## CS 106A, Lecture 7 Parameters and Return

suggested reading:

Java Ch. 5.1-5.4

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### For Loops in Java

```
This code is run

This code is run

once, just before
once, just before
the for loop starts

for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {

println("I love CS 106A!");
}
```

#### **Nested loops**

• nested loop: A loop placed inside another loop.

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < 10; j++) {
        print("*");
    }
    println(); // to end the line
}</pre>
```

• Output:

```
*********

**********

********
```

The outer loop repeats 5 times; the inner one 10 times.

### **Nested loop question 2**

How would we produce the following output?

....1

```
...22
    ..333
    .4444
    55555
Answer:
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < 5 - i - 1; j++) {
            print(".");
        for (int j = 0; j <= i; j++) {
            print(i + 1);
        println();
```

#### **Methods in Java**

We can define new **methods** in Java just like in Karel:

```
private void name() {
    statement;
    statement;
}
```

```
For example:
```

```
private void printGreeting() {
    println("Hello world!");
    println("I hope you have a great day.");
}
```

#### **Methods in Java**

```
public void run() {
     int x = 2;
     printX();
private void printX() {
     // ERROR! "Undefined variable x"
     println("X has the value " + x);
```

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# A Variable love story

By Chris Piech

- The scope of a variable refers to the section of code where a variable can be accessed.
- Scope starts where the variable is declared.
- Scope ends at the termination of the code block in which the variable was declared.

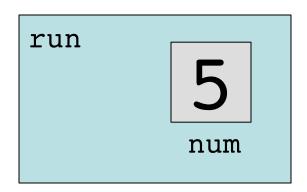
 A code block is a chunk of code between { } brackets

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```
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   int num = 5;
   cow();
   println(num);
                          // prints 5
private void cow() {
   int num = 10;
                          // prints 10
   println(num);
```

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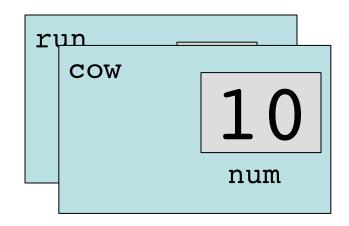
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   int num = 5;
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   println(num);
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   println(num);
```

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run cow 10 num
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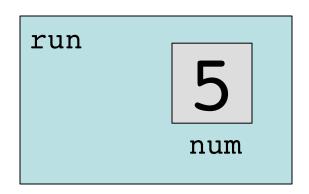
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   int num = 5;
   cow();
   println(num);
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   println(num);
```

```
run COW 10 num
```

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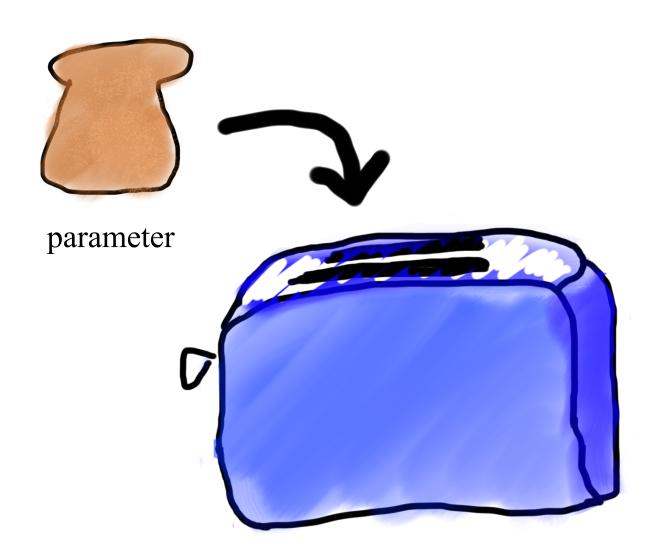
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#### **Parameters**

Parameters let you provide a method some information when you are calling it.

#### **Methods** = **Toasters**



#### **Example:** readInt

```
readInt("Your guess? ");
```

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```
We call readInt information in parenthesis (the text to print to the user)

readInt ("Your guess?");
```

#### **Example: printGreeting**

(Prints a greeting a certain number of times)

#### Wouldn't it be nice if...

We give printGreeting some information (the number of greetings to print)

printGreeting

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greetings to print)

```
Tells Java this method needs one int in order to execute.

private void printGreeting(int times) {
    // use 'times' to print the greeting
}
```

```
printGreeting(5);
private void printGreeting(int times) {
    // use 'times' to print the greeting
```

```
printGreeting(5);
```

```
private void printGreeting(int times) {
    for (int i = 0; i < times; i++) {
        println("Hello world!");
    }
}</pre>
```

```
public void run() {
     int repeats = 5;
     printGreeting(repeats);
private void printGreeting(int times) {
     for (int i = 0; i < times; i++) {</pre>
          println("Hello world!");
     }
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     }
                           printGreeting
        run
               repeats
                                   times
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                           printGreeting
        run
                times
                                   times
```

#### **Parameters are Copies**

```
// NOTE: This program is buggy!!
public void run() {
  int x = 3;
                                 run
  addFive(x);
  // prints "x = 3"!
                                           X
 println("x = " + x);
private void addFive(int x) {
  x += 5;
```

## **Parameters are Copies**

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public void run() {
  int x = 3;
                                   addFive
  addFive(x);
  // prints "x = 3"!
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private void addFive(int x) {
```

x += 5;

## **Parameters are Copies**

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                                   addFive
  addFive(x);
  // prints "x = 3"!
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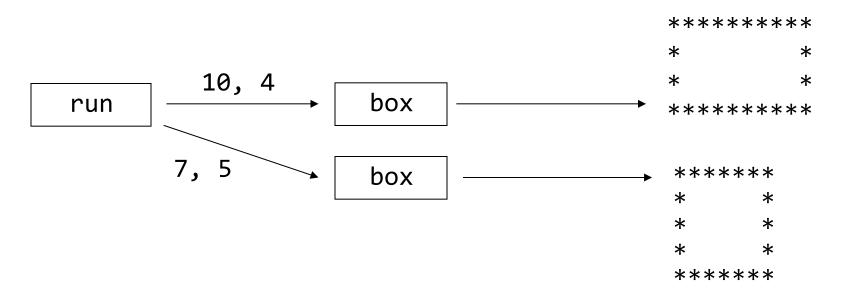
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### **Parameters are Copies**

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#### **Parameters**

- parameter: A value passed to a method by its caller.
  - Write a method box to draw a box of any size.
    - When *declaring* the method, we will state that it requires the caller to tell it the width and height of the box.
    - When calling the method, we will specify the width and height to use.



# Declaring a parameter

Stating that a method requires a parameter in order to run

```
public void name(type name) {
    statements;
}

• Example:
   public void password(int code) {
       println("The password is: " + code);
}
```

 When password is called, the caller must specify the integer code to print.

## Multiple parameters

- A method can accept multiple parameters separated by commas: ,
  - When calling it, you must pass values for each parameter.

```
• Declaration:
```

```
public void name(type name, ..., type name) {
    statements;
}
```

• Call:

```
name(value, value, ..., value);
```

# Passing a parameter

Calling a method and specifying values for its parameters

```
methodName(expression);
• Example:
  public void run() {
      password(42);
      password(12345);
  Output:
  The password is 42
  The password is 12345
```

 Illegal to call without passing an int for that parameter.

```
password();  // Error
password(3.7); // Error
```

# How params are passed

- When the method is called:
  - The value is stored into the parameter variable.
  - The method's code executes using that value.

```
public void run() {
  chant(7);
}

public void chant(int times) {
  for (int i = 0; i < times; i++) {
     println("Java is great!");
  }
}</pre>
```

# **Drawing boxes**

 Lets write a program that uses methods and parameters to print the following boxes:

```
********

* * * *

*******

* * *

* * *

* * *

* * *

* * *

* * *

* * *
```

- The code to draw each box will be very similar.
  - Would variables help? Would constants help?

We give drawBox some information (the size of the box we want)

drawBox (10, 4);

```
private void drawBox(int width, int height) {
    // use width and height variables
    // to draw a box
}
```

```
*****
                     *
                     *
                     *****
private void drawBox(int width, int height) {
     line(width);
     for (int line = 0; line < height - 2; line++) {</pre>
           boxSide(width);
     line(width);
```

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                              *
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private void drawBox(int width, int height) {
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     line(width);
     for (int line = 0; line < height - 2; line++) {</pre>
           boxSide(width);
     line(width);
```

### line

\*\*\*\*\*

```
private void line(int count) {
    for (int i = 0; i < count; i++) {
        print("*");
    }
    println();
}</pre>
```

### boxSide

```
private void boxSide(int width) {
    print("*");
    for (int i = 0; i < width - 2; i++) {
        print(" ");
    }
    println("*");
}</pre>
```

### boxSide

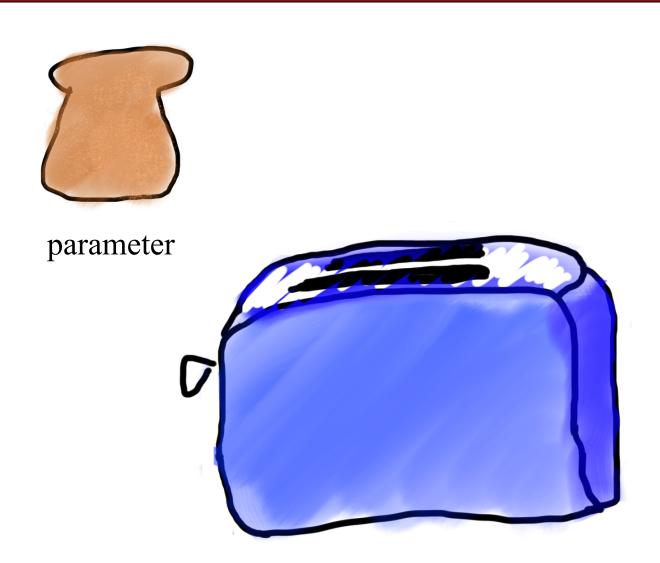
```
public void run() {
    drawBox(10, 4);
    drawBox(7, 6);
}
```

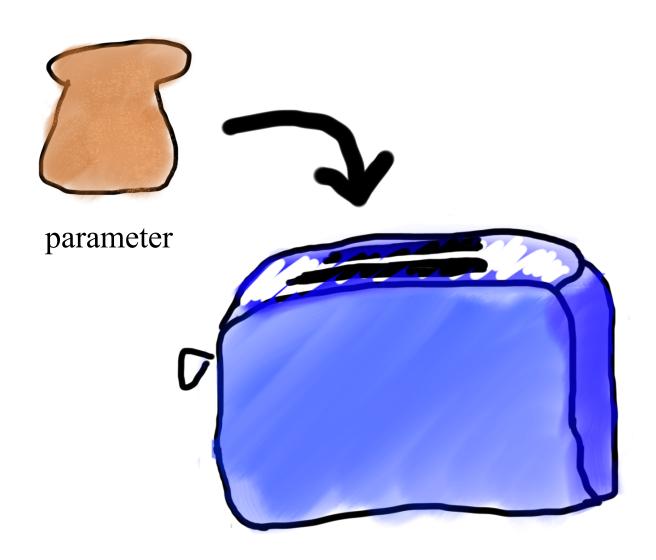
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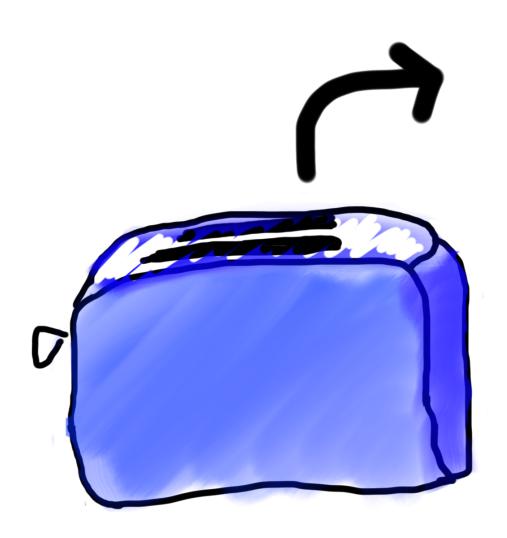
#### Return

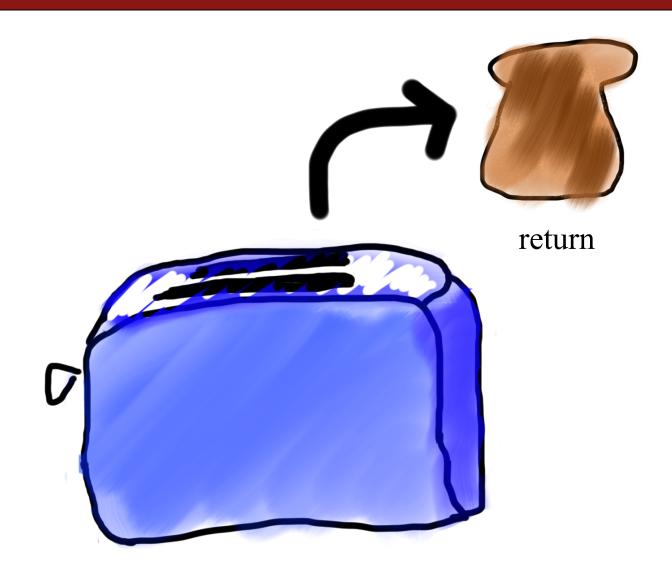
Return values let you give back some information when a method is finished.











```
int x = readInt("Your guess? ");
```

```
When finished, readInt gives
us information back (the user's
number) and we put it in x.

int x = readInt("Your guess? ");
```

When we set a variable equal to a method, this tells Java to save the return value of the method in that variable.

```
int x = readInt("Your guess? ");
```

## **Example:** metersToCm

(Returns the given number of m as cm)

# Example: metersToCm

We call metersToCm some information (the number of meters)

double cm = metersToCm(5);

## Example: metersToCm

When metersToCm finishes, it

returns the number of cm, and
we put that in this variable.

double cm = metersToCm(5);

### **Methods and Return**

```
Tells Java this method needs one double in order to execute.

private double metersToCm(double meters) {
....
}
```

### **Methods and Return**

```
Tells Java that, when this method finishes, it will return a double.

private double metersToCm(double meters) {
...
}
```

```
Tells Java that, when this method finishes, it will return a double.

private double metersToCm(double meters) {
    return 100 * meters;
}
```

```
public void run() {
    int meters = readInt("# meters? ");
    int cm = metersToCm(meters);
    println(cm + " centimeters.");
}

private double metersToCm(double meters) {
    return 100 * meters;
}
```

```
public void run() {
     int meters = readInt("# meters? ");
     int cm = metersToCm(meters);
     println(cm + " centimeters.");
private double metersToCm(double meters) {
     return 100 * meters;
run
            meters
```

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     int meters = readInt("# meters? ");
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     println(cm + " centimeters.");
private double metersToCm(double meters) {
     return 100 * meters;
run
            meters
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     int meters = readInt("# meters? ");
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private double metersToCm(double meters) {
     return 100 * meters;
                        metersToCm
run
            meters
                                    meters
```

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private double metersToCm(double meters) {
     return 100 * meters;
                        metersToCm
run
     500
                                    meters
            meters
     CM
```

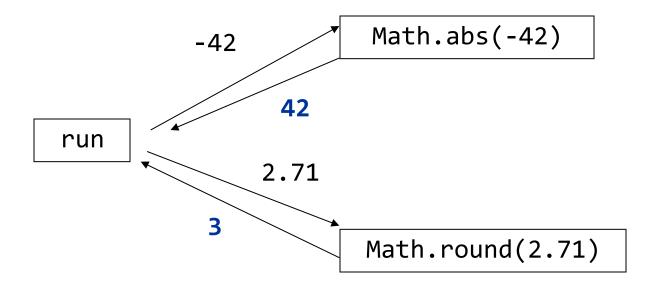
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     println(cm + " centimeters.");
private double metersToCm(double meters) {
     return 100 * meters;
run
     500
            meters
     CM
```

```
public void run() {
    int meters = readInt("# meters? ");
    println(metersToCm(meters) + "cm.");
}

private double metersToCm(double meters) {
    return 100 * meters;
}
```

### Return

- return: To send out a value as the result of a method.
  - Parameters send information in from the caller to the method.
  - Return values send information out from a method to its caller.
    - A call to the method can be used as part of an expression.



— Q: Why return? Why not just println the result value?

# Methods

```
visibility type nameOfMethod(parameters) {
    statements
}
```

- visibility: usually private or public
- *type*: type returned by method (e.g., int, double, etc.)
  - Can be void to indicate that nothing is returned
- parameters: information passed into method

```
private boolean isEven(int number) {
}
```

```
private boolean isEven(int number) {
    if (number % 2 == 0) {
        return true;
    else {
        return false;
    }
}
```

```
private boolean isEven(int number) {
     if (number % 2 == 0) {
           return true;
     else {
           return false;
public void run() {
     int num = readInt("? ");
     if (isEven(num)) {
           println("Even!");
     } else {
           println("Odd!");
```

```
private boolean isEven(int number) {
    return number % 2 == 0;
}
```

```
private void run() {
   for(int i = 1; i <= 100; i++) {</pre>
      if(isDivisibleBy(i, 7)) {
         println(i);
private void isDivisibleBy(int a, int b) {
   return a % b == 0;
```

#### Return

Return ends a method's execution.

```
private int multiplyByTwo(int num) {
    return num * 2;
    println("Hello world?"); // not executed!
}
```

#### Return

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```
private int max(int num1, int num2) {
   if(num1 >= num2) {
      return num1;
   return num2; // here only if num1 < num2</pre>
public void run() {
   println (max(2,3));
```

# **Parameters are Copies**

```
// NOTE: This program is buggy!!
public void run() {
  int x = 3;
  addFive(x);
  // prints "x = 3"!
 println("x = " + x);
private void addFive(int x) {
  x += 5;
```

# **Parameters are Copies**

```
// NOTE: This program is feeling just fine
public void run() {
  int x = 3;
  x = addFive(x);
  // prints "x = 5"!
  println("x = " + x);
private int addFive(int x) {
  x += 5;
  return x;
```

```
public void run() {
    for(int i = 0; i < MAX_NUM; i++) {
        println(i + "! = " + factorial(i));
    }
}</pre>
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   for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
      result *= i;
   }
   return result;
}</pre>
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    }
}
i 0</pre>
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```

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    for(int i = 0; i < MAX NUM; i++) {
        println(i + "! = " + factorial(i));
    }
}</pre>
```

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