

3.2 Creating Data Types



Data Types

Data type. Set of values and operations on those values.

Basic types.

Data Type	Set of Values	Some Operations
<code>boolean</code>	<code>true, false</code>	not, and, or, xor
<code>int</code>	-2^{31} to $2^{31} - 1$	add, subtract, multiply
<code>String</code>	sequence of Unicode characters	concatenate, compare

Last time. Write programs that **use** data types.

Today. Write programs to **create** our own data types.

Defining Data Types in Java

To define a data type, define:

- Set of values.
- Operations defined on them.

Java class. Allows us to define data types by specifying:

- **Instance variables.** (set of values)
- **Methods.** (operations defined on them)
- **Constructors.** (create and initialize new objects)

Point Charge Data Type

Goal. Create a data type to manipulate point charges.

Set of values. Three real numbers. [position and electrical charge]

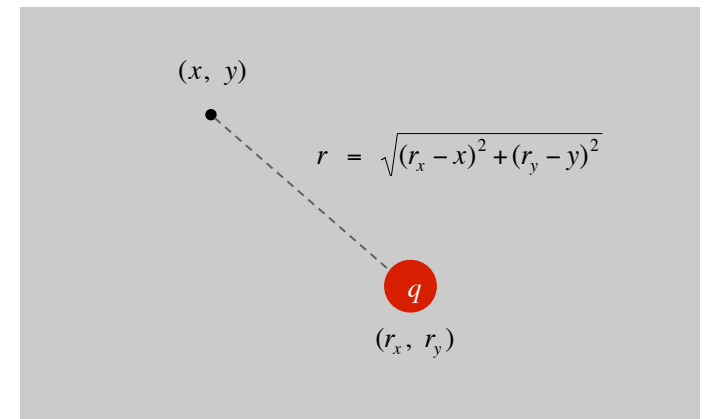
Operations.

- Create a new point charge at (r_x, r_y) with electric charge q .
- Determine electric potential V at (x, y) due to point charge.
- Convert to `String`.

$$V = k \frac{q}{r}$$

r = distance between (x, y) and (r_x, r_y)

k = electrostatic constant = $8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{C}^2$



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API:

```
public class Charge
```

```
    Charge(double x0, double y0, double q0)
```

```
    double potentialAt(double x, double y) electric potential at (x, y) due to charge
```

```
    String toString() string representation
```

Charge Data Type: A Simple Client

Client program. Uses data type operations to calculate something.

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    double x = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);
    double y = Double.parseDouble(args[1]);
    Charge c1 = new Charge(.51, .63, 21.3);
    Charge c2 = new Charge(.13, .94, 81.9);
    double v1 = c1.potentialAt(x, y);
    double v2 = c2.potentialAt(x, y);
    StdOut.println(c1);
    StdOut.println(c2);
    StdOut.println(v1 + v2);
}
```

← automatically invokes
the toString() method

```
% java Charge .50 .50
21.3 at (0.51, 0.63)
81.9 at (0.13, 0.94)
2.74936907085912e12
```

Anatomy of Instance Variables

Instance variables. Specifies the set of values.

- Declare outside any method.
- Always use access modifier `private`. ← makes data type abstract
- Use modifier `final` with instance variables that never change. ← makes objects immutable (stay tuned)

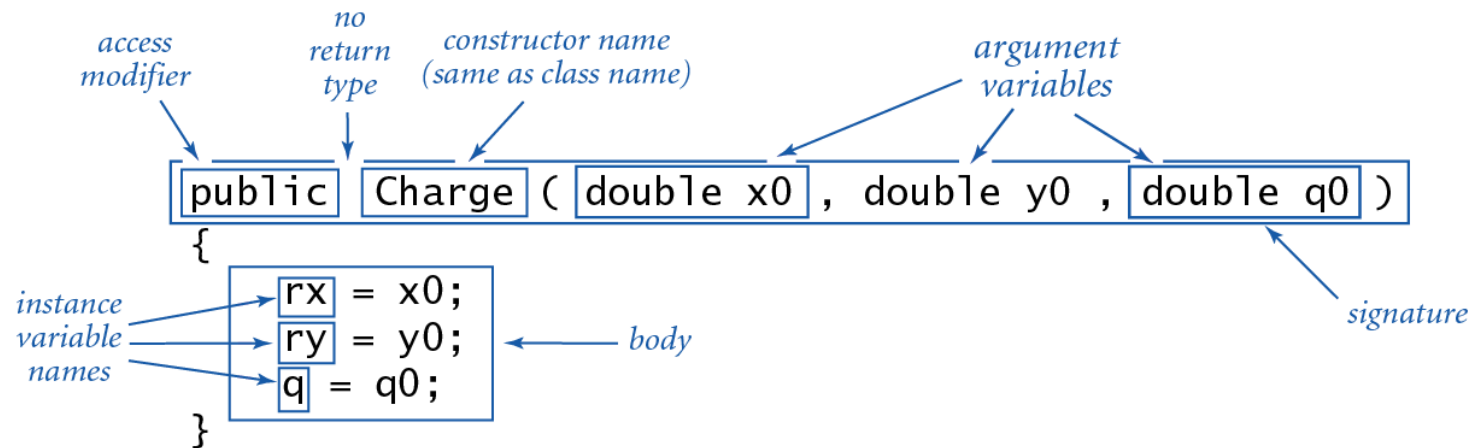
```
public class Charge
{
    private final double rx, ry;
    private final double q;
    .
    .
    .
}
```

instance variable declarations → (points to the two variable lines)

modifiers → (points to `private` and `final` in both lines)

Anatomy of a Constructor

Constructor. Specifies what happens when you create a new object.



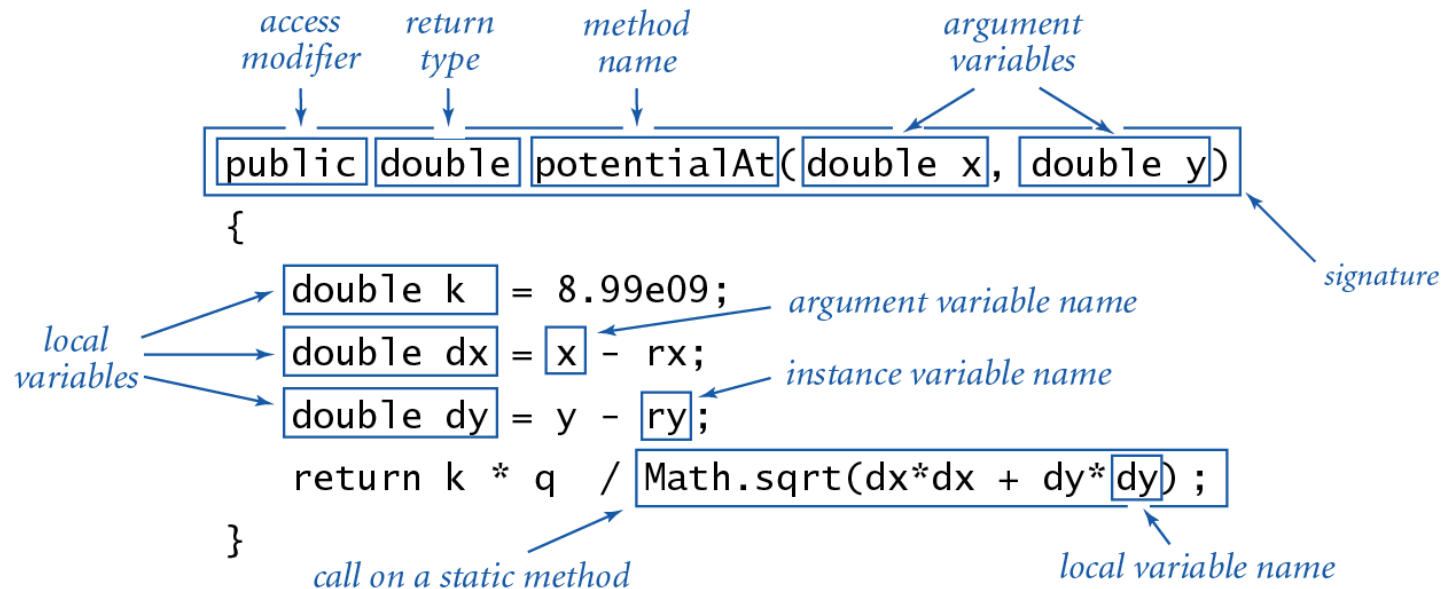
Invoking a constructor. Use `new` operator to create a new object.

```
Charge c1 = new Charge(.51, .63, 21.3);  
Charge c2 = new Charge(.13, .94, 81.9);
```

invoke constructor (arrow pointing to the `new` operator)

Anatomy of a Data Type Method

Method. Define operations on instance variables.



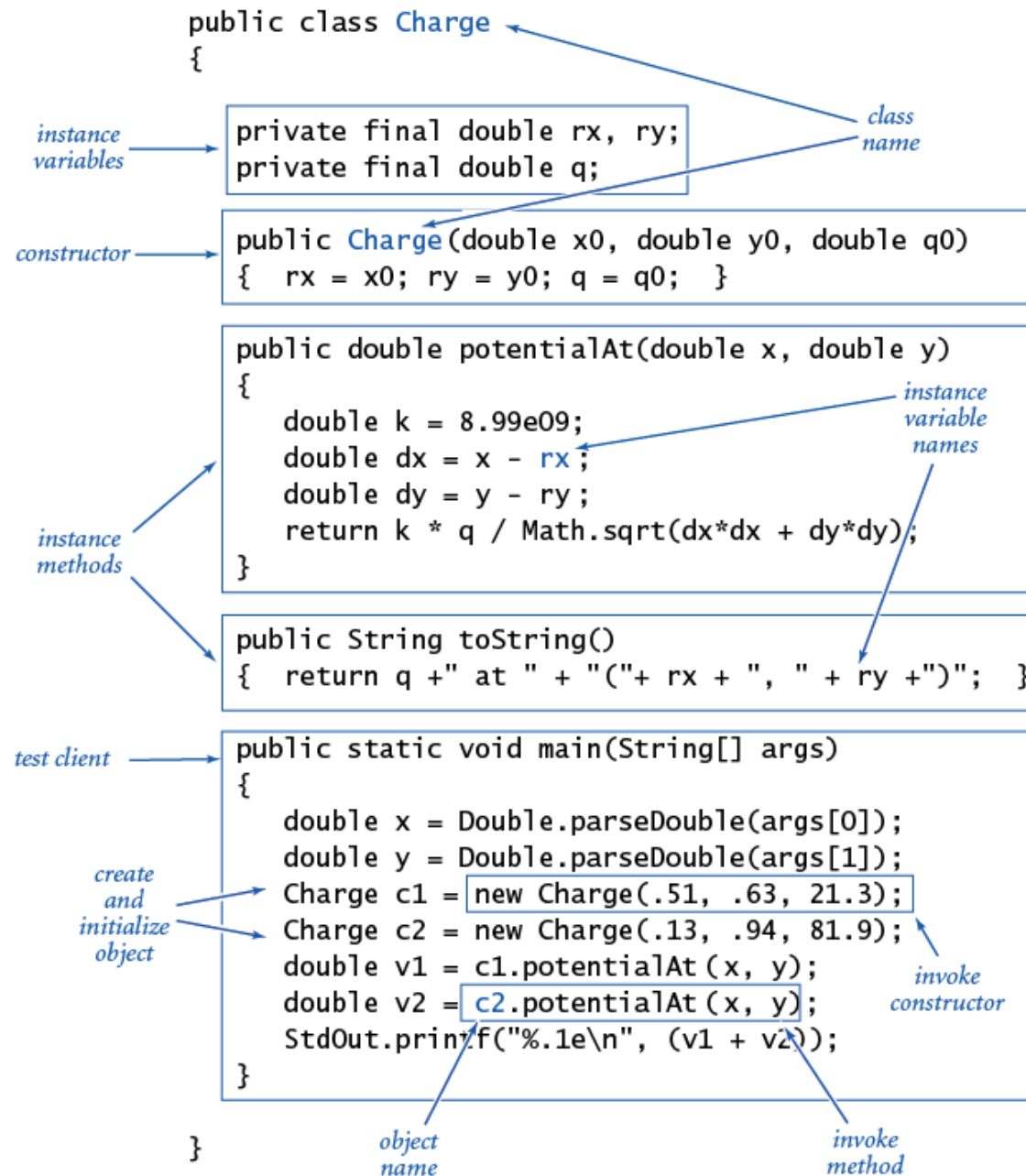
Invoking a method. Use dot operator to invoke a method in client code.

```
double v1 = c1.potentialAt(x, y);  
double v2 = c2.potentialAt(x, y);
```

object name

invoke method

Anatomy of a Class



Charge Client Example: Potential Visualization

Potential visualization. Read in N point charges from a file; compute total potential at each point in unit square.

```
% more charges.txt
```

```
9
```

```
.51 .63 -100
```

```
.50 .50 40
```

```
.50 .72 10
```

```
.33 .33 5
```

```
.20 .20 -10
```

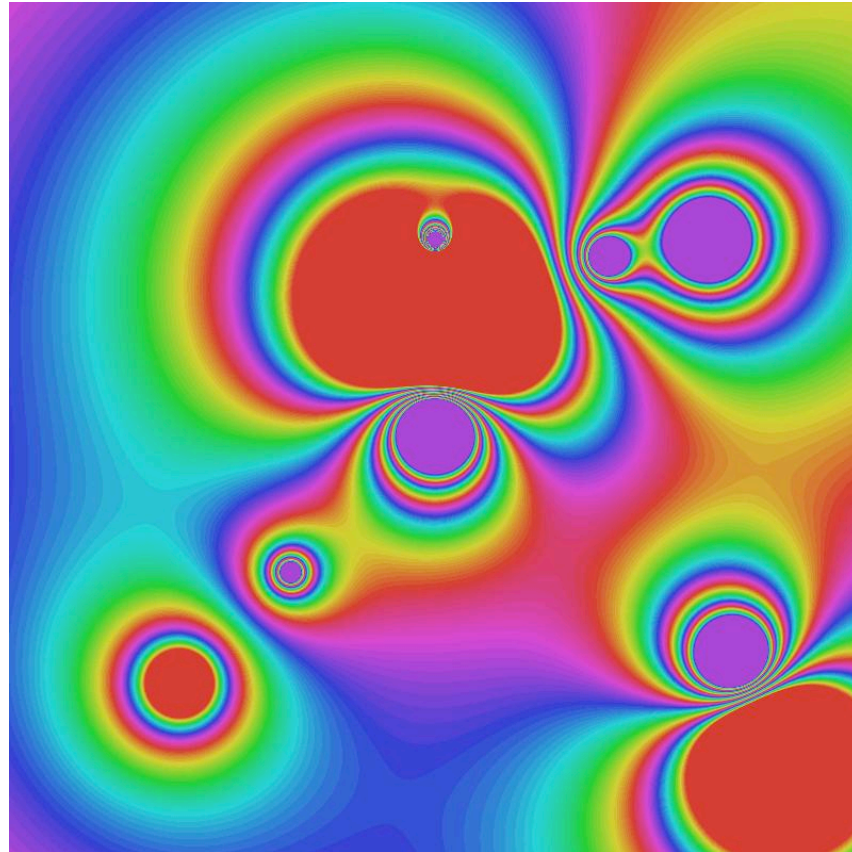
```
.70 .70 10
```

```
.82 .72 20
```

```
.85 .23 30
```

```
.90 .12 -50
```

```
% java Potential < charges.txt
```



Potential Visualization

Arrays of objects. Allocate memory for the array; then allocate memory for each individual object.

```
// Read in the data.  
int N = StdIn.readInt();  
Charge[] a = new Charge[N];  
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)  
{  
    double x0 = StdIn.readDouble();  
    double y0 = StdIn.readDouble();  
    double q0 = StdIn.readDouble();  
    a[i] = new Charge(x0, y0, q0);  
}
```

Potential Visualization

```
// Plot the data.
int SIZE = 512;
Picture pic = new Picture(SIZE, SIZE);
for (int col = 0; col < SIZE; col++)
    for (int row = 0; row < SIZE; row++)
    {
        double V = 0.0;
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        {
            double x = 1.0 * col / SIZE;
            double y = 1.0 * row / SIZE;
            V += a[i].potentialAt(x, y);
        }
        Color color = getColor(V); // Arbitrary double-Color map.
        pic.set(col, SIZE-1-row, color);
    }
pic.show();
```

$$V = \sum_i (k q_i / r_i)$$

(0, 0) is upper left

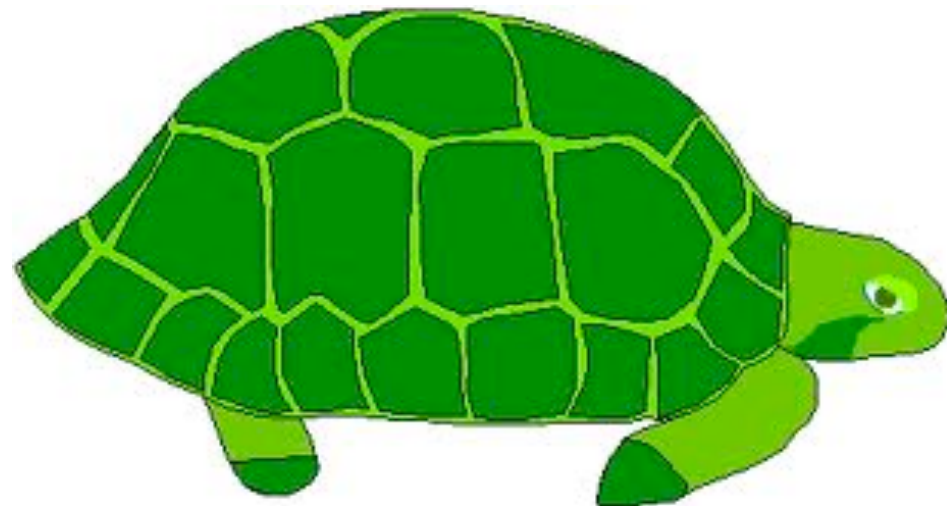
Data Type Challenge

[easy if you read Exercise 3.2.5]

Fix the serious bug in the following code.

```
public class Charge
{
    private double rx, ry;
    private double q;
    public Charge (double x0, double y0, double q0)
    {
        double rx = x0;
        double ry = y0;
        double q = q0;
    }
}
```

Turtle Graphics



Turtle Graphics

Goal. Create a data type to manipulate a turtle moving in the plane.

Set of values. Location and orientation of turtle.

API.

```
public class Turtle
```

```
    Turtle(double x0, double y0, double a0)
```

create a new turtle at (x_0, y_0) facing a_0 degrees counterclockwise from the x-axis

```
    void turnLeft(double delta)
```

rotate delta degrees counterclockwise

```
    void goForward(double step)
```

move distance step, drawing a line

```
// Draw a square.
Turtle turtle = new Turtle(0.0, 0.0, 0.0);
turtle.goForward(1.0);
turtle.turnLeft(90.0);
turtle.goForward(1.0);
turtle.turnLeft(90.0);
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turtle.turnLeft(90.0);
turtle.goForward(1.0);
turtle.turnLeft(90.0);
```

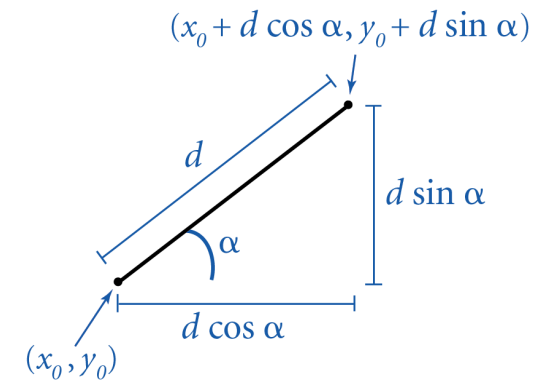

Turtle Graphics Implementation

```
public class Turtle
{
    private double x, y;    // turtle is at (x, y)
    private double angle;  // facing this direction

    public Turtle(double x0, double y0, double a0)
    {
        x = x0;
        y = y0;
        angle = a0;
    }

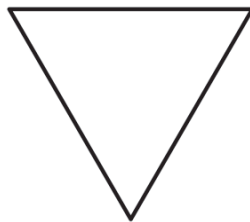
    public void turnLeft(double delta)
    {
        angle += delta;
    }

    public void goForward(double d)
    {
        double oldx = x;
        double oldy = y;
        x += d * Math.cos(Math.toRadians(angle));
        y += d * Math.sin(Math.toRadians(angle));
        StdDraw.line(oldx, oldy, x, y);
    }
}
```

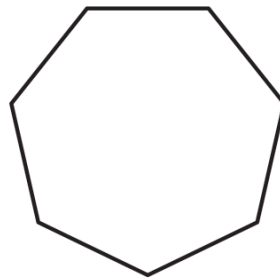


Turtle client example: N-gon

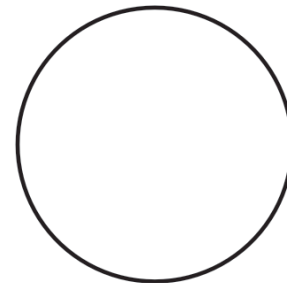
```
public class Ngon
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int N          = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        double angle = 360.0 / N;
        double step   = Math.sin(Math.toRadians(angle/2.0));
        Turtle turtle = new Turtle(0.5, 0, angle/2.0);
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        {
            turtle.goForward(step);
            turtle.turnLeft(angle);
        }
    }
}
```



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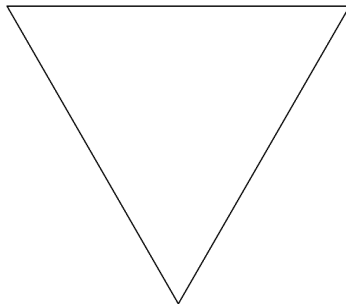
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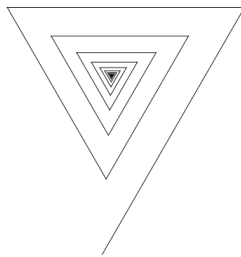
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Turtle client example: Spira Mirabilis

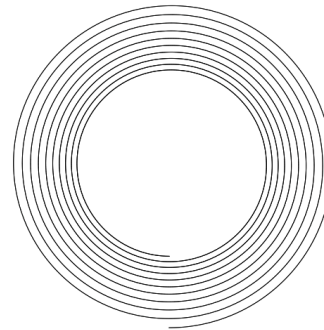
```
public class Spiral
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int N          = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        double decay = Double.parseDouble(args[1]);
        double angle = 360.0 / N;
        double step  = Math.sin(Math.toRadians(angle/2.0));
        Turtle turtle = new Turtle(0.5, 0, angle/2.0);
        for (int i = 0; i < 10 * N; i++)
        {
            step /= decay;
            turtle.goForward(step);
            turtle.turnLeft(angle);
        }
    }
}
```



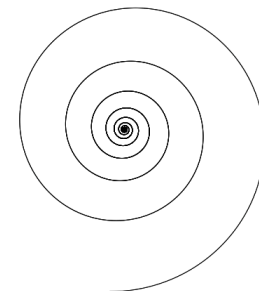
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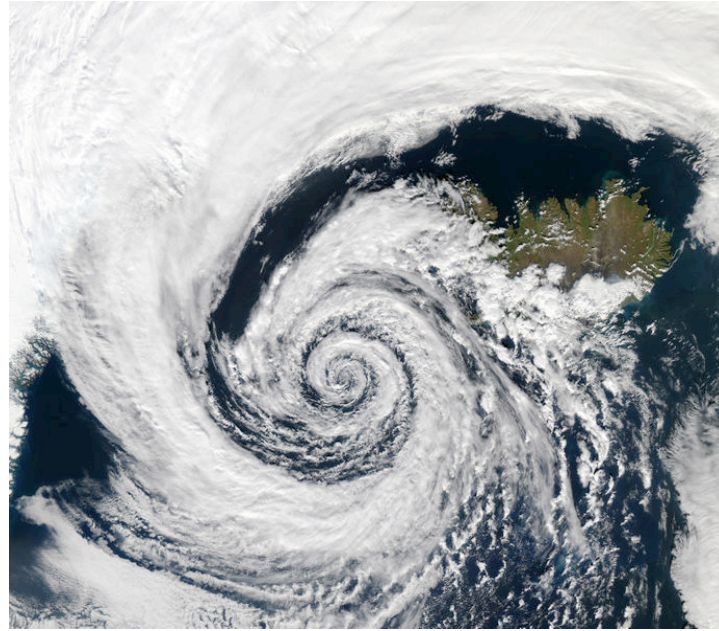


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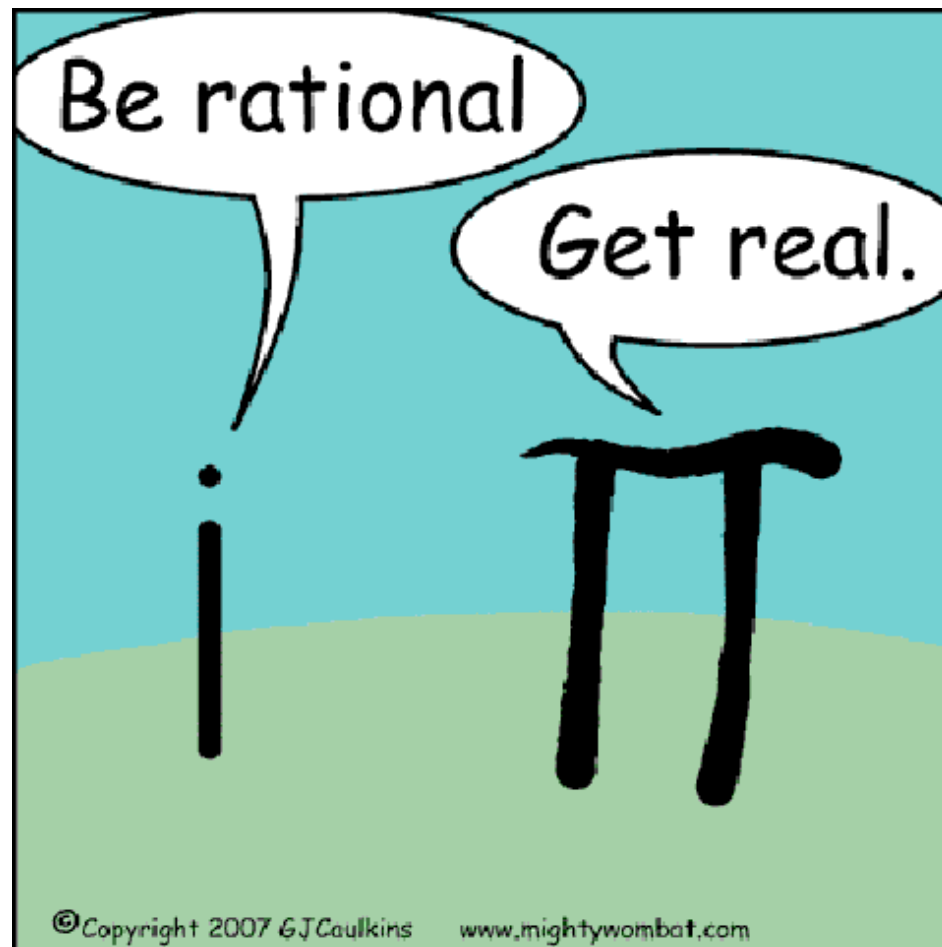


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Spira Mirabilis in Nature



Complex Numbers



Complex Number Data Type

Goal. Create a data type to manipulate complex numbers.

Set of values. Two real numbers: real and imaginary parts.

API.

```
public class Complex
```

```
    Complex(double real, double imag)
```

```
    Complex plus(Complex b)           sum of this number and b
```

```
    Complex times(Complex b)        product of this number and b
```

```
    double abs()                    magnitude
```

```
    String toString()               string representation
```

$$a = 3 + 4i, b = -2 + 3i$$

$$a + b = 1 + 7i$$

$$a \times b = -18 + i$$

$$|a| = 5$$

Applications of Complex Numbers

Relevance. A quintessential mathematical abstraction.

Applications.

- **Fractals.**
- Impedance in RLC circuits.
- Signal processing and Fourier analysis.
- Control theory and Laplace transforms.
- Quantum mechanics and Hilbert spaces.
- ...

Complex Number Data Type: A Simple Client

Client program. Uses data type operations to calculate something.

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    Complex a = new Complex( 3.0, 4.0);
    Complex b = new Complex(-2.0, 3.0);
    Complex c = a.times(b);
    StdOut.println("a = " + a);
    StdOut.println("b = " + b);
    StdOut.println("c = " + c);
}
```

result of `c.toString()`



```
% java TestClient
a = 3.0 + 4.0i
b = -2.0 + 3.0i
c = -18.0 + 1.0i
```

Remark. Can't write `a = b*c` since no operator overloading in Java.

Complex Number Data Type: Implementation

```
public class Complex
{
    private final double re;           instance variables
    private final double im;

    public Complex(double real, double imag)    constructor
    {
        re = real;
        im = imag;
    }

    public String toString()                methods
    { return re + " + " + im + "i"; }

    public double abs()
    { return Math.sqrt(re*re + im*im); }

    public Complex plus(Complex b)
    {
        double real = re + b.re;
        double imag = im + b.im;
        return new Complex(real, imag);
    }

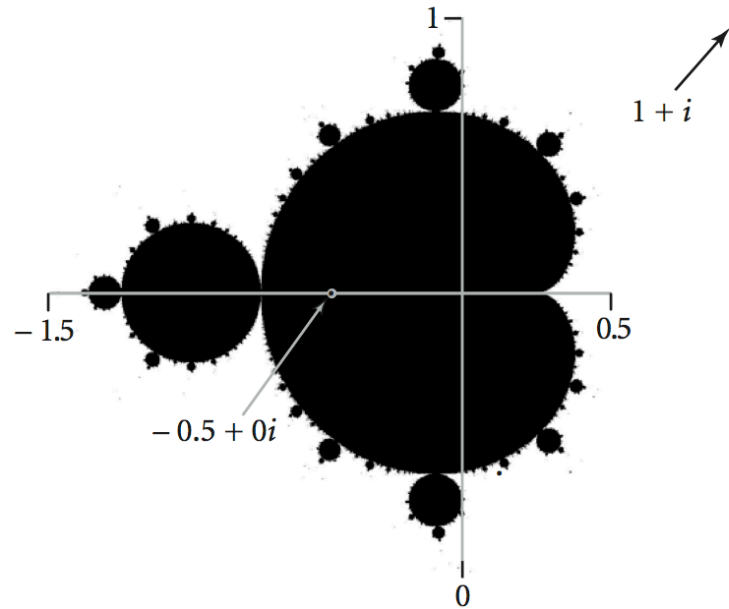
    public Complex times(Complex b)
    {
        double real = re * b.re - im * b.im;
        double imag = re * b.im + im * b.re;
        return new Complex(real, imag);
    }
}
```

← refers to b's instance variables

Mandelbrot Set

Mandelbrot set. A particular set of complex numbers.

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

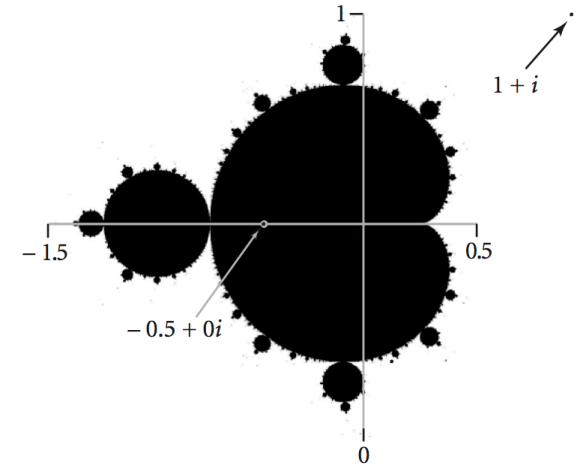


- No simple formula describes which complex numbers are in set.
- Instead, describe using an **algorithm**.

Mandelbrot Set

Mandelbrot set. Is complex number z_0 in set?

- Iterate $z_{t+1} = (z_t)^2 + z_0$.
- If $|z_t|$ diverges to infinity, then z_0 not in set; otherwise z_0 is in set.



t	z_t
0	$-1/2 + 0i$
1	$-1/4 + 0i$
2	$-7/16 + 0i$
3	$-79/256 + 0i$
4	$-26527/65536 + 0i$
5	$-1443801919/4294967296 + 0i$

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

t	z_t
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

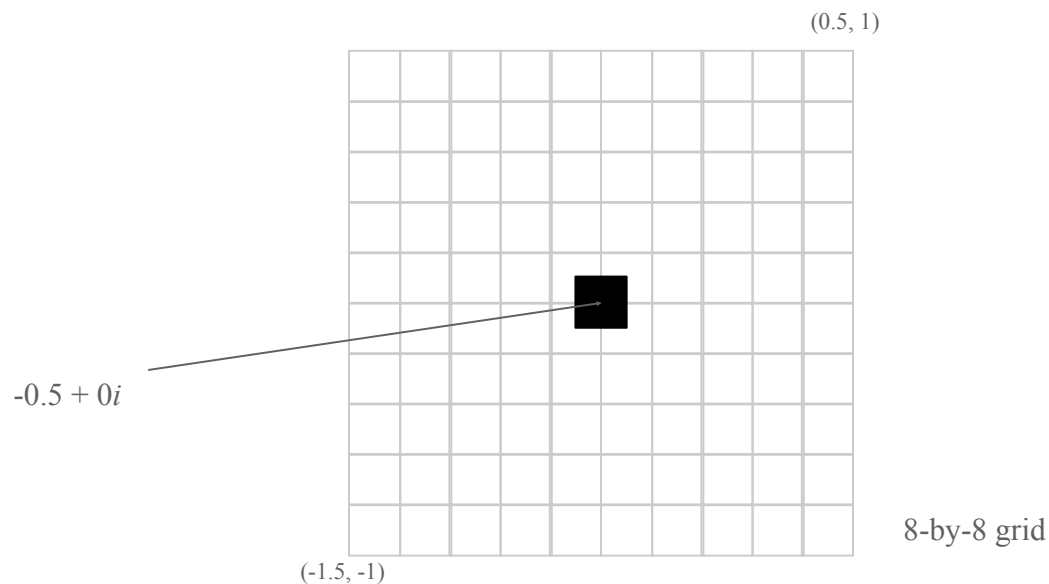
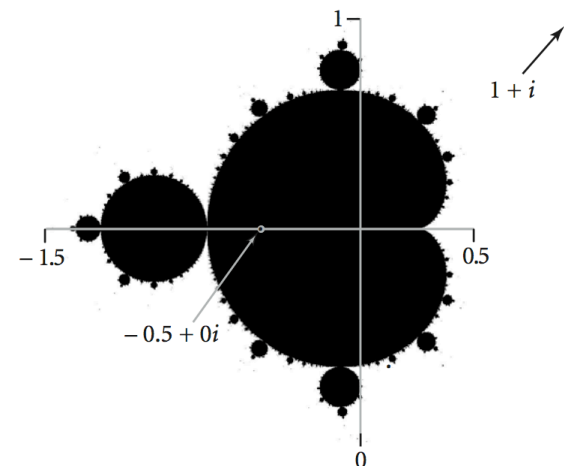
Plotting the Mandelbrot Set

Practical issues.

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

Approximate solution.

- Sample from an N -by- N grid of points in the plane.
- Fact: if $|z_t| > 2$ for any t , then z not in Mandelbrot set.
- Pseudo-fact: if $|z_{255}| \leq 2$ then z "likely" in Mandelbrot set.



Complex Number Data Type: Another Client

Mandelbrot function with complex numbers.

- Is z in the Mandelbrot set?
- Returns white (definitely no) or black (probably yes).

```
public static Color mand(Complex z0)
{
    Complex z = z0;
    for (int t = 0; t < 255; t++)
    {
        if (z.abs() > 2.0) return Color.WHITE;
        z = z.times(z);
        z = z.plus(z0);
    }
    return Color.BLACK;
}
```

$z = z^2 + z_0$

More dramatic picture: replace `Color.WHITE` with grayscale or color.

`new Color(255-t, 255-t, 255-t)`

Complex Number Data Type: Another Client

Plot the Mandelbrot set in gray scale.

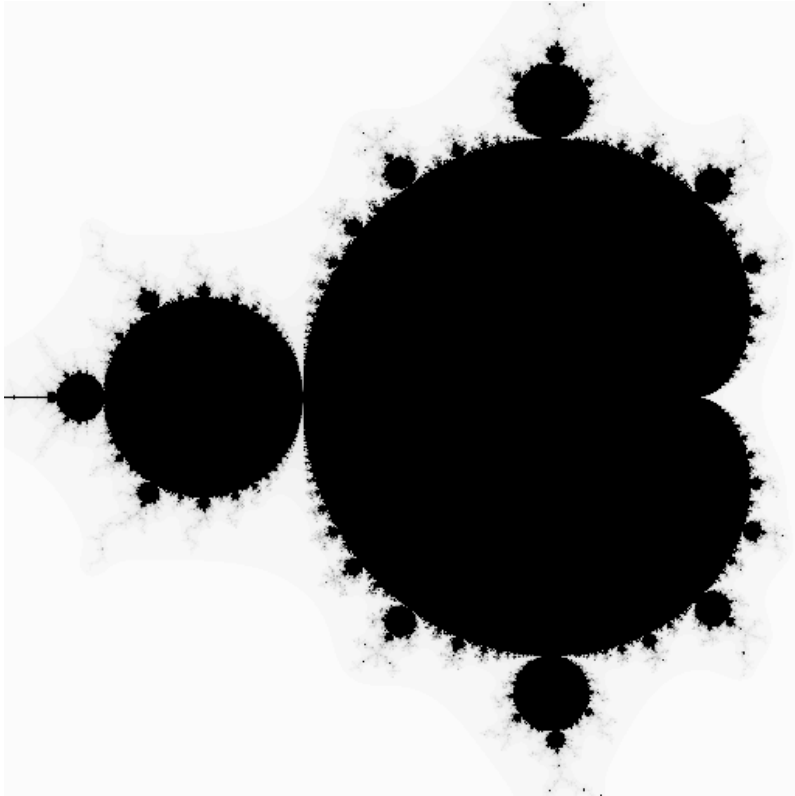
```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    double xc    = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);
    double yc    = Double.parseDouble(args[1]);
    double size  = Double.parseDouble(args[2]);
    int N = 512;
    Picture pic = new Picture(N, N);

    for (int x = 0; x < N; x++)
        for (int y = 0; y < N; y++)
        {
            double x0 = xc - size/2 + size*x/N;
            double y0 = yc - size/2 + size*y/N; ← scale to screen
            Complex z0 = new Complex(x0, y0);      coordinates
            Color color = mand(z0);
            pic.set(x, N-1-y, color);
        }
    pic.show();
}
```

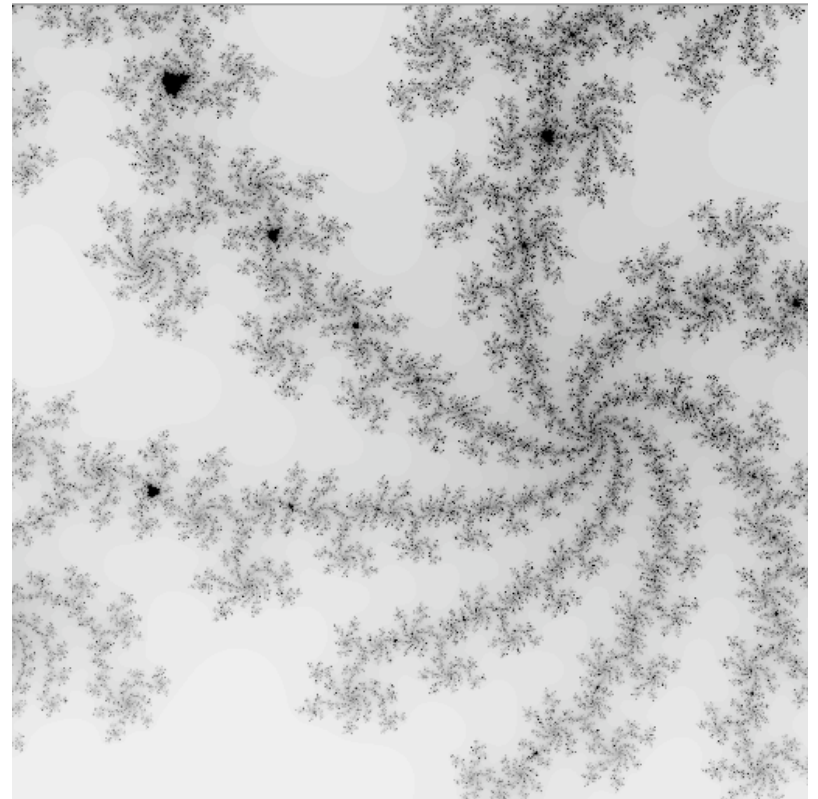
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Mandelbrot Set

```
% java Mandelbrot -.5 0 2
```

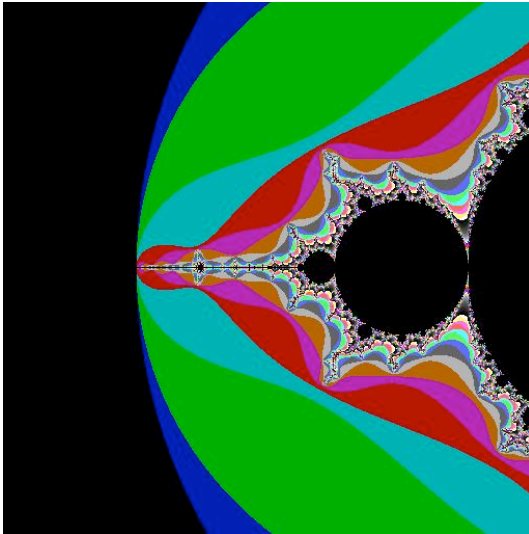


```
% java Mandelbrot .1045 -.637 .01
```

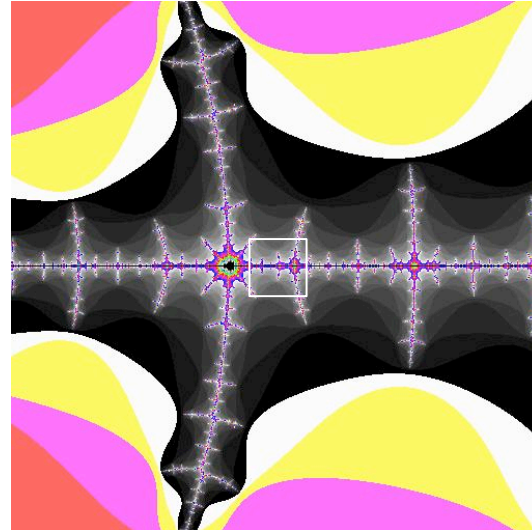


Mandelbrot Set

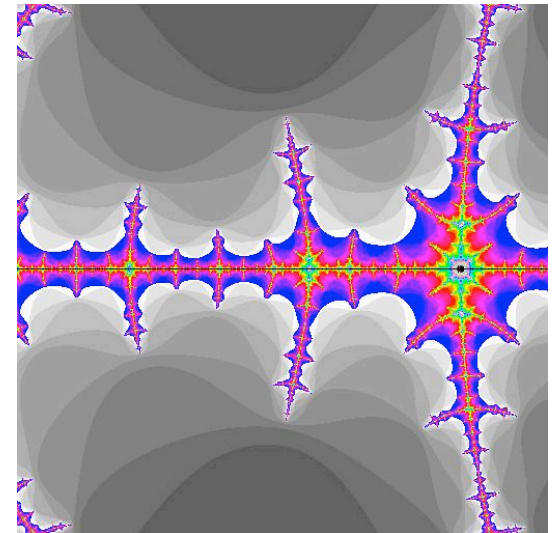
```
% java ColorMandelbrot -1.5 0 2 < mandel.txt
```



-1.5 0 .02



-1.5 0 .002



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.
- Not always easy to make model reflect reality.
- Ex: charged particle, molecule, COS 126 student,

Extending the Java language.

- Java doesn't have a data type for every possible application.
- Data types enable us to add our own abstractions.
- Ex: complex, vector, polynomial, matrix,