TOPS Technology

7. Constructors and Destructors

1) Constructor Types (Default, Parameterized)

Answer: In Java, a **constructor** is a special method used to initialize objects. It has the same name as the class and does not have a return type. Constructors are invoked automatically when an object of a class is created.

There are two primary types of constructors:

- 1. **Default Constructor:** A **default constructor** is a constructor that takes no parameters.
- 2. **Parameterized Constructor:** A **parameterized constructor** is a constructor that takes arguments to initialize the object with specific values.

2) Copy Constructor (Emulated in Java)

Answer: Java does not provide a built-in copy constructor like in C++, but you can emulate it by creating a constructor that accepts an object of the same class and initializes the new object with the values of the pass object.

3) Constructor Overloading

Answer: Constructor Over loading is a feature in Java where multiple constructors in the same class have the **same name** but **different parameter lists**. It allows objects of the same class to be initialized in different ways.

4) Object Life Cycle and Garbage Collection

Answer: In Java, an **object life cycle** refers to the stages an object goes through during its existence in a program, from creation to garbage collection. Java manages memory automatically using a process called **garbage collection**, which removes unused objects to free up memory.

