CSE 11 Accelerated Intro to Programming Lecture 9

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Announcements

- Quiz 9 due Monday @ 8am
- PA3 due Wednesday @ 11:59pm
- Survey 3 due tonight @ 11:59pm
- PA0.5 Resubmission due tonight @ 11:59pm
 - Or see a tutor during lab hours and demo it

Constructors

• Now that we understand the <u>Stack</u>, we have what we need to understand constructors

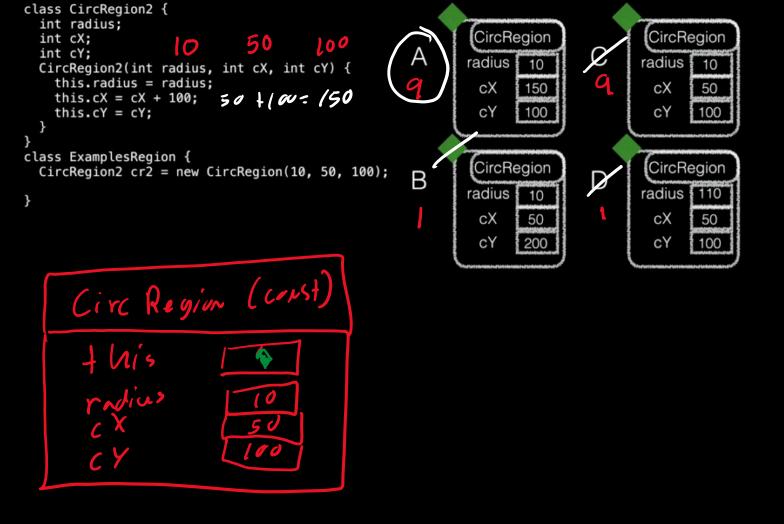
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class Point {
  int x;
                                                                                         ExamplesRegion
  int y;
  Point(int x, int y) {
    this.x = x;
                                                                                          tenFifty
    this.y = y;
class ExamplesRegion {
  Point tenFifty = new Point(10, 50);
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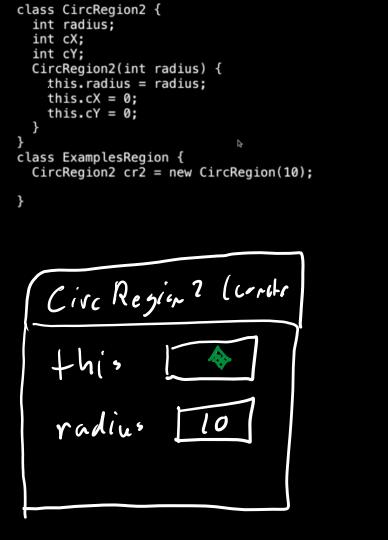
Constructor Summary

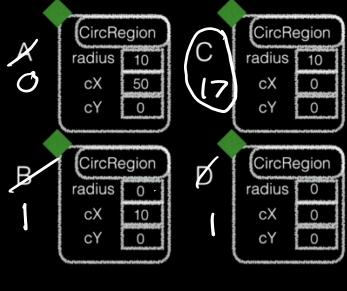
Constructors:



- Are special methods, called when **new** is used
- Are passed the newly-constructor object as **this**, and any arguments
- Typically assign values into fields using this.field = value
- When new is used:
 - A fresh object, with a new reference is created with uninitialized fields
 - The constructor with parameters that match the arguments is called
 - The whole new expression evaluates to the new reference







Tester

- import tester.*;
 - tester.jar java archive
 - Libraries that contain classes that we can use in our own code
 - Tester
- Tester class allows us to create methods to unit test our code
 - Unit testing compare actual values versus expected values
 - t.checkExpect(<actual value>, <expected value>);
 - Goal: get all tests to pass
 - Confidence that your code/solution is correct

boolean checkExport (? act,? value);

Local Variables

- Local variables are defined inside the body of a method
 - They are 'local' to the method in which they are defined in
- Used temporarily while the method is running, then are removed
 - Similar to parameters
 - Added to the stack frame for the method
- No default value
 - Must be assigned a value before it's read from
 - i.e. used as an expression