Building Java Programs

Chapter 3: Parameters, Return, and Interactive Programs with Scanner

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Lecture outline

methods that return values

- calling (e.g. the Math class)
- writing
- cumulative sum

Methods that return values

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Java's Math class

Java has a class named Math with useful static methods and constants for performing calculations.

Method name	Description	Constant	Description
abs(<i>value</i>)	absolute value	E	2.7182818
ceil(<i>value</i>)	rounds up	PI	3.1415926
cos(<i>value</i>)	cosine, in radians		
floor(<i>value</i>)	rounds down		
log(<i>value</i>)	logarithm, base <i>e</i>		
log10(<i>value</i>)	logarithm, base 10		
<pre>max(value1, value2)</pre>	larger of two values		
<pre>min(value1, value2)</pre>	smaller of two values		
pow(<i>base</i> , <i>exponent</i>)	<i>base</i> to the <i>exponent</i> power		
random()	random double between 0 and 1		
round(value)	nearest whole number		
sin(<i>value</i>)	sine, in radians		
sqrt(<i>value</i>)	square root		

Methods that return values

- return: To send a value out as the result of a method, which can be used in an expression.
 - A return is like the opposite of a parameter:
 - Parameters pass information in from the caller to the method.
 - Return values pass information *out* from a method to its caller.



- The Math methods do not print results to the console.
 - Instead, each method evaluates to produce (or *return*) a numeric result, which can be used in an expression.

Math method examples

Math method call syntax:

Math. <method name> (<parameter(s)>)

Examples:

double squareRoot = Math.sqrt(121.0); System.out.println(squareRoot); // 11.0

int absoluteValue = Math.abs(-50);
System.out.println(absoluteValue); // 50

System.out.println(Math.min(3, 7) + 2); // 5

 Notice that the preceding calls are used in expressions; they can be printed, stored into a variable, etc.

Math method questions

Evaluate the following expressions:

- Math.abs(-1.23)
- Math.pow(3, 2)
- Math.pow(10, -2)
- Math.sqrt(121.0) Math.sqrt(256.0)
- Math.round(Math.PI) + Math.round(Math.E)
- Math.ceil(6.022) + Math.floor(15.9994)
- Math.abs(Math.min(-3, -5))
- Math.max and Math.min can be used to bound numbers. Consider an int variable named age.
 - What statement would replace negative ages with 0?
 - What statement would cap the maximum age to 40?

Methods that return values

Syntax for declaring a method that returns a value:

```
public static <type> <name> ( < parameter(s)> ) {
    < statement(s)> ;
```

```
return <expression>;
```

Example:

// Returns the slope of the line between the given points.
public static double slope(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2) {
 double dy = y2 - y1;
 double dx = x2 - x1;
 return dy / dx;

Return examples

```
// Converts Fahrenheit to Celsius.
public static double fToC(double degreesF) {
    double degreesC = 5.0 / 9.0 * (degreesF - 32);
    return degreesC;
// Computes length of triangle hypotenuse given its side lengths.
public static double hypotenuse(int a, int b) {
    double c = Math.sqrt(a * a + b * b);
    return c;
// Rounds the given number to two decimal places.
// Example: round(2.71828183) returns 2.72.
public static double round2(double value) {
    double result = value * 100.0; // upscale the number
    result = Math.round(result); // round to nearest integer
    result = result / 100.0; // downscale the number
    return result;
```

Return examples shortened

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public static double hypotenuse(int a, int b) {
    return Math.sqrt(a * a + b * b);
}
```

// Rounds the given number to two decimal places.
// Example: round(2.71828183) returns 2.72.
public static double round2(double value) {
 return Math.round(value * 100.0) / 100.0;

Return questions

- Write a method named area that accepts a circle's radius as a parameter and returns its area.
 - You may wish to use the constant Math.PI in your solution.
- Write a method named attendance that accepts a number of lectures attended by a student, and returns how many points a student receives for attendance.
 - The student receives 2 points for each of the first 5 lectures and 1 point for each subsequent lecture.

Return questions 2

- Write a method named distanceFromOrigin that accepts x and y coordinates as parameters and returns the distance between that (x, y) point and the origin.
- Write a method named medianOf3 that accepts 3 integers as parameters and returns the middle value. For example, medianOf3(4, 2, 7) should return 4.
 - Hint: Use methods from the Math class in your solution.

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Chapter 4: Conditional Execution

Cumulative sum

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Adding many numbers

How would you write code to find the sum of all integers from 1-1000?

```
int sum = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ...;
System.out.println("The sum is " + sum);
```

What if we want the sum of integers from 1-1,000,000? Or to compute the sum up to any maximum?

- We could write a method that accepts the maximum value as a parameter and prints the sum.
- How can we generalize code like the above?

A failed attempt

An incorrect solution for summing 1-100:

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 100; i++) {
    int sum = 0;
    sum = sum + i;
}
// sum is undefined here
System.out.println("The sum is " + sum);</pre>
```

• The scope of sum is inside the for loop, so the last line of code fails to compile.

cumulative sum: A variable that keeps a sum-inprogress and is updated until summing is finished.

• The sum in the above code is an attempt at a cumulative sum.

Fixed cumulative sum loop

A corrected version of the sum loop code:

```
int sum = 0;
for (int i = 1; i <= 100; i++) {
    sum = sum + i;
}
System.out.println("The sum is " + sum);
```

The key idea:

 Cumulative sum variables must always be declared *outside* the loops that update them, so that they will continue to live after the loop is finished.

Cumulative sum question

- Write a method named sumTo that accepts an integer parameter n and returns the sum from 1 through n.
 - For example, sumTo(5) returns 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 15.
 - Call your method several times from main and print the results.

Example log of execution:

sum to 5 is 15 sum to 10 is 55

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Cumulative sum answer

```
public class Sum {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("sum to 5 is " + sumTo(5));
        System.out.println("sum to 10 is " + sumTo(10));
    }
    // Returns the sum from 1 to the given maximum.
    public static int sumTo(int max) {
        int sum = 0;
        for (int i = 1; i <= max; i++) {
            sum = sum + i;
        }
        return sum;
    }
}
</pre>
```

Variation: cumulative product

The same idea can be used with other operators, such as multiplication which produces a cumulative product:

```
int exponent = 10;
int product = 1;
for (int i = 1; i <= exponent; i++) {
    product = product * 2;
}
System.out.println("2 to the " + exponent + " = " + product);
```

How would we change the above code so that it also allows changing the base, instead of always using 2?

Cumul. sum exercises

- Write a method named sumSeries that accepts an integer parameter k and computes the sum of the first k terms of the following series:
 - $1 + 1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots$
- Write a method named pow2 that accepts an integer parameter n and computes 2ⁿ.
- Write a method named pow that accepts integers for a base a and an exponent b and computes a^b.