

Lecture 13: Data Types

Data Types

Data type.

- Set of values and operations on those values.
- There are a few built-in "primitive" types.

Data Type	Set of Values	Some Operations
boolean	true, false	not, and, or, xor
int	any of 2^{32} possible integers	add, subtract, multiply
String	any sequence of characters	concatenate, compare

We want to write programs that process other types of data.

- Complex numbers, matrices, lists, playing cards, sound waves . . .

To define a data type, define:

- Set of values.
- Operations defined on them.

Defining Data Types in Java

A Java `class` allows us to define data types by specifying:

- A set of variables. (a set of values)
- A set of functions. (a set of "methods" on those values)
- Ex: bouncing ball in the unit square.

```
public class Ball {                                     Ball.java
    private double px, py;                               ↵ data members
    private double vx, vy;                               (a Ball is characterized 4 real numbers)

    public void move() {
        if ((px + vx > 1.0) || (px + vx < 0.0)) vx = -vx;
        if ((py + vy > 1.0) || (py + vy < 0.0)) vy = -vy;
        px = px + vx;                                   ↑
        py = py + vy;                                   bounce
    }

    methods (two allowed operations)

    public void draw(double w, double h) {
        Turtle.fly(w * px, h * py);
        Turtle.spot(20);
    }
}
```

Using Data Types in Java

A client is a program that uses a data type.

- Create *objects* (variables having one of the values) with `new`.
- Invoke *methods* to perform operations on objects.
- Clientness is relative.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Ball b = new Ball();
    b.px = 0.5;
    b.py = 0.5;    ↵ creates a new object of type Ball
    b.vx = 0.03;
    b.vy = 0.02;   ↵ use . to access data members
                    (usually do NOT refer to data in client)

    Turtle.create(512, 512);
    while (true) {
        Turtle.clear();
        b.move();  ↵ use . to invoke a method
        b.draw(512, 512);
        Turtle.pause(10);
    }
}
```

Object References

Object reference.

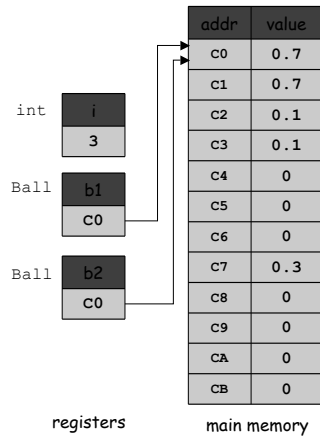
- Allow client to manipulate an object as a single entity.
- Essentially a machine address (pointer).

```
int i = 3;

Ball b1 = new Ball();
b1.px = 0.5;
b1.py = 0.5;
b1.vx = 0.1;
b1.vy = 0.1;
b1.move();
```

```
Ball b2 = new Ball();
b2.px = 0.3;
b2 = b1;
b2.move();
```

Moving b2 also moves b1 since they point to the same memory address.



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Creating Objects

Constructor.

- Creates an object and returns a *reference* to the object.
- Client invokes by using keyword `new`.
- Typically initializes values.

```
public class Ball {
    private double px, py;
    private double vx, vy;

    public Ball() { // constructor looks like a method with same name
                    // as class, but does not have a return type
        px = 0.5;
        py = 0.5;
        vx = 0.015 - Math.random() * 0.03;
        vy = 0.015 - Math.random() * 0.03;
    }

    // move and draw methods go here
}
```

Ball.java

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Creating Many Objects

Each object is a data type value.

- Use `new` to invoke constructor and create each one.
- Ex: create N bouncing balls and animate them.

```
public class Balls { // Balls.java
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int N = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        Ball balls[] = new Ball[N];
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
            balls[i] = new Ball();

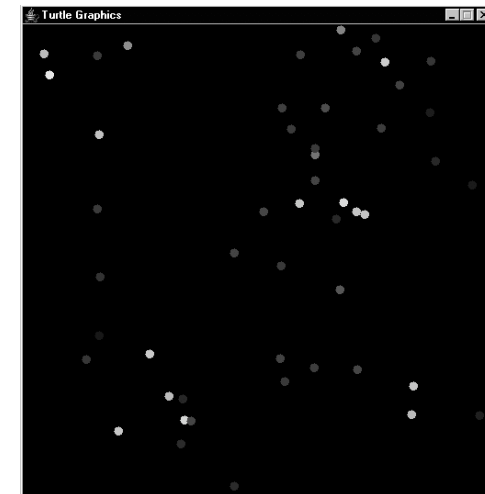
        Turtle.create(512, 512);
        while(true) {
            Turtle.clear();
            for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
                balls[i].move();
                balls[i].draw(512, 512);
            }
            Turtle.pause(20);
        }
    }
}
```

create and initialize
N objects

animation loop

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50 Bouncing Balls



```
% java Balls 50
```

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Another Example

Student record: first name, last name, email address, section number.

```
public class Student {                                     Student.java
    private String first;
    private String last;      ← data members
    private String email;
    private int section;      can pass parameters to constructor
                                ↓
    Student(String first, String last, String email, int section) {
        this.first = first;
        this.last = last;      this = reference to object just created
        this.email = email;
        this.section = section;
    }      is invoking object's section # less than x's?
                                ↓
    public boolean less(Student x) { return section < x.section; }

    public String toString() {
        return section + " " + first + " " + last + " " + email;
    }
}      returns a String representation of a student
```

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Sorting by Section Number

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    int N = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);      read in data
    Student[] s = new Student[N];
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        String first = StdIn.readString();
        String last = StdIn.readString();
        String email = StdIn.readString();
        int section = StdIn.readInt();
        s[i] = new Student(first, last, email, section);
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)      insertion sort
        for (int j = i; j > 0; j--)
            if (s[j].less(s[j-1])) { ← compare section #
                Student swap = s[j];
                s[j] = s[j-1];      ← swap references
                s[j-1] = swap;
            }

    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)      print results
        System.out.println(s[i]);
}      invokes toString method automatically
```

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Sample Output

```
% more students.txt
Abraham Flamholz flamholz 3
Aditi Shrivastava ashkrivas 4
Alexander Thorn athorn 2
Alicia Myers amyers 1
Amy Trangsud atrangs 1
Anand Dharan adharan 1
Anshuman Sahoo asahoo 3
Arthur Shum ashum 1
Arti Sheth asheth 5
Ashley Evans amevans 1
Avi Ziskind aziskind 5
Benjamin Amster bamster 2
Bryant Chen bryantc 1
Cameron Brien cbrien 3
Caroline Teichner cteichne 3
Charles Alden calden 1
Cole Deforest cde 1
Daniel Potter dpotter 3
Darin Sleiter dsleiter 3
David Astle dastle 1
...
Leizhi Sun leizhis 3
Lester MacKey lmackey 3
```

```
% java Students 79 < students.txt
1 Alicia Myers amyers
1 Amy Trangsud atrangs
1 Anand Dharan adharan
1 Arthur Shum ashum
1 Ashley Evans amevans
1 Bryant Chen bryantc
1 Charles Alden calden
1 Cole Deforest cde
1 David Astle dastle
1 Elinor Keith ekeith
1 John Kim johnkim
1 Josh Probst jprobst
1 Julia Ressler jressler
1 Kira Hohensee hohensee
1 Maria Miguez mmiguez
1 Michael Reilly mreilly
1 Nancy Khov nkho
1 Tarik Jones tarikj
2 Alexander Thorn athorn
2 Benjamin Amster bamster
...
5 Tom Brennan tpbrenna
5 Yiting Jin ycjn
```

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Complex Number Data Type

Extending the Java language.

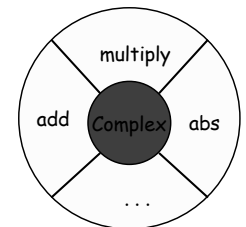
- Create a user-defined type to manipulate complex numbers.

Set of values.

- Two real numbers (real and imaginary parts).

Set of operations.

- Initialize.
- Copy. ← Recall: assignment statement with objects behaves differently than with primitive types.
- Add
- Multiply.
- Absolute value (magnitude).
- Convert to string.
- Subtract, divide, complex conjugate, ...



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Complex Number Data Type: A Sample Client

Client program uses data type operations to calculate something.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Complex a = new Complex( 5.0, 6.0);
    System.out.println("a = " + a);

    Complex b = new Complex(-2.0, 3.0);
    System.out.println("b = " + b);

    Complex c = Complex.multiply(a, b);
    System.out.println("c = " + c);
}
```

```
% java TestClient
a = 5.0 + 6.0i
b = -2.0 + 3.0i
c = -28.0 + 3.0i
```

no operator overloading in Java:
can't write $c = a * b$

System knows how to
print a Complex object

$$(5 + 6i) * (-2 + 3i) = -28 + 3i$$

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Complex Number Data Type: Implementation

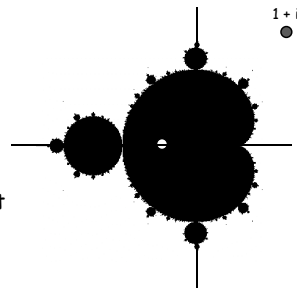
```
public class Complex {
    private double re, im; // data members
    // constructors
    Complex(double re, double im) { this.re = re; this.im = im; }
    public String toString() { return re + " + " + im + "i"; }
    // method creates and returns a Complex object
    public static Complex add(Complex a, Complex b) {
        return new Complex(a.re + b.re, a.im + b.im);
    }
    public Complex multiply(Complex a, Complex b) {
        Complex c = new Complex(0, 0);
        c.re = a.re * b.re - a.im * b.im;
        c.im = a.re * b.im + a.im * b.re;
        return c;
    }
    public double abs() { return Math.sqrt(re*re + im*im); }
}
```

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Mandelbrot Set

Mandelbrot set.

- Set of points in the plane.
- To check if $z = x + iy$ is in set, initialize $c_0 = z$ and iterate $c_{t+1} = (c_t)^2 + z$.
 - if $|c_t|$ diverges to infinity, then z not in set
 - otherwise z is in set



i	C_i
0	$1 + i$ ●
1	$1 + 3i$
2	$-7 + 7i$
3	$1 - 97i$
4	$-9407 - 193i$
5	$88454401 + 3631103i$

$z = 1 + i$ not in Mandelbrot set

i	C_i
0	$-1/2$ ○
1	$-1/4$
2	$-7/16$
3	1
4	$-79/256$
5	$-26527/65536$

$z = -1/2$ is in Mandelbrot set

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Plotting the Mandelbrot Set

Plot (x, y) black if $z = x + iy$ is in the set, and white otherwise.

Practical issues.

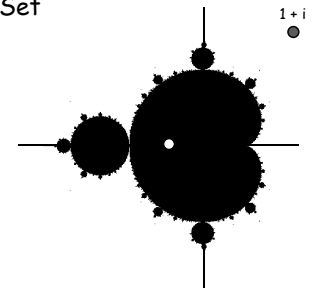
- Cannot plot infinitely many points.
- Cannot iterate infinitely many times.

Approximate solution.

- Choose a finite grid of points in the plane.
- Iterate Mandelbrot function for at most 256 iterates.
 - fact: if $|c_t| > 2$ for any t , then z not in Mandelbrot set
 - pseudo-fact: if $|c_{256}| \leq 2$ then z "likely" in Mandelbrot set

More dramatic picture.

- Plot z in color according to number of iterates until $|c_t| > 2$.



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Complex Number Data Type: Another Client

Mandelbrot function with complex numbers.

- Is z in the Mandelbrot set?
- Returns an integer between 0 and 255.

```
static int mand(Complex z) {  
    Complex c = z;  
    for (int t = 0; t < 255; t++) {  
        if (c.abs() >= 2.0) return t;  
        c = Complex.multiply(c, c);  
        c = Complex.add(c, z);  
    }  
    return 255;  
}
```

a function that takes an object as input and returns an integer

- 6 lines of code with judicious use of data types.

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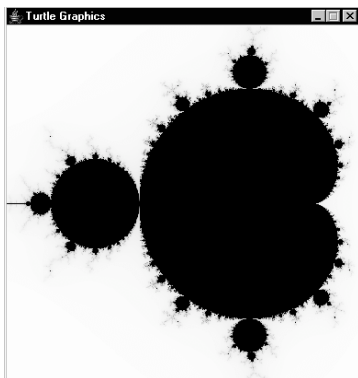
Complex Number Data Type: Another Client

Plot the Mandelbrot set in gray scale.

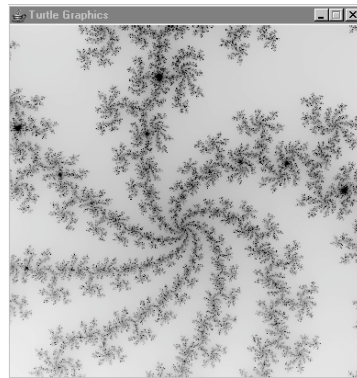
```
public static void main(String args[]) {  
    double xmin = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);  
    double ymin = Double.parseDouble(args[1]);  
    double width = Double.parseDouble(args[2]);  
    double height = Double.parseDouble(args[3]);  
  
    Turtle.create(512, 512);  
    for (int i = 0; i < 512; i++) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < 512; j++) {  
            double x = xmin + i * width / 512; ← scale to screen  
            double y = ymin + j * height / 512; coordinates  
            Complex z = new Complex(x, y);  
            int c = 255 - mand(z);  
            Turtle.setColor(new Color(c, c, c));  
            Turtle.pixel(i, j); ↑ grayscale  
        }  
    }  
    Turtle.destroy();  
}
```

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Mandelbrot Set



```
% java Mandelbrot -1.5 -1 2 2
```



```
% java Mandelbrot .10259 -.641 .0086 .0086
```

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Applications of Data Types

Data type: set of values and collection of operations on those values.

Simulating the physical world.

- Java objects model real-world objects.
- Ex: bouncing ball, COS 126 student.
- Not always easy to make model reflect reality: collisions, gravity.

Extending the Java language.

- Java doesn't have a data type for every possible application.
- Data types enable us to address other mathematical abstractions.
- Scientific applications: complex numbers, polynomials, matrices,

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