Building Java Programs

Chapter 15 Lecture 15-1: Implementing ArrayIntList

reading: 15.1 - 15.3

Recall: classes and objects

- **class**: A program entity that represents:
 - A complete program or module, or
 - A template for a type of objects.
 - (ArrayList is a class that defines a type.)



- object: An entity that combines state and behavior.
 - object-oriented programming (OOP): Programs that perform their behavior as interactions between objects.
 - abstraction: Separation between concepts and details.
 Objects provide abstraction in programming.

Elements of a class

```
public class BankAccount {
   private String name; // fields:
   private int id; // data encapsulated
   private double balance; // inside each object
   public BankAccount(String name, int id) {
        this.name = name; // constructor:
       this.id = id; // initializes
       this.balance = 0.0; // new objects
    }
    public void deposit(double amount) {
        this.balance += amount; // instance method:
                                // each object's
    }
                                // behavior
        "implicit parameter": object on which a method was called
```

ArrayIntList implementation

- What is an ArrayIntList's behavior?
 - add, remove, indexOf, etc
- What is an ArrayIntList's state?
 - Many elements of the same type stored somehow
 - The number of elements stored in the list

size 5

Implementing add

• How do we add to the end of a list?





• list.add(**42**);



Printing an ArrayIntList

- Let's add a method that allows clients to print a list's elements.
 - You may be tempted to write a print method:

```
// client code
ArrayIntList list = new ArrayIntList();
...
list.print();
```

- Why is this a bad idea? What would be better?
 - It is more flexible to provide a method that returns a String, allowing a client to print, or use the String in some other way.

The toString method

• Tells Java how to convert an object into a String ArrayIntList list = new ArrayIntList(); System.out.println("list is " + list); // ("list is " + list.toString());

• Syntax:
 public String toString() {
 code that returns a suitable String;
 }

 Every class has a toString, even if it isn't in your code.
 The default is the class's name and a hex (base-16) number: ArrayIntList@9e8c34

toString solution

```
// Returns a String representation of the list.
public String toString() {
    if (size == 0) {
        return "[]";
    } else {
        String result = "[" + data[0];
        for (int i = 1; i < size; i++) {
            result += ", " + data[i];
        }
        result += "]";
        return result;
    }
}</pre>
```

Other methods

- Let's implement the following methods in our list:
 - size()

Returns the number of elements in the list.

- get (index)
 Returns the element value at a given index.
- set (index, value)
 Sets the list to store the given value at the given index.

Pre/Post Comments

- The get and set methods require that the index passed in is valid. The public comments on the method header should document that.
- Pre/Post commenting style
 - Pre: documents anything that you are before the method executes. Any
 - Post: documents any state modification happening in the method along with what the method returns. Should not say exactly how the method does the code, just what the behavior of the method is to the client's point of view.
 - We expect you to comment every method in every class you write, although you do not need to comment in this style.

Error Detection

 The get and set methods should not only inform the client what a valid index is, they should check to make sure the index actually is valid

```
• Throwing exceptions
private void checkIndex(int index, int upperBound) {
    if (index < 0 || index >= upperBound) {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException();
    }
}
```

- exception checking can usually be factored into a private helper method, because it is a redundant operation.
- IndexOutOfBoundsException would have been equally good to throw in this case.

Implementing add #2

- How do we add to the middle or end of the list?
 - must shift elements to make room for the value (see book 7.4)



• list.add(**3**, 42); // insert **42** at index **3**



Note: The order in which you traverse the array matters!

add #2 code

```
public void add(int index, int value) {
   for (int i = size; i > index; i--) {
      data[i] = data[i - 1];
   }
   data[index] = value;
   size++;
```



• list.add(3, 42);

}



Implementing remove

- Again, we need to shift elements in the array
 - this time, it's a left-shift
 - in what order should we process the elements?
 - what indexes should we process?



• list.remove(2); // delete 9 from index 2



Implementing remove code

```
public void remove(int index) {
    for (int i = index; i < size; i++) {</pre>
        data[i] = data[i + 1];
    }
    size--;
    data[size] = 0; // optional (why?)
}
                1 2 3
                              4 5
       index
                                              8
                                      6
                                                  9
             3
                 8
                      9
                              5
                                 12
       value
                          7
                                      \mathbf{0}
              6
        size
```

• list.remove(2); // delete 9 from index 2



Other methods

- Additional methods included in the code that were not written as a class:
 - indexOf (value)
 Returns the first occurrence of the given value in the list, or -1 if the value is not found
 - contains (value) Returns true if the list contains the value at least once, false otherwise

• isEmpty()

Returns true if the list contains no elements; else false. (Why write this if we already have the size method?)