CSE 143
Lecture 14

Interfaces; Abstract Data Types (ADTs)

reading: 9.5, 11.1; 16.4

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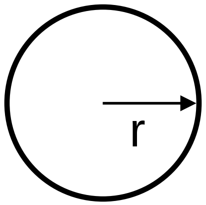
Related classes

Consider classes for shapes with common features:

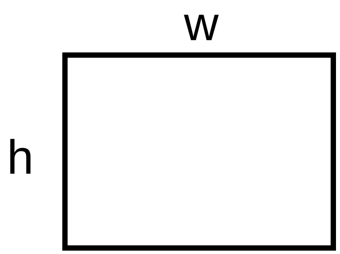
- Circle (defined by radius r):

  area = πr^2, perimeter = $2 \pi r$



- Rectangle (defined by width w and height h):

  area = $w h$, perimeter = $2w + 2h$

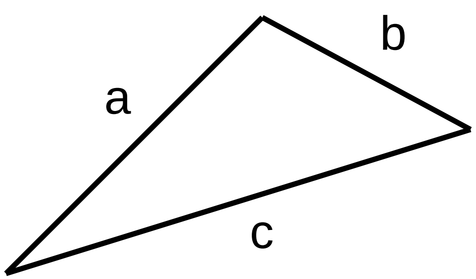


- Triangle (defined by side lengths a, b, and c)

  area = $\sqrt{(s (s - a) (s - b) (s - c))}$

  where $s = ½ (a + b + c)$,

  perimeter = $a + b + c$



  – Every shape has these, but each computes them differently.

Interfaces (9.5)

- **interface**: A list of methods that a class can promise to implement.
  - Inheritance gives you an is-a relationship *and* code sharing.
    - A `Lawyer` can be treated as an `Employee` and inherits its code.
  - Interfaces give you an is-a relationship *without* code sharing.
    - A `Rectangle` object can be treated as a `Shape` but inherits no code.
  - Analogous to non-programming idea of roles or certifications:
    - "I'm certified as a CPA accountant.
      This assures you I know how to do taxes, audits, and consulting."
    - "I'm 'certified' as a Shape, because I implement the Shape interface.
      This assures you I know how to compute my area and perimeter."

Interface syntax

```
public interface name {
    public type name(type name, ..., type name);
    public type name(type name, ..., type name);
    ...
    public type name(type name, ..., type name);
}
```

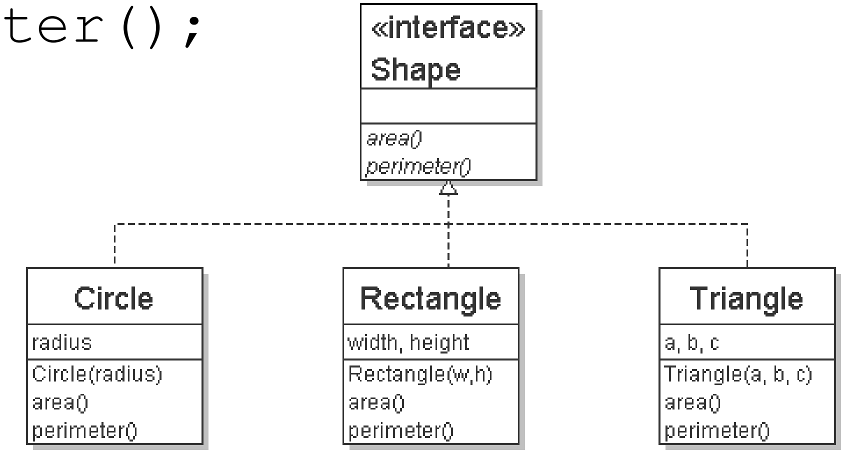
Example:

```
public interface Vehicle {
    public int getSpeed();
    public void setDirection(int direction);
}
```

Shape interface

```
// Describes features common to all shapes.
public interface Shape {
    public double area();
    public double perimeter();
}
```

- Saved as `Shape.java`



- **abstract method**: A header without an implementation.
  - The actual bodies are not specified, because we want to allow each class to implement the behavior in its own way.

Implementing an interface

```
public class name implements interface {
    ...
}
```

- A class can declare that it "implements" an interface.
  - The class must contain each method in that interface.

```
public class Bicycle implements Vehicle {
    ...
}
```

(Otherwise it will fail to compile.)

```
Banana.java:1: Banana is not abstract and does
not override abstract method area() in Shape
public class Banana implements Shape {
       ^
```

Interfaces + polymorphism

- Interfaces benefit the *client code* author the most.
  - They allow **polymorphism**.
    (the same code can work with different types of objects)

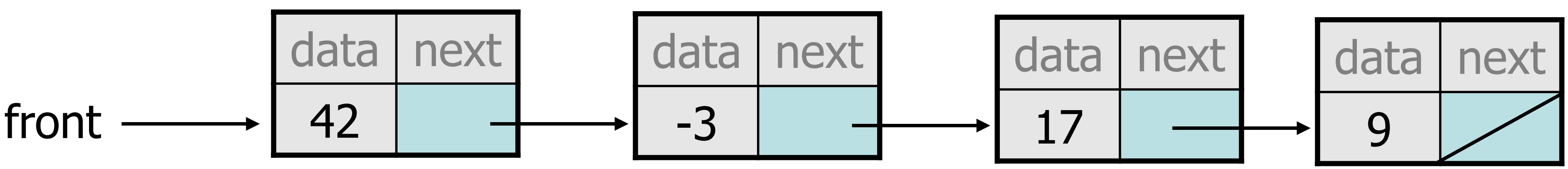
```
public static void printInfo(Shape s) {
    System.out.println("The shape: " + s);
    System.out.println("area : " + s.area());
    System.out.println("perim: " + s.perimeter());
    System.out.println();
}
...
Circle circ = new Circle(12.0);
Triangle tri = new Triangle(5, 12, 13);
printInfo(circ);
printInfo(tri);
```

Linked vs. array lists

- We have implemented two collection classes:
  - `ArrayIntList`

index	0	1	2	3
value	42	-3	17	9

  - `LinkedIntList`



  - They have similar behavior, implemented in different ways. We should be able to treat them the same way in client code.

An `IntList` interface

```
// Represents a list of integers.
public interface IntList {
    public void add(int value);
    public void add(int index, int value);
    public int get(int index);
    public int indexOf(int value);
    public boolean isEmpty();
    public void remove(int index);
    public void set(int index, int value);
    public int size();
}
```

```
public class ArrayIntList implements IntList { ...

public class LinkedIntList implements IntList { ...
```

Client code w/ interface

```
public class ListClient {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        IntList list1 = new ArrayIntList();
        process(list1);

        IntList list2 = new LinkedIntList();
        process(list2);
    }

    public static void process(IntList list) {
        list.add(18);
        list.add(27);
        list.add(93);
        System.out.println(list);
        list.remove(1);
        System.out.println(list);
    }
}
```

ADTs as interfaces (11.1)

- **abstract data type (ADT)**: A specification of a collection of data and the operations that can be performed on it.
  - Describes *what* a collection does, not *how* it does it.

- Java's collection framework uses interfaces to describe ADTs:
  - `Collection`, `Deque`, `List`, `Map`, `Queue`, `Set`

- An ADT can be implemented in multiple ways by classes:
  - `ArrayList` and `LinkedList` implement `List`
  - `HashSet` and `TreeSet` implement `Set`
  - `LinkedList` , `ArrayDeque`, etc. implement `Queue`
    - They messed up on `Stack`; there's no `Stack` interface, just a class.

Using ADT interfaces

When using Java's built-in collection classes:

- It is considered good practice to always declare collection variables using the corresponding ADT interface type:

```
List<String> list = new ArrayList<String>();
```

- Methods that accept a collection as a parameter should also declare the parameter using the ADT interface type:

```
public void stutter(List<String> list) {
    ...
}
```

Iterators

reading: 11.1; 15.3; 16.5

Examining sets and maps

- elements of Java `Set`s and `Map`s can't be accessed by index
  - must use a "foreach" loop:

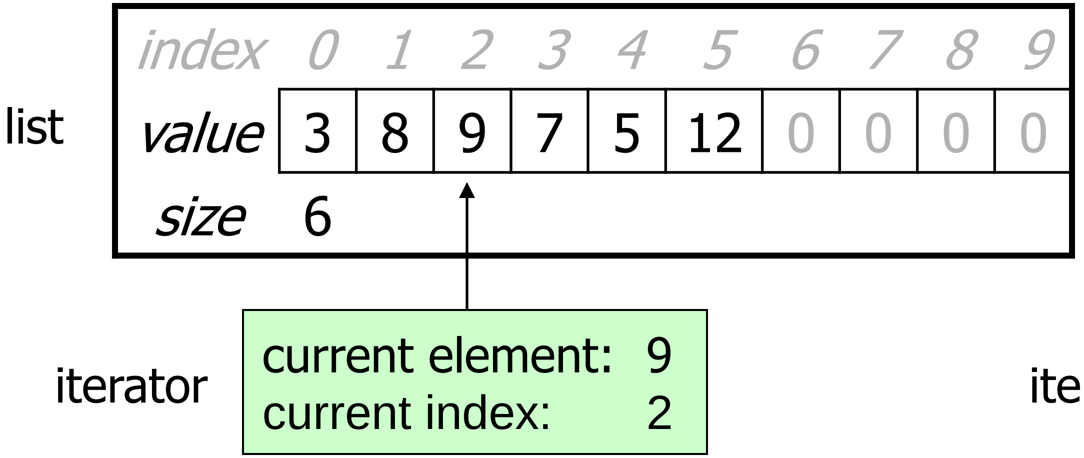
```
Set<Integer> scores = new HashSet<Integer>();
for (int score : scores) {
    System.out.println("The score is " + score);
}
```

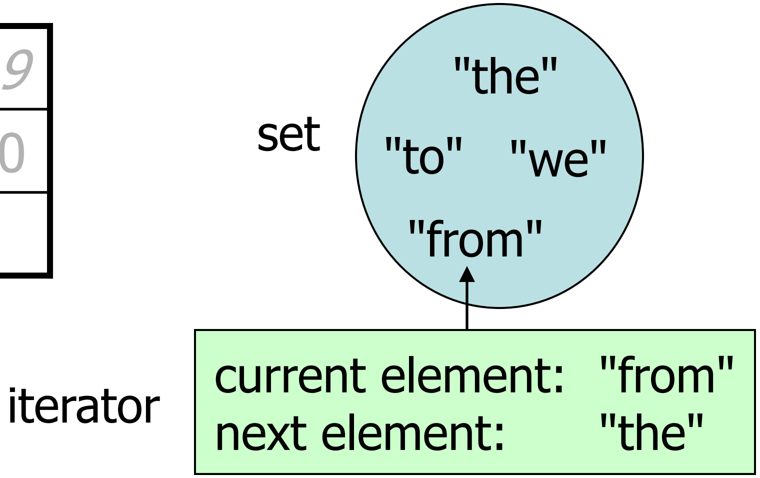
  - Problem: foreach is read-only; cannot modify set while looping

```
for (int score : scores) {
    if (score < 60) {
    // throws a ConcurrentModificationException
        scores.remove(score);
    }
}
```

Iterators (11.1)

- **iterator**: An object that allows a client to traverse the elements of any collection.
  - Remembers a position, and lets you:
    - get the element at that position
    - advance to the next position
    - remove the element at that position





`Iterator` methods

`hasNext()`	returns `true` if there are more elements to examine
`next()`	returns the next element from the collection (throws a `NoSuchElementException` if there are none left to examine)
`remove()`	removes the last value returned by `next()` (throws an `IllegalStateException` if you haven't called `next()` yet)

- `Iterator` interface in `java.util`
  - every collection has an `iterator()` method that returns an iterator over its elements

```
Set<String> set = new HashSet<String>();
...
Iterator<String> itr = set.iterator();
...
```

Iterator example

```
Set<Integer> scores = new TreeSet<Integer>();
scores.add(94);
scores.add(38);    // Jenny
scores.add(87);
scores.add(43);    // Marty
scores.add(72);
...

Iterator<Integer> itr = scores.iterator();
while (itr.hasNext()) {
    int score = itr.next();

    System.out.println("The score is " + score);

    // eliminate any failing grades
    if (score < 60) {
        itr.remove();
    }
}
System.out.println(scores);  // [72, 87, 94]
```

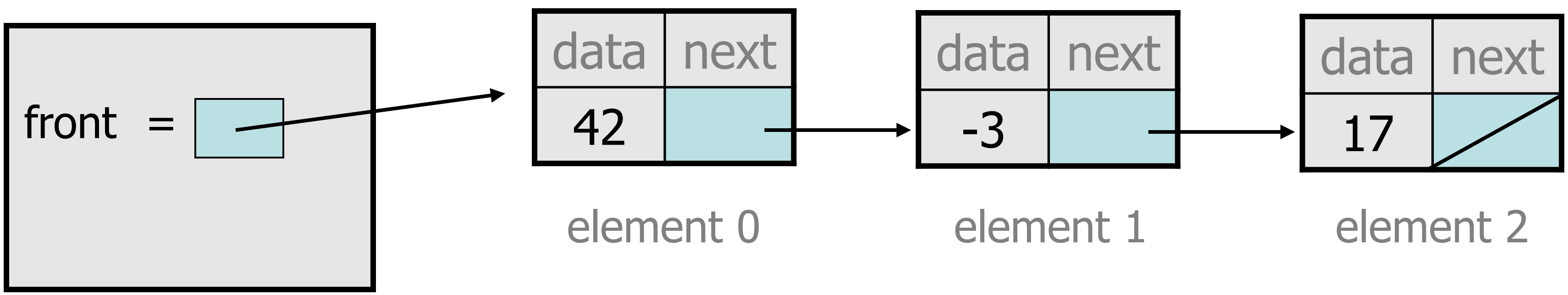
A surprising example

- What's bad about this code?

```
List<Integer> list = new LinkedList<Integer>();
```

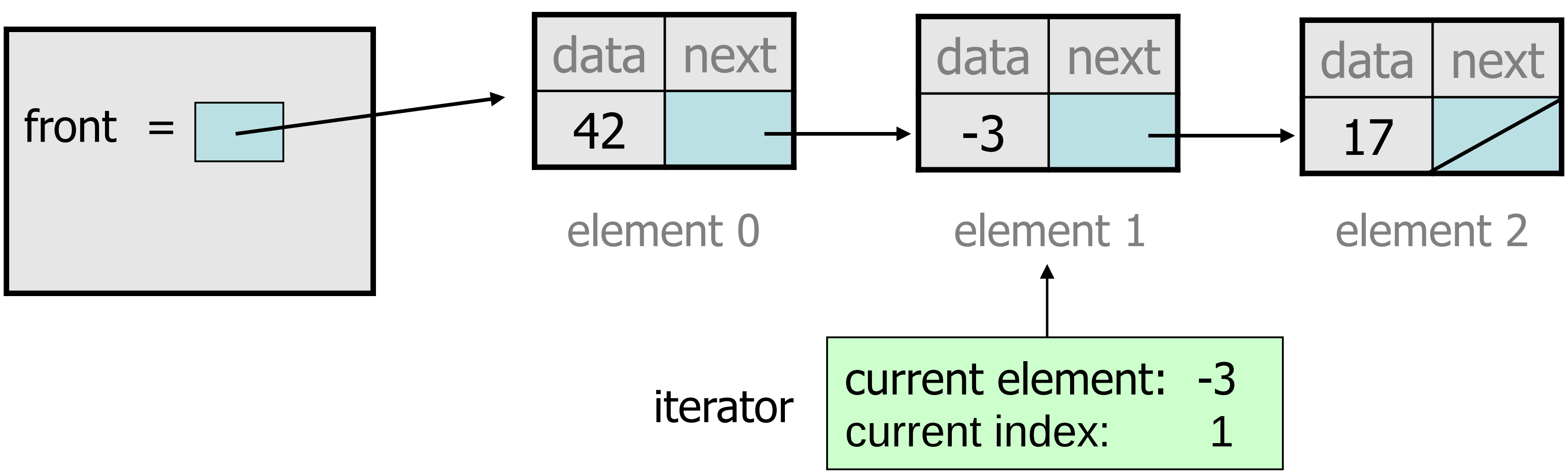
... *(add lots of elements)* ...

```
for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
    System.out.println(list.get(i));
}
```



Iterators and linked lists

- Iterators are particularly useful with linked lists.
  - The previous code is $O(N^2)$ because each call on `get` must start from the beginning of the list and walk to index `i`.
  - Using an iterator, the same code is O(N). The iterator remembers its position and doesn't start over each time.



ListIterator

`add(`**value**`)`	inserts an element just after the iterator's position
`hasPrevious()`	`true` if there are more elements *before* the iterator
`nextIndex()`	the index of the element that would be returned the next time `next` is called on the iterator
`previousIndex()`	the index of the element that would be returned the next time `previous` is called on the iterator
`previous()`	returns the element before the iterator (throws a `NoSuchElementException` if there are none)
`set(`**value**`)`	replaces the element last returned by `next` or `previous` with the given value

```
ListIterator<String> li = myList.listIterator();
```

- lists have a more powerful `ListIterator` with more methods
  - can iterate forwards or backwards
  - can add/set element values (efficient for linked lists)