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Implementation of Undo

- Review of Mental Models:
 - *gulf of execution* = user thinks function exists (person pushes pull door)
 - *gulf of evaluation* = user doesn't know function exists (that you must push a button to open door)
 - Full Model = encompasses everything that can be possibly used
 - Note: lecturer repeated the same exercises as the last lecture...
- What is ActionPerformed?
 - Higher level input (Command or Action object)
 - UI can "listen" for these events
 - doAction() → needs to be able to execute some action
 - undoAction() \rightarrow must be able to undo
 - Undo HW has AbstractAction and AbstractReversibleAction
 - Need to implement ChangeColorAction... etc
 - Store undo and redo actions in a Stack
 - Have maximum stack size
 - Clear the redo stack if user takes some action
- How to best implement undo?
 - Direct Code \rightarrow each action object has custom code
 - *Change Records* → keep record of old values for everything changed by application, then put all values in undo
 - Takes more space
 - More general
 - Cool ideas: make a menu showing user all of the actions they have taken and are undoable, users can skip multiple undos, delete an action from the middle, reorder actions... etc

Goals for HW5: *change Thickness*, add a floating action button, implement color picker to menu again, make modifications accessible (not including colorpicker), heuristic evaluations, *add a NEW accessible feature to app*