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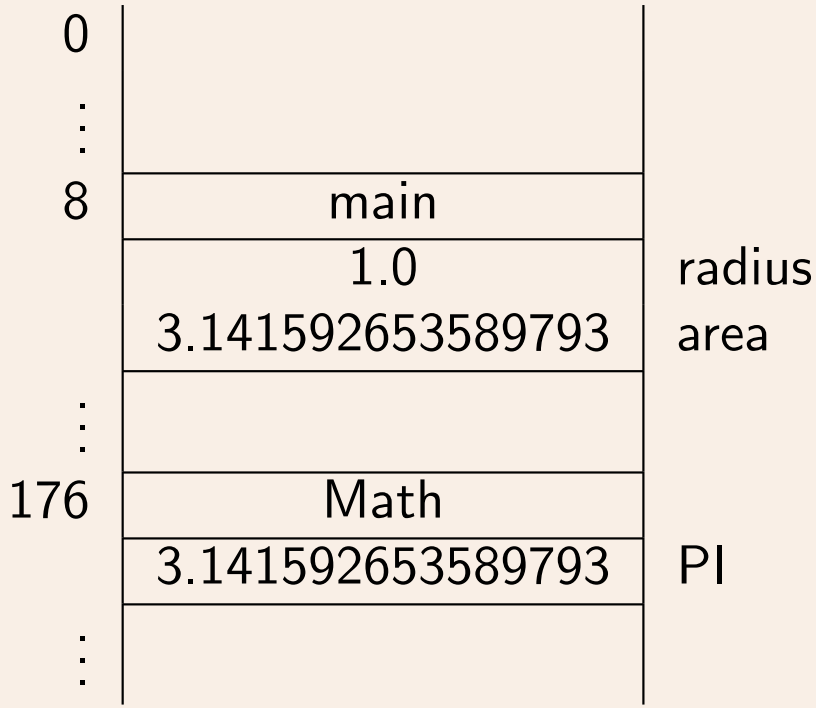

Programming Paradigms

- Object-oriented programming
- Imperative programming
- Functional programming
- Logic programming
- Concurrent programming
- Event-driven programming
- Constraint programming
- ...

Object-Oriented Programming

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Dahl and Nygaard

In 2001, Ole-Johan Dahl and Kristen Nygaard won the Turing award.

The A.M. Turing Award is given annually by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) to "an individual selected for contributions of a technical nature made to the computing community." The Turing Award is recognized as the "highest distinction in Computer Science" and "Nobel Prize of computing."

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Advantages of OOP

- easy to re-use code
- easy to extend code
- easy to maintain code
- easy to test code
- fits well with the real world
- ...

However, (some of) these advantages are debatable.

Mordechai Ben-Ari. Objects never?: well, hardly ever!
Communications of the ACM, 53(9): 32–35, September 2010.

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Answer

boolean, char, double, int and long.[a]

[a] The other three, less used, primitive types are byte, float and short.

None of these can represent $1.0 \ / \ 7.0$ exactly.

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Answer

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How to represent $\frac{3}{4}$?

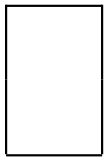
Answer

numerator	3
denominator	4

How to represent fractions?

All fractions are an instance of the following pattern.

numerator
denominator



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- What is the product of this fraction and another fraction?
- ...

Objects and classes

Question

What is an object?

Answer

"An instance of a class."

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Answer

"A blueprint for objects."

You often find these circular definitions in textbooks and on the Internet, but they are not particularly helpful.

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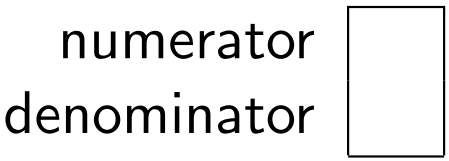

A class contains (non-static) attributes. Each attribute has a name and a type.

numerator : long
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What is a class?

- What is the numerator of this fraction?
- What is the denominator of this fraction?
- ...

A class contains (non-static) methods. Each method has a signature and possibly a return type.

getNumerator() : long
getDenominator() : long

What is an object?

An object is an instance of a class.

An object has a state. The state of an object consists of the non-static attributes of the class and their values.

numerator	1
denominator	7

What is an object?

An object has an identity. This identity is unique. That is, two different objects have different identities.

This is an abstract notion. In more concrete terms, you may think of an object's identity as the address in memory where it is stored. Obviously, two different objects cannot be stored at the same memory address.

What is a class?

A class contains constructors. Each constructor has a signature, name of which is the same as the name of the class.

Fraction()
Fraction(long, long)

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Answer

The attributes numerator and denominator are private.

How to create objects?

```
output.print("Enter the numerator: ");
long numerator = input.nextLong();
output.print("Enter the denominator: ");
long denominator = input.nextLong();
Fraction fraction = new Fraction(numerator, denominator);
```

How to create objects?

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long denominator = 4;
Fraction fraction = new Fraction(numerator, denominator);
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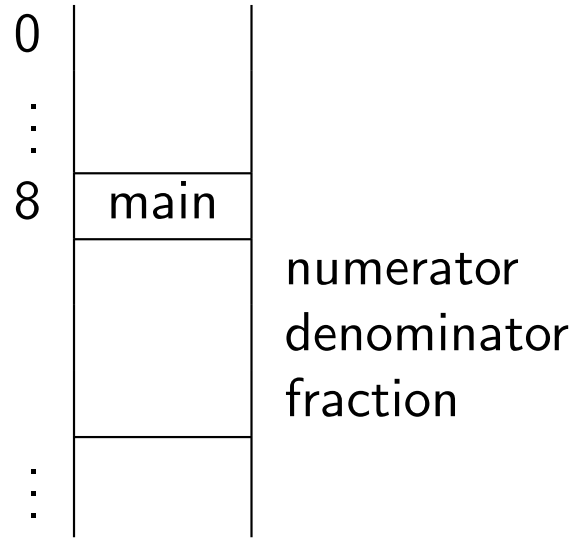

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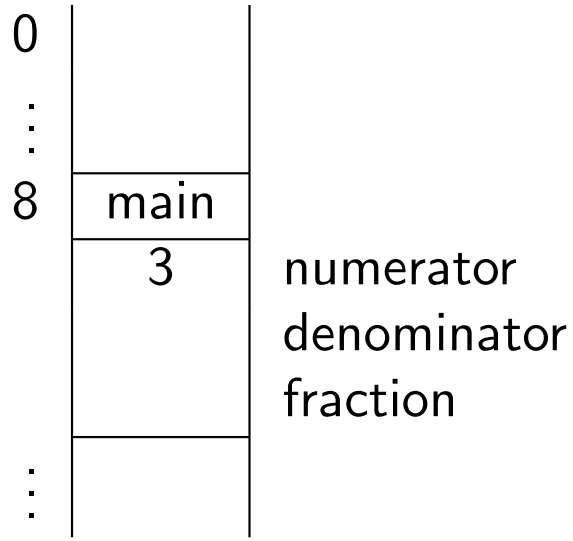

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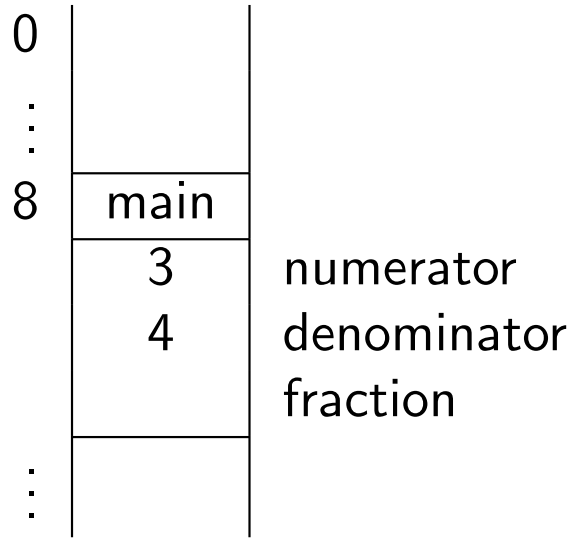

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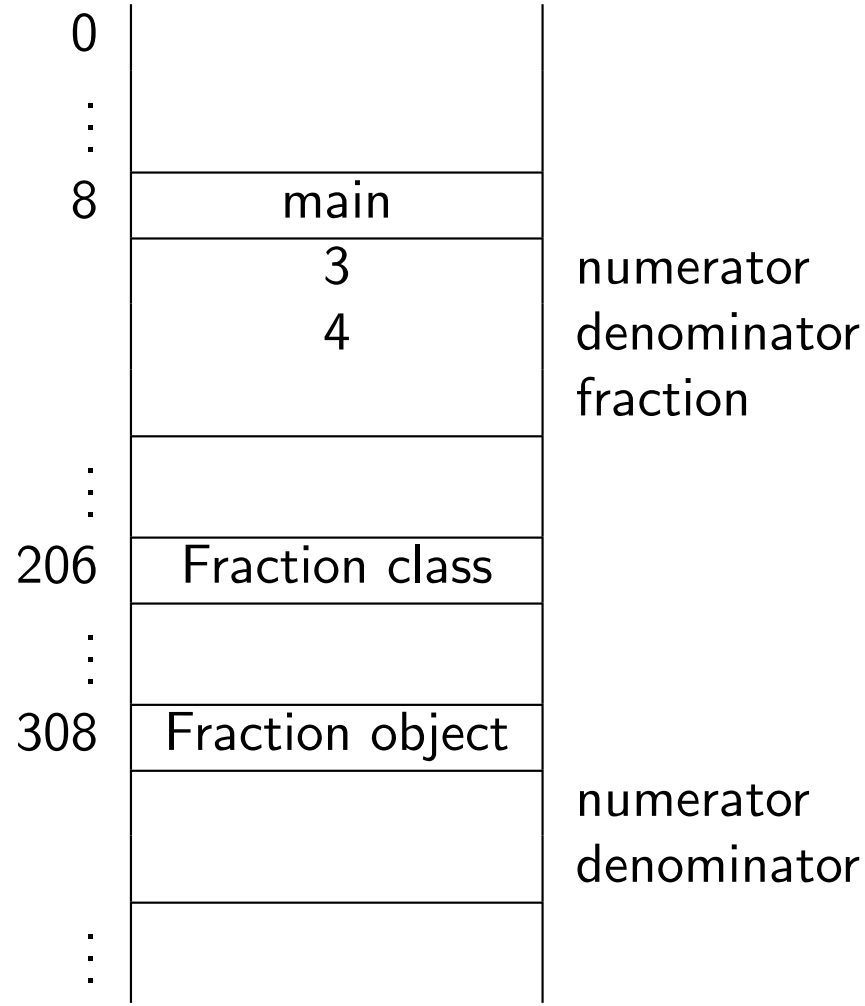

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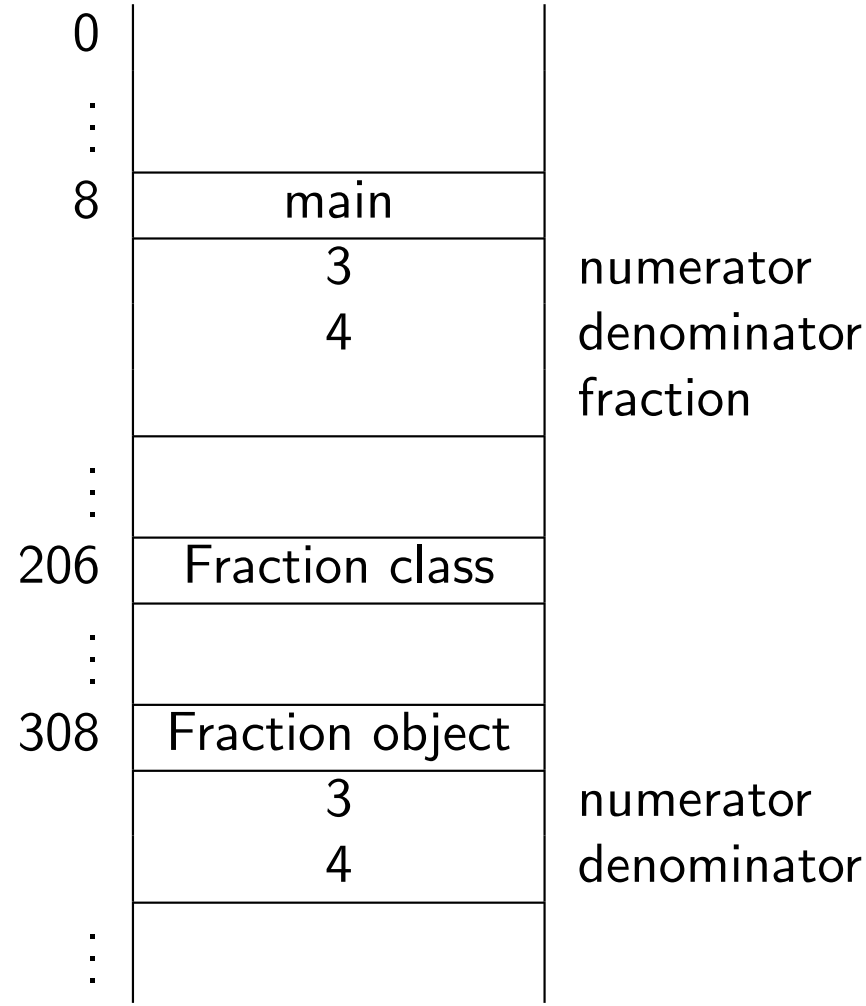

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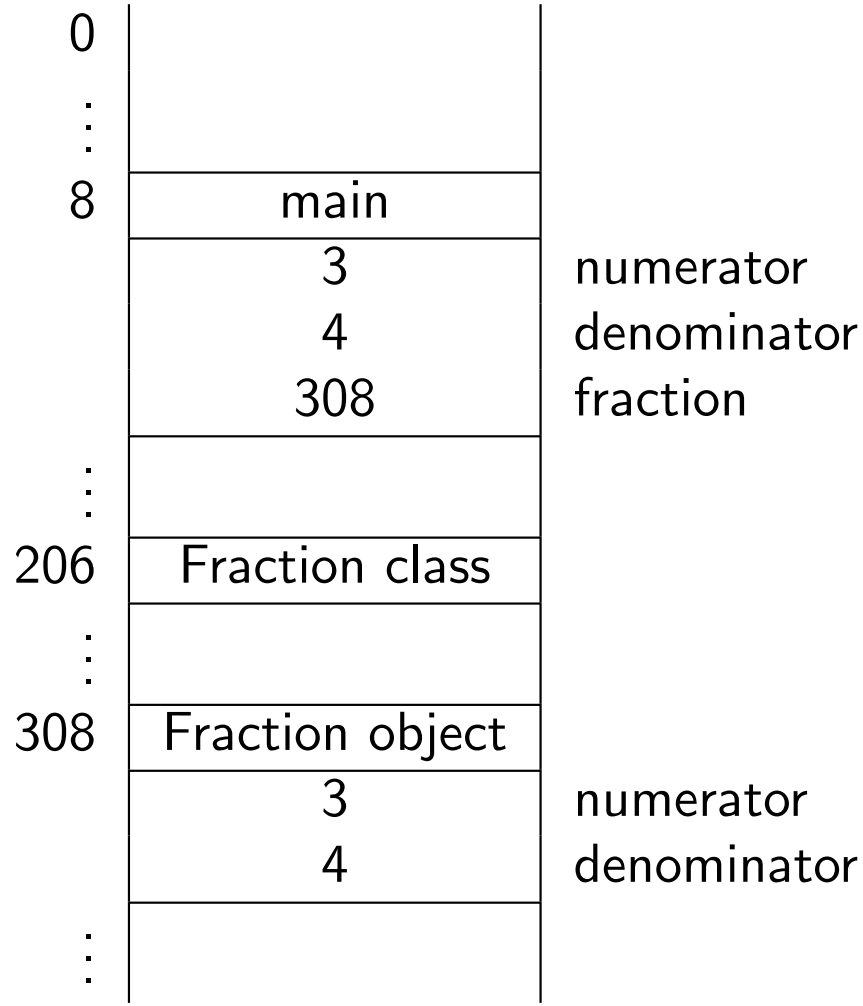

Object creation in memory model

- The first time we encounter a class, we allocate a block in memory for the class.
- Whenever we encounter new, we allocate a block in memory for the object.
- Whenever we encounter a constructor, we initialize the attributes by putting the values of the attributes in the block of the object.

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- fraction is also called an object reference.

Types

We distinguish between

- primitive types: boolean, char, double, int, long, (byte, float, short) and
- reference types: classes

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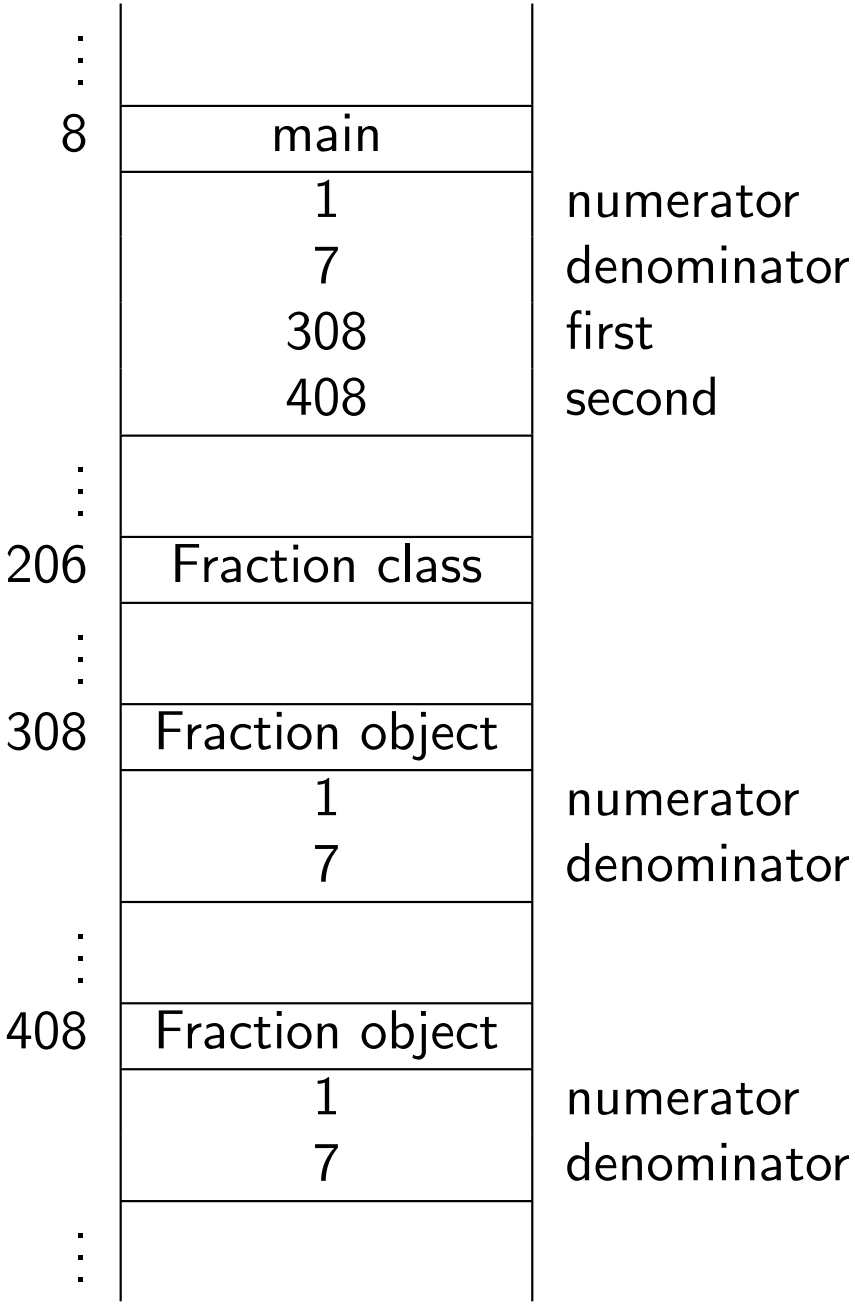
Answer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Invoking a non-static method

Consider the method `public type methodName(type`$_1$ `parameterName`$_1$`, ..., type`$_n$ `parameterName`$_n$`)` in the class `ClassName`.

This method is invoked as `objectReference.methodName(argument`$_1$`, ..., argument`$_n$`)` where the type of `objectReference` is `ClassName` and `argument`$_i$ is (compatible with) `type`$_i$.

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Answer

`first.add(second)`

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The invocation

```
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```

contains two object references:

- `first` is (a reference to) the object on which the method is invoked, and
- `second` is (a reference to) the object that is provided as an argument to the method.

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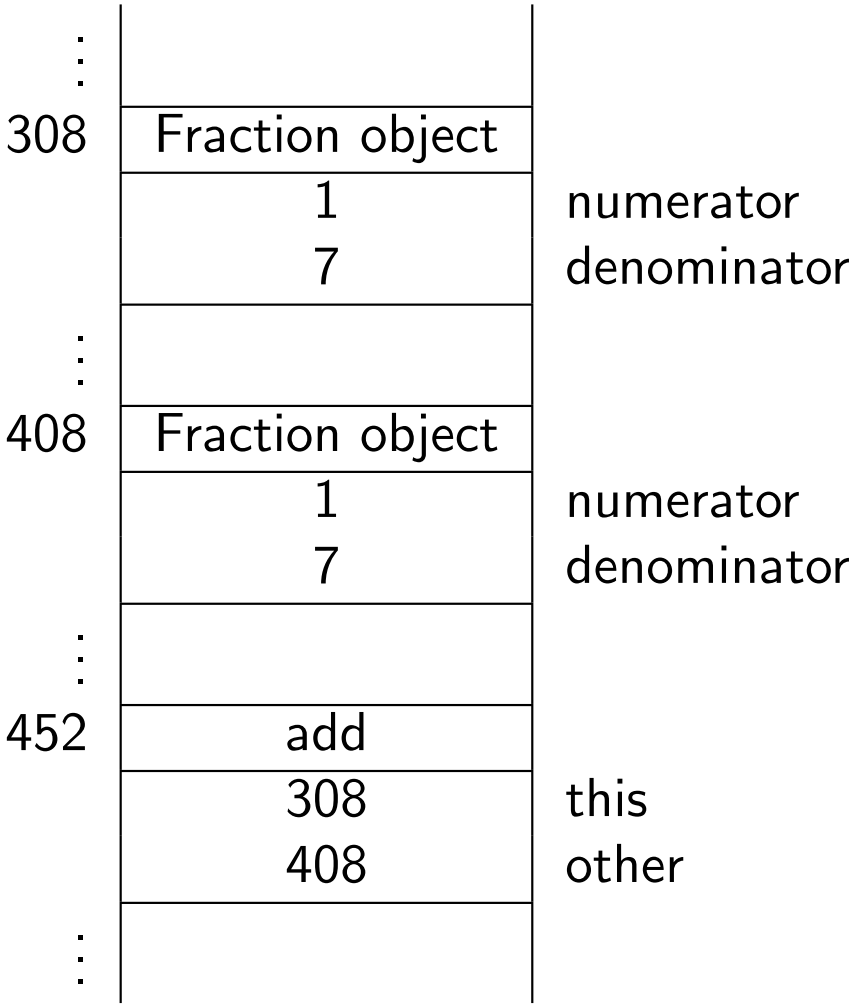

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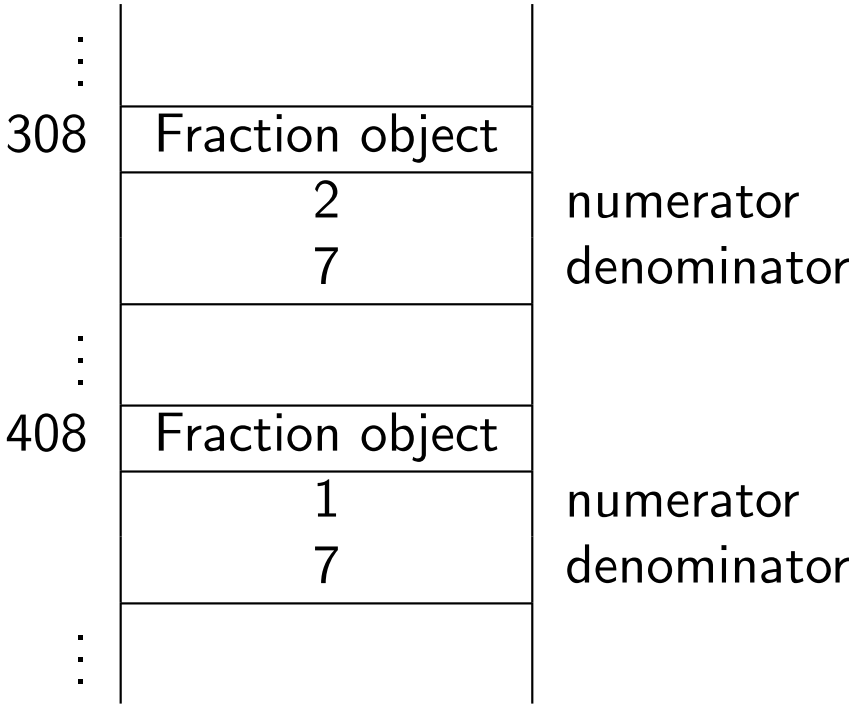

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Solution to exercise

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	600	result
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	1	numerator
	7	denominator
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	1	denominator
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600	String object	
	"1/1"	

Although input and output are also stored in memory, we usually do not draw them.

Check whether $\frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7}$ is 1

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. . . objects versus object references

Question

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Fraction h = new Fraction(1, 2);
Fraction i = new Fraction(0, 2);
Fraction j = g;
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boolean identical = (sum == one);
boolean same = sum.equals(one);
```

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```
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long denominator = 7;
Fraction seventh = new Fraction(numerator, denominator);
Fraction sum = new Fraction();
sum.add(seventh);
sum.add(seventh);
sum.add(seventh);
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Fraction one = new Fraction(1, 1);
boolean equal = sum.equals(one);
output.println(equal);
```

More memory diagrams

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Draw the diagram representing the memory once the execution has reached the end of the snippet.

More memory diagrams

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	400	g
	500	h
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	0	numerator
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Answer

Zero.

The object at address 300 has become an orphan.

Every now and then, the garbage collector removes all orphans from memory.

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What is `null`?

According to the Collins English dictionary

null . . . **4.** nonexistent; amounting to nothing.

In Java, `null` is a reserved word and it is compatible with any reference type.

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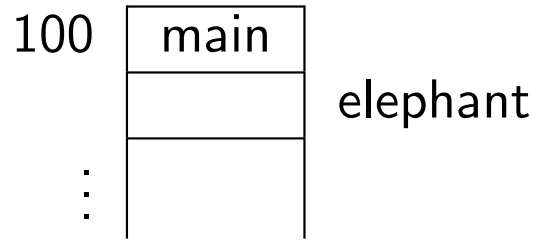

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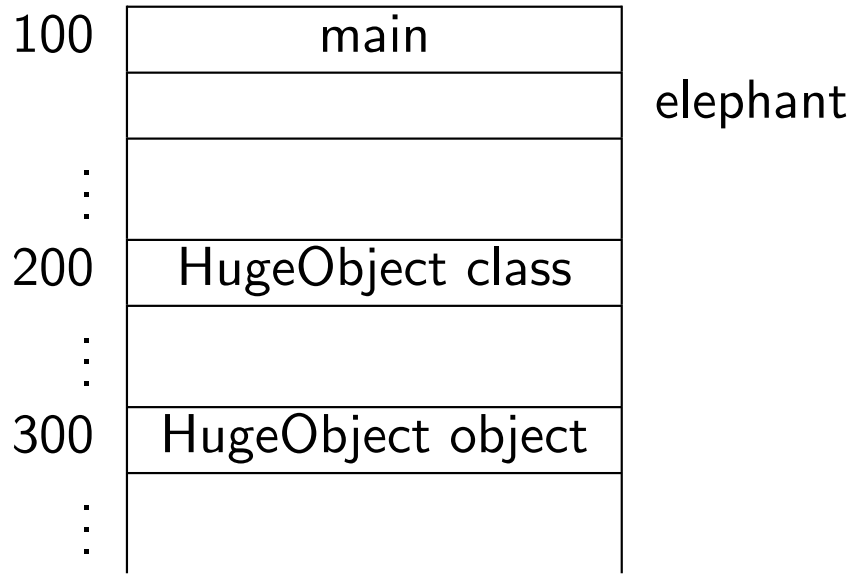

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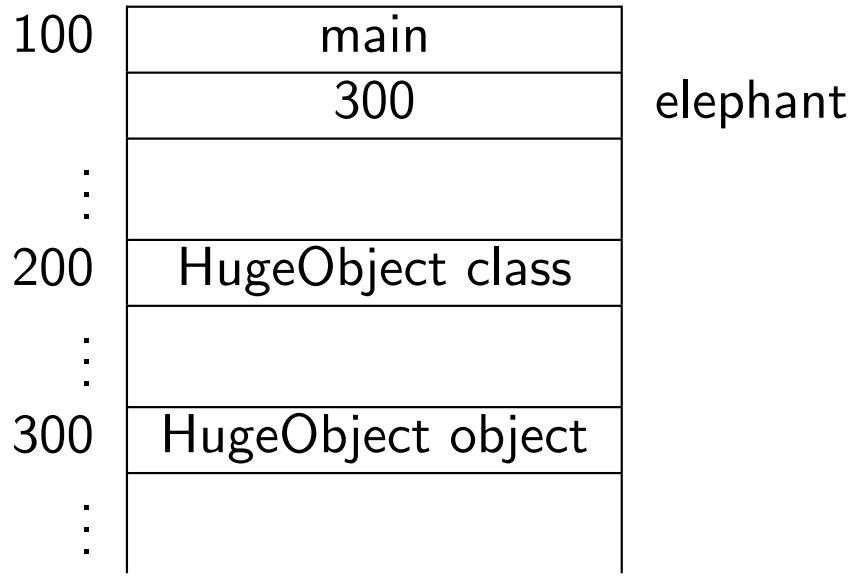

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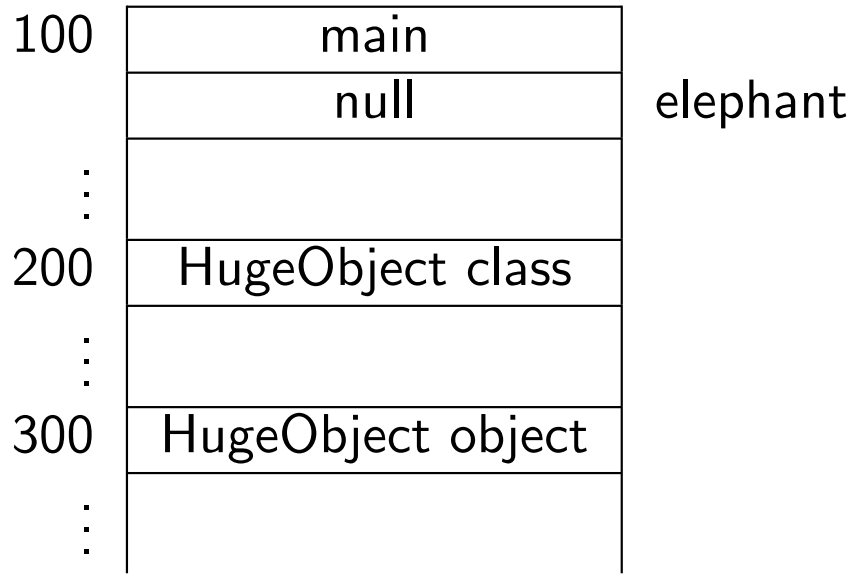

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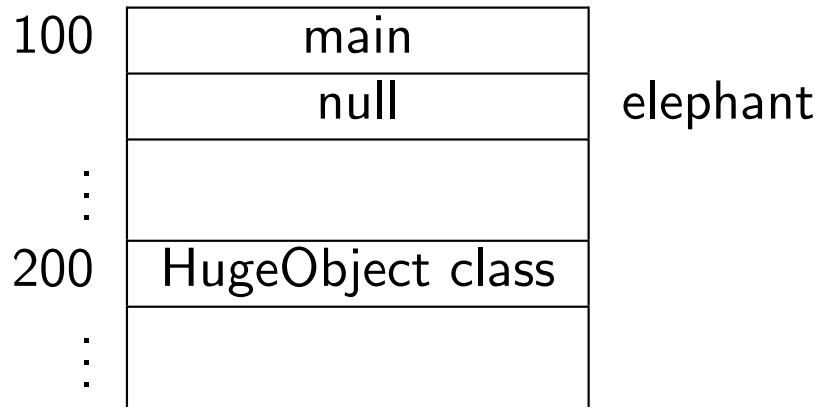

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The app crashes with a `NullPointerException`.

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true, false, false, crash, false, crash.

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An accessor and mutator allow us to ensure that the attribute always has a particular property. For example, we can ensure that the age attribute of a `Person` object is never negative.

How to ensure that the age is never negative?

- `public void setAge(int age)`
  Sets the age of this person to the given age.
  Parameters: `age` - the new age of this person
  Precondition: `age >= 0`
- `public boolean setAge(int age)`
  Sets the age of this person to the given age if it is nonnegative.
  Parameters: `age` - the new age of this person
  Returns: true if `age >= 0`, false otherwise
- `public void setAge(int age) throws Exception`
  Sets the age of this person to the given age.
  Parameters: `age` - the new age of this person
  Throws: `Exception` - if `age < 0`

Accessors and mutators

- The attribute has both an accessor and a mutator.
  Example: `numerator` of `Fraction`
- The attribute has an accessor but no mutator.
  Example: `blue` of `Color`
- The attribute has a mutator but no accessor.
  Example: ?
- The attribute has neither an accessor nor a mutator.
  Example: `value` of `Integer`

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Less than 2^{128}. Note that $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$ represent the same fraction. Hence, computing the exact number is tricky.

Not all fractions can be represented by a `Fraction` object.

Fractions

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Question

There are many correct answers, including

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Fraction g = new Fraction(1, 2);
f.multiply(g);
```

Yet more memory diagrams

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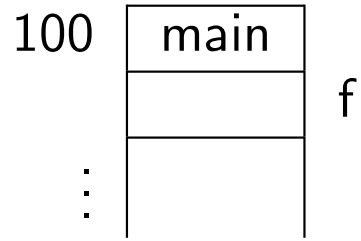

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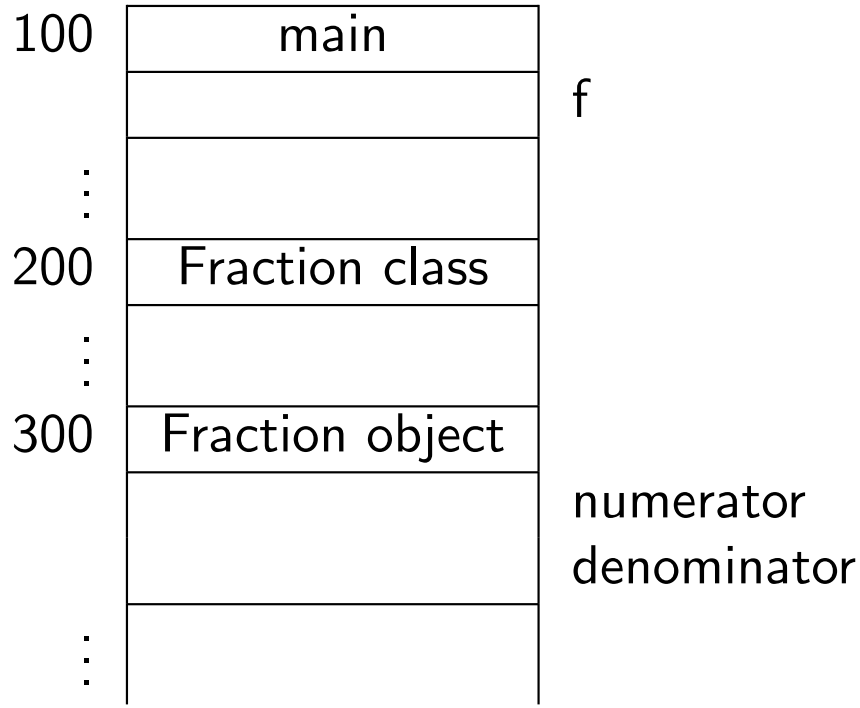

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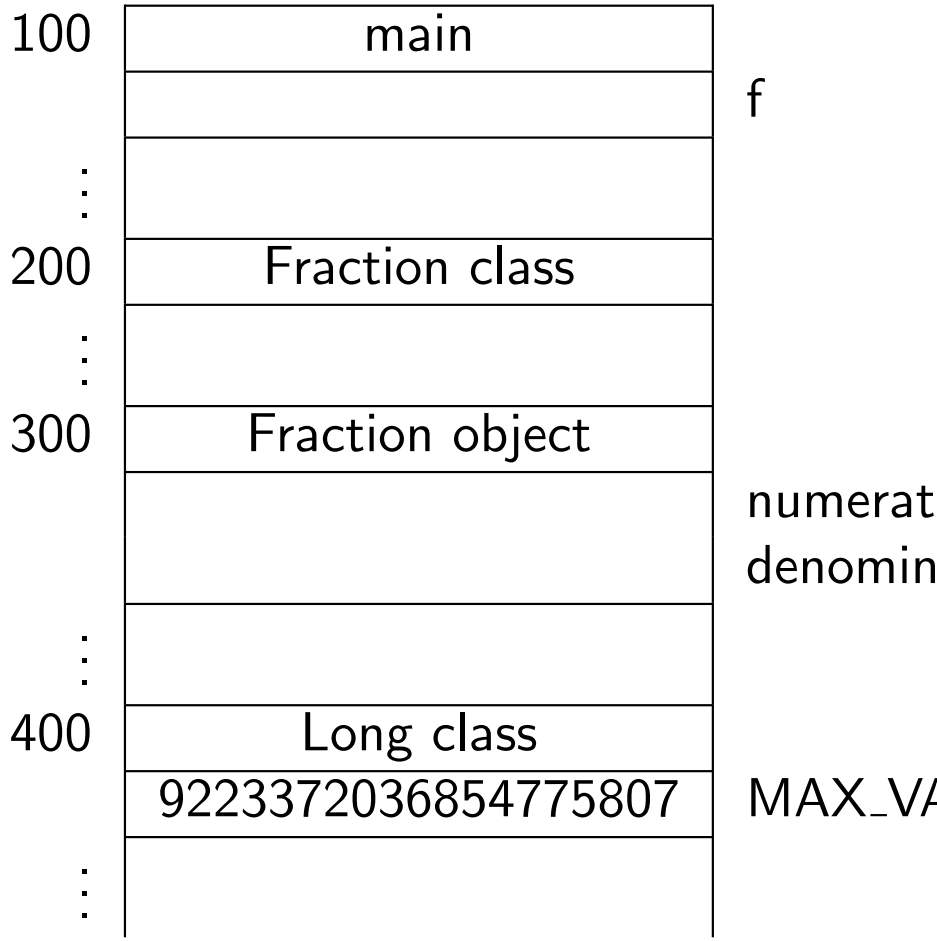

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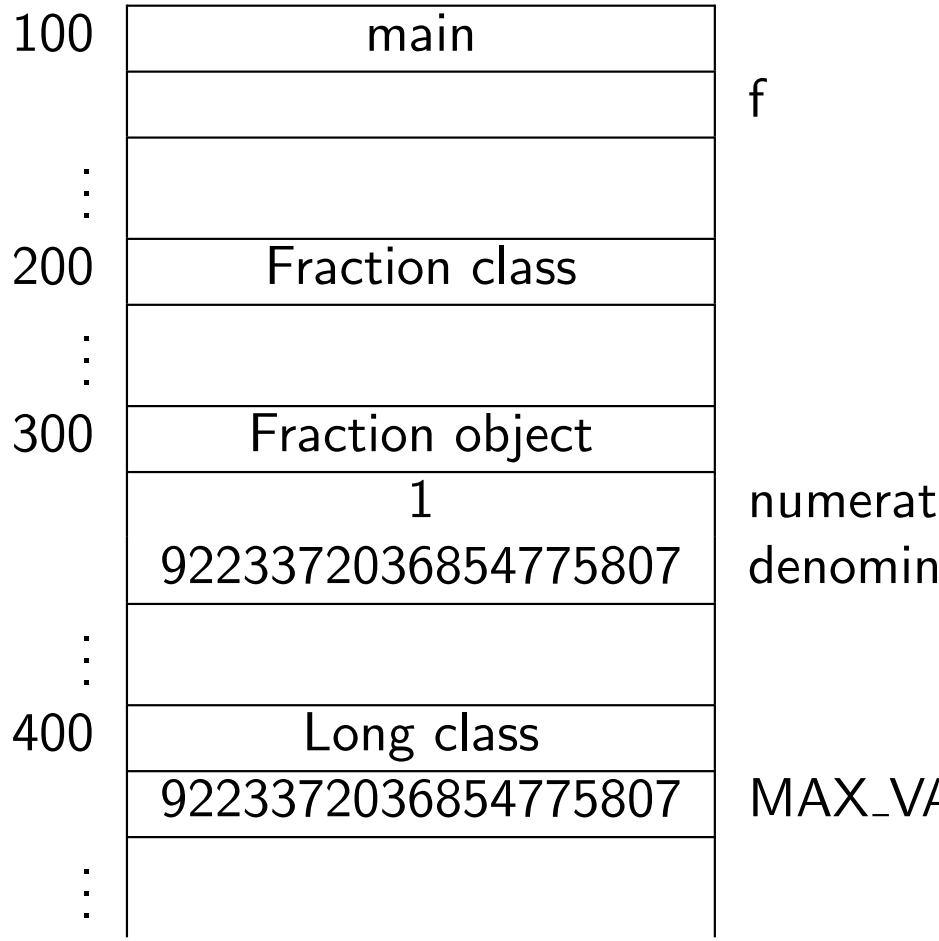

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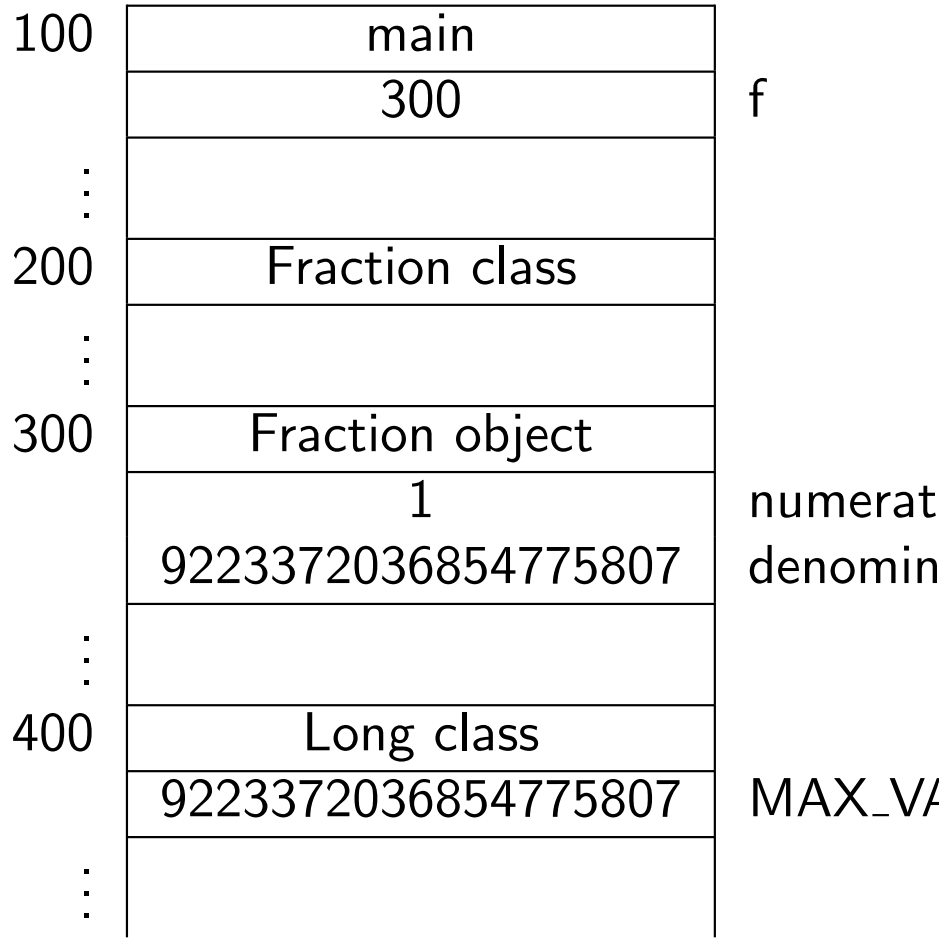

Static versus non-static features

- Static attributes contain data related to the class (and all its objects).
- Non-static attributes contain data related to individual objects.
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In pass-by-value, the values of the arguments are passed, whereas in pass-by-reference, the addresses of the arguments are passed.

Pass-by-value

Question

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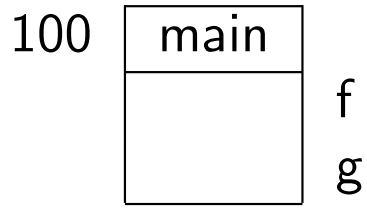

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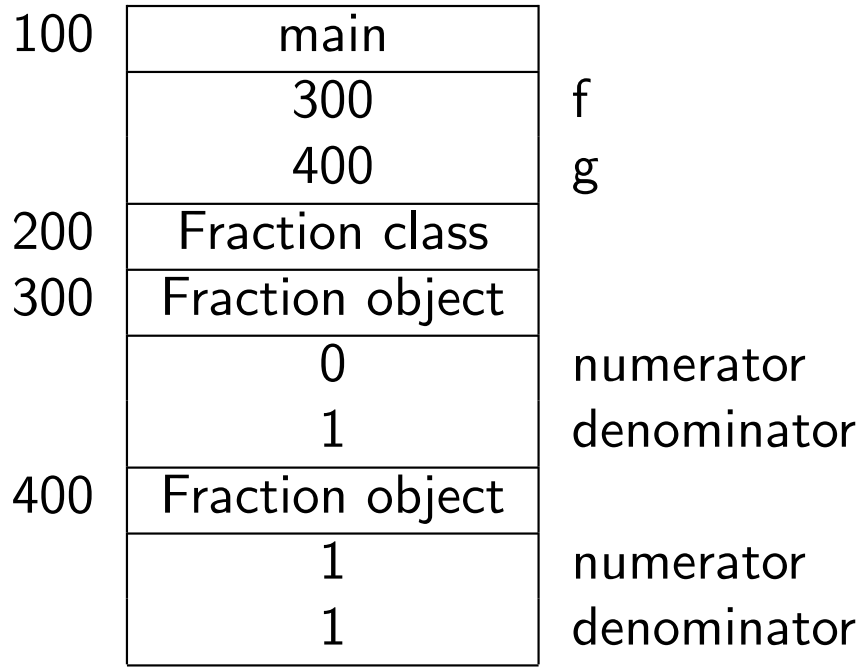

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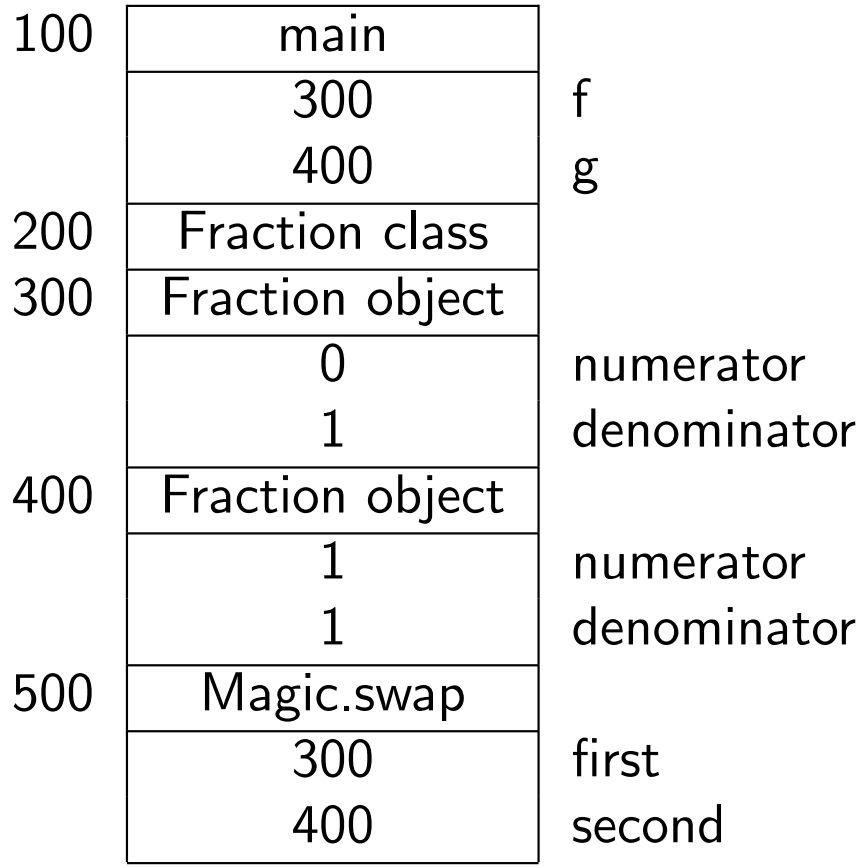

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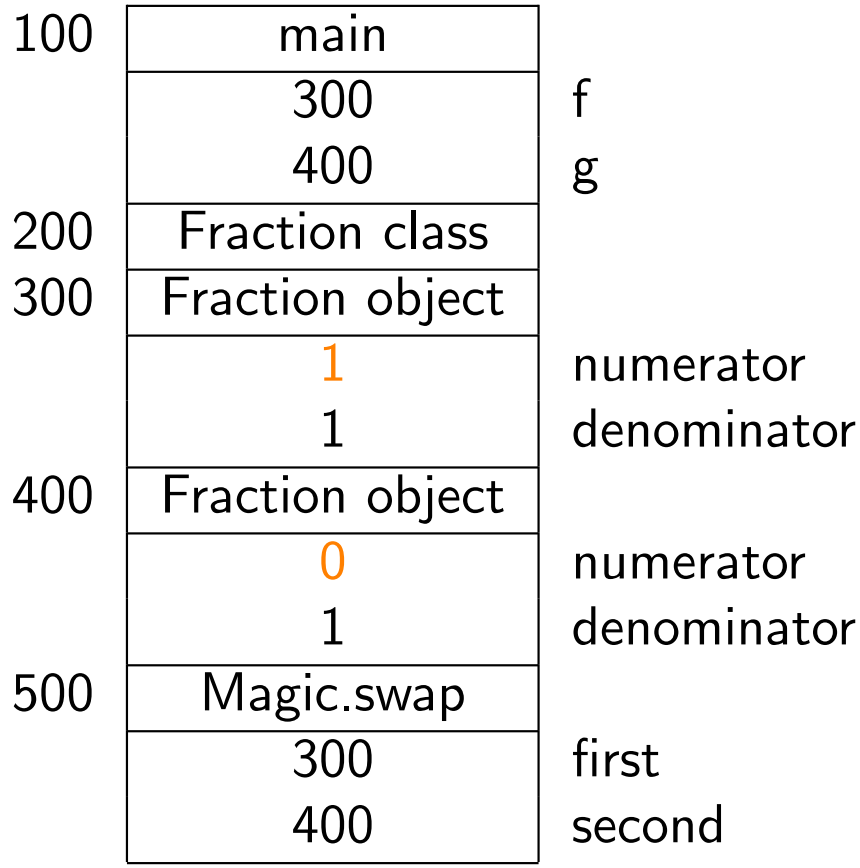

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Note that

- the values of f and g are not modified (just like the values of x and y were not modified either),
- but the states of the objects to which f and g refer are modified.

To do

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- Complete Check04B from the textbook before February 8.