

Yes, **method overloading** is possible in Java. Method overloading occurs when multiple methods in the same class have the **same name** but **different parameters**. These parameters can differ by:

- 1. The number of parameters
- 2. The type of parameters
- 3. The order of parameters (for example, swapping types)

Method overloading allows different versions of a method to be called based on the arguments passed to it, which can improve code readability and flexibility.

# **Example of Method Overloading**

```
class MathOperations {
    // Method to add two integers
    public int add(int a, int b) {
        return a + b;
    }
    // Overloaded method to add three integers
    public int add(int a, int b, int c) {
        return a + b + c;
    }
    // Overloaded method to add two doubles
    public double add(double a, double b) {
        return a + b;
    }
}
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        MathOperations math = new MathOperations();
        System.out.println("Sum of two integers: " + math.add(5, 10)); // Calls add(int, i
        System.out.println("Sum of three integers: " + math.add(5, 10, 15)); // Calls add(
        System.out.println("Sum of two doubles: " + math.add(5.5, 10.5)); // Calls add(doubles: " + math.add(5.5, 10.5));
    }
}
```

# **Explanation**

In the MathOperations class:

- There are three add methods with the same name but different parameters.
- The method add(int a, int b) is used to add two integers.
- The method add(int a, int b, int c) is overloaded to add three integers.
- The method add(double a, double b) is overloaded to add two double values.

### **Key Points**

- 1. Overloading is based on parameters, not return type. You cannot overload a method by changing only its return type.
- Method signatures must be different for overloaded methods. The method signature includes the method name and parameter types, so changes in the parameter list differentiate overloaded methods.
- 3. Constructor Overloading is also possible in Java, where multiple constructors with different parameters are defined within a class.

# **Advantages of Method Overloading**

- Improves Code Readability: Using the same method name for similar operations
  makes the code more readable.
- Enhances Flexibility: Overloading provides the flexibility to call methods with different sets of parameters based on requirements.

#### **Note**

Method overloading is an example of **Compile-time Polymorphism** in Java, as the correct method is determined at compile time based on the parameters.