

1. Consider the following definition of `Vector2D` class:

```

1  class Vector2D {
2      private double x;
3      private double y;
4
5      Vector2D(double x, double y) {
6          this.x = x;
7          this.y = y;
8      }
9
10     void add(Vector2D v) {
11         this.x = this.x + v.x;
12         this.y = this.y + v.y;
13         // line A
14     }
15 }
```

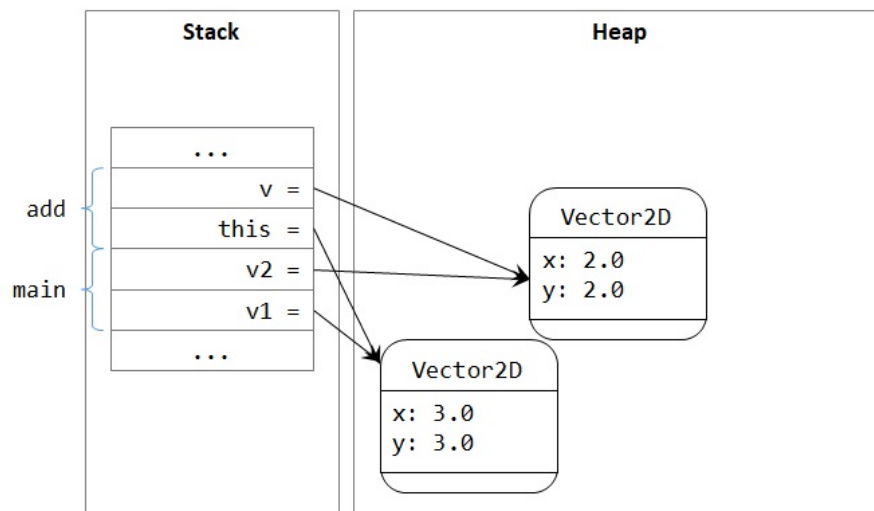
(a) Suppose the following program fragment is in a `main` method, show the content of the stack and the heap when the execution reaches the line labelled **A** above.

```

1  Vector2D v1 = new Vector2D(1, 1);
2  Vector2D v2 = new Vector2D(2, 2);
3  v1.add(v2);
```

Label your variables and the values they hold clearly. You can use arrows to indicate object references. Draw boxes around the stack frames of the methods `main` and `add`, and label them.

Suggested Guide:



Unlike languages like C, Java has automatic memory management. The garbage collector "cleans up" or reclaims memory taken up by unreferenced objects in the heap.

(b) Suppose the representation of x and y have been changed to a double array.

```

1  class Vector2D {
2      private double[] coord2D;
3      // code omitted
4  }

```

i. What changes do you need for the other parts of class `Vector2D`?

Suggested Guide:

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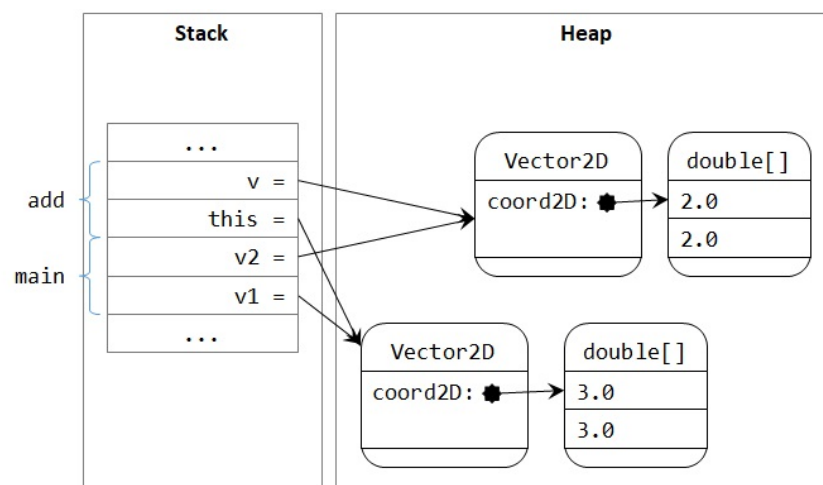
1  class Vector2D {
2      private double[] coord2D;
3
4      Vector2D(double x, double y) {
5          this.coord2D = new double[]{x, y};
6      }
7
8      void add(Vector2D v) {
9          this.coord2D = new double[] {
10             this.coord2D[0] + v.coord2D[0],
11             this.coord2D[1] + v.coord2D[1]
12         };
13         /* Alternatively:
14         this.coord2D[0] = this.coord2D[0] + v.coord2D[0];
15         this.coord2D[1] = this.coord2D[1] + v.coord2D[1];
16         */
17     }
18 }

```

ii. Would the program fragment in 1a above be valid? Show the content of the stack and the heap when the execution reaches the line labelled A again.

Suggested Guide:

Yes, the program fragment is still valid. The lower-level implementation of how the x and y coordinates are stored and operated on in `Vector2D` is encapsulated from other clients.



2. Study the following Point and Circle classes.

```

1  public class Point {
2      private double x;
3      private double y;
4
5      public Point(double x, double y) {
6          this.x = x;
7          this.y = y;
8      }
9  }
10
11 public class Circle {
12     private Point centre;
13     private int radius;
14
15     public Circle(Point centre, int radius) {
16         this.centre = centre;
17         this.radius = radius;
18     }
19
20     @Override
21     public boolean equals(Object obj) {
22         System.out.println("equals(Object) called");
23         if (obj == this) {
24             return true;
25         }
26         if (obj instanceof Circle) {
27             Circle circle = (Circle) obj;
28             return (circle.centre.equals(centre)
29                 && circle.radius == this.radius);
30         } else {
31             return false;
32         }
33     }
34
35     public boolean equals(Circle circle) {
36         System.out.println("equals(Circle) called");
37         return (circle.centre.equals(centre)
38             && circle.radius == this.radius);
39     }
40 }

```

Given the following program fragment,

```

1  Circle c1 = new Circle(new Point(0, 0), 10);
2  Circle c2 = new Circle(new Point(0, 0), 10);
3  Object o1 = c1;
4  Object o2 = c2;

```

what is the output of the following statements?

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) o1.equals(o2); | (e) c1.equals(o2); |
| (b) o1.equals((Circle) o2); | (f) c1.equals((Circle) o2); |
| (c) o1.equals(c2); | (g) c1.equals(c2); |
| (d) o1.equals(c1); | (h) c1.equals(o1); |

Suggested Guide:

```
1 jshell> o1.equals(o2);
2 equals(Object) called
3 $.. ==> false

1 jshell> o1.equals((Circle) o2);
2 equals(Object) called
3 $.. ==> false

1 jshell> o1.equals(c2);
2 equals(Object) called
3 $.. ==> false

1 jshell> o1.equals(c1);
2 equals(Object) called
3 $.. ==> true

1 jshell> c1.equals(o2);
2 equals(Object) called
3 $.. ==> false

1 jshell> c1.equals((Circle) o2);
2 equals(Circle) called
3 $.. ==> false

1 jshell> c1.equals(c2);
2 equals(Circle) called
3 $.. ==> false

1 jshell> c1.equals(o1);
2 equals(Object) called
3 $.. ==> true
```

Invoking the `equals` method through a variable of compile-time type `Object` would execute the `equals(Object)` method of `Object`. This method can be overridden by the overriding method of the same name in the subclass `Circle`.

The only time that the overloaded method `equals(Circle)` can be executed is when the method is invoked through a target with compile-time type `Circle`, and a run-time type is also `Circle` (as can be seen in the output of the code excerpt `c1.equals(c2)`).

The dynamic binding process to determine which method gets invoked happened in two steps as can be seen in the notes. The output of `true` or `false` largely depends on the presence of an overriding `equals` method in the `Point` class.