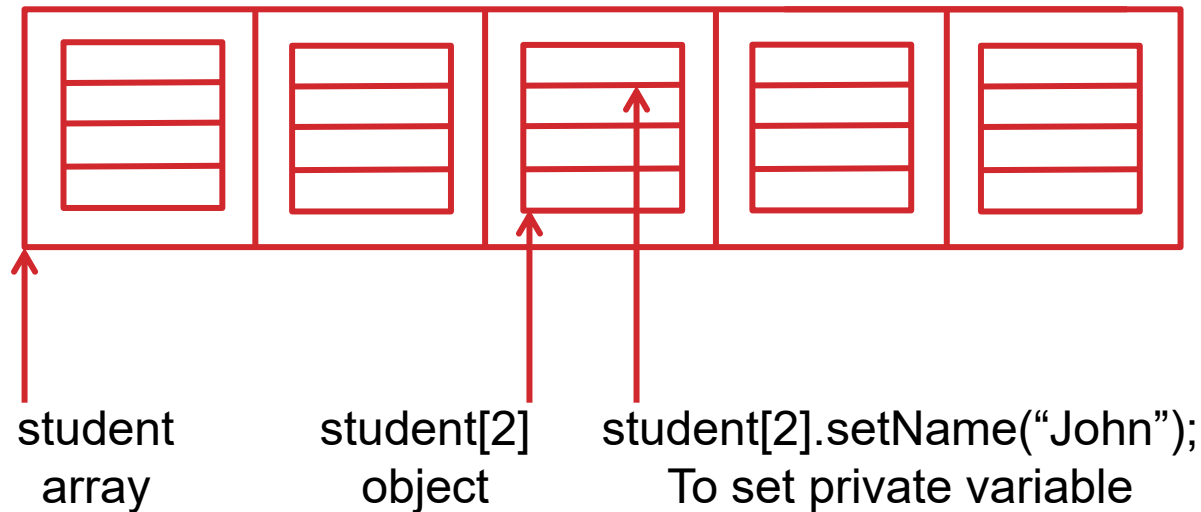
# ADVANCED CLASSES

- **Now that we have created a class, we can use it as a building block to create more complex classes**
  - We can create arrays of objects
  - We can nest objects within other objects
  - We can pass objects as parameters into methods
  - We can return objects from methods
  - We can define private “helper” methods in a class
  - We can define public constants or variables in a class
  - We can copy objects with a “copy constructor method”
  - We can compare objects with a “compare method”



# ARRAYS OF OBJECTS

- An array of objects can be used to store data
  - "Student[] student = new Student[5]" creates an array of five objects to store all student information

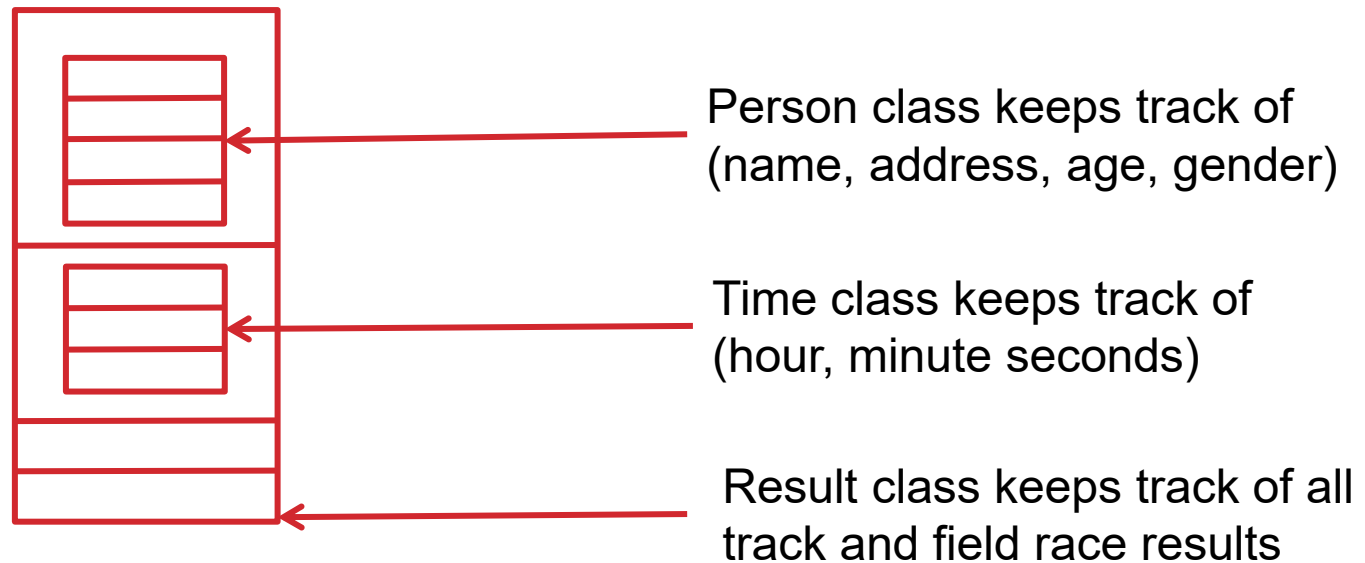


# ARRAYS OF OBJECTS

```
// Main program
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    System.out.println("Testing the Student class");
    Student student[] = new Student[5];
    student[2].setID(123456);
    student[2].setName("John");
    student[2].setAddress("123 Main Street");
    student[2].setGPA(3.45);
    student[2].print();
}
```

# OBJECTS WITHIN OBJECTS

- **A class can contain other objects as private variables**
  - By nesting classes we can build more complex ADTs
  - For example, we can store track and field race results using a class that contains two other classes



# OBJECTS WITHIN OBJECTS

```
public class Person
{
    private String name;
    private String address;
    private int age;
    private char gender;
    ...
}
```

# OBJECTS WITHIN OBJECTS

```
public class Time
{
    private int hour;
    private int minute;
    private int second;
    ...
}
```

# OBJECTS WITHIN OBJECTS

```
public class Result
{
    private Person person;
    private String event_name;
    private Time event_time;
    private boolean disqualified;
    private int event_position;

    ...
}
```

# OBJECTS AS PARAMETERS

- **Objects can be passed as parameters into methods**
  - A **reference** to the object is sent to the method
  - The method can **access** and **change** attributes of the object by calling methods of the object's class
- **Example:**
  - The Event class described above has Person and Time objects as private variables.
  - To store or manipulate these objects in the Event class they need to be passed into methods as **parameters**

# OBJECTS AS PARAMETERS

```
public class Result
```

```
{
```

```
    public void setPerson(Person p)
```

```
    {
```

```
        person = new Person(p);
```

```
    }
```


```
    public void setEventTime(Time t)
```

```
    {
```


```
        event_time = new Time(t);
```

```
    }
```

We should **not** use “person = p”  
because that would not make a  
copy of the Person object



Similarly, we should use the  
Time copy constructor to save  
the time value





# RETURNING OBJECTS

- **An object can also be used as a return type for a method**
  - This lets us return more information from a method
  - We need to create and initialize the return object
  - We can use the returned object in our program
- **Example:**
  - The Event class described above has Person and Time objects as private variables.
  - The getPerson and getEventTime methods in the Event class need to return these objects

# RETURNING OBJECTS

```
public class Result
{
    public Person getPerson()
    {
        return person;
    }
    public Person getEventTime()
    {
        return event_time;
    }
}
```

# PRIVATE METHODS

- **We are allowed to make methods in a class private**
  - Use the keyword “private” when declaring the method
  - Private methods can be called by other methods in the class, but **can not** be called from outside the class
  - This is useful for error checking operations we need to implement the class, but the user does not need
- **Example:**
  - The “private void correctTime()” method in the Time class ensures that the hour, minute, second are valid

# PUBLIC VARIABLES

- **We are allowed to make variables in a class public**
  - Use the keyword “public” when declaring the variable
  - Public variables can be **read and modified** by users of the class in the main program
  - Some programmers will do this on purpose to avoid the overhead/inconvenience of get/set methods
  - Public variables will break the data hiding principal in object oriented programming, so it is **not recommended**

# PUBLIC CONSTANTS

- **We can declare public constants in a class**
  - We use “public static final” to declare a constant
  - By convention, the name of the constant should be in capital letters (e.g. `public static final int MAGIC = 42;`)
- **Static constants can be used to:**
  - Specify the size of a private array
  - Specify the min/max values on private variables
  - Specify Boolean flags for debugging or printing
  - Specify mathematical constants (e.g. `PI`)

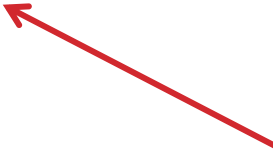
# COPY CONSTRUCTOR

- **Assignment of objects**
  - Assume thing1 and thing2 are objects of the same class
  - We are allowed to type “thing2 = thing1;”
  - This does NOT do a field-by-field copy of thing1 to thing2
  - Instead, thing2 now **refers** to thing1
  - Any change we make to thing2 will really change thing1
  - Any change we make to thing1 will be visible to thing2
- **We need to implement a **copy constructor** to make a field-by-field copy of one object into another**
  - Eg. thing2 = new Thing(thing1);

# COPY CONSTRUCTOR

- The copy constructor must copy all data fields from the input object into the data fields of object being created

```
public Thing(Thing thing)
{
    field1 = thing.field1;
    field2 = thing.field2;
    field3 = thing.field3;
    ...
}
```



We can access the data fields of thing because we are inside the Thing class

# COMPARE METHOD

- **Comparison of two objects**
  - Assume thing1 and thing2 are objects of the same class
  - We are allowed to type “if (thing2 == thing1)”
  - Unfortunately this does NOT do a field-by-field comparison
  - It tests to see if thing1 and thing2 refer to the **same object**
- **In order to compare two objects on a field-by-field basis we need to implement a **compare** method**
  - Eg: if (thing1.compare(thing2) == 0) // returns 0 if equal



# COMPARE METHOD

- The implementation of a compare method should compare all of the the fields of the input object and return 1, 0, -1

```
public int compare(Thing thing)
```

```
{
```

```
    if (field1 - thing.field1 > 0) return 1;
```

```
    if (field1 - thing.field1 < 0) return -1;
```

```
    if (field2 - thing.field2 > 0) return 1;
```

```
    if (field2 - thing.field2 < 0) return -1
```

```
    ...
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

We return 1 if object  
is larger and -1 if the  
parameter is larger

We return 0 if all object fields  
are equal to each other

# COMPARE METHOD

- The implementation of a compare method should compare all of the the fields of the input object and return 1, 0, -1

```
public int compare(Thing thing)
{
    if (field1 > thing.field1) return 1;
    if (field1 < thing.field1) return -1;
    if (field2 > thing.field2) return 1;
    if (field2 < thing.field2) return -1
    ...
    return 0;
}
```

← We return 1 if object  
← is larger and -1 if the  
parameter is larger

← We return 0 if all object fields  
are equal to each other

# SUMMARY

- **In this section, we discussed the following:**
  - Composite classes (arrays of objects, nested objects)
  - Assignment and comparison of objects
  - Using objects as parameters and return values
  - Private methods and public variables
  - Static constants
  - Copy constructors
  - Compare methods

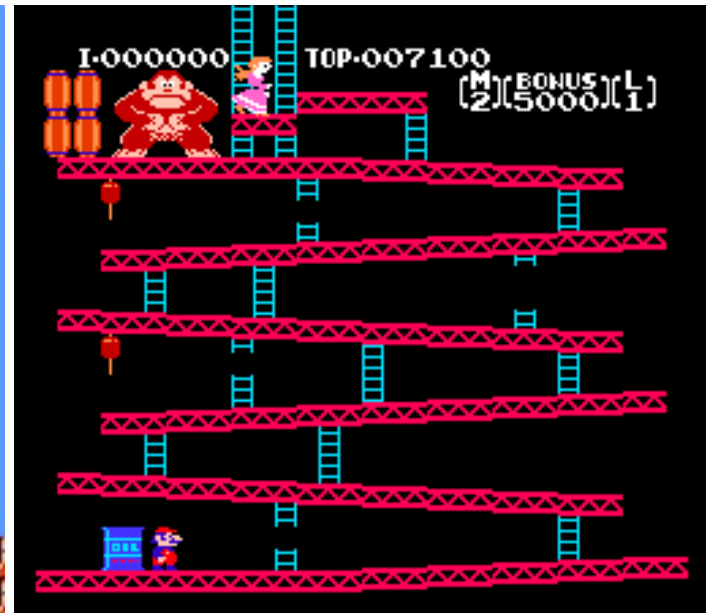
# CLASSES

## PART 5

## ADVANCED CLASS EXAMPLES

# ADVANCED CLASS EXAMPLES

- Consider the problem of creating a 2D platform video game like Super Mario Bros or Donkey Kong



Sample game images from Wikipedia

# ADVANCED CLASS EXAMPLES

- **What do we need to know to implement this game?**
  - We need to know the **location** of players on the screen
  - We need geometric **models** for platforms and objects
  - We need **images** of players, clouds, trees, etc.
- **We can use a collection of classes to store geometric information and implement operations on this data**
  - We can build models using Points, Lines and Polygons
  - These classes will demonstrate many of the advanced Java features discussed in the previous section

# POINT CLASS

- **What data do we need to store?**
  - For a 2D point we need the (x,y) coordinates
- **What operations do we need to implement?**
  - Basic get and set methods
  - Some way to print or display points
  - Distance between two points
  - Geometric transformations (translate, rotate, scale)

# POINT CLASS

```
public class Point
```

```
{
```

```
    // Private variables
```

```
    private double X;
```

```
    private double Y;
```

← Private variables

```
    // Constructors
```

```
    public Point()
```

```
{
```

```
    X = 0;
```

```
    Y = 0;
```

```
}
```

← Basic constructor

```
...
```



# POINT CLASS

...

```
public Point(double x, double y)
{
    X = x;
    Y = y;
}
```

← Constructor with parameters

```
public Point(Point p)
{
    X = p.X;
    Y = p.Y;
}
```

← Copy constructor

# POINT CLASS

// Setter methods

```
public void setX(double x) { X = x; }  
public void setY(double y) { Y = y; }
```

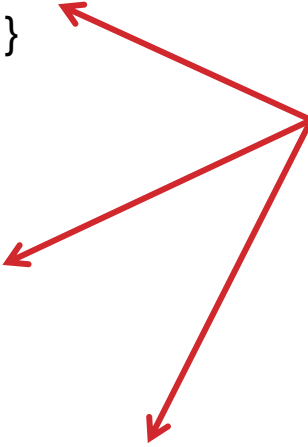
// Getter methods

```
public double getX() { return X; }  
public double getY() { return Y; }
```

// Print methods

```
public String toString() { return String.format("(%3.2f, %3.2f)", X, Y); }  
public void print() { System.out.print(toString()); }  
public void println() { System.out.println(toString()); }
```

Setter, getter, toString  
and print methods



# POINT CLASS

```
public double distance(Point point)
```

```
{  
    double dx = X - point.X;  
    double dy = Y - point.Y;  
    return Math.sqrt(dx*dx + dy*dy);  
}
```

← Calculate distance  
between two Points

```
public void translate(double dx, double dy)
```


```
{  
    X += dx;  
    Y += dy;  
}
```

← Translate the (x,y)  
coordinates of Point

# POINT CLASS

```
public void rotate(double angle)
```


```
{  
    double newX = X * Math.cos(angle) - Y * Math.sin(angle);  
    double newY = X * Math.sin(angle) + Y * Math.cos(angle);  
    X = newX;  
    Y = newY;  
}
```



Rotate the (x,y)  
coordinates of Point

```
public void scale(double sx, double sy)
```

```
{  
    X *= sx;  
    Y *= sy;  
}
```



Scale the (x,y)  
coordinates of Point

# POINT CLASS

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    System.out.println("\nTesting the Point class");

    // Test constructors and print methods
    Point p1 = new Point();
    System.out.println("p1 = " + p1.toString());
    Point p2 = new Point( 3,7 );
    System.out.println("p2 = " + p2.toString());
    Point p3 = new Point( p2 );
    System.out.print("p3 = "); p3.println();

    ...
}
```

# POINT CLASS

...

**// Test distance calculations**

```
double distance = p1.distance(p2);
```

```
System.out.println("p1.distance(p2) = " + distance);
```

```
System.out.println("p1.distance(p3) = " + p1.distance(p3));
```

```
System.out.println("p2.distance(p3) = " + p2.distance(p3));
```

...

# POINT CLASS

...

**// Test geometric operations**

p1.translate(1, -2);

System.out.println("p1.translate(1, -2) = " + p1.toString());

p2.rotate(Math.PI/2);

System.out.println("p2.rotate(PI/2) = " + p2.toString());

p3.scale(1.5, 0.5);

System.out.print("p3.scale(1.5, 0.5) = "); p3.println();

}

# POINT CLASS

## Sample Program Output

Testing the Point class

p1 = (0.00, 0.00)

p2 = (3.00, 7.00)

p3 = (3.00, 7.00)

p1.distance(p2) = 7.615773105863909

p1.distance(p3) = 7.615773105863909

p2.distance(p3) = 0.0

p1.translate(1, -2) = (1.00, -2.00)

p2.rotate( $\text{PI}/2$ ) = (-7.00, 3.00)

p3.scale(1.5, 0.5) = (4.50, 3.50)



# CODE DEMO

**Point.java**

# LINE CLASS

- **What data do we need to store?**
  - Lines can be defined in terms of **two Points** on the line
  - From this, we can derive  $Ax+By+C=0$  line equation
- **What operations do we need to implement?**
  - Basic get and set methods
  - Some way to print or display lines
  - Geometric transformations (translate, rotate, scale)
  - Distance between points and a line
  - Intersection of two lines

# LINE CLASS

```
public class Line
```

```
{  
    // Private variables  
    private Point point1;  
    private Point point2;
```

← Private variables of Line  
are two Point objects

```
    // Constructors
```

```
    public Line()
```

```
{  
    point1 = new Point(0,0);  
    point2 = new Point(0,0);
```

← Constructor creates two  
Points that define Line

```
    ...  
}
```

# LINE CLASS

```
...  
public Line(Point p1, Point p2)  
{  
    point1 = new Point(p1);  
    point2 = new Point(p2);  
}  
  
public Line(Line line)  
{  
    point1 = new Point(line.point1);  
    point2 = new Point(line.point2);  
}
```

← Constructor with two Points that define Line

← Copy constructor with Line parameter

# LINE CLASS

...

```
public Line(double x1, double y1, double x2, double y2)
```


```
{
```

```
    point1 = new Point(x1, y1);
```

```
    point2 = new Point(x2, y2);
```

```
}
```

Constructor with four  
Point coordinates that  
define Line



# LINE CLASS

...

// Setter methods

```
public void setP1(Point p) { point1 = new Point(p); }
```

```
public void setP2(Point p) { point2 = new Point(p); }
```

← We must make copies of the Point parameters

// Getter methods

```
public Point getP1() { return new Point(point1); }
```

```
public Point getP2() { return new Point(point2); }
```

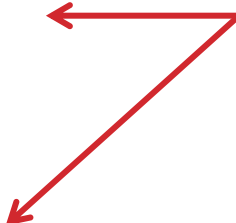


We must return new Points instead of returning references to private variables

# LINE CLASS

```
...  
// Print methods  
public String toString()  
{  
    return String.format("%s -> %s",  
        point1.toString(), point2.toString());  
}  
  
public void print() { System.out.print(toString()); }  
public void println() { System.out.println(toString()); }
```


Defining toString and  
print methods



# LINE CLASS

```
...  
// Geometric methods  
public void rotate(double angle)  
{ point1.rotate(angle);  
  point2.rotate(angle); }  
  
public void translate(double dx, double dy)  
{ point1.translate(dx,dy);  
  point2.translate(dx,dy); }  
  
public void scale(double sx, double sy)  
{ point1.scale(sx,sy);  
  point2.scale(sx,sy); }
```

Here we **call** Point methods to implement geometric operations





# LINE CLASS

...

// Distance method

public double distance(Point point)

{

double x = point.getX();

double y = point.getY();

double A = point2.getY() - point1.getY();

double B = point1.getX() - point2.getX();

double C = - A \* point2.getX() - B \* point2.getY();

return (A\*x + B\*y + C) / Math.sqrt(A\*A + B\*B);

}

# LINE CLASS

...

// Intersection method

public Point intersect(Line line)

{

double A1 = point2.getY() - point1.getY();

double B1 = point1.getX() - point2.getX();

double C1 = - A1 \* point2.getX() - B1 \* point2.getY();

double A2 = line.point2.getY() - line.point1.getY();

double B2 = line.point1.getX() - line.point2.getX();

double C2 = - A2 \* line.point2.getX() - B2 \* line.point2.getY();

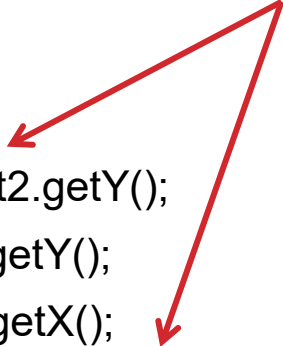
double x = (B1 \* C2 - C1 \* B2) / (A1 \* B2 - B1 \* A2);

double y = (A1 \* C2 - C1 \* A2) / (B1 \* A2 - A1 \* B2);

return new Point(x, y);

}

First we calculate two  
line equations based on  
Point coordinates



# LINE CLASS

...

// Intersection method

public **Point** intersect(Line line)

{

double A1 = point2.getY() - point1.getY();

double B1 = point1.getX() - point2.getX();

double C1 = - A1 \* point2.getX() - B1 \* point2.getY();

double A2 = line.point2.getY() - line.point1.getY();

double B2 = line.point1.getX() - line.point2.getX();

double C2 = - A2 \* line.point2.getX() - B2 \* line.point2.getY();

double x = (B1 \* C2 - C1 \* B2) / (A1 \* B2 - B1 \* A2);

double y = (A1 \* C2 - C1 \* A2) / (B1 \* A2 - A1 \* B2);

return new **Point**(x, y);



Next we calculate the  
line intersection Point  
(without error checking)

# LINE CLASS


...

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    System.out.println("\nTesting the Line class");

    // Test constructors
    // Test getters and setters
    // Test geometric methods
    // Test intersection method

}
```

Finally we perform unit testing on Line class by calling all of the methods



# CODE DEMO

**Line.java**

# POLYGON CLASS

- **What data do we need to store?**
  - A polygon object is a closed sequence of line segments
  - We can define a polygon using an **array of Points**
- **What operations do we need to implement?**
  - Basic get and set methods
  - Some way to print or display points
  - Geometric transformations (translate, rotate, scale)
  - Eventually want methods to draw polygons in a game

# POLYGON CLASS

```
public class Polygon
```

```
{
```

```
    // Private variables
```

```
    private static int MAX_POINTS = 10;
```

```
    private int point_count;
```

```
    private Point [ ] point_array;
```

```
    // Constructors
```

```
    public Polygon()
```

```
    {
```

```
        point_count = 0;
```

```
        point_array = new Point[MAX_POINTS];
```

```
    }
```

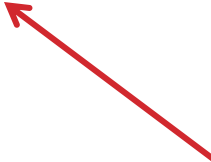
← Constant defines  
maximum number of  
Points in a Polygon

↙ We allocate empty  
array of Points and set  
point count to zero

# POLYGON CLASS

...

```
public Polygon(Polygon poly)
{
    point_count = poly.point_count;
    point_array = new Point[MAX_POINTS];
    for (int index = 0; index < point_count; index++)
        point_array[index] = new Point(poly.point_array[index]);
}
```



The copy constructor creates a **copy** of the array of Points from the Polygon parameter




# POLYGON CLASS

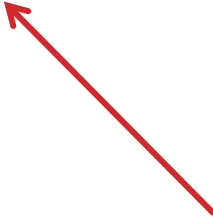
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```
// Setter method
public void addPoint(Point point)
{
    if (point_count < MAX_POINTS)
    {
        // point_array[point_count] = point;
        point_array[point_count] = new Point(point);
        point_count++;
    }
}
```

We should **not** save the Point this way because changes to the Polygon would also change the Point object in the main program



Here we save a **copy** of the Point in the next available array location and increment the counter



# POLYGON CLASS

...

// Getter method

```
public Point getPoint(int index)
```

```
{
```

```
    if ((index > 0) && (index < point_count))
```

```
        return new Point(point_array[index]);
```

```
    else
```

```
        return null;
```

```
}
```



This method returns one Point from the Polygon array or the value **null** if index is out of bounds

# POLYGON CLASS

...

// Print methods

```
public String toString()
```

```
{
```

```
    String result = "";
```

```
    for (int index = 0; index < point_count; index++)
```

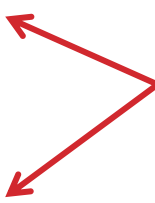
```
        result = result + point_array[index].toString() + " ";
```

```
    return result;
```

```
}
```

```
public void print() { System.out.print(toString()); }
```

```
public void println() { System.out.println(toString()); }
```



Defining toString and  
print methods

# POLYGON CLASS

...


// Geometric methods

```
public void translate(double dx, double dy)
{   for (int index = 0; index < point_count; index++)
    point_array[index].translate(dx,dy); }
```

```
public void rotate(double angle)
{   for (int index = 0; index < point_count; index++)
    point_array[index].rotate(angle); }
```

```
public void scale(double sx, double sy)
{   for (int index = 0; index < point_count; index++)
    point_array[index].scale(sx,sy); }
```

Here we **call** Point methods to implement geometric operations



# POLYGON CLASS

```
...  
public static void main(String[] args)  
{  
    System.out.println("\nTesting the Polygon class");  
  
    // Test Constructors and setters and getters  
    Polygon poly1 = new Polygon();  
    poly1.addPoint( new Point(3,7) );  
    poly1.addPoint( new Point(6,1) );  
    poly1.addPoint( new Point(4,5) );  
    System.out.println("poly1 = " + poly1.toString());  
    System.out.println("poly1.getPoint(1) = " + poly1.getPoint(1).toString());  
}
```

# POLYGON CLASS

...

**// Test constructors and setters and getters**

```
Polygon poly2 = new Polygon(poly1);
```

```
poly2.addPoint( new Point(2,8) );
```

```
poly2.addPoint( new Point(9,0) );
```

```
System.out.println("poly2 = " + poly2.toString());
```

```
System.out.println("poly2.getPoint(3) = " + poly2.getPoint(3).toString());
```

# POLYGON CLASS

...

**// Test geometric methods**

```
poly1.translate(1,1);
```

```
System.out.println("poly1.translate(1,1) = " + poly1.toString());
```

```
poly1.scale(0.5,2);
```

```
System.out.println("poly1.scale(0.5,2) = " + poly1.toString());
```

```
poly2.rotate(Math.PI/2);
```

```
System.out.println("poly2.rotate(PI/2) = " + poly2.toString());
```

```
}
```

# POLYGON CLASS

## Sample Program Output

Testing the Polygon class

```
poly1 = (3.00, 7.00) (6.00, 1.00) (4.00, 5.00)
```

```
poly1.getPoint(1) = (6.00, 1.00)
```

```
poly2 = (3.00, 7.00) (6.00, 1.00) (4.00, 5.00) (2.00, 8.00) (9.00, 0.00)
```

```
poly2.getPoint(3) = (2.00, 8.00)
```

```
poly1.translate(1,1) = (4.00, 8.00) (7.00, 2.00) (5.00, 6.00)
```

```
poly1.scale(0.5,2) = (2.00, 16.00) (3.50, 4.00) (2.50, 12.00)
```

```
poly2.rotate(PI/2) = (-7.00, 3.00) (-1.00, 6.00) (-5.00, 4.00)
```

```
(-8.00, 2.00) (0.00, 9.00)
```



# CODE DEMO

**Polygon.java**

# SUMMARY

- **In this section, we described three advanced classes**
  - The Point class stores (x,y) coordinates
  - The Line class is defined using two Point objects
  - The Polygon class is defined using an array of Points
  - The geometric operations in the Line class and the Polygon class call methods in the Point class
- **We also illustrated how to do unit testing**
  - Write main program that calls all methods in a class
  - Print results and verify correctness by hand