

Arrays of object references

- Arrays of objects require 3 steps to use: Rectangle[] boxes; // 1. declare array of references boxes = new Rectangle[3]; // 2. instantiate array for (int i=0; i<boxes.length; i++)</pre> // 3. instantiate each object in the array: boxes[i] = new Rectangle(5+i, 5+i, 5, 5);
- Two ways to copy (like any object that has references to other objects):
 - Shallow copy just copies array references
 - Deep copy makes new copies of all objects

Arrays of arrays

- e.g., int a[][] = new int[10][4]; - Like a "table" with 10 rows and 4 columns
 - a.length is 10
 - Each a[i].length is 4, for all i
 - Component array sizes can vary
 - a[2] = new int[6]; // now 3rd row has 6
- Typically use *nested for loops* to process - See <u>TicTacToe.java</u> (p. 307)

java.util.ArrayList

ArrayList<T> a = new ArrayList<T>(); - T is an object type - may not be primitive

- A generic class (since Java 5) so "type safe"
- Use methods to add, insert, remove, set, get ... - Cannot use = or [] notation like arrays
- Use "wrapper" classes for primitive data types Btye, Short, Integer, Long, Float, Double, Character, Boolean

- Autoboxing and auto-unboxing simplifies it though ArrayList<Double> list = new ArrayList<Double>(); list.add(0.74); //actually adds new Double(17.64) double d = list.get(0); // actually executes list.get(0).doubleValue();

How to use ArrayLists

- · Declare/create ArrayList (no need to size it): ArrayList a = new ArrayList(); - Or - with Java 5 - can specify the type ArrayList<7> a = new ArrayList<7>(); // where T is an object type - not a primitive data type
- Add objects to end, or set and get specific objects ArrayList<Rectangle> a = new ArrayList<Rectangle>();
 a.add(new Rectangle(5,5,5,5));

Rectangle r = a.get(0); // gets first

- a.set(0, new Rectangle(0,0,10,10)); // replaces first
- Simple insert and remove too a.insert(i, new Rectangle(1,1,1,1)); // inserts in position i a.remove(i); // removes element in position i

Sample Quiz

- 1. (10 points) Let x[] be an array of double that is already initialized. Create an ArrayList<Double> object, and copy each x value to this list in reverse order (add the last element first, ..., and the first element last) .
- 2. (10 points) Let y[][] be an array of double arrays that is already initialized. Translate the following nested enhanced for loops to nested while loops: for (double[] row : y) for (double value : row) System.out.println(value);

1st Quiz – 20 homework points

 (8 points) Let x[] be a double array that is already initialized. Translate the following enhanced for loop to a while loop:

for (double d : x)
 System.out.println(d);

2. (12 points) Let y[][] be an array of double arrays that is already initialized. Declare and create an ArrayList<Double> named list, and add copies of every value in y[][] to list (the order does not matter).

More java.util collections

- List actually an interface

 Defines a set of common methods like add, size, iterator
 Shared by ArrayList, LinkedList, and others
 Note: Collections methods to manipulate List objects:
 Collections.shuffle(list); // randomly shuffles the list
 Collections.sort(list); // assuming items are Comparable
 Collecting first out (LIEC) data structure
- <u>Stack</u> a last-in first-out (LIFO) data structure Stack<String> s = new Stack<String>(); s.push("dog"); ... //push objects onto top of stack while (!s.isEmpty()) ... s.pop(); //removes/returns top object
- Also trees, sets, hash tables, ... more about this in CS 20

Using methods - "invoking"

 Can look like a direct translation of an algorithm getData(); process();

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showResults();
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- Then process() might use another method result = calculate(x, y);
 - where calculate returns a value based on x and y.
- And so on ...
 - Translates top-down program design to method calls

Invoking methods (in formal terms)

- methodName(*list of arguments*);
 - Transfers control to the method named; may "pass" data via the list of arguments
 - After the method completes (or aborts) its work, control returns to the calling statement
 Some methods also return some results
- Actual syntax: objectReference.name(...)
 - Or ClassName.name() if method is declared static
 - $-\ In \ same \ class, this. is implied$