

Creative Coding 2023

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Course website: <https://openprocessing.org/class/83620>

Data types (資料型態)

123

3.1415926

456

“Hello World”



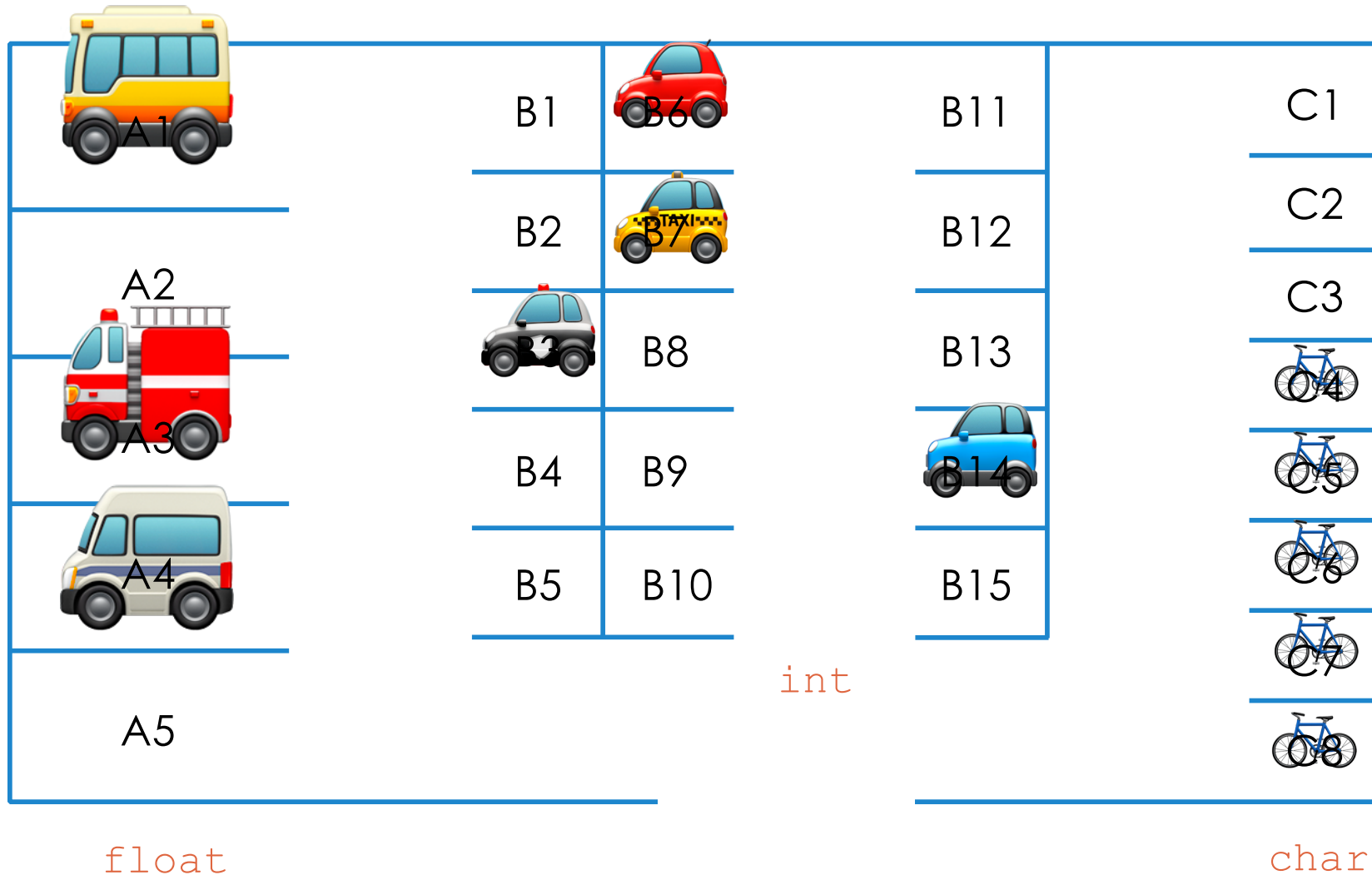
“Say Hi”

‘c’

Data types

- ▣ Different types of data require different types of variables to store them
- ▣ The Data Type in Memory
 - ▣ `int`: integer
 - ▣ `float`: floating-point number
 - ▣ `boolean`: boolean variable (true or false)
 - ▣ `char`: single character, e.g., 'c'
 - ▣ `String`: "string of words"

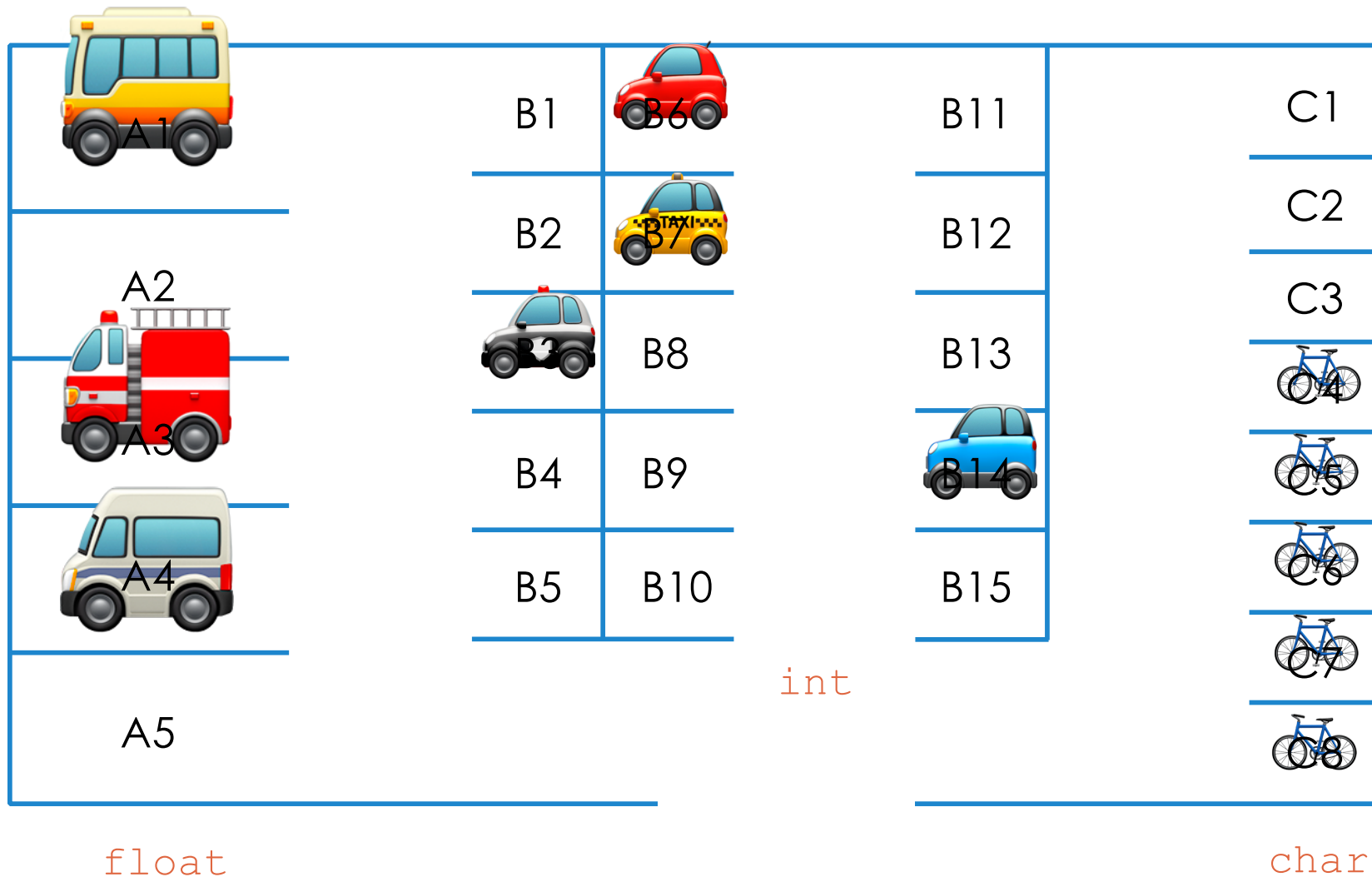
Memory vs Parking lots



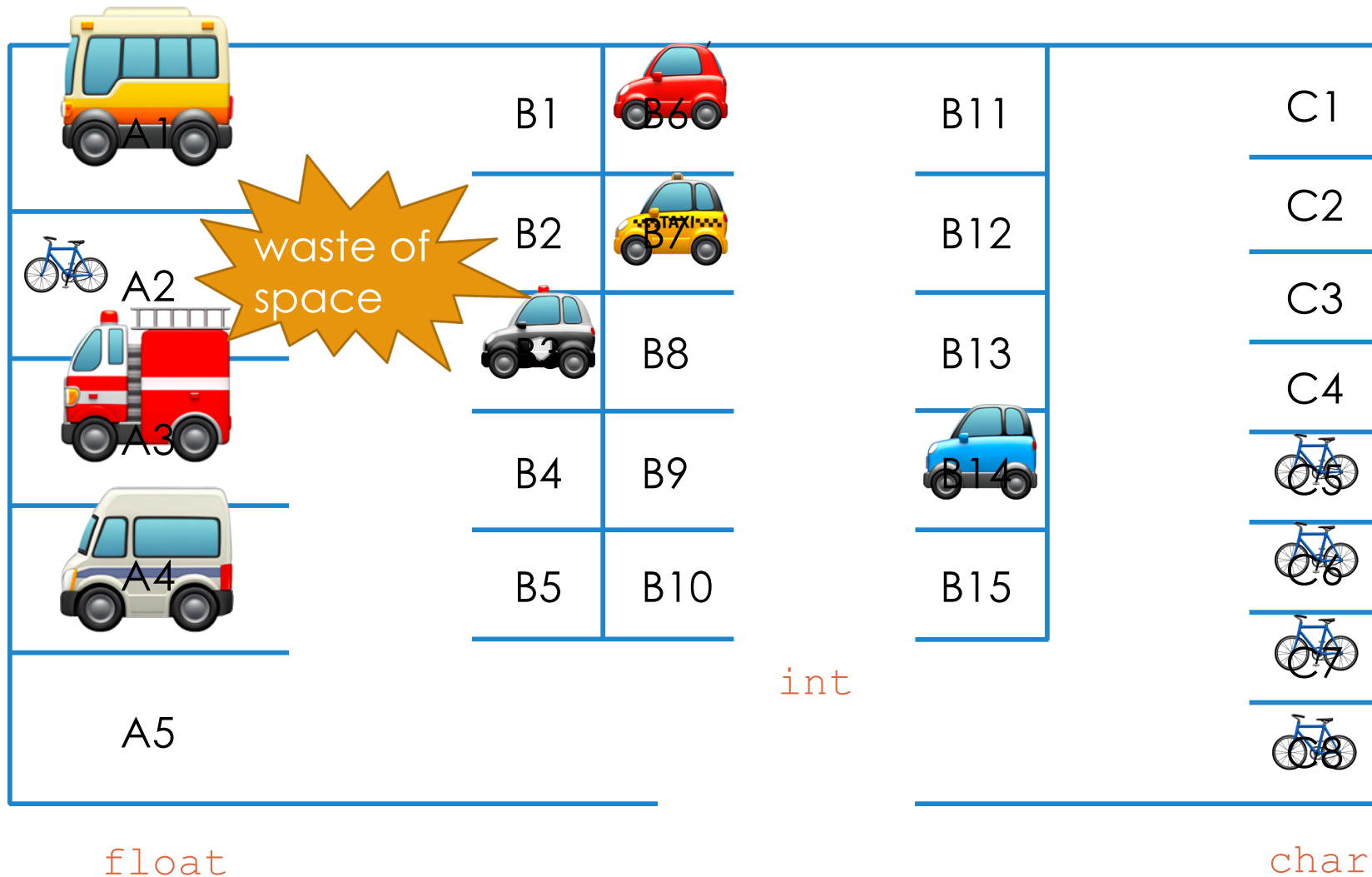
Is it possible to put data of
one type into a variable of
another type?



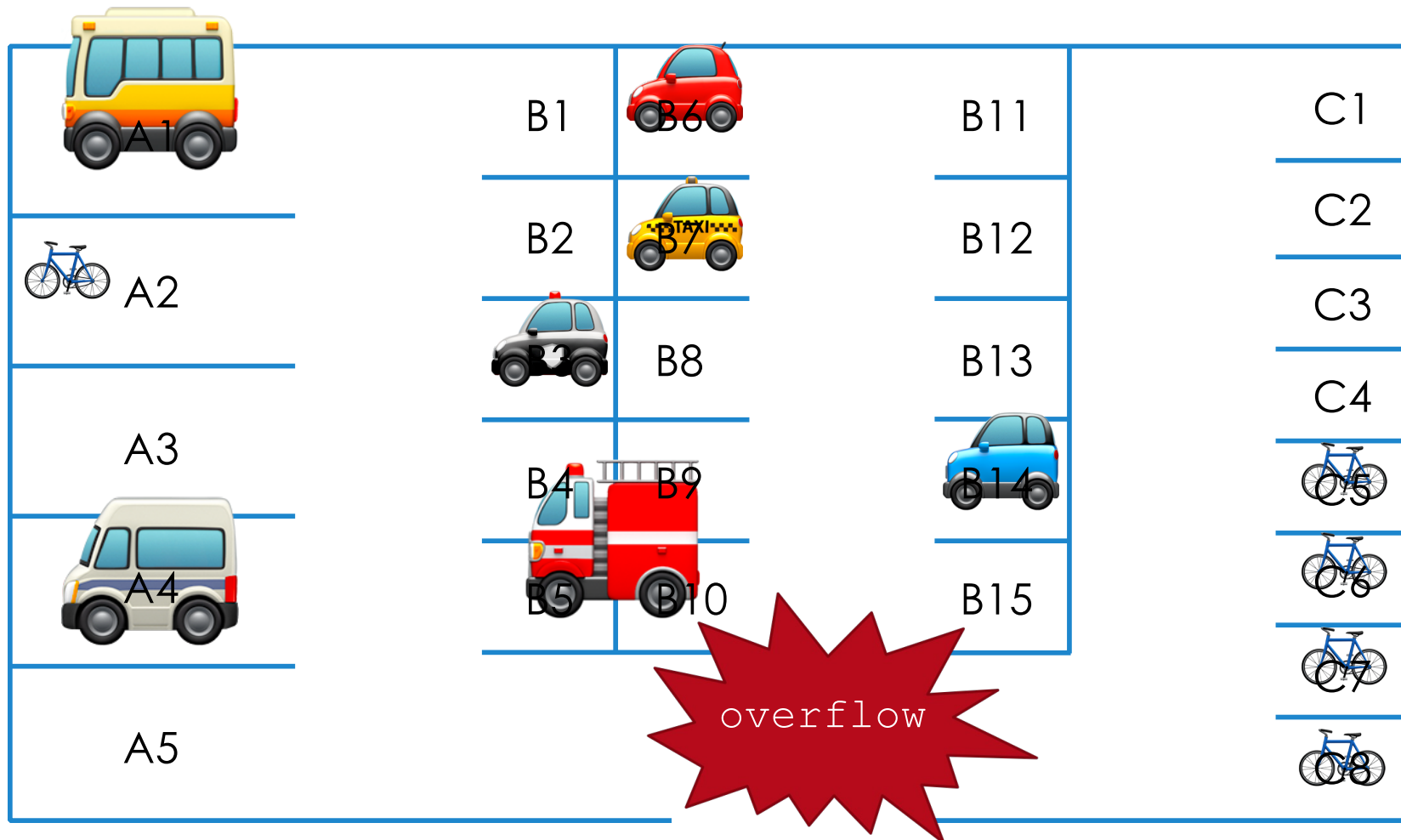
Memory and Storage Space



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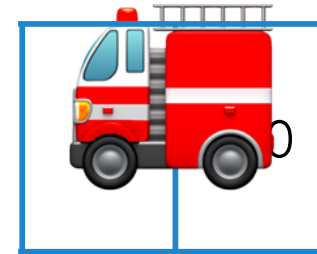
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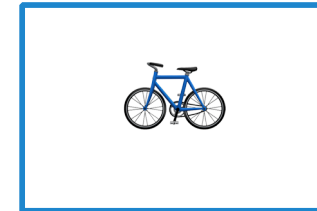
float

char

1. Preemptively checking
for potential errors



2. Efficiently planning
for memory usage

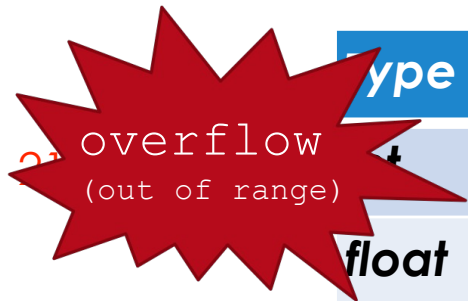


Advantages of a strongly
typed language



Data types

- Size and value range of data types:



Type	Size	Range of values
int	32bit	$-2^{31} \sim (2^{31}-1)$
float	32bit	$\pm 3.40282347E+38$
char	8bit	A-z, 0-9, and symbols
boolean	1bit	True / False
String	string of words	Any word or sentence
PImage	PNG or JPG image	N/A

Type conversions (型別轉換)

- ▣ **Implicit** conversion, also called coercion, is sometimes performed at runtime. It happens in
 - ▣ In assignment statements
 - ▣ In expressions using certain operators, such as the addition (+) operator
- ▣ **Explicit** conversion, also called casting, occurs when your code instructs the compiler to treat a variable of one data type as if it belongs to a different data type.

Question

integer

↓ ↓ ↓

□ $3 / 2 = 1$

float

↓ ↓ ↘

□ $3.0 / 2.0 = 1.5$

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// Implicit conversion

□ $3 / 2.0 = 1.5$

// Implicit conversion

```
int a;  
  
float b;  
  
a= 55;  
  
b= a / 2;  
println(b);
```

Diagram illustrating code examples for implicit and explicit conversion:

- `//implicit conversion`
`b= a / 2.0;`
- `//explicit conversion`
`b= (float)a / 2;`
- `//explicit conversion`
`b= float(a) / 2;`

`// what is the value of b?`

27.0

operator overloading(運算子多載)

Concatenating Two Strings



```
println("Hello"+"World"); // HelloWorld
```

```
println(5 + 5); // 10
```

```
println("5" + 5); // "55"
```

Constants (常數)

- ▣ Storing Fixed, Unchanging values
- ▣ After initialization, constant cannot be changed
- ▣ Declaration Method: Add **final** before the `datatype`
- ▣ Naming Convention: Uppercase Letters with Underscores as Separators

```
final float MILES_KM_CONVERSION_VALUE = 1.61;  
final float PI = 3.14;  
final int NBA_FOUL_LIMIT = 6;  
final int NBA_QUARTER_TIME_LENGTH = 12;  
final int NBA_SHOT_CLOCK = 24;  
final boolean DEBUG = true;
```

```
// convert mile to km
final float MILES_KM_CONVERSION_VALUE = 1.61;

float km = 30 * MILES_KM_CONVERSION_VALUE;

println(km);
```

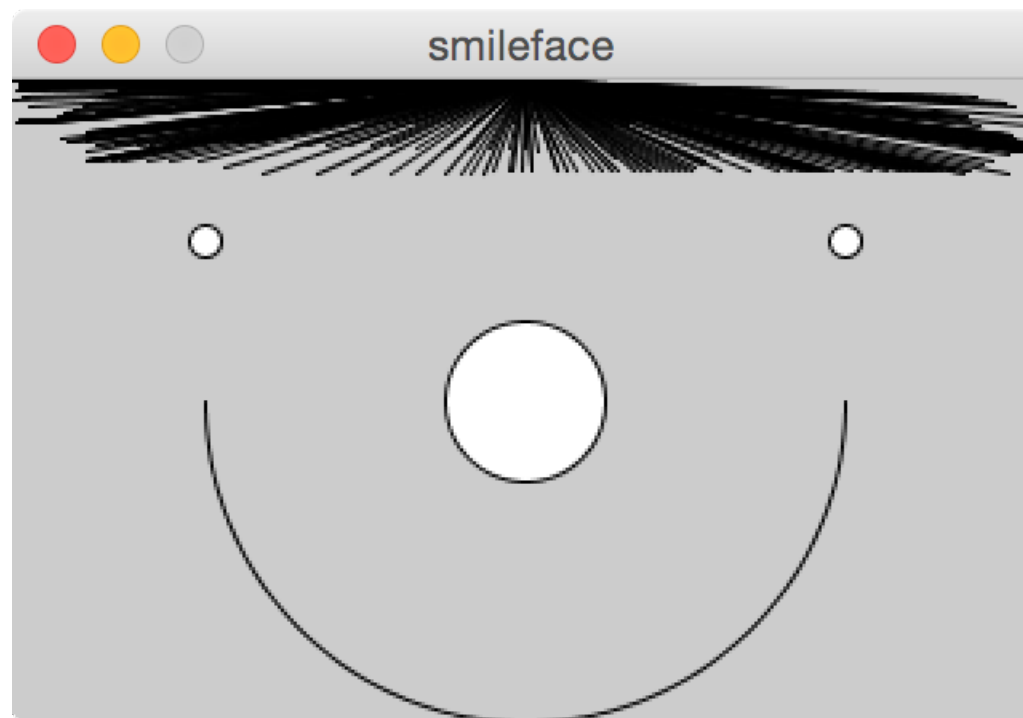
Exercise (5mins):

Write a program to calculate the area of a circle given a radius

Build-in constants and variables

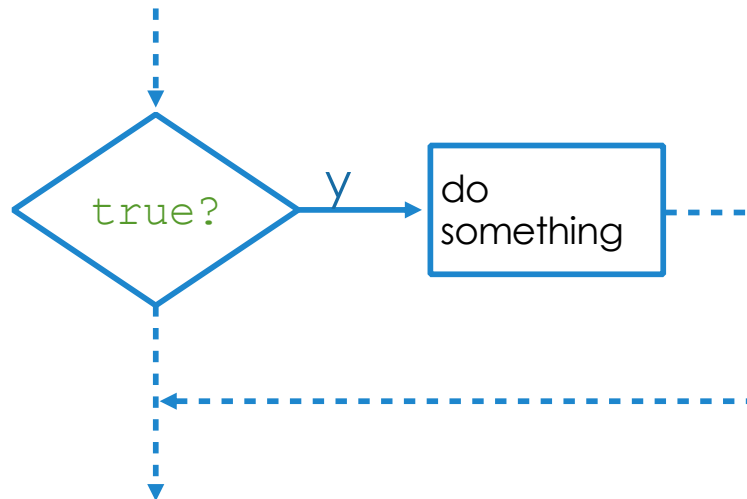
<i>name</i>	<i>description</i>
PI	π
QUARTER_PI	$1/4 \pi$
width	<i>width of the canvas</i>
height	<i>height of the canvas</i>
mouseX	<i>current x position of the mouse cursor</i>
mouseY	<i>current y position of the mouse cursor</i>
mousePressed	<i>whether or not a mouse button is being pressed</i>

Exercise



Flow control: conditional statements

```
if (boolean_expression) {  
    // do something...  
}
```



□ Use boolean operators to perform logical operations on boolean values

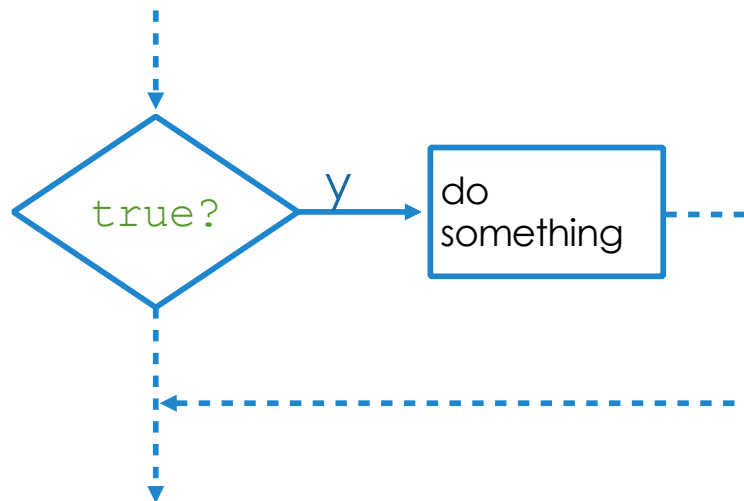
□ $a \ \&\& \ b$: AND

□ $a \ || \ b$: OR

□ $!a$: NOT ($\text{true} \leftrightarrow \text{false}$)

comparison operators

```
if (boolean_expression) {  
    // do something...  
}
```

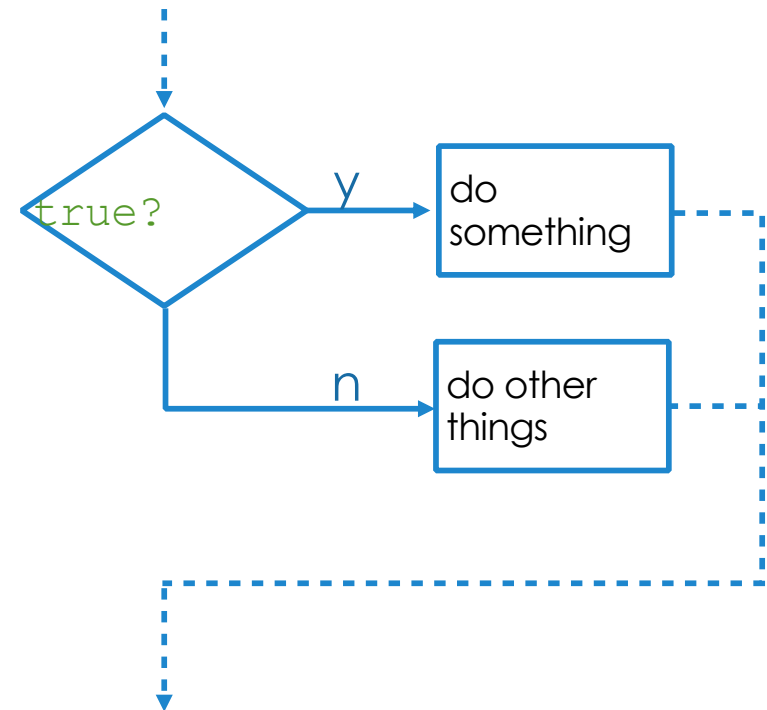


☐ comparison operators

- ☐ $a > b$
- ☐ $a < b$
- ☐ $a \leq b$
- ☐ $a \geq b$
- ☐ $a == b$
- ☐ $a != b$

If-else statement & a shorthand way

```
if (boolean_expression) {  
    // do something...  
}  
  
else {  
    // do other things...  
}
```



❑ `println((a > b) ? "smaller" : "bigger");`

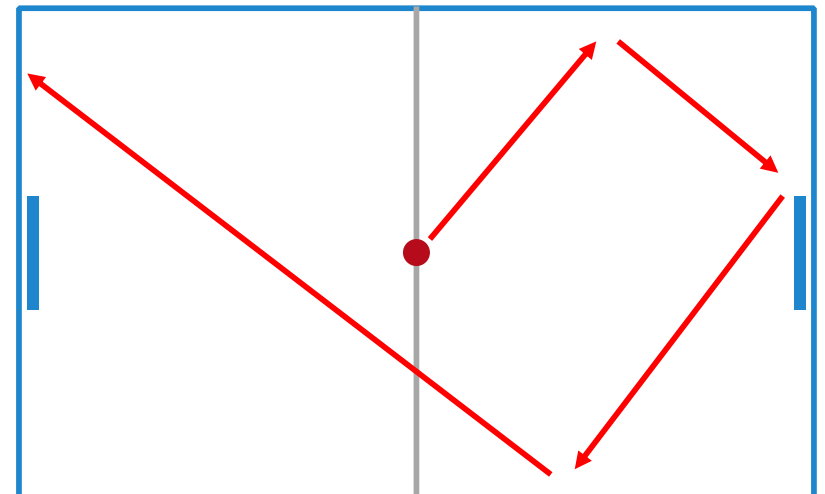
❑ `println((a==b) ? "bingo" : "try again");`

Exercise: Mouse Drawing

```
void setup() {  
    size(300, 300);  
    background(255);  
}  
  
void draw() {  
    if (mousePressed) { //draw a line while mouse pressed  
        stroke(255,0,0);  
        line(mouseX,mouseY, mouseX,mouseY);  
    }  
}  
  
// TODO: use mouseButton to change line color  
// LEFT button: red , other buttons: black
```

Exercise1: Pong game

- ❑ Drawing a Bouncing Ball
- ❑ Detect the boundaries of the canvas and updating the position of the ball as it bounces off the walls
- ❑ Hints:
using logical operators




Interrupted by Event(偵測輸入事件)


```
void setup() {  
    size(300, 300);  
    background(255);  
}
```

```
void draw() {  
}
```

```
void mousePressed() {  
    ellipse(mouseX, mouseY, 10, 10);  
}
```

 triggered by mouse event

```
void keyPressed() {  
    background(255);  
}
```

 triggered by keyboard event

Exercise2

- ☐ Press a key to toggle the animation
- ☐ Use mouse to control vertical position of the paddle
- ☐ Hit detection: detecting collisions between the paddles and the ball
- ☐ Print scores and remaining lives
 - ☐ +10/hit, lost a life for not hitting the ball

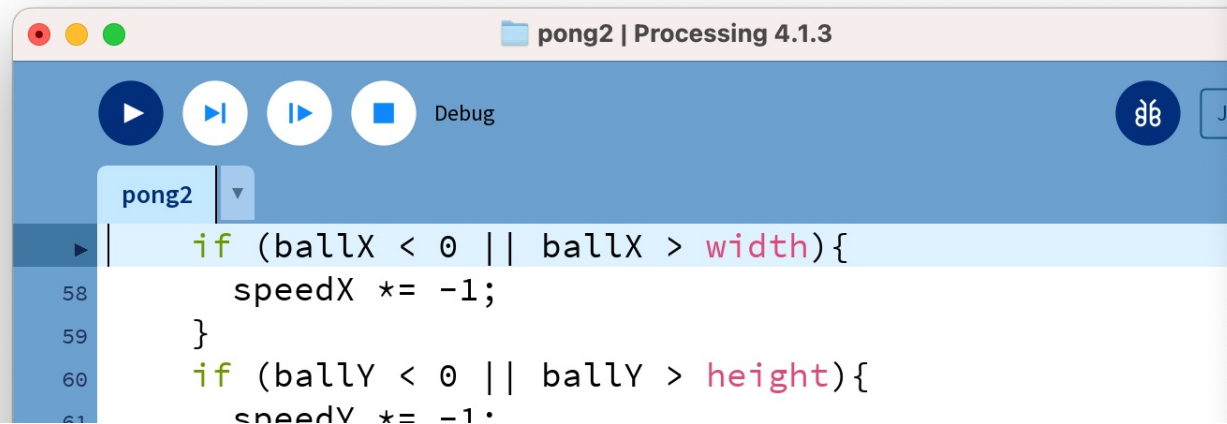
Types of bugs

- ▣ Compile-time errors
 - ▣ syntax error, type error...
- ▣ Runtime exceptions
 - ▣ dividing by zero, null pointer...
- ▣ Logic flaws
 - ▣ the program does not behave as intended

<http://stackoverflow.com>

Debugging process

- break down your problem into smaller pieces
 - Use `//` or `/* */` to temporarily disable parts of your code
- use `println()` to check variable values in the Console window
- Use debugger tool



The screenshot shows the "Variables" window in the debugger. It displays a list of variables and their current values.

Name	Value
f ballX	231.74461
f ballY	25.462082
f ballSize	15.0
f centerX	160.0
f centerY	100.0
f paddleW	10.0
f paddleH	50.0
f rightPaddleX	300.0

Recap

- ▣ Data types
- ▣ Type conversions
- ▣ Constants
- ▣ Conditionals and boolean expressions
- ▣ Boundary detection, Hit detection, Key and mouse events
- ▣ Debugging process