Abstract Classes & Iterators

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1 An Appealing Appetizer

```
1.1 public interface Consumable {
        public void consume();
   public abstract class Food implements Consumable {
        String name;
        public abstract void prepare();
        public void play() {
            System.out.println("Mom says, 'Don't play with your food.'");
        }
   }
   public class Snack extends Food {
        public void prepare() {
            System.out.println("Taking " + name + " out of wrapper");
        public void consume() {
            System.out.println("Snacking on " + name);
        }
   }
```

(a) Compare and contrast interfaces and abstract classes.

- (b) Do we need the play method in Snack?
- (c) Does this compile? Consumable chips = **new** Snack();

A normal generic linked list contains objects of only one type. But we can imagine a generic linked list where entries alternate between two types.

```
public class AltList<X,Y> {
    private X item;
    private AltList<Y,X> next;
    AltList(X item, AltList<Y,X> next) {
        this.item = item;
        this.next = next;
    }
}
AltList<Integer, String> list =
    new AltList<Integer, String>(5,
        new AltList<String, Integer>("cat",
        new AltList<Integer, String>(10,
        new AltList<String, Integer>("dog", null))));
```

This list represents [5, cat, 10, dog]. In this list, assuming indexing begins at 0, all even-index items are Integers and all odd-index items are Strings.

Write an instance method called pairsSwapped() for the AltList class that returns a copy of the original list, but with adjacent pairs swapped. Each item should only be swapped once. This method should be non-destructive: it should not modify the original AltList instance. Assume that the list has an even, non-zero length.

For example, calling pairsSwapped() on the list [5, cat, 10, dog] should yield the list [cat, 5, dog, 10].

```
public class AltList<X,Y> {
    public pairsSwapped() {
```

}

}

3 Iterator Interface

In Java, an **iterator** is an object which allows us to traverse a data structure in linear fashion. Every iterator has two methods: hasNext and next.

```
interface IntIterator {
     boolean hasNext();
     int next();
}
Consider the following code that demonstrates the IntArrayIterator.
int[] arr = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
IntIterator iter = new IntArrayIterator(arr);
if (iter.hasNext()) {
     System.out.println(iter.next());
                                           // 1
}
if (iter.hasNext()) {
     System.out.println(iter.next() + 3); // 5
}
while (iter.hasNext()) {
     System.out.println(iter.next());
                                           // 3 4 5 6
}
```

Define an IntArrayIterator class that works as described above.

3.2	Define an IntListIterator class that adheres to the IntIterator interface.
3.3	Define a method, printAll, that prints every element in an IntIterator
	regardless of how the iterator is implemented.

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