

## - : Argument Passing in Java :-

In java, whenever we will pass argument to a method we can only pass two things

- (i) passing variable/value.
- (ii) Pass Reference (Array Reference, object Reference)

### Passing Variable:-

- (i) when we pass a variable as argument to a method, java will always pass its value.
- (ii) This value is then received by formal argument declared in the method's argument list.
- (iii) Now both actual and formal argument will have the same value but both have different address.
- (iv) So if we make any changes in the formal argument, it is not going to effect the actual argument.
- (v) So, the conclusion is that variables are passed by using Pass By Value.

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Class Demo

{

Public ~~Static~~ void increment (int i, int j)

{

i++;

j++;

} - local instance members

}

}

Class UseDemo

{

Public void Static main (String [] args)

{

Demo obj = new Demo();

int i = 10;

int j = 20;

obj.increment(i, j);

Print ("i", "j"); → 10, 20.

}

}

## 1. Passing Reference as Argument to Method:-

(i) Whenever we pass any Reference as argument to a Method then Java passes the address of object or Array pointed by that Reference.

(ii) This address is then received by a formal Reference declared in the Method's arg list.

(iii) So now, both, the actual and formal are pointing to the same object.

(iv) Thus if we make any changes in the object's value (value of data member of the object) via formal reference then this change will be reflected in original object.

(v) And this might give us an impression that it is pass by reference.

(vi) But this is not true, because if we make any change in the formal reference (ex. making the formal reference point to a new object) then it will have no effect on the original object or the actual Reference passed as argument.

(vii) Thus we can say that in Java even references are passed using pass by value.

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## Passing object Reference:-

Class Data

{

private int a, b;

public void setData (int i, int j)

{

a = i;

b = j;

}

public void Showdata()

{

System.out.println("a = " + a + ", b = " + b);

}

public void increment (Data P)

{

P.a = P.a + 1;

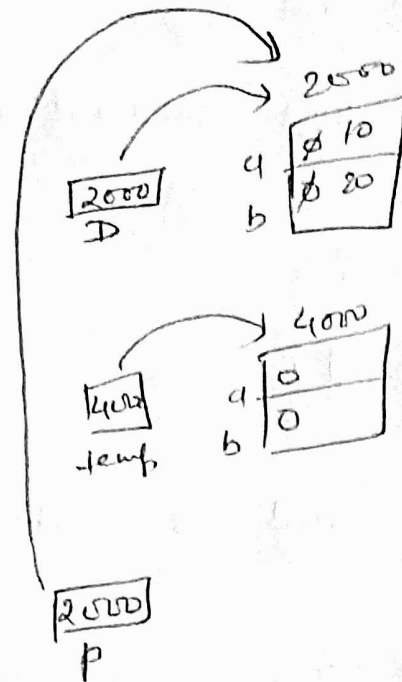
P.b = P.b + 1;

}

}

## Class Usedata

```
{  
    public static void main (String [] args)  
    {  
        Data D = new Data ();  
        D.setdata (10, 20);  
        Sout ("Before increment");  
        D.Showdata();  
  
        Data temp = new Data ();  
        temp.increment (D);  
        Sout ("After increment");  
        D.Showdata();  
    }  
}
```



## Output

Before incrementing

$a = 10$ ,  $b = 20$

After incrementing

$a = 11$ ,  $b = 21$ .

#

Class Data

```
{  
    private int a, b;  
  
    public void setdata(int i, int j)  
    {  
        a = i;  
        b = j;  
    }  
  
    public void showdata()  
    {  
        System.out.println("a = " + a + ", b = " + b);  
    }  
  
    public void increment(Data P)  
    {  
        P = new Data();  
        P.a = P.a + 1;  
        P.b = P.b + 1;  
    }  
}
```

Class Usedata

{

Public Static void main (String [] args)

{

Data D = new Data();

D. Setdata (10, 20);

Sout ("Before increment")

D. Showdata();

Data temp = new Data();

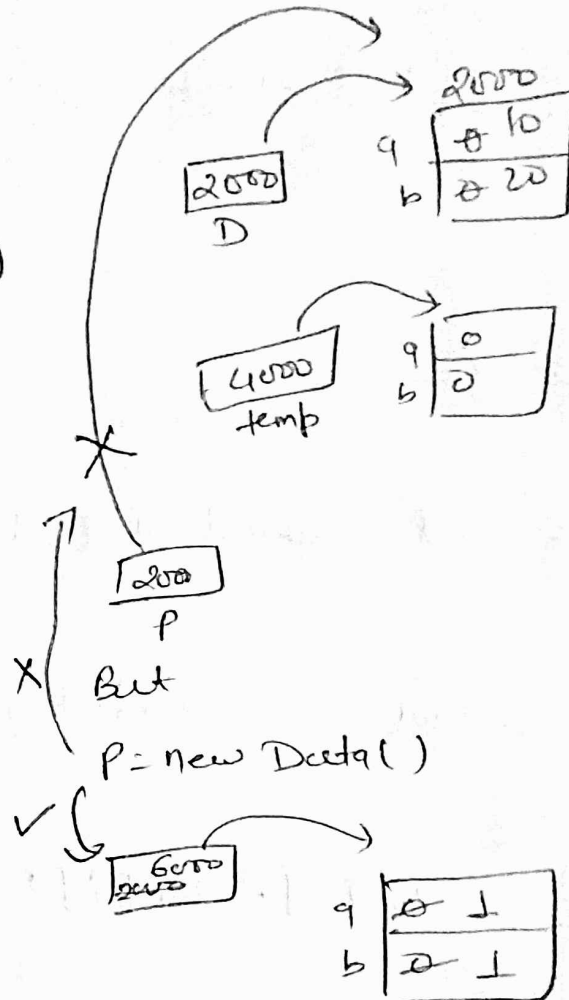
temp. increment (D);

Sout ("After increment");

D. Show Data();

}

}



Output

Before increment

a=10, b=20

After increment

a=10, b=20

# Passing Array as Argument

Syntax.

<access Mod> <return type> <Method name> (<data type>[]  
<array reference>);

Class Demo

{

public void doubles(int [] brr)

{

for (int i=0 ; i < brr.length ; i++)

{

brr[i] = brr[i] \* 2

}

}

}

Class UpdDemo

{

PSum

{

int [] arr = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50};



```
Sout("Before doubling");
```

```
for(int x : arr)
```

```
{
```

```
    Sout(x);
```

```
}
```

```
Demo obj = new Demo();
```

```
obj.double(arr);
```

```
Sout("After doubling");
```

```
for(int x : arr)
```

```
{
```

```
    Sout(x);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

Output

Before doubling

10  
20  
30  
40  
50

After doubling

20  
40  
60  
80  
100.