

Building Java Programs

Chapter 2

Lecture 3: Variables, For Loops, Nested Loops

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| Software is sometimes written by people that understand software.
As a programmer all the bad code I've seen would state otherwise....
Not saying I'm perfect, but there is lot of terrible terrible code out there.

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↓ E.G.

Minecraft Symantec

It's hard to explain "bad code" to someone who doesn't understand code.

but have you LOOKED at Minecraft's source code? Christ, my cat on catnip could write a better program in Java

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↓ He'd get too distracted by all the strings

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Variables

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Receipt example

What's bad about the following code?

```
public class Receipt {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // Calculate total owed, assuming 8% tax / 15% tip  
        System.out.print("Subtotal: ");  
        System.out.println(38 + 40 + 30);  
        System.out.print("Tax: ");  
        System.out.println((38 + 40 + 30) * .08);  
        System.out.print("Tip: ");  
        System.out.println((38 + 40 + 30) * .15);  
        System.out.print("Total: ");  
        System.out.println(38 + 40 + 30 +  
                            (38 + 40 + 30) * .08 +  
                            (38 + 40 + 30) * .15);  
    }  
}
```

- The subtotal expression $(38 + 40 + 30)$ is repeated
- So many `println` statements

Variables

- **variable:** A piece of the computer's memory that is given a name and type, and can store a value.
 - Like preset stations on a car stereo, or cell phone speed dial:



- Steps for using a variable:
 - *Declare* it - state its name and type
 - *Initialize* it - store a value into it
 - *Use* it - print it or use it as part of an expression

Declaration

- **variable declaration:** Sets aside memory for storing a value.
 - Variables must be declared before they can be used.

- Syntax:

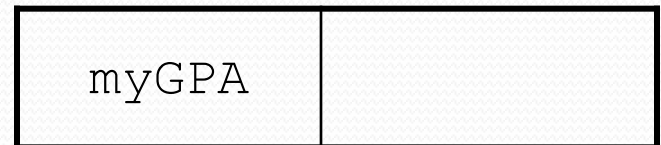
type name;

- The name is an *identifier*.

- `int zipcode;`



- `double myGPA;`



Assignment

- **assignment:** Stores a value into a variable.
 - The value can be an expression; the variable stores its result.
- Syntax:

name = expression;

- `int zipcode;`
`zipcode = 90210;`

- `double myGPA;`
`myGPA = 1.0 + 2.25;`

zipcode	90210
---------	-------

myGPA	3.25
-------	------

Using variables

- Once given a value, a variable can be used in expressions:

```
int x;  
x = 3;  
System.out.println("x is " + x);           // x is 3  
System.out.println(5 * x - 1);             // 5 * 3 - 1
```

- You can assign a value more than once:

```
int x;  
x = 3;  
System.out.println(x + " here");           // 3 here
```

x	11
---	----

```
x = 4 + 7;  
System.out.println("now x is " + x);       // now x is 11
```


Declaration/initialization

- A variable can be declared/initialized in one statement.

- Syntax:

type name = value;

- `double myGPA = 3.95;`

myGPA	3.95
-------	------

- `int x = (11 % 3) + 12;`

x	14
---	----

Assignment and algebra

- Assignment uses = , but it is not an algebraic equation.
 - = means, *"store the value at right in variable at left"*
 - The right side expression is evaluated first, and then its result is stored in the variable at left.
- What happens here?

```
int x = 3;
```

```
x = x + 2;    // ???
```

x	5
---	---

Increment and decrement

shortcuts to increase or decrease a variable's value by 1

Shorthand

variable++;

variable--;

```
int x = 2;
```

```
x++;
```

```
double gpa = 2.5;
```

```
gpa--;
```

Equivalent longer version

variable = **variable** + 1;

variable = **variable** - 1;

```
// x = x + 1;
```

```
// x now stores 3
```

```
// gpa = gpa - 1;
```

```
// gpa now stores 1.5
```

Modify-and-assign operators

shortcuts to modify a variable's value

Shorthand

variable += **value**;

variable -= **value**;

variable *= **value**;

variable /= **value**;

variable %= **value**;

Equivalent longer version

variable = **variable** + **value**;

variable = **variable** - **value**;

variable = **variable** * **value**;

variable = **variable** / **value**;

variable = **variable** % **value**;

x += 3;

gpa -= 0.5;

number *= 2;

// x = x + 3;

// gpa = gpa - 0.5;

// number = number * 2;

Assignment and types

- A variable can only store a value of its own type.
 - `int x = 2.5; // ERROR: incompatible types`
- An `int` value can be stored in a `double` variable.
 - The value is converted into the equivalent real number.
- `double myGPA = 4;`
- `double avg = 11 / 2;`
 - Why does `avg` store 5.0 and not 5.5 ?

myGPA	4.0
-------	-----

avg	5.0
-----	-----

Compiler errors

- A variable can't be used until it is assigned a value.

- `int x;`

`System.out.println(x);` **// ERROR: x has no value**

- You may not declare the same variable twice.

- `int x;`

`int x;`

// ERROR: x already exists

- `int x = 3;`

`int x = 5;`

// ERROR: x already exists

- How can this code be fixed?

Printing a variable's value

- Use + to print a string and a variable's value on one line.

```
double grade = (95.1 + 71.9 + 82.6) / 3.0;  
System.out.println("Your grade was " + grade);  
  
int students = 11 + 17 + 4 + 19 + 14;  
System.out.println("There are " + students +  
                    " students in the course.");
```

- Output:

```
Your grade was 83.2
```

```
There are 65 students in the course.
```

Receipt question

Improve the receipt program using variables.

```
public class Receipt {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // Calculate total owed, assuming 8% tax / 15% tip  
        System.out.print("Subtotal: ");  
        System.out.println(38 + 40 + 30);  
  
        System.out.print("Tax: ");  
        System.out.println((38 + 40 + 30) * .08);  
  
        System.out.print("Tip: ");  
        System.out.println((38 + 40 + 30) * .15);  
  
        System.out.print("Total: ");  
        System.out.println(38 + 40 + 30 +  
                            (38 + 40 + 30) * .15 +  
                            (38 + 40 + 30) * .08);  
    }  
}
```


Receipt answer

```
public class Receipt {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // Calculate total owed, assuming 8% tax / 15% tip  
        int subtotal = 38 + 40 + 30;  
        double tax = subtotal * .08;  
        double tip = subtotal * .15;  
        double total = subtotal + tax + tip;  
  
        System.out.println("Subtotal: " + subtotal);  
        System.out.println("Tax: " + tax);  
        System.out.println("Tip: " + tip);  
        System.out.println("Total: " + total);  
    }  
}
```

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Chapter 2

Lecture 2-2: The `for` Loop

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Repetition with `for` loops

- So far, repeating an action results in redundant code:

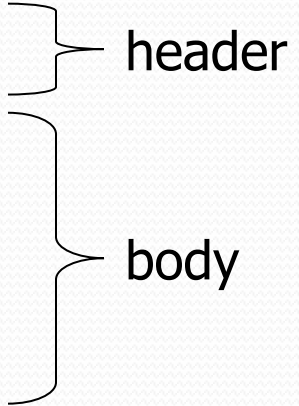
```
makeBatter();  
bakeCookies();  
bakeCookies();  
bakeCookies();  
bakeCookies();  
bakeCookies();  
frostCookies();
```

- Java's **for loop** statement performs a task many times.

```
mixBatter();  
  
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {    // repeat 5 times  
    bakeCookies();  
}  
  
frostCookies();
```

for loop syntax

```
for (initialization; test; update) {  
    statement;  
    statement;  
    ...  
    statement;  
}
```



header

body

- Perform **initialization** once.
- Repeat the following:
 - Check if the **test** is true. If not, stop.
 - Execute the **statements**.
 - Perform the **update**.

Control structures

- **Control structure:** a programming construct that affects the flow of a program's execution
- Controlled code may include one or more statements
- The for loop is an example of a looping control structure

Initialization

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++) {  
    System.out.println("I am so smart");  
}
```

- Tells Java what variable to use in the loop
 - The variable is called a *loop counter*
 - can use any name, not just `i`
 - can start at any value, not just `1`
 - only valid in the loop
 - Performed once as the loop begins

Test

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++) {  
    System.out.println("I am so smart");  
}
```

- Tests the loop counter variable against a limit
 - Uses comparison operators:
 - < less than
 - <= less than or equal to
 - > greater than
 - >= greater than or equal to
 - == exactly equal to
 - != not equal to

Update

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++) {  
    System.out.println("I am so smart");  
}
```

- Updates the loop counter to a new value
 - If the updates do not eventually make the loop test fail, the loop will never end

Repetition over a range

```
System.out.println("1 squared = " + 1 * 1);  
System.out.println("2 squared = " + 2 * 2);  
System.out.println("3 squared = " + 3 * 3);  
System.out.println("4 squared = " + 4 * 4);  
System.out.println("5 squared = " + 5 * 5);  
System.out.println("6 squared = " + 6 * 6);
```

- Intuition: "I want to print a line for each number from 1 to 6"
- The `for` loop does exactly that!

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++) {  
    System.out.println(i + " squared = " + (i * i));  
}
```

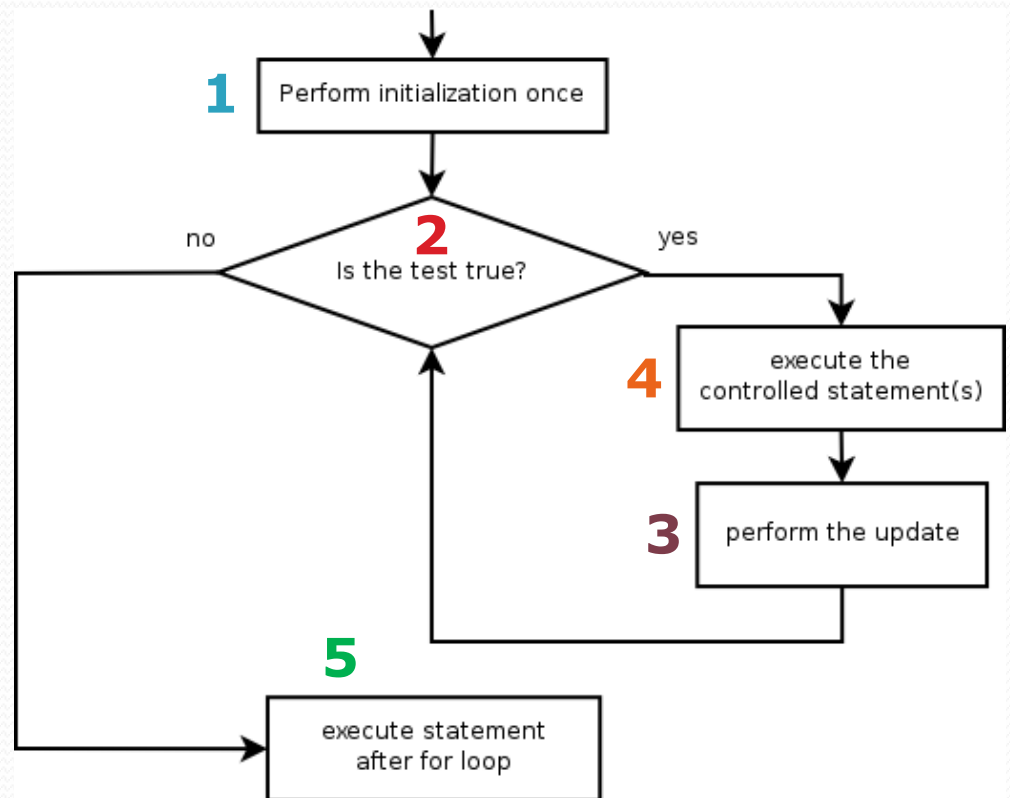
- "For each integer `i` from 1 through 6, print ..."

Loop walkthrough

```
1 for (int i = 1; i <= 4; i++) {  
  4 System.out.println(i + " squared = " + (i * i));  
}  
5 System.out.println("Whoo!");
```

Output:

```
1 squared = 1  
2 squared = 4  
3 squared = 9  
4 squared = 16  
Whoo!
```



Multi-line loop body

```
System.out.println("+-----+");  
for (int i = 1; i <= 3; i++) {  
    System.out.println("\\    /");  
    System.out.println("/    \\");  
}  
System.out.println("+-----+");
```

- Output:

```
+-----+  
\\    /  
/    \\  
\\    /  
/    \\  
\\    /  
/    \\  
+-----+
```

Expressions for counter

```
int highTemp = 5;  
for (int i = -3; i <= highTemp / 2; i++) {  
    System.out.println(i * 1.8 + 32);  
}
```

- Output:

26.6
28.4
30.2
32.0
33.8
35.6

System.out.print

- Prints without moving to a new line
 - allows you to print partial messages on the same line

```
int highestTemp = 5;  
for (int i = -3; i <= highestTemp / 2; i++) {  
    System.out.print((i * 1.8 + 32) + " ");  
}
```

- Output:

26.6 28.4 30.2 32.0 33.8 35.6

- Concatenate " " to separate the numbers

Counting down

- The **update** can use -- to make the loop count down.
 - The **test** must say > instead of <

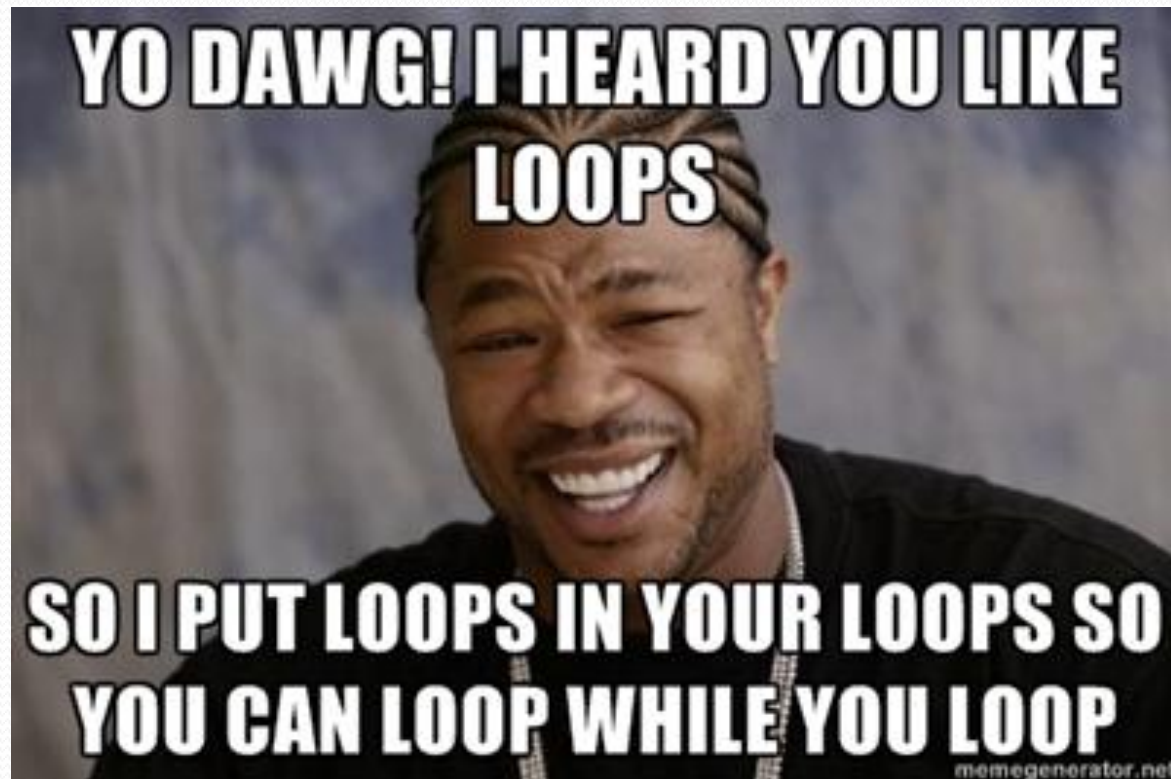
```
System.out.print("T-minus ");  
for (int i = 10; i >= 1; i--) {  
    System.out.print(i + ", ");  
}  
System.out.println("blastoff!");  
System.out.println("The end.");
```

- **Output:**

```
T-minus 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, blastoff!  
The end.
```

Nested loops

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Nested loops

- **nested loop:** A loop placed inside another loop.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
    for (int j = 1; j <= 10; j++) {  
        System.out.print("*");  
    }  
    System.out.println();    // to end the line  
}
```

- **Output:**

```
*****  
*****  
*****  
*****  
*****
```

- The outer loop repeats 5 times; the inner one 10 times.
 - "sets and reps" exercise analogy

Nested for loop exercise

- What is the output of the following nested for loops?

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
    for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {  
        System.out.print("*");  
    }  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

- Output:

```
*  
**  
***  
****  
*****
```

Nested for loop exercise

- What is the output of the following nested for loops?

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
    for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {  
        System.out.print(i);  
    }  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

- Output:

```
1  
22  
333  
4444  
55555
```

Common errors

- Both of the following sets of code produce *infinite loops*:

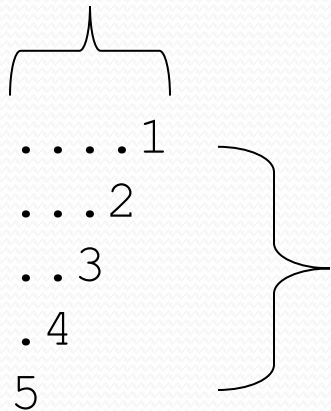
```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
    for (int j = 1; i <= 10; j++) {  
        System.out.print("*");  
    }  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
    for (int j = 1; j <= 10; i++) {  
        System.out.print("*");  
    }  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

Complex lines

- What nested `for` loops produce the following output?

inner loop (repeated characters on each line)



```
.....1
....2
..3
.4
5
```

outer loop (loops 5 times because there are 5 lines)

- We must build multiple complex lines of output using:
 - an *outer "vertical" loop* for each of the lines
 - *inner "horizontal" loop(s)* for the patterns within each line

Outer and inner loop

- First write the outer loop, from 1 to the number of lines.

```
for (int line = 1; line <= 5; line++) {  
    ...  
}
```

- Now look at the line contents. Each line has a pattern:
 - some dots (0 dots on the last line), then a number

```
....1  
...2  
..3  
.4  
5
```

- Observation: the number of dots is related to the line number.

Mapping loops to numbers

```
for (int count = 1; count <= 5; count++) {  
    System.out.print( ... );  
}
```

- What statement in the body would cause the loop to print:

4 7 10 13 16

```
for (int count = 1; count <= 5; count++) {  
    System.out.print(3 * count + 1 + " ");  
}
```

Loop tables

- What statement in the body would cause the loop to print:
2 7 12 17 22
- To see patterns, make a table of `count` and the numbers.
 - Each time `count` goes up by 1, the number should go up by 5.
 - But `count * 5` is too great by 3, so we subtract 3.

<code>count</code>	number to print	<code>5 * count</code>	<code>5 * count - 3</code>
1	2	5	2
2	7	10	7
3	12	15	12
4	17	20	17
5	22	25	22

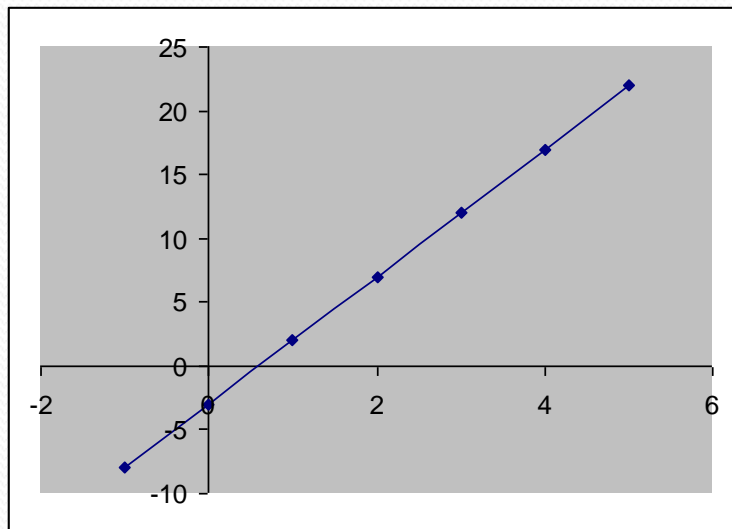
Loop tables question

- What statement in the body would cause the loop to print:
17 13 9 5 1
- Let's create the loop table together.
 - Each time `count` goes up 1, the number printed should ...
 - But this multiple is off by a margin of ...

count	number to print	$-4 * \text{count}$	$-4 * \text{count} + 21$
1	17	-4	17
2	13	-8	13
3	9	-12	9
4	5	-16	5
5	1	-20	1

Another view: Slope-intercept

- The next three slides present the mathematical basis for the loop tables. Feel free to skip it.



count (x)	number to print (y)
1	2
2	7
3	12
4	17
5	22

Another view: Slope-intercept

- *Caution:* This is algebra, not assignment!
- Recall: slope-intercept form ($y = mx + b$)
- Slope is defined as “rise over run” (i.e. rise / run). Since the “run” is always 1 (we increment along x by 1), we just need to look at the “rise”. The rise is the difference between the y values. Thus, the slope (m) is the difference between y values; in this case, it is +5.
- To compute the y -intercept (b), plug in the value of y at $x = 1$ and solve for b . In this case, $y = 2$.

$$y = m * x + b$$

$$2 = 5 * 1 + b$$

$$\text{Then } b = -3$$

- So the equation is

$$y = m * x + b$$

$$y = 5 * x - 3$$

$$y = 5 * \text{count} - 3$$

count (x)	number to print (y)
1	2
2	7
3	12
4	17
5	22

Another view: Slope-intercept

- Algebraically, if we always take the value of y at $x = 1$, then we can solve for b as follows:

$$y = m * x + b$$

$$y_1 = m * 1 + b$$

$$y_1 = m + b$$

$$b = y_1 - m$$

- In other words, to get the y -intercept, just subtract the slope from the first y value ($b = 2 - 5 = -3$)

- This gets us the equation

$$y = m * x + b$$

$$y = 5 * x - 3$$

$$y = 5 * \text{count} - 3$$

(which is exactly the equation from the previous slides)

Nested for loop exercise

- Make a table to represent any patterns on each line.

.....1
...2
..3
.4
5

line	# of dots	$-1 * \text{line}$	$-1 * \text{line} + 5$
1	4	-1	4
2	3	-2	3
3	2	-3	2
4	1	-4	1
5	0	-5	0

- To print a character multiple times, use a for loop.

```
for (int j = 1; j <= 4; j++) {  
    System.out.print(".");           // 4 dots  
}
```

Nested for loop solution

- Answer:

```
for (int line = 1; line <= 5; line++) {  
    for (int j = 1; j <= (-1 * line + 5); j++) {  
        System.out.print(".");  
    }  
    System.out.println(line);  
}
```

- Output:

```
.....1  
...2  
..3  
.4  
5
```

Nested for loop exercise

- What is the output of the following nested for loops?

```
for (int line = 1; line <= 5; line++) {  
    for (int j = 1; j <= (-1 * line + 5); j++) {  
        System.out.print(".");  
    }  
    for (int k = 1; k <= line; k++) {  
        System.out.print(line);  
    }  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

- Answer:

```
.....1  
...22  
..333  
.4444  
55555
```

Nested for loop exercise

- Modify the previous code to produce this output:

```
.....1
...2.
..3..
.4...
5....
```

- Answer:

```
for (int line = 1; line <= 5; line++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= (-1 * line + 5); j++) {
        System.out.print(".");
    }
    System.out.print(line);
    for (int j = 1; j <= (line - 1); j++) {
        System.out.print(".");
    }
    System.out.println();
}
```