Unit 2: Using Objects Math And Wrapper Classes

Adapted from:

- 1) Building Java Programs: A Back to Basics Approach
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- 2) Runestone CSAwesome Curriculum

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Static Methods

The Math class has many useful **static** methods. The class is part of the **java.lang package**(group of classes) that is available by default(no need to import to use). To call these, use the syntax:

```
double answer = Math.sqrt(9.2);
int b = Math.round(5.6755);
```

Math.methodName(parameters);

Java's Math class

Method name	Description
int abs(int x)	returns the absolute value of a int or double
double abs(double x)	value (overloaded method)
double pow(double base,	Returns the value of the first parameter raised
double exponent)	to the power of the second parameter
double sqrt(double x)	Returns the positive square root of a double
	value
double random()	Returns a random double value greater than
	or equal to 0.0 and less than 1.0

Constant	Description
Math.E	2.7182818
Math.PI	3.1415926

Calling Math methods

• Examples:

- The Math methods do not print to the console.
 - Each method produces ("returns") a numeric result.
 - Remember to store, print or use the result in some expression

Math questions

Evaluate the following expressions:

```
double x = Math.abs(-1.23) //1.23
double y = Math.pow(3, 2) //9.0
double z = Math.pow(10, -2) //0.01
double w = Math.sqrt(121.0)-Math.sqrt(256.0) // -5.0
```

Math questions

Write a method withinHalf which takes two double parameters and return true if they are within .5 of each other and false otherwise.

```
withinHalf(4,5.1) // returns false
withinHalf(3.4,3.9) // returns true
withinHalf(3.9,3.4) // returns true
withinHalf(-1.2,-1.1) // returns true

public static boolean withinHalf(double x, double y)
{
    return Math.abs(x - y) <= .5;
}</pre>
```

Quirks of real numbers

• Some Math methods return double or other non-int types.

```
int x = Math.pow(10, 3); // ERROR: incompat. types
```

Some double values print poorly (too many digits).

The computer represents doubles in an imprecise way.

```
System.out.println(0.1 + 0.2);
```

- Instead of 0.3, the output is 0.30000000000000004

Random Numbers

Random numbers

Math.random() produces a number from 0(inclusive) to 1 exclusive.

```
- double x = Math.random(); // 0.0 <= x < 1.0
- double x = 3 * Math.random(); // 0.0 <= x < 3.0
- double x = Math.random() + 2; // 2.0 <= x < 3.0
- double x = 5 * Math.random() + 4; // 4.0 <= x < 9.0</pre>
```

In general, to produce a random real number in the range [low,high),

```
- double x = (high - low) * Math.random() + low;
Generate a random real value in [7.0,15.0).
double x = 8 * Math.random() + 7;
```

Random Integers

How do we generate random integers? Use casting!

```
int x = (int)(100 * Math.random());
// random integer 0 to 99 inclusive.

int y = (int)(100 * Math.random()) + 4;
// random integer 4 to 103 inclusive.

int z = (int)(2 * Math.random());
// random integer 0 or 1, useful for heads/tails
```

More Examples

```
int x = (int) Math.random() * 5;
// x = 0

int y = (int)(6 * Math.random()) - 10;
// integer from -10 to -5 inclusive.

double z = 3 * Math.random() + 5;
//random double in [5.0,8.0)
```

 A wrapper class takes an existing value of primitive type and "wraps" or "boxes" it in an object and provides a new set of methods for that type.

 It can be used in Java container classes that requires the item to be objects. (Arraylist)

The wrapper class allows

- 1. The construction of an object from a single value(wrapping or boxing the primitive in a wrapper object.
- 2. The retrieval of a primitive value(unwrapping or unboxing from a wrapper object.)

You will need to know two wrapper classes:

- 1) Integer class
- 2) Double class

Integer and Double are wrapper classes...not Rapper Classes. These are Rapper Classes:

```
public class Tupac{...}

public class Biggie{...}

Ye

public class Kanye{...}

public class KendrickLamar{...}
```



Integer Class

The Integer class wraps a value of type int in an object.

Here are two useful methods:

Integer (int value): Constructs an Integer object from an int.

int intValue(): Returns the value of this Integer as an int.

The class also has two static variables: A Java integer uses 32 bits(0 or 1) of memory. One bit is used for the sign(+ or -). Thus:

Integer.MIN_VALUE— The minimum value represented by an int or Integer

$$= -2^{31} = -2147483648$$

Integer.MAX_VALUE— The maximum value represented by an int or Integer

$$= 2^{31} - 1 = 2147483647$$

Double Class

The Double class wraps a value of type double in an object.

Here are two useful methods:

Double (double value): Constructs a Double object from a double.

double double Value(): Returns the value of this Double as a double

Examples

```
Integer intObj = new Integer(6);//boxes 6 in Integer object
int j = intObj.intValue(); //unboxes 6 from Integer object

Double dObj = new Double(2.5);//boxes 2.5 in Double object
double d = dObj.doubleValue(); //unboxes 2.5 from Double object
```

Auto-Boxing and Unboxing

Auto-boxing is the automatic boxing of primitive types in their wrapper classes.

To retrieve the value of an Integer(or Double), the intValue() or doubleValue() method can be called(unboxing).

Auto-unboxing is the automatic conversion of a wrapper class to its corresponding primitive type. This means you don't need to explicitly call the intValue() or doubleValue().

Autoboxing and Auto-unboxing

```
Integer a = new Integer(5);
int x = a.intValue(); // unboxing x = 5
int y = a; // auto-unboxing, easier.
Integer b = new Integer (7); // boxing
Integer c = 7; // auto-boxing
int z = a + x; // auto-unboxing
Double d = new Double(7.5); // boxing
double e = d.doubleValue(); // unboxing
double f = d + 2.0; // auto-unboxing
```

Lab

Go to the following repl on repl.it:

https://repl.it/@LongNguyen18/Unit2MathClassLab

Fork it and follow the comments to complete the code.

References

- Building Java Programs: A Back to Basics Approach by Stuart Reges and Marty Stepp
- 2) Runestone CSAwesome Curriculum:

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