CSE 12: Basic data structures and object-oriented design

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More on interfaces.

Review of Iterable and Iterator interfaes

- Recall: If a class X is to implement the Iterable interface, then it must implement a method called iterator() which returns an object of type Iterator.
- Iterator itself is an interface, not a class; hence,
 X.iterator() can return an object of any class that implements the Iterator interface.

• A class can implement the Iterator interface if it implements the following three methods:

```
// Returns true if the iteration has more
// elements.
boolean hasNext ();
```

// Returns the next element in the iteration.
Object next ();

```
// Removes from the underlying collection the
// last element returned by the iterator
// (optional operation).
void remove ();
```

In the case of the List12 interface: "The Iterator returned by iterator() must support the remove() method."

- The user of the Iterator can call these methods whenever he/she wants, subject to the following constraints (as defined in the Iterator interface) on remove():
 - This method can be called only once per call to next.
 - remove() should throw an IllegalStateException if the next method has not yet been called, or the remove method has already been called after the last call to the next method.

• The Iterator interface also specifies that "the behavior of an iterator is unspecified if the underlying collection is modified while the iteration is in progress in any way other than by calling this method."

Unspecified means that you are "absolved of any responsibility" for maintaining correct functionality in the Iterator if the user modifies the DoublyLinkedList12 while he/she is iterating over it.

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Modifications in the case of DoublyLinkedList12 mean addToFront(), removeFront(), etc. -anything that changes the contents of the list.

Interface as a "contract"

- An interface specification serves as a contract between user and implementor of the interface.
- The method signatures specify to the user what each method does, and how it is called (i.e., parameters).
- The comments describe to the implementor what each method must do and what values to return.

Interface as a "contract"

- The comments may also prescribe to the user various constraints on how the methods are called, e.g., "next() must be called before remove().
- If the user does not adhere to these constraints, then he/ she is in violation of contract.
- If the user violates the contract, then the implementor may:
 - Throw an exception (e.g., InvalidStateException).
 - Be "absolved of responsibility" to keep working correctly ("behavior is...unspecified").
 - E.g., calls to next()/remove()/hasNext() may stop working correctly, and this is no longer the implementor's fault.

- Java facilitates the division-of-labor between user and implementor using interfaces.
- An interface contains no method bodies and no instance variables.
- An interface may, however, contain static constants, e.g.,
 interface List {
 static final int INITIAL_CAPACITY = 100;
 ...
 }
- Any class that implements an interface automatically can also access the interface's static variables.

Static variables in interfaces

• Example:

In my coding style, I use all-capital variable names to indicate a static constant.

INITIAL_CAPACITY is a class variable, not an instance variable; hence, we specify the class, not an object.

 In Java, a class may implement any number of interfaces as long as it defines method bodies for all methods whose signatures appear in those interfaces, e.g.:

 Note that the programmer must explicitly write "implements" -- just implementing the methods themselves is not enough.

- Example of class implementing multiple interfaces: class String implements Comparable, Serializable {
 ...
 }
- A Comparable object is one that can be compared (using compareTo) to other objects (e.g., "str1".compareTo("str2")).
 - Useful for sorting a list of objects.
- A Serializable object is one that can be converted into a byte[] using the serialize method (recall the Google Earth example from Lecture I).

- Implementing multiple interfaces places no constraints on the class structure of the implementing class:
 - E.g., String doesn't have to "inherit" from some "Serializable" class.
- This gives flexibility to the implementor -he/she can subclass whatever class he/she wants (if any).

Subinterfaces

- In Java, an interface Y can "subinterface" another interface X.
 - This is analogous to a class B subclassing another class A.
- An interface Y that is a subinterface of X automatically contains all of X's method signatures and static variables.

Subinterfaces

• Example:

```
interface X {
   void method ();
}
interface Y extends X {
   void anotherMethod ();
}
```

- Interface Y implicitly contains method as well.
 - Hence, if class C implements Y, then it must implement both method and anotherMethod.

• In Java, an interface can serve as the type in a variable declaration, e.g.,

```
List12 list;
```

- The list variable can be initialized to any class that implements the List12 interface (e.g., DoublyLinkedList12).
- However, one cannot instantiate an interface type -- one can only instantiate a *concrete* (non-abstract) class type:

```
List12 list = new DoublyLinkedList12(); // ok
List12 list = new List12(); // not ok
```

 Recall that an object of class B can be referenced by a variable declared of class B or any parent class of B, e.g.:

```
class A { ... }
class B extends A { ... }
B b = new B();
A a = b; // ok -- A is parent class of B
```

• An object of class B can also be referenced by a variable declared of any interface type that B implements, e.g.:

```
interface X { ... }
interface Y { ... }
interface Z { ... }
class A implements X { ... }
class B extends A implements Y { ... }
B b = new B();
X x = b; // ok -- B extends A, and A implements X
Y y = b; // ok -- B implements Y directly
Z z = b; // not ok -- neither A nor B implements Z
```

- Why would you care about being able to refer to a DoublyLinkedList12 as an Iterable?
 - Because it offers programmers more flexibility, e.g.:

```
void printAllData (Iterable iterable) {
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  while (it.hasNext()) {
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The implementor of printAllData doesn't care if the argument passed in is a DoublyLinkedList12, ArrayList12, or even a List12 -- he/she only cares that it supports the iterator method.

Interfaces versus superclasses

- Some languages, such as C++, offer no support for interfaces -- they only offer classes.
- In C++, if you wanted a type Iterable that guaranteed all objects of that type supported an iterator() method, then Iterable would have to be a *class*.
 - This means that any object o passed to printAllData would have to be of a class c that subclasses Iterable.
 - This is less flexible than in Java.
 - But C++ offers multiple inheritance instead.
 <== complex!

- In addition to interfaces, Java also supports abstract classes.
- In contrast to a "concrete" class, an abstract class does *not* have to implement *all* of its methods.
 - It must simply list their method signatures (similarly to an interface) and define those methods to be abstract.
- An abstract class can, however, implement some of its methods.

• Example:

A class with at least one abstract method must be declared abstract.

```
abstract class BasicArrayList {
  final Object[] _underlyingStorage;
  BasicArrayList () {
    _underlyingStorage = new Object[128];
  }
  ...
  public abstract void sort ();
}
An abstract method contains no body.
```

• Example:

An abstract class may contain a constructor, instance variables, as well as "concrete" methods (methods with bodies).

```
abstract class AbstractArrayList {
  final Object[] _underlyingStorage;
  BasicArrayList () {
    _underlyingStorage = new Object[128];
  }
  ...
  public abstract void sort ();
}
```

Abstract class example

- Abstract classes are useful when several subclasses in a class hierarchy have substantial code in common, e.g.:
 - For a drawing program, classes Rectangle,
 Ellipse, and Line may all inherit from a common Shape superclass.
 - All classes in the hierarchy should support a getColor() method.
 - No point in copying+pasting code through all three subclasses -- just implement once in Shape class.

Abstract class example

- However, a Shape object cannot draw itself because it doesn't know what kind of shape it is.
 - Hence, we make the draw() method abstract -- we delay implementing this method until we subclass the Shape class.

Abstract class example

```
abstract class Shape {
 Color color;
  Color getColor () {
    return color;
  abstract void draw ();
}
class Rectangle extends Shape {
 void draw () {
    // Actually draw the rectangle
class Ellipse extends Shape {
 void draw () {
    // Actually draw the ellipse
```

Abstract classes as types

• Like interfaces, abstract classes in Java can be used as types, but cannot be instantiated directly:

```
AbstractArrayList list =
    new SomeConcreteArrayList(); // ok
    list = new AbstractArrayList(); // not ok
```

 In order to be useful, abstract classes must be subclassed by "concrete" classes, i.e., classes that implement all the abstract methods, e.g.:

```
class SomeConcreteArrayList extends AbstractArrayList
{
    ...
    public void sort () { // Concrete implementation
        // Sort the data in _underlyingStorage
        // ...
    }
}
```

Interfaces versus abstract classes

- Interfaces and abstract classes can both contain method signatures without bodies.
- Classes can be subclassed; interfaces can be "subinterfaced".
- An abstract class is allowed to implement some methods; an interface can *never* implement any of them.
- An abstract class can contain instance variables; an interface cannot.

Interfaces versus abstract classes

- Abstract classes and interfaces are both useful when creating multiple implementations of the same "abstract idea" (e.g., a list, a collection, a shape).
- When should one use an interface versus an abstract class?
 - Abstract classes are useful when there is substantial code (i.e., implemented methods) or data (i.e., instance variables) that all subclasses should inherit.
 - Otherwise, interfaces should generally be used because they are more flexible.

Inner classes.

Inner classes

• Java offers the ability to define a class within another class, e.g.:

class A {	class A {
<pre>int _x;</pre>	or ^{int} _x;
•••	• • •
<pre>static class B { Object _o; }</pre>	class B { Object _o; }
}	}
Static inner class	Non-static inner class

• Static and non-static inner classes have slightly different semantics.

Static inner classes

- A static inner class B inside class A is similar to a completely separate class B, e.g.:
 class A {
 class B {
- However, in contrast to separately defined classes, the instance variables of inner class B are always accessible to outer class A, even if they are private, e.g.: class A {
 class B {
 private int _x;
 }
 void method () {
 final B b = new B();
 b. x = 7; // This works!
Static inner classes

- There are several reasons for using a static inner class:
 - I. To provide convenience to class A to access B's private instance variables, but prevent all other classes from doing so.
 - 2. To structure your code to emphasize a tight coupling between A and B.
 - 3. To prevent outside classes from accessing/ instantiating class B. In this case, we can make B a private inner class.

Static inner classes: example

- Consider making the Node class a static inner class of DoublyLinkedList12:
 - The Nodes and the DoublyLinkedList12 are tightly coupled:
 - Without the Nodes, the DoublyLinkedList12 class cannot be implemented.
 - Without the DoublyLinkedList12, the Nodes have little relevance.

Static inner classes: example

- It will be convenient for the DoublyLinkedList12 to access the Nodes' instance variables directly.
- We may also wish to make the Node inner class private.
 - We don't want any external class dealing with Nodes.
 - From the user's perspective, the Node class is irrelevant; we should hide this detail from the user.

Instantiating objects of static inner classes

• Objects of type B, where B is a static inner class of A, can be instantiated as:

```
class A {
  static class B {
  void method () {
    B b = new B();
}
or (from an external class) as:
class C {
  void otherMethod () {
    A.B b = new A.B();
}
```

```
Not possible if B is defined to be private.
```

- Non-static inner classes offer an even "tighter coupling" of instances of the inner class and an instance of the outer class.
- An instance of a *non-static* inner class B can access the private instance variables of the *outer* class A, e.g.:

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 - The enclosing instance. This is the instance of A that the instances of B are "linked to" via an implicit reference.

B inside of A:

```
class A {
  int num = 5;
  class B {
    String s;
    B (String s) {
      s = s;
    void m () {
       num = 17;
 public void n () {
    final B b1 = new B("inst1");
    final B b2 = new B("inst2");
  }
```

 Consider inner class
 Now, consider code from some other class C:

```
final A = new A();
a.n();
```

• How are objects a, b1, and b2 related in memory?



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Static versus non-static inner classes

 In contrast to non-static inner classes, it makes no sense to try to instantiate an object of the inner class without an enclosing instance of the outer class. For example, from an external class C:

```
class C {
  void otherMethod () {
    A.B b = new A.B(); // Will not compile
  }
```

- In this context, there is no instance of A; hence, an instance of в has no "enclosing instance".
 - This code will not compile.

Static versus non-static inner classes

- When to use static versus non-static inner classes?
 - Use *non-static* inner classes if the instances need to reference instance variables of the outer class.
 - Otherwise, use *static* inner classes -- they are faster and take less memory.

Anonymous classes.

Anonymous classes

- There's one more kind of class in Java -- anonymous classes.
- Anonymous classes are useful when you intend to instantiate only *one* instance of the class, *ever*.
- When would this situation arise?

- One particular use of anonymous classes in Java is for callbacks.
 - A callback is a method m that you pass to another method with a request to call m at some later time.
- Consider the class java.util.Timer:
 - Timers are useful for scheduling an event in the future, perhaps at a regular interval.
 - For example, in the Confetti simulator, the positions/ velocities of all particles are updated every 5 msec.

- To use a Timer, one has to create a callback object of type TimerTask.
- TimerTask is an abstract class that contains an abstract method void run().
- The user of a Timer will implement a concrete class that subclasses TimerTask.
 - The user's implementation of run() will perform whatever task the user wants.

 Instead of declaring a whole new class -- either in its own file, or as an inner class -- we can be even more "compact" and define an anonymous class:

```
java.util.Timer timer = new java.util.Timer();
timer.schedule(new TimerTask() {
    public void run () {
        // Do whatever you want
    }
}, 0, 5); // 5 msec This defines an anonymous class
    that extends TimerTask.
```

 Without anonymous classes, we'd have to be more verbose:

```
class MyTimerTask extends TimerTask {
   public void run () {
      public void run () {
         // Do whatever you want
      }
         This is the only instance
         we will ever create.
java.util.Timer timer = new java.util.Timer();
timer.schedule(new MyTimerTask(), 0, 5);
```

Implementing an Iterator.

Iterator for ArrayList

• Given this new "infrastructure" for writing object-oriented Java code, let's implement an Iterator for the ArrayList we created in previous lectures.

Iterator for ArrayList

- We need to create a class to implement the Iterator -let's call it ArrayListIterator.
- The ArrayListIterator and the ArrayList are coupled:
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 - Hence, let's make it a private inner class.

Static or non-static?

- The ArrayListIterator needs to access the individual data stored in _underlyingStorage of the "enclosing" ArrayList.
- It also needs to be able to modify the enclosing ArrayList object.
- Hence, we need a *non-static* inner class.

ArrayListIterator

```
class ArrayList implements List {
    private Object[] _underlyingStorage;
    private int _numElements;
```

```
private class ArrayListIterator implements Iterator {
  ... // What variables do we need?
  public boolean hasNext () {
  public Object next () {
  public void remove () {
public Iterator iterator () {
  return new ArrayListIterator();
```

Unannounced quiz 2





ArrayListIterator

- Let's define an int _currentIndex instance variable to keep track of the next object we should return in next().
- We initialize <u>currentIndex</u> to -1 to indicate we haven't returned the first element yet.
- Each call to next() both increments _currentIndex and returns the object _underlyingStorage[currentIndex].
 - Make sure to increment before fetching the object!
- We also need a variable boolean <u>hasNextBeenCalled</u>.

ArrayListIterator. hasNext()

- To implement hasNext(), we simply compare _currentIndex to _numElements, which is contained in the enclosing instance of ArrayList.
 - This is only possible because
 ArrayListIterator is an inner class!
 - Without inner classes, we'd have to either make _numElements public (bad idea), or create an accessor method (verbose).

ArrayListIterator. remove()

- To remove the element we last returned (in next()), we need to "shift over" all the elements of _underlyingStorage to the left by I.
- We implemented this already in ArrayList.remove().
 - Hence, we can just call
 ArrayList.remove() in
 ArrayListIterator.remove().

ArrayListIterator code

```
class ArrayListIterator {
 private boolean hasNextBeenCalled = false;
 private int currentIndex = -1;
 public Object next () {
   currentIndex++;
    hasNextBeenCalled = true;
    return underlyingStorage[ currentIndex];
 public boolean hasNext () {
    return currentIndex < numElements - 1;</pre>
 public void remove () {
    if (! hasNextBeenCalled) {
      throw new InvalidStateException();
   ArrayList.this.remove( currentIndex);
    currentIndex--;
    hasNextBeenCalled = false;
```

ArrayListIterator code

```
class ArrayListIterator {
  private boolean hasNextBeenCalled = false;
  private int currentIndex = -1;
                                Make sure initialization and increment of
  public Object next () {
                                 currentIndex cooperate properly.
    currentIndex++;
    hasNextBeenCalled = true;
    return underlyingStorage[_currentIndex];
  public boolean hasNext () {
    return currentIndex < numElements - 1;</pre>
  public void remove () {
    if (! hasNextBeenCalled) {
                                                 Call remove()
      throw new InvalidStateException();
                                              method of outer class
    ArrayList.this.remove( currentIndex);
                                                 on the enclosing
     currentIndex--;
                                                    instance.
    hasNextBeenCalled = false;
           Make sure next call to next() works properly.
```

Adhering to contract

• What will happen in the following code?

```
final ArrayList arrayList = new ArrayList();
arrayList.add(new Integer(123));
final Iterator iterator = arrayList.iterator();
arrayList.remove(0);
final Object obj = iterator.next();
```

In the particular case of ArrayList (given how we implemented it), this call to next() will actually be benign -- it will return the Integer object (123) that we initially inserted.

However, in general, calling next() after modifying the underlying container class could have unpredictable effects, e.g., a NullPointerException or IndexOutOfBoundsException. It is best to guard against these.

Concurrent modification

- In this case, the user made the mistake of concurrent modification.
- According to Iterator specification, once an iteration is in progress, only the Iterator.remove() method may be used to modify the list.
- Hence, the IndexOutOfBoundsException is not the implementor's fault.

Concurrent modification

- However, to be a "more friendly" implementor, we can help the user identify his/her error by guarding against this condition.
- We will keep track of any changes the user makes to the ArrayList while iteration is underway.
 - We can add a variable int _numModifications to the outer ArrayList.
 - We increment this counter whenever the user modifies from the ArrayList (in ArrayList.add(), ArrayList.remove()).

Concurrent modification

- We also add int _expectedNumModifications to the ArrayListIterator itself.
 - Initialize upon construction to _numModifications (current value of instance variable of outer ArrayList class).
 - In next(), we check whether _numModifications
 == _expectedNumModifications.
 - Have to adjust __expectedNumModifications in ArrayListIterator.remove()!

Concurrent modification

- Here's the punchline:
 - If, in ArrayListIterator.next(), we find that _expectedNumModifications != _numModifications, then we throw a ConcurrentModificationException.
 - This informs the user explicitly that he/she messed up.

```
class ArrayList {
 Object[] underlyingStorage;
                                              boolean hasNext () {
 int numElements;
                                                . . .
 int numModifications;
                                              Object next () {
                                                if ( numModifications !=
 ArrayList () {
    underlyingStorage =
                                                     expectedNumModifications) {
     new Object[128];
                                                  throw new CMException();
    numElements = 0;
    numModifications = 0;
 void add (Object o) {
                                              void remove () {
                                                if ( numModifications !=
    numModifications++;
                                                    expectedNumModifications) {
                                                  throw new CMException();
 void remove (int index) {
    numModifications++;
                                                ArrayList.this.remove(index);
                                                expectedNumModifications++;
 class ArrayListIterator
   implements Iterator {
                                          }
   int currentIdx;
                                             Calling remove () is a valid way
   boolean hasNextBeenCalled;
                                                 to modify the list during
   int expectedNumModifications;
                                             iteration -- we must account for
   ArrayListIterator () {
      currentIdx = 0;
      hasNextBeenCalled = false;
     expectedNumModifications =
       numModifications;
                            Save a local copy (inside the Iterator)
                           of what numModifications should be.
```

Abbreviation just

for slides!

this.

ArrayList implement Iterator directly?

- Instead of implementing Iterator inside a non-static inner class of ArrayList, we could instead augment ArrayList with hasNext(), next(), and remove() methods.
- We could move the ArrayListIterator instance variables to ArrayList itself.
- What is the disadvantage of this?
ArrayList implement Iterator directly?

- Disadvantage:
 - The "user" could only use one Iterator at any given time -- i.e., the following would not work properly:

```
final List list = new ArrayList();
list.add("hello");
list.add("goodbye");
final Iterator iterator = list.iterator();
final Iterator iterator2 = list.iterator();
System.out.println(iterator.next()); // hello
System.out.println(iterator2.next()); // goodbye -- wrong!
```

 Reason: the ArrayList would only contain one _currentIdx instance variable.

DoublyLinkedList12 Iterator

- Hopefully the ArrayListIterator example will provide some guidance for finishing the Iterator in PI.
- Important case to consider:

```
final List list = new DoublyLinkedList12();
list.add("a");
list.add("b");
list.add("c");
final Iterator iterator = list.iterator();
iterator.next();
iterator.remove();
iterator.next(); // What should this return?
```