Programming and Data Structures
Active Learning Activity 3: Abstract Classes and Interfaces

Activity Objectives

At the end of this activity, students should be able to:

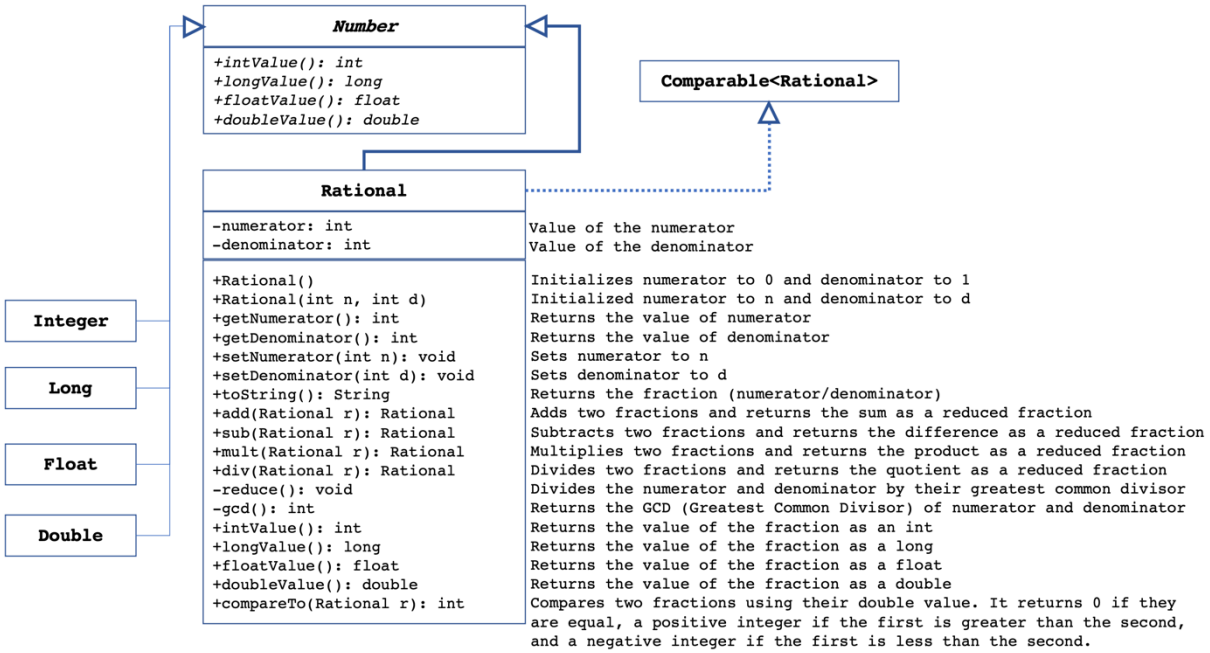
1. Use an abstract class to model common behavior between related classes
2. Create a concrete class ***Rational*** for type fraction that extends an abstract class and implement the abstract methods
3. Make the class ***Rational*** implement the interface ***Comparable*** to define how rational objects should be ordered
4. Write a Java program that manipulates fractions using the new type ***Rational***

Activity

You are asked to write a program that defines a new type for rational numbers (fractions) and perform basic arithmetic operations on fractions.

Your program should include the following:

1. The class ***Rational*** that extends the Java abstract class ***Number***. The two classes are described by the UML diagrams below. You do not need to create the class Number as it is already available in the package ***java.lang***. Note that the wrapper classes ***Integer***, ***Long***, ***Float*** and ***Double*** extend the abstract class ***Number***.



2. Create the class Test with a main method to perform the following:
    a. **Part 1 (Manipulating Numbers)**
        i. Create an array of type ***Number*** and size ***10***.
        ii. Add a pair of random integers, long, float, double, and rational numbers to the array.
        iii. Display the list of numbers using the following methods: ***toString()***, ***intValue()***, and ***doubleValue()***.

    b. **Part 2 (Operations on numbers of type *Rational*)**
        i. Create an array of type ***Rational*** and size ***8***.
        ii. Create eight random ***Rational*** objects and store them in the array. Generate two random integers from 1 to 9 for the numerator and denominator of each ***Rational*** object.
        iii. Display the list of fractions stored in the array.
        iv. Display the sum of the first and second fractions.
        v. Display the difference between the third and fourth fractions.
        vi. Display the product of the fifth and sixth fractions.
        vii. Display the quotient of the division of the seventh fraction by the eighth fraction.
        viii. Use the method ***java.util.Arrays.sort()*** to sort the 8 fractions from the smallest to the largest.

    All fractions should be displayed in reduced form.

Test your program (see sample run below) and submit the files ***Rational.java***, and ***Test.java*** on **Github**. Make sure all your java files contain Javadoc comments.

Important note: ***toString()*** method in class ***Rational*** should consider the following:

- If the denominator is equal to ***1***, return only the numerator (fraction ***2/1*** should return ***2***)
- If the numerator is ***0***, return ***0*** (***0/2*** should return ***0***)
- If the denominator is negative, the negative sign should appear only on the numerator (***1/-2*** should return ***-1/2***)
- If the numerator is equal to the denominator, return ***1***

Here is a sample run of the program:

---------- Sample Run ----------

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List of numbers:
Value                   int value      double value
585                     585            585.00
111036                  111036         111036.00
902.82294               902            902.82
83712.82156522696       83712          83712.82
3/2                     1              1.50
91                      91             91.00
118433                  118433         118433.00
676.6151                676            676.62
66087.5350023578        66087          66087.54
1/2                     0              0.50

Original list of fractions:
2
4/7
8/7
1
1/6
3/7
2/3
7/5

Operations on fractions:
2 + 4/7 = 18/7
8/7 - 1 = 1/7
1/6 * 3/7 = 1/14
2/3 / 7/5 = 10/21

Sorted list of fractions:
1/6
3/7
4/7
2/3
1
8/7
7/5
2
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