Building Java Programs

Chapter 15
Lecture 15-2: more ArrayIntList; testing
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Not enough space

- What to do if client needs to add more than 10 elements?

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- list.add(15);  // add an 11th element

- Possible solution: Allow the client to construct the list with a larger initial capacity.
Multiple constructors

• Our list class has the following constructor:

```java
public ArrayIntList() {
    this.data = new int[10];
    this.size = 0;
}
```

• Let's add a new constructor that takes a capacity parameter:

```java
public ArrayIntList(int capacity) {
    this.data = new int[capacity];
    this.size = 0;
}
```

• The constructors are very similar. Can we avoid redundancy?
this keyword

• **this**: A reference to the *implicit parameter* (the object on which a method/constructor is called)

• Syntax:
  
  • To refer to a field: `this.field`
  
  • To call a method: `this.method(parameters);`
  
  • To call a constructor from another constructor: `this(parameters);`
Revised constructors

// Constructs a list with a default capacity of 10.
public ArrayIntList() {
    this(10);  // calls (int) constructor
}

// Constructs a list with the given capacity.
public ArrayIntList(int capacity) {
    this.data = new int[capacity];
    this.size = 0;
}
Searching methods

- Implement the following methods:
  - `indexOf` - returns first index of element, or -1 if not found
  - `contains` - returns true if the list contains the given int value

- Why do we need `isEmpty` and `contains` when we already have `indexOf` and `size`?
  - Adds convenience to the client of our class:

```java
// less elegant                   // more elegant
if (myList.size() == 0) {
  if (myList.isEmpty()) {
    if (myList.indexOf(42) >= 0) {
      if (myList.contains(42)) {
```
Class constants

public static final type name = value;

• **class constant**: a global, unchangeable value in a class
  • used to store and give names to important values used in code
  • documents an important value; easier to find and change later

• classes will often store constants related to that type
  • Math.PI
  • Integer.MAX_VALUE, Integer.MIN_VALUE
  • Color.GREEN

// default array length for new ArrayIntLists
public static final int DEFAULT_CAPACITY = 10;
Private helper methods

```java
private type name(type name, ..., type name) {
    statement(s);
}
```

- a `private method` can be seen/called only by its own class
  - your object can call the method on itself, but clients cannot call it
  - useful for "helper" methods that clients shouldn't directly touch

```java
private void checkIndex(int index, int min, int max) {
    if (index < min || index > max) {
        throw new IndexOutOfBoundsException(index);
    }
}
```
Running out of space

- What should we do if the client starts out with a small capacity, but then adds more than that many elements?

```
list.add(15);  // add an 11th element
```

- Answer: **Resize the array** to one twice as large.

The Arrays class

- The Arrays class in java.util has many useful methods:

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<td>returns the index of the given value in a sorted array (or &lt; 0 if not found)</td>
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<td>returns index of given value in a sorted array between indexes min / max - 1 (&lt; 0 if not found)</td>
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<td>copyOf(array, length)</td>
<td>returns a new resized copy of an array</td>
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<td>equals(array1, array2)</td>
<td>returns true if the two arrays contain same elements in the same order</td>
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<td>fill(array, value)</td>
<td>sets every element to the given value</td>
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<td>sort(array)</td>
<td>arranges the elements into sorted order</td>
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<td>toString(array)</td>
<td>returns a string representing the array, such as &quot;[10, 30, -25, 17]&quot;</td>
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- Syntax: Arrays.methodName(parameters)
Thinking about testing

- If we wrote `ArrayIntList` and want to give it to others, we must make sure it works adequately well first.

- Some programs are written specifically to test other programs.
  - We could write a client program to test our list.
  - Its `main` method could construct several lists, add elements to them, call the various other methods, etc.
  - We could run it and look at the output to see if it is correct.

- Sometimes called a **unit test** because it checks a small unit of software (one class).
  - **black box**: Tests written without looking at the code being tested.
  - **white box**: Tests written after looking at the code being tested.
Tips for testing

- You cannot test every possible input, parameter value, etc.
  - Think of a limited set of tests likely to expose bugs.

- Think about boundary cases
  - Positive; zero; negative numbers
  - Right at the edge of an array or collection's size

- Think about empty cases and error cases
  - 0, -1, null; an empty list or array

- test behavior in combination
  - Maybe `add` usually works, but fails after you call `remove`
  - Make multiple calls; maybe `size` fails the second time only
Example *ArrayIntList* test

```java
global static void main(String[] args) {
    int[] a1 = {5, 2, 7, 8, 4};
    int[] a2 = {2, 7, 42, 8};
    int[] a3 = {7, 42, 42};
    helper(a1, a2);
    helper(a2, a3);
    helper(new int[] {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, new int[] {2, 3, 42, 4});
}

global static void helper(int[] elements, int[] expected) {
    ArrayIntList list = new ArrayIntList(elements);
    for (int i = 0; i < elements.length; i++) {
        list.add(elements[i]);
    }
    list.remove(0);
    list.remove(list.size() - 1);
    list.add(2, 42);
    for (int i = 0; i < expected.length; i++) {
        if (list.get(i) != expected[i]) {
            System.out.println("fail; expect "+ Arrays.toString(expected) + ", actual "+ list);
        }
    }
}
```