

Object Oriented Programing(OOP) Concepts

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Constructor

Modify the class Circle to include a third constructor for constructing a Circle instance with two arguments - a double for radius and a String for color.

```
// 3rd constructor to construct a new instance of Circle with the given radius and color
```

```
public Circle (double r, String c) { ..... }
```

Modify the test program TestCircle to construct an instance of Circle using this constructor.

Getter

Add a getter for variable color for retrieving the color of this instance.

```
// Getter for instance variable color  
public String getColor() { ..... }
```

Modify the test program to test this method.

public vs. Private

In TestCircle, can you access the instance variable radius directly (e.g., System.out.println(c1.radius)); or assign a new value to radius (e.g., c1.radius=5.0)? Try it out and explain the error messages.

Setter

Is there a need to change the values of radius and color of a Circle instance after it is constructed? If so, add two public methods called *setters* for changing the radius and color of a Circle instance as follows:

```
// Setter for instance variable radius
public void setRadius(double newRadius) {
    radius = newRadius;
}

// Setter for instance variable color
public void setColor(String newColor) { ..... }
```

Modify the TestCircle to test these methods, e.g.,

```
Circle c4 = new Circle(); // construct an instance of Circle
c4.setRadius(5.0);        // change radius
System.out.println("radius is: " + c4.getRadius()); // Print radius via getter
c4.setColor(".....");   // Change color
System.out.println("color is: " + c4.getColor());   // Print color via getter

// You cannot do the following because setRadius() returns void,
// which cannot be printed.
System.out.println(c4.setRadius(4.0));
```

Keyword "this"

Instead of using variable names such as r (for radius) and c (for color) in the methods' arguments, it is better to use variable names radius (for radius) and color (for color) and use the special keyword "this" to resolve the conflict between instance variables and methods' arguments. For example,

```
// Instance variable
private double radius;

// Constructor
public Circle(double radius) {
    this.radius = radius;    // "this.radius" refers to the instance variable
                             // "radius" refers to the method's parameter
    color = .....
}

// Setter of radius
public void setRadius(double radius) {
    this.radius = radius;    // "this.radius" refers to the instance variable
                             // "radius" refers to the method's argument
}
```

Modify ALL the constructors and setters in the Circle class to use the keyword "this".

Method toString():

Every well-designed Java class should contain a public method called `toString()` that returns a short description of the instance (in a return type of `String`). The `toString()` method can be called explicitly (via `instanceName.toString()`) just like any other method; or implicitly through `println()`. If an instance is passed to the `println(anInstance)` method, the `toString()` method of that instance will be invoked implicitly. For example, include the following `toString()` methods to the `Circle` class:

```
// Return a description of this instance in the form of
// Circle[radius=r,color=c]
public String toString() {
    return "Circle[radius=" + radius + " color=" + color + "];"
}
```

Try calling `toString()` method explicitly, just like any other method:

```
Circle c1 = new Circle(5.0);
System.out.println(c1.toString()); // explicit call
```

`toString()` is called implicitly when an instance is passed to `println()` method, for example,

```
Circle c2 = new Circle(1.2);
System.out.println(c2.toString()); // explicit call
System.out.println(c2);           // println() calls toString() implicitly,
same as above
System.out.println("Operator '+' invokes toString() too: " + c2); // '+'
invokes toString() too
```

The final class diagram for the Circle class is as follows:

