Object-Oriented Programming in Java

Lecture 4 - Class Libraries

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1. Introduction

1.1 Where Are We Currently?

1. Introduction

- · Last time we dealt with classes and objects.
- You can now
 - write simple classes in Java,
 - create objects from classes, use attributes and call methods and
 - use class variables and class methods.
- Today we continue with Class Libraries.

1.1 Where Are We Currently?

1. Introduction

- 1. Imperative Concepts
- 2. Classes and Objects
- 3. Class Library
- 4. Inheritance
- 5. Interfaces
- 6. Graphical User Interfaces
- 7. Exception Handling
- 8. Input and Output
- 9. Multithreading (Parallel Computing)

1.2 The Goal of This Chapter

- 1. Introduction
- You apply strings, for example, for formatted output of data.
- You organize similar data in fields, matrices and lists.
- You convert strings to numerical values and apply mathematical functions to numerical values.

2. Strings

2.1 Strings

- Strings in C
 - Variables: Pointer to array of primitive data type char
 - Memory size managed by programmer
 - Data type has no methods
- Strings in Java:
 - Strings are objects of class String.
 - Variables reference objects
 - Memory size managed by object
 - Data type provides methods

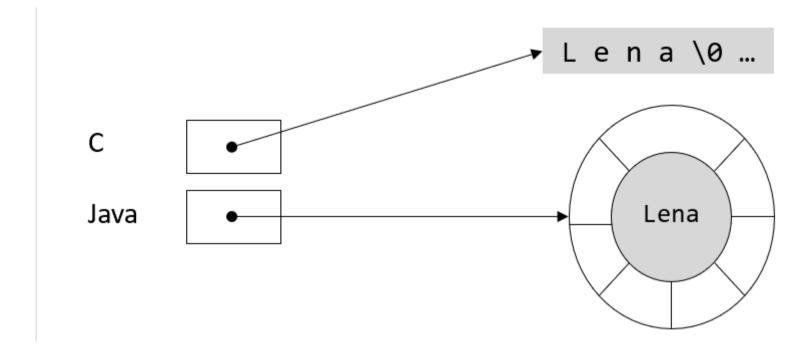


Figure 1: Strings: Differences between C and Java

Creation also using the new operator:

```
1 String name = new String("Lena");
```

Alternatively by assigning a literal:

```
1 String name = "Lena";
```

· Assignment of a literal also possible after creation:

```
1 String name = new String("Lena");
2 name = "Birgit";
```

Memorize

- As in many object-oriented languages:
 - Objects of class String are immutable.
 - Their value cannot be modified after creation.
 - ► For multi-stage construction, the StringBuilder class exists

What output does the following program produce?

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
                                                                                          👙 Java
       String lena1 = new String("Lena");
3
       String lena2 = lena1;
4
5
       System.out.println("lena1: " + lena1 + "\nlena2: " + lena2);
6
       System.out.println("References equal: " + (lena1 == lena2));
7
       lena2 += " B.":
       System.out.println("\nlena1: " + lena1 + "\nlena2: " + lena2);
9
       System.out.println("References equal: " + (lena1 == lena2));
10
11 }
```

2. Strings

For illustration

```
1 String lena1 = new String("Lena");
2 String lena2 = lena1;
```

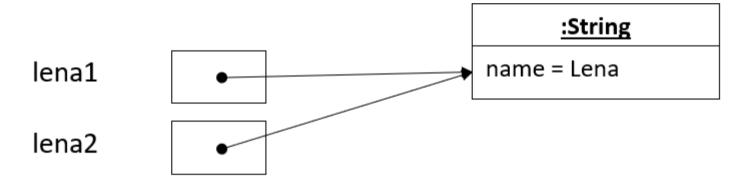


Figure 2: Reference to string

2.3 Strings as Immutable

2. Strings

1 lena2 += " B.";

| String | name = Lena |
| lena2 | String | name = Lena |
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Figure 3: Changing the string leads to new object

2.4 String Concatenation

Strings can be concatenated using the plus operator:

```
1 String name = "Lena " + "or " + "then ";
2 name = name + "after all " + "again ";
3 name += "Birgit?";
```

- Implicit conversion of other data types to a String object:
 - Evaluation of plus operators from left to right
 - Conversion to String if the other operand is not of type String

What will be output?

```
1 int a = 20;
2 int b = 22;
3 System.out.println("Year: " + a + b);
4 System.out.println(a + b + " (Year)");
```

```
1 public String toString() {
2    // Method body
3    // Return of an object of type String
4 }
```

- Method header prescribed
- Method body freely programmable
- Returns a String for objects that should describe the object
- Is called during implicit conversion of an object to a String

Let's try this out!

 Create a Person class and implement the toString() method

Check the implicit call using console output.

```
public class Person {
          String firstName, surname;
3
          public Person(String firstName, String surname) {
5
              this.firstName = firstName;
6
              this.surname = surname;
8
9
         public String toString() {
              return firstName + " " + surname;
10
11
12
```

```
1 Person lena = new Person("Lena", "Jensen");
2 String name = "Name: " + lena;
3 System.out.println(lena);
4 System.out.println(name);
```

2.6 String Methods

- Additional methods include, for example:
 - Length of the string
 - ► Character at specific position (First character has index 0!)
 - ► Replace specific character
 - Search for specific character or substring
 - Split string
 - Conversion to lowercase or uppercase
 - Comparison of two strings
 - ► And several more!

```
₹≣ Task 2Replace "Humbug" with "Hamburg".
```

```
1 String hamburg = "Welcome to Humbug!";
2 hamburg = hamburg.replace("Humbug", "Hamburg");
3 System.out.println(hamburg);
```

What will be output?

```
1 String upper = "Welcome to Hamburg!";
2 String lower = "welcome to hamburg!";
3
4 System.out.println(lower.equals(upper));
5 System.out.println(lower.equals(upper.toLowerCase()));
6 System.out.println(lower.equalsIgnoreCase(upper));
```

2.7 String Formatting

- Often asked:
 - Can you also adjust the format of the string during output?
 Yes, of course!
- Class method format():
 - Creates a formatted string
 - No output to console occurs.
 - Syntax (almost) identical to printf() from C/C++

What will be output?

```
1 double wind = 21.4532;
2 String weather = String.format("%s %d: %.1f km/h",
"Station", 7, wind);
3 System.out.println(weather);
```

What will be output?

```
double wind = 21.4532;

String weather = String.format("%s %d: %.1f km/h",
"Station", 7, wind);

System.out.println(weather);
```

Output: Station 7: 21.5 km/h

2.7 String Formatting

Format specifications:

%[ArgumentNo.] [Flags] [MinimumNumberCharacters] [.Precision] Format

| Format | Meaning |
|--------|-------------|
| f,e,g | float |
| d | Integer |
| 0 | Octal |
| x, X | Hexadecimal |
| S | String |
| t | time |
| b | boolean |

| Flag | Meaning | |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| - Left Alignment | | |
| + | Print Prefix | |
| 0 | Fill empty space with 0 | |
| , | Add commas for thousands | |
| (| Add parentheses for negative numbers | |

Table 1: Formats and Flags

2. Strings

? Question

What will be the output?

```
1 double wind = 21.4532;
2 System.out.println(String.format("%2.2f km/h", wind));
3 System.out.println(String.format("%8.2f km/h", wind));
4 System.out.println(String.format("%08.2f km/h", wind));
```

What will be the output?

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4 System.out.println(String.format("%08.2f km/h", wind));
```

- Output:
 - ▶ 21.45 km/h
 - ▶ 21.45 km/h
 - ▶ 00021.45 km/h

Memorize

- Minimum number of characters:
 - Includes decimal places as well as the comma
 - Does not cut off any digits before the decimal point

2.7 String Formatting

2. Strings

- ? Question
- What do you notice?

```
1 double wind = 21.4532;
2 System.out.println(String.format("%2.2f km/h", wind));
```

Output: 21.45 km/h

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What do you notice?

```
1 double wind = 21.4532;
2 System.out.println(String.format("%2.2f km/h", wind));
```

- Output: 21.45 km/h
- Above in output "German decimal comma" instead of "English point"
- Specified by localization



Example

```
double wind = 21.4532;

System.out.println(String.format(Locale.US, "%2.2f
km/h", wind));

System.out.println(String.format(Locale.GERMAN,
"%2.2f km/h", wind));
```

Output: 21.45 km/h 21.45 km/h

3. Arrays

3.1 Arrays

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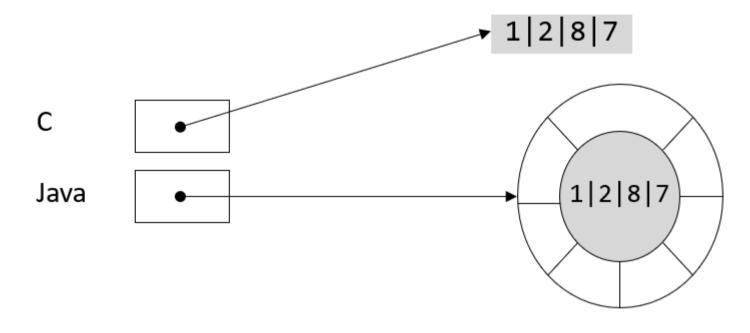


Figure 1: Arrays in Java and C

3.2 Creating Arrays

- Collection of elements with the same data type
- Data type becomes array through square brackets (e.g. int[], String[])
- Array classes are separate (additional) data types
- Declaration:
 - ▶ Does not require specification of length
 - Variable can reference arrays of any length
 - ► Declaration does not create object, but reference variable

3.2 Creating Arrays

3. Arrays

1 int[] filter;

Memorize

 Brackets after variable names allowed, but not recommended (Why?)

1 int filter[];



- Create array object using new operator
- Number of fields in square brackets
- Note: No round "constructor brackets" after data type
- · Values in array are initialized with 0, 0.0, false or null

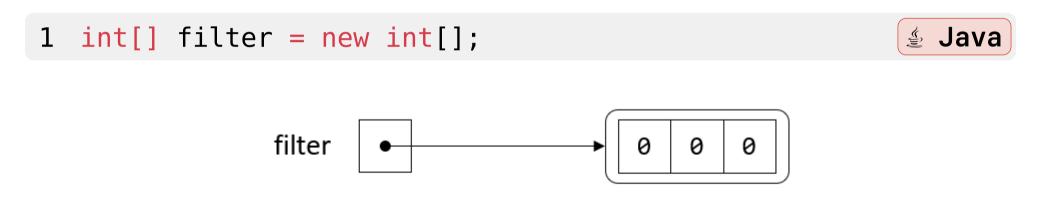


Figure 2: Creation of an array

3. Arrays

- Access to array element via index in square brackets
- First element has index 0

```
1 int[] filter = new int[3];
2 filter[0] = 1;
3 filter[1] = 2;
4 filter[2] = 1;
```



Figure 3: Assigning values through index access

- You can assign values to an array already when creating the object.
- Values in curly braces and separated by commas
- Allowed with and without use of the new operator

```
1 int[] filter = {1, 2, 1};
2 int[] filter = new int[] {1, 2, 1};
```



Figure 4: Filling during declaration

3.6 Properties: Array Classes

- Arrays are objects of the corresponding class:
 - Arrays have methods.
 - Number of elements via instance variable length

? Question

Which array is created by the code?

```
1 int[] filter = new int[3];
2 for (int i = 0; i < filter.length; i++) {
3     filter[i] = i * i;
4 }</pre>
```

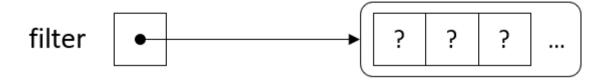


Figure 5: Filling through for loop

3. Arrays

- Indices:
 - When accessing element, checks whether index is in allowed range
 - More in chapter on exceptions and error handling



Example

Examples of allowed and disallowed indices:

```
1 int[] filter = new int[3];
2 filter[0] = -1;
3 filter[2] = 4;
4 filter[-1] = 1;
5 filter[3] = 2;
```

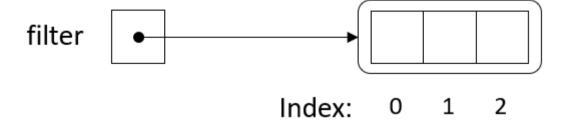


Figure 6: Indices of array filter

- Arrays can be declared for any data types (including custom classes)
- Objects must be of the same type (or subtype, more on this with inheritance)
- Not the objects stored, but references to the objects

```
1 Person[] friends = new Person[3];
2 friends[0] = new Person("Lena");
3 friends[1] = new Person("Birgit");
4 friends[2] = new Person("Jan");
```

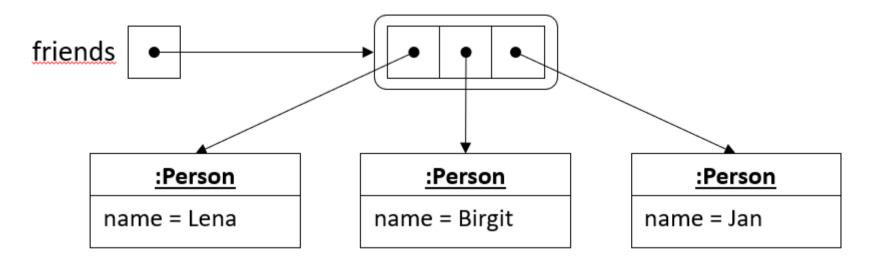


Figure 7: Arrays of objects

? Question

What will be output?

```
1 int[] a = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
2 int[] b = a;
3 b[3] = 0;
4 System.out.println(b[2]);
5 System.out.println(a[3]);
```

? Question

What will be output?

```
1 int[] a = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
2 int[] b = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
3 System.out.println(a == b);
```

? Question

What will be output?

```
public class ArrayDemo {
    static int[] createSortedArray(int a, int b) {
    if (a < b) {
        return new int[] {a, b};
    } else {
        return new int[] {b, a};
    }
}</pre>
```

3.7 Questions

3. Arrays

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println( createSortedArray(7, 4)[1] );
}

13 }
```

₹ Task 3

- Write a method that sorts the elements of an int[] array in ascending order.
- Test the method using the array {10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 7}.

3.7 Questions

3. Arrays

```
public static void sort(int[] a) {
                                                                                  🖢 Java
       int i = 0;
3
       while (i <= a.length - 2) {</pre>
4
            if (a[i] > a[i+1]) {
5
                // Swap elements and shift index to left element
                int temp = a[i];
6
                a[i] = a[i+1];
8
                a[i+1] = temp;
9
                if (i > 0)
10
                    i--;
11
            } else {
12
                i++;
13
14
15 }
```

- 4. Multidimensional Arrays
- Multidimensional arrays are "arrays of arrays".
- Example: int[][] is array whose elements are of data type int[].

Dynamic declaration:

Static declaration:

```
1 int[][] filter = {{1,2,3}, {4,5,6}, {7,8,9}};
```

4. Multidimensional Arrays

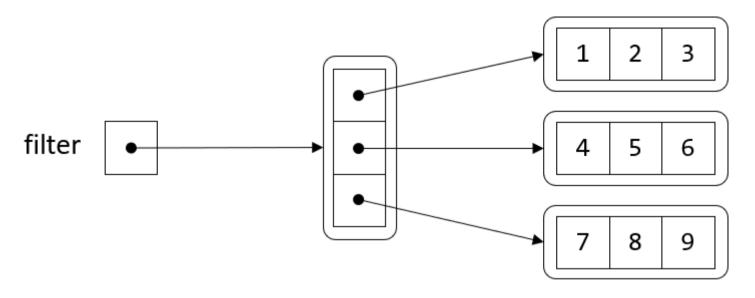


Figure 8: Multidimensional array

4. Multidimensional Arrays

? Question
What will be output?

```
1 int[][] a = {{1,2}, {3,4}, {5,6}};
2
3 System.out.println(a.length);
4 System.out.println(a[2].length);
5
6 System.out.println(a[1][1]);
7 System.out.println(a[2][0]);
```

4. Multidimensional Arrays

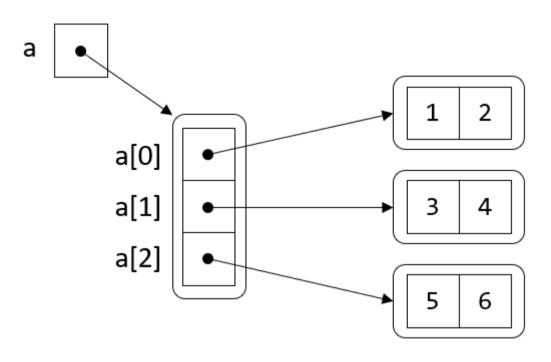


Figure 9: Multidimensional arrays with values

4. Multidimensional Arrays

? Question
What will be output?

```
1 int[][] a = {{1,2}, {3,4}, {5,6}};
2 int[] b = a[0];
3 int c = b[1];
4
5 b[1] = 7;
6 System.out.println(a[0][1]);
7 System.out.println(c);
```

4. Multidimensional Arrays

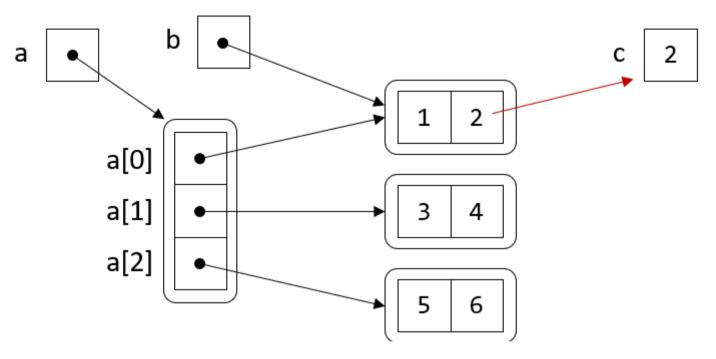


Figure 10: Complex multidimensional arrays

- 4. Multidimensional Arrays
- Multidimensional arrays do not have to be rectangular
- Example: Assign own array to each row of a two-dimensional array

₹≣ Task 4

Create a triangle matrix using a for loop!

- 4. Multidimensional Arrays
- Multidimensional arrays do not have to be rectangular
- Example: Assign own array to each row of a two-dimensional array

```
₹≣ Task 5

Create a triangle matrix using a for loop!
```

```
1 int[][] a = new int[3][];
2 for (int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
3     a[i] = new int[i + 1];
4 }</pre>
```

4. Multidimensional Arrays

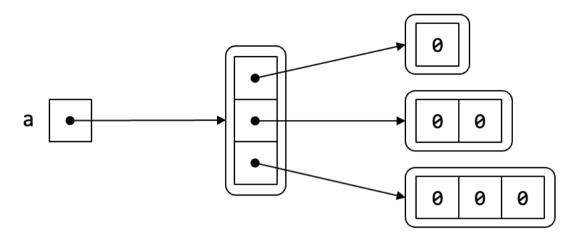


Figure 11: Multidimensional array in the shape of a triangle

5. Lists

- 5. Lists
- Arrays: Size cannot be changed after creation ("semi-dynamic")
- Lists: Elements can be added or removed ("dynamic")
 - ▶ Data type of elements to be stored in angle brackets (see below: String)

5.1 ArrayList

5. Lists

```
public class ArrayListDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        ArrayList<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();
        names.add("Lena");
        names.add("Birgit");
        names.add("Jan");
        names.add(new String("Jan"));
    }
}
```

5.1 ArrayList

- Examples:
 - ► Number of elements (size())
 - ► Access to elements (get())
 - Query whether specific element is in list (contains())
 - ► Remove element from list (remove())

```
ArrayList<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();
1
                                                                                 Java
     String birgit = "Birgit";
3
     names.add("Lena");
4
     names.add(birgit);
5
6
     for (int i = 0; i < names.size(); i++) {</pre>
          System.out.println(names.get(i));
8
9
10
     if (names.contains(birgit)) {
          names.remove(birgit);
11
12
```

6. foreach Loop

6.1 foreach Loop

6. foreach Loop

```
1 for (DataType Variable : IterationObject) {
2   Statements
3 }
```

- Motivation:
 - Sometimes every element e.g. of an array or a list is needed
 - But: Position within the array or list is not needed
 - Therefore no loop counter as index needed

- Loop iterates through array (or list) from first to last element:
- On first pass, variable has the value of the 1st element
- On second pass, variable has the value of the 2nd element and so on
- On last pass, variable has the value of the last element

? Question

What will be output?

```
1 int[] a = {7, 1, 3, 8};
2
3 for (int element : a) {
4    System.out.println("Element: " + element);
5 }
```

6.1 foreach Loop

6. foreach Loop

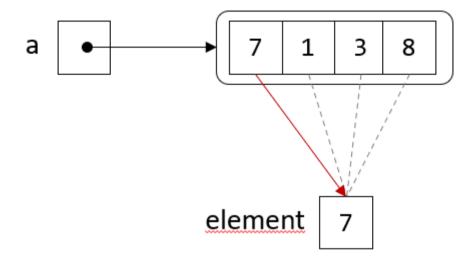


Figure 12: Result of foreach loop

Task 6

- Create the following using a foreach loop:
- Method that returns the average of the numbers contained in an array
- Program that uses the method

6.1 foreach Loop

6. foreach Loop

```
static double average(double[] numbers) {
                                                                        Java
2
          double sum = 0.0;
3
          for(double number : numbers) {
5
              sum += number;
6
          return sum / numbers.length;
8
9
10
     public static void main(String[] args) {
11
          double[] a = \{1.43, 2, .2, 6.32, 7.1, 8.1\};
12
          System.out.println("Average = " + average(a));
13
     }
```

- Primitive data types:
 - ► Store value (e.g. integer) directly
 - ▶ Have no methods
- Wrapper classes:
 - "Wrap" primitive data types into classes
 - Provide methods (e.g. for integers)

| Primitive | Wrapper Class |
|-----------|---------------|
| boolean | Boolean |
| byte | Byte |
| short | Short |
| int | Integer |
| long | Long |
| char | Character |
| float | Float |
| double | Double |

Table 1: Formats and Flags

7. Wrapper Classes & Math Class

Convert primitive data types to String

```
int a = 7;
Integer b = new Integer(a);

String c = b.toString();
```

Shorter alternative via class method:

```
1 String a = Integer.toString(7);

§ Java
```

Convert String to primitive data types:

```
1 String a = "7";
2 int b = Integer.parseInt(a);
```

7. Wrapper Classes & Math Class

- Conversions:
 - ► Boxing: Conversion of primitive data type to object of wrapper class
 - ► Unboxing: Conversion of object of wrapper class to primitive data type

```
1   Integer object = new Integer(24); //Boxing of int value
2   int noObject = object.intValue(); //Unboxing of object
```

Autoboxing: Automatic conversions (both directions)

```
1 Integer object = 24; //Automatic boxing of int value
2 int noObject = object; //Automatic unboxing of object
```

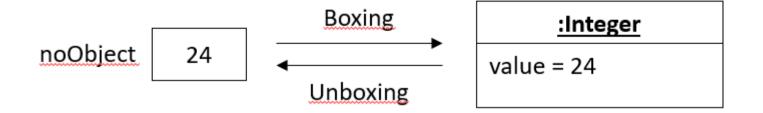
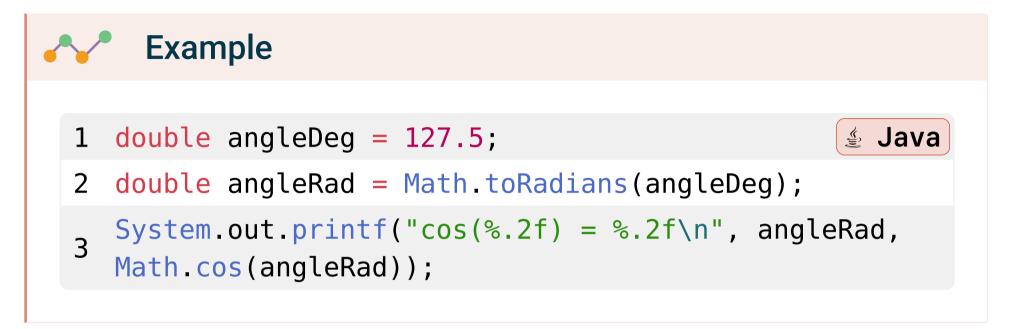


Figure 13: Type conversion with wrapper classes

7.2 Math Class

- Mathematical constants: Euler's number e, pi π
- Mathematical functions (as class methods), e.g.:
 - ► Trigonometric functions
 - Rounding
 - ▶ Absolute value
 - Exponential function and logarithm
 - Maximum and minimum
 - ► Roots
 - ► Random numbers

7.2 Math Class



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