Chapter 7

Single-Dimensional Arrays

7.1 Introduction

 Array is a data structure that stores a fixed-size sequential collection of elements of the same types.

7.2 Array Basics

- An array is used to store a collection of data, but it is often more useful to think of an array as a collection of variables of the same type.
- This section introduces how to declare array variables, create arrays, and process arrays

7.2.1 Declaring Array Variables

• Here is the syntax for declaring an array variable:

```
dataType[] arrayRefVar;
```

• The following code snippets are examples of this syntax:

```
double [ ] myList;
```

7.2.2 Creating Arrays

- Declaration of an array variable **doesn't** allocate any space in memory for the array.
- Only a storage location for the reference to an array is created.
- If a variable doesn't reference to an array, the value of the variable is *null*.
- You can create an array by using the *new* operator with the following syntax:

```
arrayRefVar = new dataType[arraySize];
```

- This element does two things:
 - 1) It creates an array using new dataType[arraySize];
 - 2) It assigns the reference of the newly created array to the variable arrayRefVar.
- Declaring an array variable, creating an array, and assigning the reference of the array to the variable can be combined in one statement, as follows:

```
dataType[]arrayRefVar = new dataType[arraySize];
```

• Here is an example of such a statement

double[] myList = new double[10];

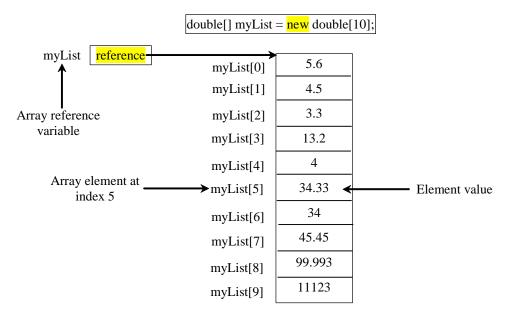


FIGURE 7.1 The array *myList* has ten elements of double type and int indices from 0 to 9.

• This statement declares an array variable, myList, creates an array of ten elements of double type, and assigns its reference to myList.

NOTE

• An array variable that appears to hold an array actually contains a reference to that array. Strictly speaking, an array variable and an array are **different**.

7.2.3 Array Size and Default values

- When space for an array is allocated, the array size must be given, to specify the number of elements that can be stored in it.
- The size of an array **cannot** be changed after the array is created.
- Size can be obtained using arrayRefVar.length. For example, myList.length is 10.
- When an array is created, its elements are assigned the default value of **0** for the numeric primitive data types, '\u0000' for char types, and false for Boolean types.

7.2.4 Accessing Array Elements

- The array elements are accessed through an index.
- The array indices are **0-based**, they start from **0** to arrayRefVar.length-1.
- In the example, myList holds ten double values and the indices from 0 to 9. The element *myList*[9] represents the last element in the array.
- After an array is created, an indexed variable can be used in the same way as a regular variable. For example:

7.2.5 Array Initializers

• Java has a shorthand notation, known as the *array initializer* that combines declaring an array, creating an array and initializing it at the same time.

```
double[] myList = \{1.9, 2.9, 3.4, 3.5\};
```

• This shorthand notation is **equivalent** to the following statements:

```
double[] myList = new double[4];
myList[0] = 1.9;
myList[1] = 2.9;
myList[2] = 3.4;
myList[3] = 3.5;
```

Caution

• Using the shorthand notation, you have to declare, create, and initialize the array all in one statement. Splitting it would cause a syntax error. For example, the following is **wrong**:

```
double[] myList;
myList = {1.9, 2.9, 3.4, 3.5};
```

7.2.6 Processing Arrays

- When processing array elements, you will often use a *for* loop. Here are the reasons why:
 - 1) All of the elements in an array are of the **same** type. They are evenly processed in the same fashion by repeatedly using a loop.
 - 2) Since the size of the array is **known**, it is natural to use a for loop.
- Here are some examples of processing arrays (Page 173):
 - (Initializing arrays)
 - o (Printing arrays)
 - o (Summing all elements)
 - o (Finding the largest element)
 - o (Finding the smallest index of the largest element)

7.2.7 Foreach Loops

• JDK 1.5 introduced a new for loop that enables you to traverse the complete array sequentially without using an index variable. For example, the following code displays all elements in the array myList:

```
for (double u: myList)
    System.out.println(u);

o In general, the syntax is

for (elementType element: arrayRefVar) {
    // Process the value
}
```

O You still have to use an index variable if you wish to traverse the array in a different order or change the elements in the array.

7.3 Case Study: Analyzing Numbers

 Read the numbers of user inputs, compute their average, and find out how many numbers are above the average.

LISTING 7.1 AnalyzeNumbers.java

```
public class AnalyzeNumbers {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    java.util.Scanner input = new java.util.Scanner(System.in);
    System.out.print("Enter the numbers of items: ");
    int n = input.nextInt();
 double[] numbers = new double[n];
    double sum = 0;
    System.out.print("Enter the numbers: ");
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     numbers[i] = input.nextDouble();
     sum += numbers[i];
    double average = sum / n;
    int count = 0; // The numbers of elements above average
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
     if (numbers[i] > average)
       count++;
    System.out.println("Average is " + average);
    System.out.println("Number of elements above the average is "
      + count);
  }
}
  Enter the numbers of items: 10
 Enter the numbers: 3.4 5 6 1 6.5 7.8 3.5 8.5 6.3 9.5
 Average is 5.75
 Number of elements above the average is 6
```

7.4 Case Study: Deck of Cards

• The problem is to write a program that picks **four** cards **randomly** from a deck of 52 cards. All the cards can be represented using an array named deck, filled with initial values 0 to 52, as follows:

LISTING 7.2 DeckOfCards.java

```
public class DeckOfCards {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int[] deck = new int[52];
    String[] suits = {"Spades", "Hearts", "Diamonds", "Clubs"};
    String[] ranks = {"Ace", "2", "3", "4", "5", "6", "7", "8", "9",
      "10", "Jack", "Queen", "King"};
    // Initialize cards
    for (int i = 0; i < deck.length; i++)</pre>
      deck[i] = i;
    // Shuffle the cards
    for (int i = 0; i < deck.length; i++) {
      // Generate an index randomly
      int index = (int) (Math.random() * deck.length);
     int temp = deck[i];
     deck[i] = deck[index];
     deck[index] = temp;
    // Display the first four cards
    for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
      String suit = suits[deck[i] / 13];
      String rank = ranks[deck[i] % 13];
      System.out.println("Card number " + deck[i] + ": "
        + rank + " of " + suit);
    }
  }
}
```

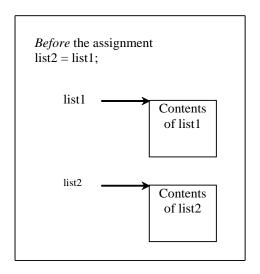
```
Card number 6: 7 of Spades
Card number 48: 10 of Clubs
Card number 11: Queen of Spades
Card number 24: Queen of Hearts
```

7.5 Copying Arrays

• Often, in a program, you need to duplicate an array or a part of an array. In such cases you could attempt to use the assignment statement (=), as follows:

```
list2 = list1;
```

• This statement does **not** copy the contents of the array referenced by *list1* to *list2*, but merely **copies the reference value** from *list1* to *list2*. After this statement, *list1* and *list2* reference to the same array, as shown below.



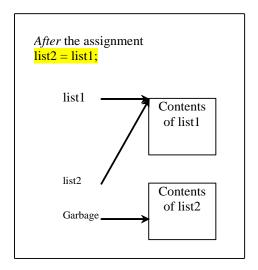


FIGURE 7.4 Before the assignment, list1 and list2 point to separate memory locations. After the assignments the reference of the list1 array is passed to list2

- The array previously referenced by list2 is no longer referenced; it becomes garbage, which will be automatically collected by the Java Virtual Machine.
- You can use assignment statements to copy primitive data type variables, but not arrays.
- Assigning one array variable to another variable actually copies one reference to another and makes both variables point to the **same memory location**.

- There are three ways to copy arrays:
 - Use a **loop** to copy individual elements.
 - Use the static *arraycopy* method in the *System* class.
 - Use the **clone** method to copy arrays. "Introduced in chapter 9."

• Using a **loop**:

```
int[] sourceArray = {2, 3, 1, 5, 10};
int[] targetArray = new int[sourceArray.length];

for (int i = 0; i < sourceArrays.length; i++)
   targetArray[i] = sourceArray[i];</pre>
```

• The **arraycopy** method:

```
arraycopy(sourceArray, src_pos, targetArray, tar_pos, length);
Example:
System.arraycopy(sourceArray, 0, targetArray, 0, sourceArray.length);
```

- The number of elements copied from sourceArray to targetArray is indicated by length.
- The arraycopy does **not** allocate memory space for the target array. The target array must have already been created with its memory space allocated.
- After the copying take place, targetArray and sourceArray have the same content but independent memory locations.

7.6 Passing Arrays to Methods

• The following method displays the elements of an int array:

```
public static void printArray(int[] array) {
  for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {
    System.out.print(array[i] + " ");
  }
}</pre>
```

The following invokes the method to display 3, 1, 2, 6, 4, and 2.

```
int[] list = {3, 1, 2, 6, 4, 2};
printArray(list);

printArray(new int[]{3, 1, 2, 6, 4, 2});
    // anonymous array; no explicit reference variable for the array
```

- Java uses *pass by value* to pass arguments to a method. There are important differences between passing the values of variables of primitive data types and passing arrays.
- For an argument of a primitive type, the argument's **value** is passed.
- For an argument of an array type, the value of an argument contains a reference to an array; this **reference** is passed to the method.

```
public class Test {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int x = 1; // x represents an int value
    int[] y = new int[10]; // y represents an array of int values

    m(x, y); // Invoke m with arguments x and y

    System.out.println("x is " + x);
    System.out.println("y[0] is " + y[0]);
}

public static void m(int number, int[] numbers) {
    number = 1001; // Assign a new value to number
    numbers[0] = 5555; // Assign a new value to numbers[0]
  }
}

x is 1
y[0] is 5555
```

- y and *numbers* reference to the same array, although y and *numbers* are independent variables.
- When invoking m(x, y), the values of x and y are passed to number and numbers.
- Since *y* contains the reference value to the array, *numbers* now contains the same reference value to the same array.

• The JVM stores the array in an area of memory called *heap*, which is used by dynamic memory allocation where blocks of memory are allocated and freed in an arbitrary order.

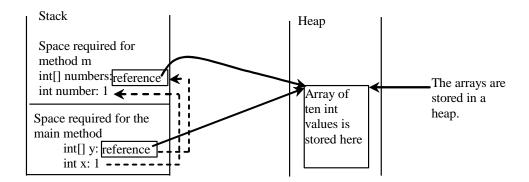


FIGURE 7.5 The primitive type value in x is passed to number, and the reference value in y is passed to numbers

LISTING 7.3 TestPassArray: Passing Arrays as Arguments

- For a parameter of an array type, the value of the parameter contains a reference to an array; this reference is passed to the method. Any changes to the array that occur inside the method body will affect the original array that was passed as the argument.
- **Example**: write two methods for swapping elements in an array. The first method, named *swap*, fails to swap two int arguments. The second method, named *swapFirstTwoInArray*, successfully swaps the first two elements in the array argument.

```
public class TestPassArray {
 /** Main method */
 public static void main(String[] args) {
    int[] a = \{1, 2\};
    // Swap elements using the swap method
    System.out.println("Before invoking swap");
    System.out.println("array is \{" + a[0] + ", " + a[1] + "\}");
    swap(a[0], a[1]);
    System.out.println("After invoking swap");
    System.out.println("array is {" + a[0] + ", " + a[1] + "}");
    // Swap elements using the swapFirstTwoInArray method
    System.out.println("Before invoking swapFirstTwoInArray");
    System.out.println("array is \{" + a[0] + ", " + a[1] + "\}"\};
    swapFirstTwoInArray(a);
   System.out.println("After invoking swapFirstTwoInArray");
   System.out.println("array is {" + a[0] + ", " + a[1] + "}");
  /** Swap two variables */
 public static void swap (int n1, int n2) {
   int temp = n1;
   n1 = n2;
   n2 = temp;
  /** Swap the first two elements in the array */
 public static void swapFirstTwoInArray(int[] array) {
    int temp = array[0];
   array[0] = array[1];
   array[1] = temp;
 Before invoking swap
 array is \{1, 2\}
 After invoking swap
 array is {1, 2}
 Before invoking swapFirstTwoInArray
 array is {1, 2}
 After invoking swapFirstTwoInArray
 array is {2, 1}
```

- The first method doesn't work. The two elements are not swapped using the *swap* method.
- The second method works. The two elements are actually swapped using the *swapFirstTwoInArray* method.
- Since the arguments in the first method are primitive type, the values of a[0] and a[1] are passed to n1 and n2 inside the method when invoking swap(a[0], a[1]).
- The memory locations for n1 and n2 are independent of the ones for a[0] and a[1].
- The contents of the array are not affected by this call.

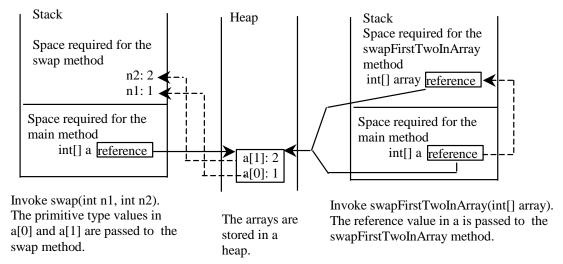


FIGURE 7.6 When passing an array to a method, the reference of the array is passed to the method.

- The parameter in the swapFirstTwoInArray method is an array.
- As shown above, the reference of the array is passed to the method.
- Thus the variables a (outside the method) and array (inside the method) both refer to the same array in the same memory location.
- Therefore, swapping array[0] with array[1] inside the method swapFirstTwoInArray is the same as swapping a[0] with a[1] outside of the method.

7.7 Returning an Array from a Method

- You can pass arrays to invoke a method. A method may also return an array.
- For example, the method below returns an array that is the reversal of another array:

• The following statement returns a new array list2 with elements 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1:

```
int[] list1 = new int[]{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
int[] list2 = reverse(list1);
```

7.8 Case Study: Counting the Occurrences of Each Letters

- Generate 100 lowercase letters randomly and assign to an array of characters.
- Count the occurrence of each letter in the array.

LISTING 7.4 CountLettersInArray.java

```
/* Output
     The lowercase letters are:
     envevnsfwxiubxwvwmyv
     hocjddytbecpwwqhewdu
     v t q p c d k q m v j o k n u x w f c b
     ppnztxfemoggnoyylbsb
     hfahteifahfxleyuiwvq
     The occurrences of each letter are:
     2 a 5 b 4 c 4 d 7 e 6 f 3 q 5 h 3 i 2 j
     2 k 2 l 3 m 5 n 4 o 4 p 3 q 0 r 2 s 4 t
     4 u 7 v 8 w 5 x 5 y 1 z
public class CountLettersInArray {
 /** Main method */
 public static void main(String args[]) {
   // Declare and create an array
   char[] chars = createArray();
   // Display the array
   System.out.println("The lowercase letters are:");
   displayArray(chars);
   // Count the occurrences of each letter
   int[] counts = countLetters(chars);
   // Display counts
   System.out.println();
   System.out.println("The occurrences of each letter are:");
   displayCounts(counts);
 /** Create an array of characters */
 public static char[] createArray() {
   // Declare an array of characters and create it
   char[] chars = new char[100];
   // Create lowercase letters randomly and assign
   // them to the array
   for (int i = 0; i < chars.length; i++)</pre>
     chars[i] = RandomCharacter.getRandomLowerCaseLetter();
   // Return the array
   return chars;
 /** Display the array of characters */
```

```
public static void displayArray(char[] chars) {
    // Display the characters in the array 20 on each line
    for (int i = 0; i < chars.length; i++) {</pre>
      if ((i + 1) % 20 == 0)
        System.out.println(chars[i] + " ");
      else
        System.out.print(chars[i] + " ");
  }
 /** Count the occurrences of each letter */
 public static int[] countLetters(char[] chars) {
    // Declare and create an array of 26 int
    int[] counts = new int[26];
    // For each lowercase letter in the array, count it
    for (int i = 0; i < chars.length; i++)</pre>
      counts[chars[i] - 'a']++;
    return counts;
 }
 /** Display counts */
 public static void displayCounts(int[] counts) {
    for (int i = 0; i < counts.length; i++) {</pre>
      if ((i + 1) % 10 == 0)
        System.out.println(counts[i] + " " + (char)(i + 'a'));
      else
        System.out.print(counts[i] + " " + (char)(i + 'a') + " ");
 }
}
                                                (B) After exiting
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    createArray in Line 5
                                                createArray in Line 5
                             Heap
                                                                         Heap
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                                                    Stack
   Space required for the
                           Array of 100
                                                                       Array of 100
   createArray method
                           characters
                                                                       characters
        char[] chars: ref
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                                               Space required for the
   main method
                                               main method
        char[] chars: ref
                                                    char[] chars: ref
```

FIGURE 7.8 (a) An array of 100 characters is created when executing createArray. (b) This array is returned and assigned to the variable chars in the main method

7.9 Variable-Length Argument Lists

• A variable number of arguments of **the same type** can be passed to a method and treated as an **array**.

TypeName... parameterName

LISTING 7.5 VarArgsDemo.java

```
public class VarArgsDemo {
  public static void main(String args[]) {
    printMax(34, 3, 3, 2, 56.5);
    printMax(new double[]{1, 2, 3});
}

public static void printMax(double... numbers) {
  if (numbers.length == 0) {
    System.out.println("No argument passed");
    return;
  }

  double result = numbers[0];

  for (int i = 1; i < numbers.length; i++)
    if (numbers[i] > result)
      result = numbers[i];

    System.out.println("The max value is " + result);
  }
}

The max value is 56.5
```

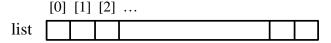
The max value is 3.0

7.10 Searching Arrays

- Searching is the process of looking for a specific element in an array; for example, discovering whether a certain score is included in a list of scores. Searching is a common task in computer programming.
- There are many algorithms and data structures devoted to searching. In this section, two commonly used approaches are discussed, linear search and binary search.

7.10.1 The Linear Search Approach

- The linear search approach compares the key element, key, sequentially with each element in the array list. The method continues to do so until the key matches an element in the list or the list is exhausted without a match being found.
- If a match is made, the linear search returns the index of the element in the array that matches the key. If no match is found, the search returns -1.



key Compare key with list[i] for i = 0, 1, ...

```
public class LinearSearch {
    /** The method for finding a key in the list */
    public static int linearSearch(int[] list, int key) {
        for (int i = 0; i < list.length; i++)
            if (key == list[i])
                return i;
        return -1;
     }
}</pre>
```

• The linear search method compares the key with each element in the array.

```
int[] list = {1, 4, 4, 2, 5, -3, 6, 2};
int i = LinearSearch.linearSearch(list, 4); // Returns 1
int j = LinearSearch.linearSearch(list, -4); // Returns -1
int k = LinearSearch.linearSearch(list, -3); // Returns 5
```

7.10.2 The Binary Search Approach

• For binary search to work, the elements in the array must already be ordered. Without loss of generality, assume that the array is in ascending order.

2 4 7 10 11 45 50 59 60 66 69 70 79

- The binary search first compares the key with the element in the middle of the array.
 - o If the key is less than the middle element, you only need to search the key in the first half of the array.
 - o If the key is equal to the middle element, the search ends with a match.
 - o If the key is greater than the middle element, you only need to search the key in the second half of the array.
- The binarySearch method returns the index of the element in the list that matches the search key if it is contained in the list. Otherwise, it returns
 - -insertion point 1.
 - The insertion point is the point at which the key would be inserted into the list.

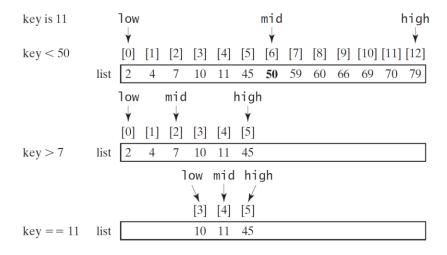


FIGURE 7.9 Binary search eliminates half of the list from further consideration after each comparison.

LISTING 7.7 BinarySearch.java

```
public class BinarySearch {
  /** Use binary search to find the key in the list */
 public static int binarySearch(int[] list, int key) {
   int low = 0;
   int high = list.length - 1;
    while (high >= low) {
      int mid = (low + high) / 2;
      if (key < list[mid])</pre>
        high = mid - 1;
      else if (key == list[mid])
        return mid;
      else
        low = mid + 1;
    return -low - 1; // Now high < low</pre>
 }
}
```

• To better understand this method, trace it with the following statements and identify low and high when the method returns.

```
int[] list = {2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 45, 50, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 79};
int i = BinarySearch.binarySearch(list, 2); // Returns 0
int j = BinarySearch.binarySearch(list, 11); // Returns 4
int k = BinarySearch.binarySearch(list, 12); // Returns -6
int l = BinarySearch.binarySearch(list, 1); // Returns -1
int m = BinarySearch.binarySearch(list, 3); // Returns -2
```

Method binarySearch(list, 2) binarySearch(list, 11) binarySearch(list, 12) binarySearch(list, 1)	Low 0 3 5 0	High 1 5 4	Value Returned 0 4 -6
binarySearch(list, 1) binarySearch(list, 3)	0 1	-1 0	-1 -2
J = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =	_	-	_

7.11 Sorting Arrays

- Sorting, like searching, is also a common task in computer programming. Many different algorithms have been developed for sorting. This section introduces a simple, intuitive sorting algorithms: selection sort.
- Selection sort finds the smallest number in the list and places it first. It then finds the smallest number remaining and places it second, and so on until the list contains only a single number.

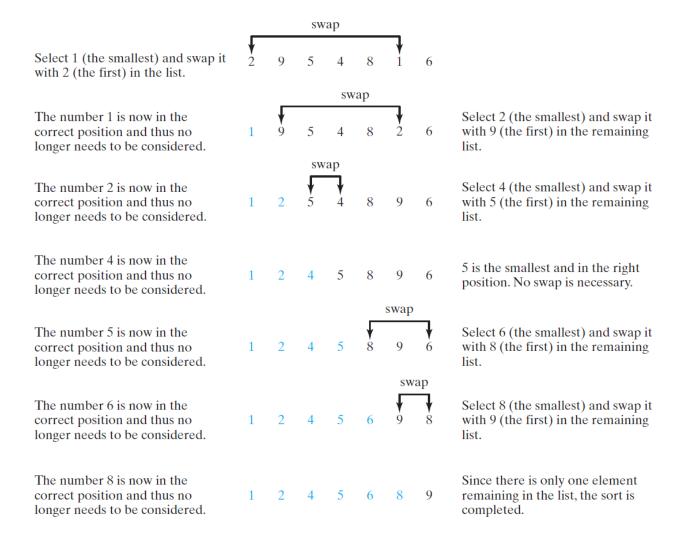


FIGURE 7.11 Selection sort repeatedly selects the smallest number and swaps it with the first number in the list.

LISTING 7.8 SelectionSort.java

```
public class SelectionSort {
 /** The method for sorting the numbers */
 public static void selectionSort(double[] list) {
   for (int i = 0; i < list.length - 1; i++) {</pre>
      // Find the minimum in the list[i..list.length-1]
      double currentMin = list[i];
     int currentMinIndex = i;
     for (int j = i + 1; j < list.length; <math>j++) {
        if (currentMin > list[j]) {
         currentMin = list[j];
          currentMinIndex = j;
        }
      }
      // Swap list[i] with list[currentMinIndex] if necessary;
      if (currentMinIndex != i) {
        list[currentMinIndex] = list[i];
        list[i] = currentMin;
    }
 }
}
```

• To understand this method better, trace it with the following statements:

```
double[] list = {1, 9, 4.5, 6.6, 5.7, -4.5};
SelectionSort.selectionSort(list);
```

```
-4.5 1.0 4.5 5.7 6.6 9.0
```

7.12 The Array Class

• The Arrays.binarySearch Method: Since binary search is frequently used in programming, Java provides several overloaded binarySearch methods for searching a key in an array of int, double, char, short, long, and float in the java.util.Arrays class. For example, the following code searches the keys in an array of numbers and an array of characters.

- o For the binarySearch method to work, the array must be pre-sorted in increasing order.
- The Arrays.sort Method: Since sorting is frequently used in programming, Java provides several overloaded sort methods for sorting an array of int, double, char, short, long, and float in the java.util.Arrays class. For example, the following code sorts an array of numbers and an array of characters.

```
double[] numbers = {6.0, 4.4, 1.9, 2.9, 3.4, 3.5};
java.util.Arrays.sort(numbers);

1.9 2.9 3.4 3.5 4.4 6.0

char[] chars = {'a', 'A', '4', 'F', 'D', 'P'};
java.util.Arrays.sort(chars);

4 A D F P a
```

7.13 Command-Line Arguments

- The main method can receive string arguments from the command line.
- In the main method, get the arguments from args[0], args[1], ..., args[n], which corresponds to arg0, arg1, ..., argn in the command line.

```
java Calculator 2 + 3
```

LISTING 7.9 Calculator.java

• Problem: Write a program that will perform binary operations on integers. The program receives three parameters: an operator and two integers.

```
public class Calculator {
  /** Main method */
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   // Check number of strings passed
    if (args.length != 3) {
     System.out.println(
        "Usage: java Calculator operand1 operator operand2");
      System.exit(0);
   // The result of the operation
   int result = 0;
    // Determine the operator
    switch (args[1].charAt(0)) {
      case '+': result = Integer.parseInt(args[0]) +
                         Integer.parseInt(args[2]);
                break;
      case '-': result = Integer.parseInt(args[0]) -
                         Integer.parseInt(args[2]);
                break;
      case '.': result = Integer.parseInt(args[0]) *
                         Integer.parseInt(args[2]);
               break;
      case '/': result = Integer.parseInt(args[0]) /
                        Integer.parseInt(args[2]);
    // Display result
    System.out.println(args[0] + ' ' + args[1] + ' ' + args[2]
     + " = " + result);
                                     C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
}
             book>java Calculator 45 + 56
+ 56 = 101
             .book>java Calculator 45 . 56
56 = 2520
             book>java Calculator 45 / 56
/ 56 = Ø
            \book>
```