

Advanced Topics on Classes and Objects



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Equality (1)



- Recall that
 - A **primitive** variable stores a primitive *value*
e.g., `double d1 = 7.5; double d2 = 7.5;`
 - A **reference** variable stores the *address* to some object (rather than storing the object itself)
e.g., `Point p1 = new Point(2, 3)` assigns to `p1` the address of the new `Point` object
e.g., `Point p2 = new Point(2, 3)` assigns to `p2` the address of *another* new `Point` object
- The binary operator `==` may be applied to compare:
 - Primitive** variables: their *contents* are compared
e.g., `d1 == d2` evaluates to *true*
 - Reference** variables: the *addresses* they store are compared (**rather than** comparing contents of the objects they refer to)
e.g., `p1 == p2` evaluates to *false* because `p1` and `p2` are addresses of *different* objects, even if their contents are *identical*.

Equality (2.1)



- Implicitly:
 - Every class is a *child/sub* class of the **Object** class.
 - The **Object** class is the *parent/super* class of every class.
- There is a useful *accessor method* that every class *inherits* from the **Object** class:
 - `boolean equals(Object other)`
Indicates whether some other object is "equal to" this one.
 - The default definition inherited from `Object`:

```
boolean equals(Object other) {  
    return (this == other);  
}
```


e.g., Say `p1` and `p2` are of type `Point` **VI** without the `equals` method redefined, then `p1.equals(p2)` boils down to `(p1 == p2)`.
 - Very often when you define new classes, you want to **redefine / override** the inherited definition of `equals`.

Equality (2.2): Common Error



```
int i = 10;  
int j = 12;  
boolean sameValue = i.equals(j);
```

Compilation Error:

the `equals` method is only applicable to reference types.

Fix: write `i == j` instead.

Equality (3)



```
class PointV1 {
    double x; double y;
    PointV1(double x, double y) { this.x = x; this.y = y; }
}
```

```
1 PointV1 p1 = new PointV1(2, 3);
2 PointV1 p2 = new PointV1(2, 3);
3 System.out.println(p1 == p2); /* false */
4 System.out.println(p1.equals(p2)); /* false */
```

- At L4, given that the equals method is not explicitly redefined/overridden in class PointV1, the default version inherited from class Object is called. Executing p1.equals(p2) boils down to (p1 == p2).
- If we wish to compare contents of two PointV1 objects, need to explicitly redefine/override the equals method in that class.

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Equality (4.1)



- How do we compare *contents* rather than addresses?
- Define the **accessor method** equals, e.g.,

```
class PointV2 {
    double x; double y;
    public boolean equals(Object obj) {
        if(this == obj) { return true; }
        if(obj == null) { return false; }
        if(this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) { return false; }
        PointV2 other = (PointV2) obj;
        return this.x == other.x && this.y == other.y; } }
}
```

```
String s = "(2, 3)";
PointV2 p1 = new PointV2(2, 3); PointV2 p2 = new PointV2(2, 3);
System.out.println(p1.equals(p1)); /* true */
System.out.println(p1.equals(null)); /* false */
System.out.println(p1.equals(s)); /* false */
System.out.println(p1 == p2); /* false */
System.out.println(p1.equals(p2)); /* true */
```

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Requirements of equals



Given that reference variables x, y, z are not null:

- $\neg x.equals(null)$
- **Reflexive**:
 $x.equals(x)$
- **Symmetric**:
 $x.equals(y) \iff y.equals(x)$
- **Transitive**:
 $x.equals(y) \wedge y.equals(z) \Rightarrow x.equals(z)$

API of equals Inappropriate Def. of equals using hashCode

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Equality (4.2)



- When making a method call p.equals(o):
 - Variable p is declared of type PointV2
 - Variable o can be declared of any type (e.g., PointV2, String)
- We define p and o as **equal** if:
 - Either p and o refer to the same object;
 - Or:
 - o is not null.
 - p and o at runtime point to objects of the same type.
 - The x and y coordinates are the same.
- **Q:** In the equals method of Point, why is there no such a line:

```
class PointV2 {
    boolean equals(Object obj) {
        if(this == null) { return false; }
    }
}
```

A: If this was null, a NullPointerException would have occurred and prevent the body of equals from being executed.

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Equality (4.3)

```
1 class PointV2 {
2   boolean equals (Object obj) { ...
3   if(this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) { return false; }
4   PointV2 other = (PointV2) obj;
5   return this.x == other.x && this.y == other.y; } }
```

- Object obj at L2 declares a parameter obj of type Object.
- PointV2 other at L4 declares a variable p of type PointV2. We call such types declared at compile time as **static type**.
- The list of *applicable attributes/methods* that we may call on a variable depends on its **static type**.
 - e.g., We may only call the small list of methods defined in Object class on obj, which does not include x and y (specific to Point).
- If we are SURE that an object's "actual" type is different from its **static type**, then we can **cast** it.
 - e.g., Given that this.getClass() == obj.getClass(), we are sure that obj is also a Point, so we can cast it to Point.
- Such cast allows more attributes/methods to be called upon (Point) obj at L5.

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Equality (5)

Two notions of **equality** for variables of **reference** types:

- Reference Equality**: use == to compare **addresses**
- Object Equality**: define equals method to compare **contents**

```
1 PointV2 p1 = new PointV2(3, 4);
2 PointV2 p2 = new PointV2(3, 4);
3 PointV2 p3 = new PointV2(4, 5);
4 System.out.println(p1 == p1); /* true */
5 System.out.println(p1.equals(p1)); /* true */
6 System.out.println(p1 == p2); /* false */
7 System.out.println(p1.equals(p2)); /* true */
8 System.out.println(p2 == p3); /* false */
9 System.out.println(p2.equals(p3)); /* false */
```

- Being **reference**-equal implies being **object**-equal.
- Being **object**-equal does **not** imply being **reference**-equal.

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Equality (6.1)

Exercise: Persons are *equal* if names and measures are equal.

```
1 class Person {
2   String firstName; String lastName; double weight; double height;
3   boolean equals (Object obj) {
4     if(this == obj) { return true; }
5     if(obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) {
6       return false; }
7     Person other = (Person) obj;
8     return
9       this.weight == other.weight && this.height == other.height
10      && this.firstName.equals (other.firstName)
11      && this.lastName.equals (other.lastName); } }
```

Q: At L5, will we get NullPointerException if obj is Null?

A: **No** ∴ Short-Circuit Effect of ||

obj is null, then obj == null evaluates to **true**

⇒ no need to evaluate the RHS

The left operand obj == null acts as a **guard constraint** for the right operand this.getClass() != obj.getClass().

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Equality (6.2)

Exercise: Persons are *equal* if names and measures are equal.

```
1 class Person {
2   String firstName; String lastName; double weight; double height;
3   boolean equals (Object obj) {
4     if(this == obj) { return true; }
5     if(obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) {
6       return false; }
7     Person other = (Person) obj;
8     return
9       this.weight == other.weight && this.height == other.height
10      && this.firstName.equals (other.firstName)
11      && this.lastName.equals (other.lastName); } }
```

Q: At L5, if swapping the order of two operands of disjunction:

this.getClass() != obj.getClass() || obj == null

Will we get NullPointerException if obj is Null?

A: **Yes** ∴ Evaluation of operands is from left to right.

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Equality (6.3)

Exercise: Persons are *equal* if names and measures are equal.

```
1 class Person {
2   String firstName; String lastName; double weight; double height;
3   boolean equals (Object obj) {
4     if(this == obj) { return true; }
5     if(obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) {
6       return false; }
7     Person other = (Person) obj;
8     return
9       this.weight == other.weight && this.height == other.height
10      && this.firstName.equals (other.firstName)
11      && this.lastName.equals (other.lastName); } }
```

L10 & L11 call equals method defined in the String class.

When defining equals method for your own class, **reuse** equals methods defined in other classes wherever possible.

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Equality in JUnit (7.1)

- **assertSame**(obj1, obj2)
 - Passes if obj1 and obj2 are references to the same object
 - \approx assertTrue(obj1 == obj2)
 - \approx assertFalse(obj1 != obj2)

```
PointV1 p1 = new PointV1(3, 4); PointV1 p2 = new PointV1(3, 4);
PointV1 p3 = p1;
assertSame(p1, p3); /* pass */ assertEquals(p2, p3); /* fail */
```

- **assertEquals**(exp1, exp2)
 - \approx exp1 == exp2 if exp1 and exp2 are primitive type

```
int i = 10; int j = 20; assertEquals(i, j); /* fail */
```

- \approx exp1.equals(exp2) if exp1 and exp2 are reference type
- Q:** What if equals is not explicitly defined in obj1's declared type?
A: \approx assertSame(obj1, obj2)

```
PointV2 p4 = new PointV2(3, 4); PointV2 p5 = new PointV2(3, 4);
assertEquals(p4, p5); /* pass */
assertEquals(p1, p2); /* fail :: different PointV1 objects */
assertEquals(p4, p2); /* fail :: different types */
```

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Equality (6.4)

Person collectors are equal if containing equal lists of persons.

```
class PersonCollector {
  Person[] persons; int nop; /* number of persons */
  public PersonCollector() { ... }
  public void addPerson(Person p) { ... }
}
```

Redefine/Override the equals method in PersonCollector.

```
1 boolean equals (Object obj) {
2   if(this == obj) { return true; }
3   if(obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) {
4     return false; }
5   PersonCollector other = (PersonCollector) obj;
6   boolean equal = false;
7   if(this.nop == other.nop) {
8     equal = true;
9     for(int i = 0; equal && i < this.nop; i++) {
10      equal = this.persons[i].equals(other.persons[i]); } }
11   return equal;
12 }
```

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Equality in JUnit (7.2)

```
@Test
public void testEqualityOfPointV1() {
  PointV1 p1 = new PointV1(3, 4); PointV1 p2 = new PointV1(3, 4);
  assertFalse(p1 == p2); assertFalse(p2 == p1);
  /* assertEquals(p1, p2); assertEquals(p2, p1); */ /* both fail */
  assertEquals(p1.equals(p2)); assertFalse(p2.equals(p1));
  assertTrue(p1.x == p2.x && p2.y == p2.y);
}

@Test
public void testEqualityOfPointV2() {
  PointV2 p3 = new PointV2(3, 4); PointV2 p4 = new PointV2(3, 4);
  assertFalse(p3 == p4); assertFalse(p4 == p3);
  /* assertEquals(p3, p4); assertEquals(p4, p4); */ /* both fail */
  assertTrue(p3.equals(p4)); assertTrue(p4.equals(p3));
  assertEquals(p3, p4); assertEquals(p4, p3);
}

@Test
public void testEqualityOfPointV1andPointV2() {
  PointV1 p1 = new PointV1(3, 4); PointV2 p2 = new PointV2(3, 4);
  /* These two assertions do not compile because p1 and p2 are of different types. */
  /* assertEquals(p1, p2); assertEquals(p2, p1); */
  /* assertEquals can take objects of different types and fail. */
  /* assertEquals(p1, p2); */ /* compiles, but fails */
  /* assertEquals(p2, p1); */ /* compiles, but fails */
  /* version of equals from Object is called */
  assertFalse(p1.equals(p2));
  /* version of equals from PointP2 is called */
  assertFalse(p2.equals(p1));
}
```

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Equality in JUnit (7.3)

```
@Test
public void testPersonCollector() {
    Person p1 = new Person("A", "a", 180, 1.8); Person p2 = new Person("A", "a", 180, 1.8);
    Person p3 = new Person("B", "b", 200, 2.1); Person p4 = p3;
    assertFalse(p1 == p2); assertTrue(p1.equals(p2));
    assertTrue(p3 == p4); assertTrue(p3.equals(p4));

    PersonCollector pc1 = new PersonCollector(); PersonCollector pc2 = new PersonCollector();
    assertFalse(pc1 == pc2); assertTrue(pc1.equals(pc2));

    pc1.addPerson(p1);
    assertFalse(pc1.equals(pc2));

    pc2.addPerson(p2);
    assertFalse(pc1.persons[0] == pc2.persons[0]);
    assertTrue(pc1.persons[0].equals(pc2.persons[0]));
    assertTrue(pc1.equals(pc2));

    pc1.addPerson(p3); pc2.addPerson(p4);
    assertTrue(pc1.persons[1] == pc2.persons[1]);
    assertTrue(pc1.persons[1].equals(pc2.persons[1]));
    assertTrue(pc1.equals(pc2));

    pc1.addPerson(new Person("A", "a", 175, 1.75));
    pc2.addPerson(new Person("A", "a", 165, 1.55));
    assertFalse(pc1.persons[2] == pc2.persons[2]);
    assertFalse(pc1.persons[2].equals(pc2.persons[2]));
    assertFalse(pc1.equals(pc2));
}
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```

Why Ordering Between Objects? (2)

```
class Employee {
    int id; double salary;
    Employee(int id) { this.id = id; }
    void setSalary(double salary) { this.salary = salary; } }

1 @Test
2 public void testUncomparableEmployees() {
3     Employee alan = new Employee(2);
4     Employee mark = new Employee(3);
5     Employee tom = new Employee(1);
6     Employee[] es = {alan, mark, tom};
7     Arrays.sort(es);
8     Employee[] expected = {tom, alan, mark};
9     assertEquals(expected, es); }
```

L8 triggers a **java.lang.ClassCastException**:

Employee cannot be cast to java.lang.Comparable

∴ `Arrays.sort` expects an array whose element type defines a precise **ordering** of its instances/objects.

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Why Ordering Between Objects? (1)

Each employee has their numerical id and salary.

e.g., (*alan*, 2, 4500.34), (*mark*, 3, 3450.67), (*tom*, 1, 3450.67)

- **Problem**: To facilitate an annual review on their statuses, we want to arrange them so that ones with smaller id's come before ones with larger id's.
e.g., (*tom*, *alan*, *mark*)
- Even better, arrange them so that ones with larger salaries come first; only compare id's for employees with equal salaries.
e.g., (*alan*, *tom*, *mark*)
- **Solution**:
 - Define **ordering** of Employee objects.
[Comparable interface, compareTo method]
 - Use the library method `Arrays.sort`.

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Defining Ordering Between Objects (1.1)

```
class CEmployee1 implements Comparable<CEmployee1> {
    ... /* attributes, constructor, mutator similar to Employee */
    @Override
    public int compareTo(CEmployee1 e) { return this.id - e.id; }
}
```

- Given two `CEmployee1` objects `ce1` and `ce2`:
 - `ce1.compareTo(ce2) > 0` [`ce1` "is greater than" `ce2`]
 - `ce1.compareTo(ce2) == 0` [`ce1` "is equal to" `ce2`]
 - `ce1.compareTo(ce2) < 0` [`ce1` "is smaller than" `ce2`]
- Say `ces` is an array of `CEmployee1` (`CEmployee1[] ces`), calling `Arrays.sort(ces)` re-arranges `ces`, so that:

$$\underbrace{ces[0]}_{\text{CEmployee1 object}} \leq \underbrace{ces[1]}_{\text{CEmployee1 object}} \leq \dots \leq \underbrace{ces[ces.length - 1]}_{\text{CEmployee1 object}}$$

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Defining Ordering Between Objects (1.2)



```
@Test
public void testComparableEmployees_1() {
    /*
     * CEmployee1 implements the Comparable interface.
     * Method compareTo compares id's only.
     */
    CEmployee1 alan = new CEmployee1(2);
    CEmployee1 mark = new CEmployee1(3);
    CEmployee1 tom = new CEmployee1(1);
    alan.setSalary(4500.34);
    mark.setSalary(3450.67);
    tom.setSalary(3450.67);
    CEmployee1[] es = {alan, mark, tom};
    /* When comparing employees,
     * their salaries are irrelevant.
     */
    Arrays.sort(es);
    CEmployee1[] expected = {tom, alan, mark};
    assertEquals(expected, es);
}
```

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Defining Ordering Between Objects (2.2)



Alternatively, we can use extra `if` statements to express the logic more clearly.

```
1 class CEmployee2 implements Comparable<CEmployee2> {
2     ... /* attributes, constructor, mutator similar to Employee */
3     @Override
4     public int compareTo(CEmployee2 other) {
5         if(this.salary > other.salary) {
6             return -1;
7         }
8         else if (this.salary < other.salary) {
9             return 1;
10        }
11        else { /* equal salaries */
12            return this.id - other.id;
13        }
14    }
}
```

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Defining Ordering Between Objects (2.1)



Let's now make the comparison more sophisticated:

- Employees with higher salaries come before those with lower salaries.
- When two employees have same salary, whoever with lower id comes first.

```
1 class CEmployee2 implements Comparable<CEmployee2> {
2     ... /* attributes, constructor, mutator similar to Employee */
3     @Override
4     public int compareTo(CEmployee2 other) {
5         int salaryDiff = Double.compare(this.salary, other.salary);
6         int idDiff = this.id - other.id;
7         if(salaryDiff != 0) { return -salaryDiff; }
8         else { return idDiff; } } }
}
```

- **L5:** `Double.compare(d1, d2)` returns
- $(d1 < d2)$, 0 ($d1 == d2$), or $+$ ($d1 > d2$).
- **L7:** Why inverting the sign of `salaryDiff`?
 - $this.salary > other.salary \Rightarrow Double.compare(this.salary, other.salary) > 0$
 - But we should consider employee with *higher* salary as "smaller".
 \therefore We want that employee to come *before* the other one!

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Defining Ordering Between Objects (2.3)



```
1 @Test
2 public void testComparableEmployees_2() {
3     /*
4     * CEmployee2 implements the Comparable interface.
5     * Method compareTo first compares salaries, then
6     * compares id's for employees with equal salaries.
7     */
8     CEmployee2 alan = new CEmployee2(2);
9     CEmployee2 mark = new CEmployee2(3);
10    CEmployee2 tom = new CEmployee2(1);
11    alan.setSalary(4500.34);
12    mark.setSalary(3450.67);
13    tom.setSalary(3450.67);
14    CEmployee2[] es = {alan, mark, tom};
15    Arrays.sort(es);
16    CEmployee2[] expected = {alan, tom, mark};
17    assertEquals(expected, es);
18 }
```

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Defining Ordering Between Objects (3)

When you have your class `C` implement the interface `Comparable<C>`, you should design the `compareTo` method, such that given objects `c1`, `c2`, `c3` of type `C`:

- Asymmetric** :

$$\neg(c1.compareTo(c2) < 0 \wedge c2.compareTo(c1) < 0)$$

$$\neg(c1.compareTo(c2) > 0 \wedge c2.compareTo(c1) > 0)$$

\therefore We don't have $c1 < c2$ and $c2 < c1$ at the same time!

- Transitive** :

$$c1.compareTo(c2) < 0 \wedge c2.compareTo(c3) < 0 \Rightarrow c1.compareTo(c3) < 0$$

$$c1.compareTo(c2) > 0 \wedge c2.compareTo(c3) > 0 \Rightarrow c1.compareTo(c3) > 0$$

\therefore We have $c1 < c2 \wedge c2 < c3 \Rightarrow c1 < c3$

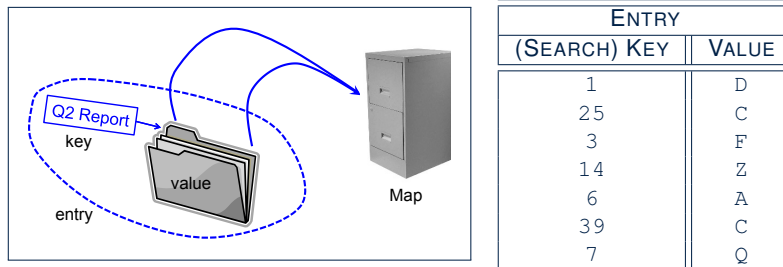
Q. How would you define the `compareTo` method for the `Player` class of a rock-paper-scissor game? [**Hint:** Transitivity]

Hashing: Arrays are Maps

- Each array **entry** is a pair: an object and its **numerical** index.
e.g., say `String[] a = {"A", "B", "C"}`, how many entries?
3 entries: `(0, "A")`, `(1, "B")`, `(2, "C")`
- Search keys** are the set of numerical index values.
- The set of index values are **unique** [e.g., $0 \dots (a.length - 1)$]
- Given a **valid** index value i , we can
 - Uniquely** determines where the object is $[(i + 1)^{th}$ item]
 - Efficiently** retrieves that object $[a[i] \approx \text{fast memory access}]$
- Maps in general may have **non-numerical** key values:
 - Student ID [student record]
 - Social Security Number [resident record]
 - Passport Number [citizen record]
 - Residential Address [household record]
 - Media Access Control (MAC) Address [PC/Laptop record]
 - Web URL [web page]

Hashing: What is a Map?

- A **map** (a.k.a. table or dictionary) stores a collection of **entries**.



- Each **entry** is a pair: a **value** and its (**search**) **key**.
- Each **search key** :
 - Uniquely** identifies an object in the map
 - Should be used to **efficiently** retrieve the associated value
- Search keys must be **unique** (i.e., do not contain duplicates).

Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map

- Problem:** Support the construction of this simple map:

ENTRY	
(SEARCH) KEY	VALUE
1	D
25	C
3	F
14	Z
6	A
39	C
7	Q

Let's just assume that the maximum map capacity is 100.

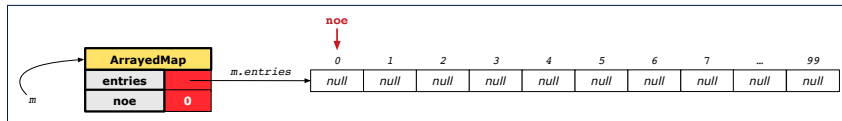
- Naive Solution:**

Let's understand the expected runtime structures before seeing the Java code!

Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map (0)

After executing `ArrayedMap m = new ArrayedMap()`:

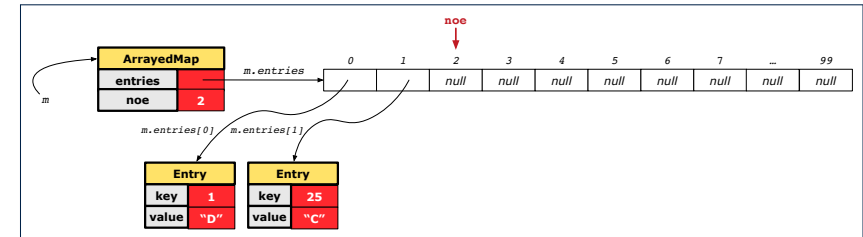
- Attribute `m.entries` initialized as an array of 100 null slots.
- Attribute `m.noE` is 0, meaning:
 - Current number of entries stored in the map is 0.
 - Index for storing the next new entry is 0.



Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map (2)

After executing `m.put(new Entry(25, "C"))`:

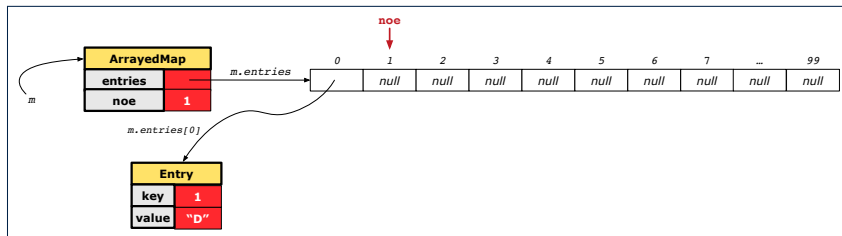
- Attribute `m.entries` has 98 null slots.
- Attribute `m.noE` is 2, meaning:
 - Current number of entries stored in the map is 2.
 - Index for storing the next new entry is 2.



Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map (1)

After executing `m.put(new Entry(1, "D"))`:

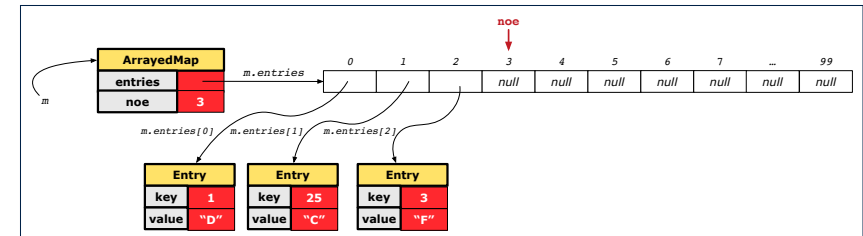
- Attribute `m.entries` has 99 null slots.
- Attribute `m.noE` is 1, meaning:
 - Current number of entries stored in the map is 1.
 - Index for storing the next new entry is 1.



Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map (3)

After executing `m.put(new Entry(3, "F"))`:

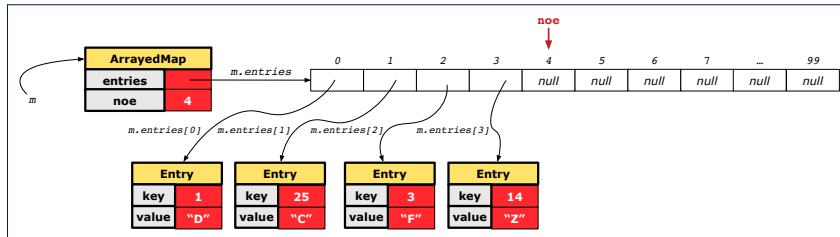
- Attribute `m.entries` has 97 null slots.
- Attribute `m.noE` is 3, meaning:
 - Current number of entries stored in the map is 3.
 - Index for storing the next new entry is 3.



Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map (4)

After executing `m.put(new Entry(14, "Z"))`:

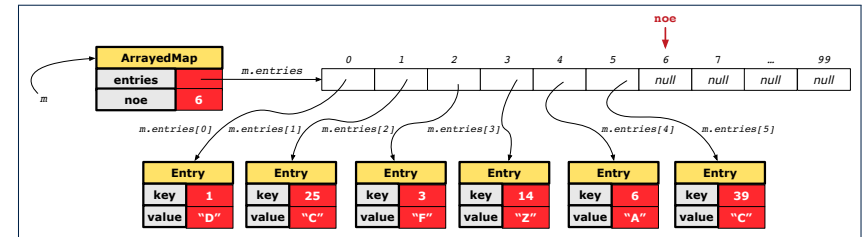
- Attribute `m.entries` has 96 null slots.
- Attribute `m.noe` is 4, meaning:
 - Current number of entries stored in the map is 4.
 - Index for storing the next new entry is 4.



Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map (6)

After executing `m.put(new Entry(39, "C"))`:

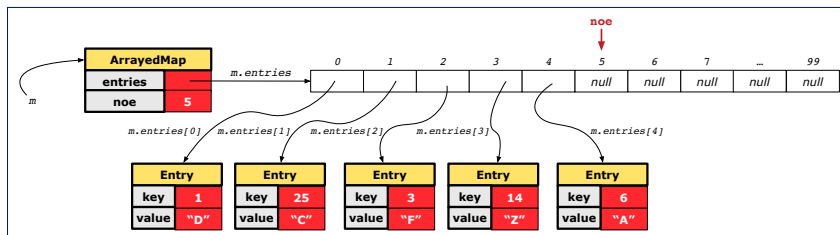
- Attribute `m.entries` has 94 null slots.
- Attribute `m.noe` is 6, meaning:
 - Current number of entries stored in the map is 6.
 - Index for storing the next new entry is 6.



Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map (5)

After executing `m.put(new Entry(6, "A"))`:

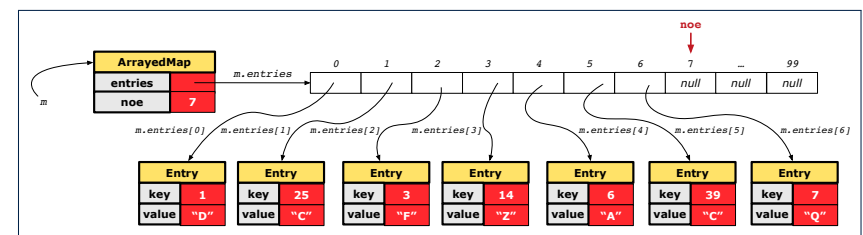
- Attribute `m.entries` has 95 null slots.
- Attribute `m.noe` is 5, meaning:
 - Current number of entries stored in the map is 5.
 - Index for storing the next new entry is 5.



Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map (7)

After executing `m.put(new Entry(7, "Q"))`:

- Attribute `m.entries` has 93 null slots.
- Attribute `m.noe` is 7, meaning:
 - Current number of entries stored in the map is 7.
 - Index for storing the next new entry is 7.



Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map (8.1)



```
public class Entry {
    private int key;
    private String value;

    public Entry(int key, String value) {
        this.key = key;
        this.value = value;
    }
    /* Getters and Setters for key and value */
}
```

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Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map (8.3)



```
@Test
public void testArrayedMap() {
    ArrayedMap m = new ArrayedMap();
    assertTrue(m.size() == 0);
    m.put(1, "D");
    m.put(25, "C");
    m.put(3, "F");
    m.put(14, "Z");
    m.put(6, "A");
    m.put(39, "C");
    m.put(7, "Q");
    assertTrue(m.size() == 7);
    /* inquiries of existing key */
    assertTrue(m.get(1).equals("D"));
    assertTrue(m.get(7).equals("Q"));
    /* inquiry of non-existing key */
    assertTrue(m.get(31) == null);
}
```

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Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map (8.2)



```
public class ArrayedMap {
    private final int MAX_CAPACITY = 100;
    private Entry[] entries;
    private int noe; /* number of entries */
    public ArrayedMap() {
        entries = new Entry[MAX_CAPACITY];
        noe = 0;
    }
    public int size() {
        return noe;
    }
    public void put(int key, String value) {
        Entry e = new Entry(key, value);
        entries[noe] = e;
        noe++;
    }
}
```

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Required Reading: Point and PointCollector

Hashing: Naive Implementation of Map (8.4)



```
public class ArrayedMap {
    private final int MAX_CAPACITY = 100;
    public String get(int key) {
        for(int i = 0; i < noe; i++) {
            Entry e = entries[i];
            int k = e.getKey();
            if(k == key) { return e.getValue(); }
        }
        return null;
    }
}
```

Say entries is: {(1, D), (25, C), (3, F), (14, Z), (6, A), (39, C), (7, Q), null, ...}

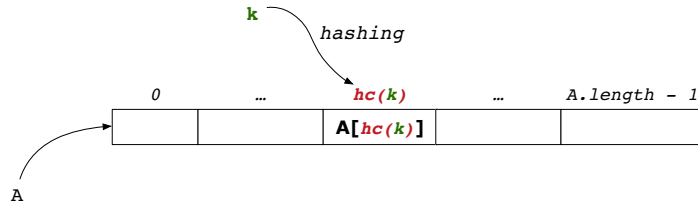
- How efficient is `m.get(1)`? [1 iteration]
- How efficient is `m.get(7)`? [7 iterations]
- If `m` is full, worst case of `m.get(k)`? [100 iterations]
- If `m` with 10^6 entries, worst case of `m.get(k)`? [10^6 iterations]

⇒ `get`'s worst-case performance is **linear** on size of `m.entries`!

A much **faster** (and **correct**) solution is possible!

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Hashing: Hash Table (1)



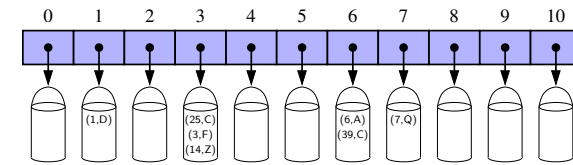
- Given a (numerical or non-numerical) search key k :
 - Apply a function hc so that $hc(k)$ returns an integer.
 - We call $hc(k)$ the **hash code** of key k .
 - Value of $hc(k)$ denotes a **valid index** of some array A .
 - Rather than searching through array A , go directly to $A[hc(k)]$ to get the associated value.
- Both computations are fast:
 - Converting k to $hc(k)$
 - Indexing into $A[hc(k)]$

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Hashing: Hash Table as a Bucket Array (2.2)

For illustration, assume $A.length$ is 10 and $hc(k) = k \% 11$.

$hc(k) = k \% 11$	(SEARCH) KEY	VALUE
1	1	D
3	25	C
3	3	F
3	14	Z
6	6	A
6	39	C
7	7	Q



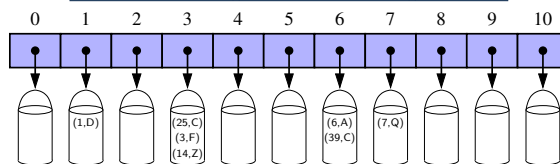
- Collision:** unequal keys have same hash code (e.g., 25, 3, 14)
 - ⇒ When there are **multiple entries** in the **same bucket**, we distinguish between them using their **unequal** keys.

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Hashing: Hash Table as a Bucket Array (2.1)

For illustration, assume $A.length$ is 11 and $hc(k) = k \% 11$.

$hc(k) = k \% 11$	(SEARCH) KEY	VALUE
1	1	D
3	25	C
3	3	F
3	14	Z
6	6	A
6	39	C
7	7	Q



- Collision:** unequal keys have same hash code (e.g., 25, 3, 14)
 - ⇒ Unavoidable as number of entries \uparrow , but a **good** hash function should have sizes of the buckets uniformly distributed.

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Hashing: Contract of Hash Function

- Principle of defining a hash function hc :

$$k1.equals(k2) \Rightarrow hc(k1) == hc(k2)$$

Equal keys always have the same hash code.

- Equivalently, according to contrapositive:

$$hc(k1) \neq hc(k2) \Rightarrow \neg k1.equals(k2)$$

Different hash codes must be generated from unequal keys.

- What if $\neg k1.equals(k2)$?

- $hc(k1) == hc(k2)$

[collision e.g., 25 and 3]

- $hc(k1) \neq hc(k2)$

[no collision e.g., 25 and 1]

- What if $hc(k1) == hc(k2)$?

- $\neg k1.equals(k2)$

[collision e.g., 25 and 3]

- $k1.equals(k2)$

[sound hash function]

inconsistent hashCode and equals

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Hashing: Defining Hash Function in Java (1)



The `Object` class (common super class of all classes) has the method for redefining the hash function for your own class:

```
1 public class IntegerKey {
2     private int k;
3     public IntegerKey(int k) { this.k = k; }
4     @Override
5     public int hashCode() { return k % 11; }
6     @Override
7     public boolean equals(Object obj) {
8         if(this == obj) { return true; }
9         if(obj == null) { return false; }
10        if(this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) { return false; }
11        IntegerKey other = (IntegerKey) obj;
12        return this.k == other.k;
13    } }
```

Q: Can we replace L12 by `return this.hashCode() == other.hashCode()`?

A: *No* ∴ When collision happens, keys with same hash code (i.e., in the same bucket) cannot be distinguished.

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Hashing: Using Hash Table in Java



```
@Test
public void testHashTable() {
    Hashtable<IntegerKey, String> table = new Hashtable<>();
    IntegerKey k1 = new IntegerKey(39);
    IntegerKey k2 = new IntegerKey(39);
    assertTrue(k1.equals(k2));
    assertTrue(k1.hashCode() == k2.hashCode());
    table.put(k1, "D");
    assertTrue(table.get(k2).equals("D"));
}
```

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Hashing: Defining Hash Function in Java (2)



```
@Test
public void testCustomizedHashFunction() {
    IntegerKey ik1 = new IntegerKey(1);
    /* 1 % 11 == 1 */
    assertTrue(ik1.hashCode() == 1);

    IntegerKey ik39_1 = new IntegerKey(39); /* 39 % 11 == 6 */
    IntegerKey ik39_2 = new IntegerKey(39);
    IntegerKey ik6 = new IntegerKey(6); /* 6 % 11 == 6 */

    assertTrue(ik39_1.hashCode() == 6);
    assertTrue(ik39_2.hashCode() == 6);
    assertTrue(ik6.hashCode() == 6);

    assertTrue(ik39_1.hashCode() == ik39_2.hashCode());
    assertTrue(ik39_1.equals(ik39_2));

    assertTrue(ik39_1.hashCode() == ik6.hashCode());
    assertFalse(ik39_1.equals(ik6));
}
```

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Hashing: Defining Hash Function in Java (3)



- When you are given instructions as to how the `hashCode` method of a class should be defined, override it manually.
- Otherwise, use Eclipse to generate the `equals` and `hashCode` methods for you.
 - Right click on the class.
 - Select Source.
 - Select Generate `hashCode()` and `equals()`.
 - Select the relevant attributes that will be used to compute the hash value.

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Hashing: Defining Hash Function in Java (4.1.1)

Caveat: Always make sure that the hashCode and equals are redefined/overridden to work together consistently.

e.g., Consider an alternative version of the IntegerKey class:

```
public class IntegerKey {
    private int k;
    public IntegerKey(int k) { this.k = k; }
    /* hashCode() inherited from Object NOT overridden. */
    @Override
    public boolean equals(Object obj) {
        if(this == obj) { return true; }
        if(obj == null) { return false; }
        if(this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) { return false; }
        IntegerKey other = (IntegerKey) obj;
        return this.k == other.k;
    }
}
```

Hashing: Defining Hash Function in Java (4.2)

```
1 @Test
2 public void testDefaultHashFunction() {
3     IntegerKey ik39_1 = new IntegerKey(39);
4     IntegerKey ik39_2 = new IntegerKey(39);
5     assertTrue(ik39_1.equals(ik39_2));
6     assertTrue(ik39_1.hashCode() != ik39_2.hashCode()); }
7 @Test
8 public void testHashTable() {
9     Hashtable<IntegerKey, String> table = new Hashtable<>();
10    IntegerKey k1 = new IntegerKey(39);
11    IntegerKey k2 = new IntegerKey(39);
12    assertTrue(k1.equals(k2));
13    assertTrue(k1.hashCode() != k2.hashCode());
14    table.put(k1, "D");
15    assertTrue(table.get(k2) == null); }
```

L3, 4, 10, 11: Default version of hashCode, inherited from Object, returns a *distinct* integer for every new object, *despite its contents*. [**Fix:** Override hashCode of your classes!]

Hashing: Defining Hash Function in Java (4.1.2)

```
public class IntegerKey {
    private int k;
    public IntegerKey(int k) { this.k = k; }
    /* hashCode() inherited from Object NOT overridden. */
    @Override
    public boolean equals(Object obj) {
        if(this == obj) { return true; }
        if(obj == null) { return false; }
        if(this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) { return false; }
        IntegerKey other = (IntegerKey) obj;
        return this.k == other.k;
    }
}
```

- o **Problem?**
 - Default implementation of hashCode() from the Object class: Objects with *distinct* addresses have *distinct* hash code values.
 - Violation of the Contract of hashCode():
 $hc(k1) \neq hc(k2) \Rightarrow \neg k1.equals(k2)$
- o What about equal objects with different addresses?

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