Building Java Programs

Chapter 2
Lecture 4: Loop Figures and Constants

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(Slides stolen from Stuart Reges, Hélène Martin, and Marty Stepp...not even adapted)
```c
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    int count;
    for (count = 1; count <= 500; count++)
        printf("I will not throw paper airplanes in class.");
    return 0;
}
```
Drawing complex figures

• Use nested `for` loops to produce the following output.

• Why draw ASCII art?
  • Real graphics require a lot of finesse
  • ASCII art has complex patterns
  • Can focus on the algorithms
Development strategy

- Recommendations for managing complexity:
  1. Design the program (think about steps or methods needed).
     - write an English description of steps required
     - use this description to decide the methods
  2. Create a table of patterns of characters
     - use table to write your for loops

#================#
|      <><>      |
|    <>....<>    |
|  <>........<>  |
|<>............<>|
|<>............<>|
|  <>........<>  |
|    <>....<>    |
|      <><>      |
#================#
1. Pseudo-code

- **pseudo-code**: An English description of an algorithm.

- Example: Drawing a 12 wide by 7 tall box of stars

```
print 12 stars.
for (each of 5 lines) {
    print a star.
    print 10 spaces.
    print a star.
}
print 12 stars.
```

```
************
*          *
*          *
*          *
*          *
************
```
Pseudo-code algorithm

1. Line
   - \#\text{, }16 =, \#

2. Top half
   - \mid
   - spaces (decreasing)
   - <>
   - dots (increasing)
   - <>
   - spaces (same as above)
   - \mid

3. Bottom half (top half upside-down)

4. Line
   - \#\text{, }16 =, \#
public class Mirror {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        line();
        topHalf();
        bottomHalf();
        line();
    }

    public static void topHalf() {
        for (int line = 1; line <= 4; line++) {
            // contents of each line
        }
    }

    public static void bottomHalf() {
        for (int line = 1; line <= 4; line++) {
            // contents of each line
        }
    }

    public static void line() {
        // ...
    }
}
2. Tables

- A table for the top half:
  - Compute spaces and dots expressions from line number

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>line</th>
<th>spaces</th>
<th>line * -2 + 8</th>
<th>dots</th>
<th>4 * line - 4</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#================#
|      <><>      |
|    <>....<>    |
|  <>........<>  |
| <>............<>|
|  <>........<>  |
|    <>....<>    |
|      <><>      |
#================#
3. Writing the code

- Useful questions about the top half:
  - What methods? (think structure and redundancy)
  - Number of (nested) loops per line?
// Prints the expanding pattern of <> for the top half of the figure.
public static void topHalf() {
  for (int line = 1; line <= 4; line++) {
    System.out.print("|");

    for (int space = 1; space <= (line * -2 + 8); space++) {
      System.out.print(" ");
    }
    System.out.print("<>");

    for (int dot = 1; dot <= (line * 4 - 4); dot++) {
      System.out.print(".");
    }
    System.out.print("<>");

    for (int space = 1; space <= (line * -2 + 8); space++) {
      System.out.print(" ");
    }
    System.out.println("|");
  }
}
Class constants and scope

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Scaling the mirror

- Let's modify our Mirror program so that it can scale.
  - The current mirror (left) is at size 4; the right is at size 3.
- We'd like to structure the code so we can scale the figure by changing the code in just one place.
Limitations of variables

- Idea: Make a variable to represent the size.
  - Use the variable's value in the methods.

- Problem: A variable in one method can't be seen in others.

```java
public static void main(String[] args) {
    int size = 4;
    topHalf();
    printBottom();
}

public static void topHalf() {
    for (int i = 1; i <= size; i++) {
        // ERROR: size not found
        ...
    }
}

public static void bottomHalf() {
    for (int i = size; i >= 1; i--) {
        // ERROR: size not found
        ...
    }
}
```
Scope

- **scope**: The part of a program where a variable exists.
  - From its declaration to the end of the `{ }` braces
    - A variable declared in a `for` loop exists only in that loop.
    - A variable declared in a method exists only in that method.

```java
public static void example() {
    int x = 3;
    for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {
        System.out.println(x);
    }
    // i no longer exists here
}
// x ceases to exist here
```
Scope implications

• Variables without overlapping scope can have same name.

```java
for (int i = 1; i <= 100; i++) {
    System.out.print("/");
}
for (int i = 1; i <= 100; i++) {    // OK
    System.out.print("\\");
}
int i = 5;                          // OK: outside of loop's scope
```

• A variable can't be declared twice or used out of its scope.

```java
for (int i = 1; i <= 100 * line; i++) {
    int i = 2;                      // ERROR: overlapping scope
    System.out.print("/");
}
i = 4;                                // ERROR: outside scope
```
Class constants

- **class constant**: A fixed value visible to the whole program.
  - value can be set only at declaration; cannot be reassigned

- **Syntax:**
  ```java
public static final type name = value;
```
  - name is usually in ALL_UPPER_CASE

- **Examples:**
  ```java
  public static final int DAYS_IN_WEEK = 7;
  public static final double INTEREST_RATE = 3.5;
  public static final int SSN = 658234569;
  ```
Consider the task of drawing the following scalable figure:

\[
\text{\textbf{Multiples of 5 occur many times}}
\]

\[
\text{\textbf{The same figure at size 2}}
\]
public class Sign {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        drawLine();
        drawBody();
        drawLine();
    }

    public static void drawLine() {
        System.out.print("+");
        for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {
            System.out.print("/\":");
        }
        System.out.println("+");
    }

    public static void drawBody() {
        for (int line = 1; line <= 5; line++) {
            System.out.print("|");
            for (int spaces = 1; spaces <= 20; spaces++) {
                System.out.print(" ");
            }
            System.out.println("|");
        }
    }

}
Adding a constant

```java
public class Sign {
    public static final int HEIGHT = 5;

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        drawLine();
        drawBody();
        drawLine();
    }

    public static void drawLine() {
        System.out.print("+");
        for (int i = 1; i <= HEIGHT * 2; i++) {
            System.out.print("/\"");
        }
        System.out.println("+");
    }

    public static void drawBody() {
        for (int line = 1; line <= HEIGHT; line++) {
            System.out.print("|");
            for (int spaces = 1; spaces <= HEIGHT * 4; spaces++) {
                System.out.print(" ");
            }
            System.out.println("|");
        }
    }
}
```
Modify the Mirror code to be resizable using a constant.

A mirror of size 4:
```
#==================================#
|   <<<   |
|    <>...<>    |
|  <>.........<>  |
|<>............<>|
|<>............<>|
|  <>.........<>  |
|    <>...<>    |
|   <<<   |
#==================================#
```

A mirror of size 3:
```
#===========#
|   <<<   |
|    <>...<>    |
|  <>.........<>  |
|<>............<>|
|<>............<>|
|  <>.........<>  |
|    <>...<>    |
|   <<<   |
#===========#
Using a constant

- Constant allows many methods to refer to same value:

```java
public static final int SIZE = 4;

public static void main(String[] args) {
    topHalf();
    printBottom();
}

public static void topHalf() {
    for (int i = 1; i <= SIZE; i++) { // OK
        ...
    }
}

public static void bottomHalf() {
    for (int i = SIZE; i >= 1; i--) { // OK
        ...
    }
}
```
Loop tables and constant

- Let's modify our loop table to use \texttt{SIZE}
- This can change the amount added in the loop expression

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SIZE</th>
<th>line</th>
<th>spaces</th>
<th>dots</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>1,2,3,4</td>
<td>6,4,2,0</td>
<td>0,4,8,12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>1,2,3</td>
<td>4,2,0</td>
<td>0,4,8</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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```
public static final int SIZE = 4;

// Prints the expanding pattern of <> for the top half of the figure.
public static void topHalf() {
    for (int line = 1; line <= SIZE; line++) {
        System.out.print("|");

        for (int space = 1; space <= (line * -2 + (2*SIZE)); space++) {
            System.out.print(" ");
        }

        System.out.print("<>");

        for (int dot = 1; dot <= (line * 4 - 4); dot++) {
            System.out.print(".");
        }

        System.out.print("<>");

        for (int space = 1; space <= (line * -2 + (2*SIZE)); space++) {
            System.out.print(" ");
        }

        System.out.println("|");
    }
}
```
Observations about constant

- The constant can change the "intercept" in an expression.
  - Usually the "slope" is unchanged.

```java
public static final int SIZE = 4;

for (int space = 1; space <= (line * -2 + (2 * SIZE)); space++) {
    System.out.print(" ");
}
```

- It doesn't replace every occurrence of the original value.

```java
for (int dot = 1; dot <= (line * 4 - 4); dot++) {
    System.out.print(".");
}
```