Assessed Exercise 3 Status Report

Summary

My program has been designed in accordance with the MVC architecture. At the top of the main window there are two buttons, open and quit, and a text field for displaying the name of an input file. The open button triggers a JFileChooser allowing user to select a CSV file. Once a file is loaded in, its name appears in the text field. The program terminates when user clicks in the quit button.

Using data from the input file the program draws a scatterplot in the centre of the main window. Each dot represents bond trade. The axes have tick marks and labels.

At the bottom of the main window there is a pair of combo boxes. They are empty by default. Next to them there is a text field for showing details of selected bond trade. When user loads file in, the headers of the input file are read into the combo boxes. When user clicks on a dot, its details, i.e the three column values, are shown in the text field. The content of the text field is updated each time user clicks on a dot.

Assumptions

To avoid situations where points with negative values would be plotted beyond scatterplot, the origin of scatterplot is determined by minimum values of selected columns. Maximum values of selected columns determine the maximum values of x and y labels.

Deficiencies

The main window of the program is not resizable. When user selects a file that is not in the CSV format there's no error message informing them of the incorrect behaviour.

Testing

In the early stages of the development to test whether the array list of bond trade objects was populated with objects, the System.out.println command was used. To test whether methods to compute minimum and maximum values in the array list worked the System.out.println command was used.

When user runs the program the main user interface window appears. As planned, the combo boxes located at the bottom of the window are empty. The text field which is placed next to them shows a sample text 'Click a point for more info'. The text field at the top of the window shows a sample text '<Name of file>'. See screen dump 1. The program terminates when the quit button is clicked in.

As programmed, when user clicks in the open button the JFileChooser appears inside the main window. Screen dump 2 illustrates the behaviour. It also shows that the correct file format filter is in place.

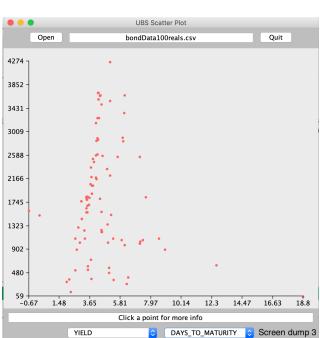
Screen dumps 3 and 4 demonstrate that the program updates the scatterplot according to the chosen file.

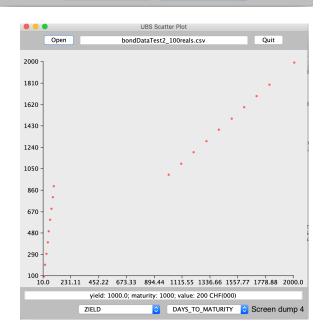
Screen dump 3 and 6 to 11 demonstrate user interactions with combo boxes: the dots representing bond trades are plotted properly according to the selected option.

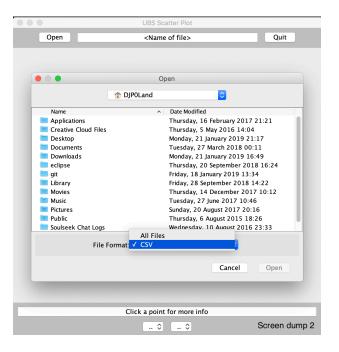
Screen dumps 12 and 13 show that when a CSV file is loaded in, the content of the text fields aforementioned changes accordingly.

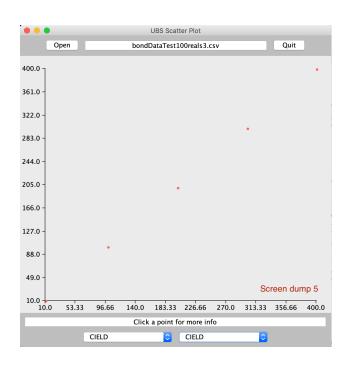
Test files with different headings were selected to show whether the content of the combo boxes changed when a new file was loaded.

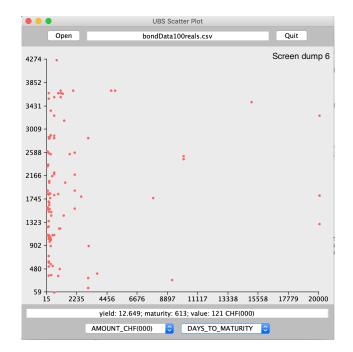


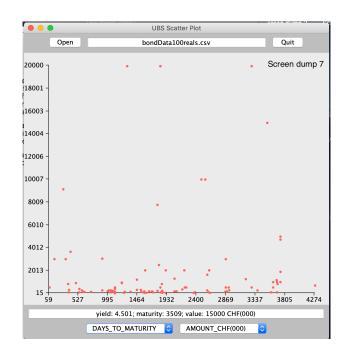


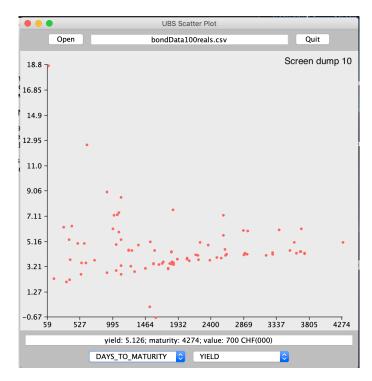


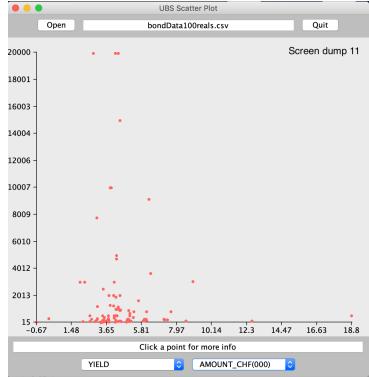


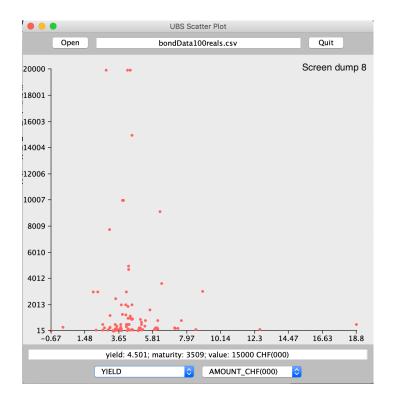


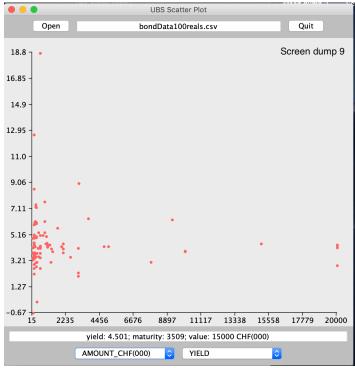












Open bondData100reals.csv Screen dump 12 Quit

yield: 5.126; maturity: 4274; value: 700 CHF(000) Screen dump 13





