

COM2104: Advanced Programming

LECTURE 6: FURTHER KNOWLEDGE ABOUT
ARRAYLIST

Objectives

- Understand advanced sorting
- Know how to define your own rule for sorting objects
- Know how to apply lambda for functional interface and arraylist
- Know how to get min/max of an arraylist with numbers

Advanced Sorting

Java Advanced Sorting

- In the previous lecture, you learned how to sort lists alphabetically and numerically, but what if the list has **objects** in it?
- To sort objects you need to **specify a rule** that decides how objects should be sorted.
 - For example, if you have a list of cars you might want to sort them by year, the rule could be that cars with an earlier year go first.
- The **Comparator** and **Comparable** interfaces allow you to specify what rule is used to sort objects.

Comparators

- An object that implements the **Comparator** interface is called a comparator.
- The **Comparator** interface allows you to create a class with a **compare()** method that compares two objects to decide which one should go first in a list



Comparators

- The `compare()` method should return a number which is:
 - Negative if the **first** object should go first in a list.
 - Positive if the **second** object should go first in a list.
 - Zero if the order *does not matter*.



One example about Comparator

- A class that implements the **Comparator** interface might look something like this:

```
// Sort Car objects by year
class SortByYear implements Comparator {
    public int compare(Object obj1, Object obj2) {
        // Make sure that the objects are Car objects
        Car a = (Car) obj1;
        Car b = (Car) obj2;

        // Compare the objects
        if (a.year < b.year) return -1; // The first car has a smaller year
        if (a.year > b.year) return 1;  // The first car has a larger year
        return 0; // Both cars have the same year
    }
}
```

One basic Knowledge you should know

- For `object obj1`, we could use `a class name` to specify:
 - Like `Car obj1` means `obj1` is an instance of class `Car`.
 - `Car a = (Car) obj1;`
 - Like `Integer obj1` means `obj1` is an integer.
 - `Integer a = (Integer) obj1;`
 - Like `Double obj1` means `obj1` is a double.
 - `Double a = (Double) obj1;`

A complete example using a comparator

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.Comparator;

// Define a Car class
class Car {
    public String brand;
    public String model;
    public int year;

    public Car(String b, String m, int y) {
        brand = b;
        model = m;
        year = y;
    }
}

// Create a comparator
class SortByYear implements Comparator {
    public int compare(Object obj1, Object obj2) {
        // Make sure that the objects are Car objects
        Car a = (Car) obj1;
        Car b = (Car) obj2;

        // Compare the year of both objects
        if (a.year < b.year) return -1; // The first car has a smaller year
        if (a.year > b.year) return 1; // The first car has a larger year
        return 0; // Both cars have the same year
    }
}
```

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Create a list of cars
        ArrayList<Car> myCars = new ArrayList<Car>();
        myCars.add(new Car("BMW", "X5", 1999));
        myCars.add(new Car("Honda", "Accord", 2006));
        myCars.add(new Car("Ford", "Mustang", 1970));

        // Use a comparator to sort the cars
        Comparator myComparator = new SortByYear();
        Collections.sort(myCars, myComparator);

        // Display the cars
        for (Car c : myCars) {
            System.out.println(c.brand + " " + c.model + " " + c.year);
        }
    }
}
```

```
Ford Mustang 1970
BMW X5 1999
Honda Accord 2006
```

The explanation for the above example

```
// Sort Car objects by year
class SortByYear implements Comparator {
    public int compare(Object obj1, Object obj2) {
        // Make sure that the objects are Car objects
        Car a = (Car) obj1;
        Car b = (Car) obj2;

        // Compare the objects
        if (a.year < b.year) return -1; // The first car has a smaller year
        if (a.year > b.year) return 1;  // The first car has a larger year
        return 0; // Both cars have the same year
    }
}
```

```
// Use a comparator to sort the cars
Comparator myComparator = new SortByYear();
Collections.sort(myCars, myComparator);
```

We define our own rule
for sorting objects



When using our own rule, we need
to create one instance about
defined comparator first, then pass
it to the sorting method.

Special Sorting Rules

- Comparators can also be used to make special sorting rules for **strings and numbers**.
- For example, we could use a **comparator** to list all of the even numbers before the odd ones. (Next slide)



For Example

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.Comparator;

class SortEvenFirst implements Comparator {
    public int compare(Object obj1, Object obj2) {
        // Make sure the objects are integers
        Integer a = (Integer)obj1;
        Integer b = (Integer)obj2;

        // Check each number to see if it is even
        // A number is even if the remainder when dividing by 2 is 0
        boolean aIsEven = (a % 2) == 0;
        boolean bIsEven = (b % 2) == 0;

        if (aIsEven == bIsEven) {

            // If both numbers are even or both are odd then use normal sorting rules
            if (a < b) return -1;
            if (a > b) return 1;
            return 0;

        } else {

            // If a is even then it goes first, otherwise b goes first
            if (aIsEven) {
                return -1;
            } else {
                return 1;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        ArrayList<Integer> myNumbers = new ArrayList<Integer>();
        myNumbers.add(33);
        myNumbers.add(15);
        myNumbers.add(20);
        myNumbers.add(34);
        myNumbers.add(8);
        myNumbers.add(12);

        Comparator myComparator = new SortEvenFirst();
        Collections.sort(myNumbers, myComparator);

        for (int i : myNumbers) {
            System.out.println(i);
        }
    }
}
```

8
12
20
34
15
33



A further explanation for the above example

```
public int compare(Object obj1, Object obj2) {  
    // Make sure the objects are integers  
    Integer a = (Integer)obj1;  
    Integer b = (Integer)obj2;  
  
    // Check each number to see if it is even  
    // A number is even if the remainder when dividing by 2 is 0  
    boolean aIsEven = (a % 2) == 0;  
    boolean bIsEven = (b % 2) == 0;  
  
    if (aIsEven == bIsEven) {  
  
        // If both numbers are even or both are odd then use normal sorting rules  
        if (a < b) return -1;  
        if (a > b) return 1;  
        return 0;  
  
    } else {  
  
        // If a is even then it goes first, otherwise b goes first  
        if (aIsEven) {  
            return -1;  
        } else {  
            return 1;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

We first judge whether a or b are both even or odd. Then, using if-else statements to realize even number going first.



Comparable Interface

- The **Comparable** interface allows an object to **specify its own sorting rule** with a **compareTo()** method.
- The **compareTo()** method takes an object as an argument and compares the comparable with the argument to decide which one should go first in a list



Comparable Interface

- Like the comparator, the `compareTo()` method returns a number which is:
 - **Negative** if the comparable should go first in a list.
 - **Positive** if the other object should go first in a list.
 - **Zero** if the order does not matter.



One example about using Comparable interface

```
class Car implements Comparable {  
    public String brand;  
    public String model;  
    public int year;  
  
    // Decide how this object compares to other objects  
    public int compareTo(Object obj) {  
        Car other = (Car)obj;  
        if(year < other.year) return -1; // This object is smaller than the other one  
        if(year > other.year) return 1;  // This object is larger than the other one  
        return 0; // Both objects are the same  
    }  
}
```


The complete example of the above one

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.Comparator;

// Define a Car class which is comparable
class Car implements Comparable {
    public String brand;
    public String model;
    public int year;

    public Car(String b, String m, int y) {
        brand = b;
        model = m;
        year = y;
    }

    // Decide how this object compares to other objects
    public int compareTo(Object obj) {
        Car other = (Car)obj;
        if(year < other.year) return -1; // This object is smaller than the other one
        if(year > other.year) return 1;  // This object is larger than the other one
        return 0; // Both objects are the same
    }
}
```

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Create a list of cars
        ArrayList<Car> myCars = new ArrayList<Car>();
        myCars.add(new Car("BMW", "X5", 1999));
        myCars.add(new Car("Honda", "Accord", 2006));
        myCars.add(new Car("Ford", "Mustang", 1970));

        // Sort the cars
        Collections.sort(myCars);

        // Display the cars
        for (Car c : myCars) {
            System.out.println(c.brand + " " + c.model + " " + c.year);
        }
    }
}
```

```
Ford Mustang 1970
BMW X5 1999
Honda Accord 2006
```

A further explanation for the above example

Here, the class implements the Comparable interface and overwrites the compareTo() method.

```
class Car implements Comparable {  
    public String brand;  
    public String model;  
    public int year;  
  
    // Decide how this object compares to other objects  
    public int compareTo(Object obj) {  
        Car other = (Car)obj;  
        if(year < other.year) return -1; // This object is smaller than the other one  
        if(year > other.year) return 1;  // This object is larger than the other one  
        return 0; // Both objects are the same  
    }  
}
```



Comparator vs. Comparable

- A comparator is an object with one method that is used to compare two different objects.
- A comparable is an object which can compare itself with other objects.
- It is easier to use the Comparable interface when possible, but the Comparator interface is more powerful because it allows you to sort any kind of objects.

Lambda

AddAll and forEach of arraylist

1. Collections.addAll() method could add multiple elements together to an arraylist.
2. forEach method could allow us to iterate over each element in the arraylist.

For Example:

```
ArrayList<string> list = new ArrayList<>();  
Collections.addAll(list, "Hello", "How", "дела?");  
  
list.forEach( (s) -> System.out.println(s) );
```

Java Lambda Expressions

- **Lambda expressions in Java**, represent instances of functional interfaces (interfaces with a single abstract method).
- They provide a concise way to express **instances** of single-method interfaces using **a block of code**.

Functional Interface

- A **functional interface** in **Java** is an interface that contains only one **abstract** method. Functional interfaces can have multiple **default** or **static** methods, but **only one abstract method**.

```
// Define a functional interface
@FunctionalInterface

interface Square {
    int calculate(int x);
}
```

Syntax for lambda expression

(argument list) -> { body of the expression }

Components:

- **Argument List:** Parameters for the lambda expression
- **Arrow Token (->):** Separates the parameter list and the body
- **Body:** Logic to be executed.



Lambda Expression Parameters

- There are three Lambda Expression Parameters are mentioned below:
 - Zero Parameter
 - Single Parameter
 - Multiple Parameters



Lambda Expression with Zero parameter

```
() -> System.out.println("Zero parameter lambda");
```

Zero
parameter

Body of expression



Example

Functional
Interface

```
// Java program to demonstrates Lambda expression with  
zero parameter
```

```
@FunctionalInterface  
interface ZeroParameter {  
    void display();  
}
```

```
public class Geeks {  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
    {
```

```
        // Lambda expression with zero parameters  
        ZeroParameter zeroParamLambda = ()  
        -> System.out.println(  
            "This is a zero-parameter lambda  
expression!");
```

```
        // Invoke the method  
        zeroParamLambda.display();  
    }  
}
```

Output

```
This is a zero-parameter lambda expression!
```

Lambda
Expression



Lambda Expression with Single parameter

```
(p) -> System.out.println("One parameter: " + p);
```

Single
parameter

Body of expression



Example

Lambda
Expression

Lambda
Expression

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
class Test {
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        // Creating an ArrayList with elements
        // {1, 2, 3, 4}
        ArrayList<Integer> arrL = new ArrayList<Integer>();
        arrL.add(1);
        arrL.add(2);
        arrL.add(3);
        arrL.add(4);

        // Using lambda expression to print all elements
        // of arrL

        System.out.println("Elements of the ArrayList : ");
        arrL.forEach(n -> System.out.println(n));

        // Using lambda expression to print even elements
        // of arrL
        System.out.println(
            "Even elements of the ArrayList : ");
        arrL.forEach(n -> {
            if (n % 2 == 0)
                System.out.println(n);
        });
    }
}
```

Output

```
Elements of the ArrayList :
1
2
3
4
Even elements of the ArrayList :
2
4
```

A further explanation for the above example

```
arrL.forEach(n -> {  
    if (n % 2 == 0)  
        System.out.println(n);  
});
```

For the right side of arrow, we could write an if statement.



Lambda Expression with Multiple parameters

```
(p1, p2) -> System.out.println("Multiple parameters: " + p1 + ", " + p2);
```

Multiple
parameter

Body of expression



Example

Functional
Interface

Lambda
Expression

```
@FunctionalInterface
```

```
interface Functional {  
    int operation(int a, int b);  
}
```

```
public class Test {
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // Using lambda expressions to define the  
        operations
```

```
        Functional add = (a, b) -> a + b;  
        Functional multiply = (a, b) -> a * b;
```

```
        // Using the operations  
        System.out.println(add.operation(6, 3)); //  
Output: 9  
        System.out.println(multiply.operation(4, 5));  
// Output: 20  
    }  
}
```

Output

9
20

Min/Max of an arraylist

Method 1

Min

Max

```
import java.util.*;
public class Max {
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        // initializing the ArrayList elements
        ArrayList<Integer> arr = new ArrayList<>();
        arr.add(10);
        arr.add(20);
        arr.add(8);
        arr.add(32);
        arr.add(21);
        arr.add(31);
        int min = arr.get(0);
        int max = arr.get(0);
        // store the length of the ArrayList in variable n
        int n = arr.size();
        // loop to find minimum from ArrayList
        for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
            if (arr.get(i) < min) {
                min = arr.get(i);
            }
        }
        // loop to find maximum from ArrayList
        for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
            if (arr.get(i) > max) {
                max = arr.get(i);
            }
        }
        // The result will be printed
        System.out.println("Maximum is : " + max);
        System.out.println("Minimum is : " + min);
    }
}
```

Output

Maximum is : 32

Minimum is : 8

Method 2

```
public class MinMax {  
    public static void main(String args[])  
    {  
        // Creating arraylist  
        ArrayList<Integer> arr = new ArrayList<Integer>();  
  
        // Adding object in arraylist  
        arr.add(10);  
        arr.add(20);  
        arr.add(5);  
        arr.add(8);  
  
        // Finding the size of ArrayList  
        int n = arr.size();  
  
        // printing the ArrayList elements  
        System.out.println("ArrayList elements are :");  
  
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
            System.out.print(arr.get(i) + " ");  
        }  
  
        System.out.println();  
  
        // Finding the minimum and maximum from the  
        // arraylist using min and max method of collection  
        // class  
  
        int max = Collections.max(arr);  
        System.out.println("Maximum is : " + max);  
  
        int min = Collections.min(arr);  
        System.out.println("Minimum is : " + min);  
    }  
}
```

```
import java.util.ArrayList;  
import java.util.Collections;
```

Max:
`Collections.max(arraylist)`

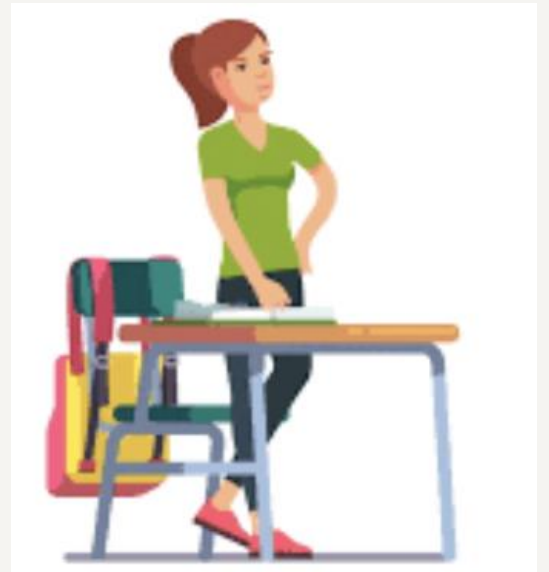
Min:
`Collections.min(arraylist)`

Output

```
Array elements are :  
10 20 5 8  
Maximum is : 20  
Minimum is : 5
```

Method 3

- You could sort the arraylist first.
- Applying get() and size() method.
- After sorting, the first element is the minimal value. The last element is the maximal value.



End

