

LECTURE 9

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2

The equals Method: To Override or Not?

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

extends

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

extends

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

PointV2

PointV1

p3.get(c) != p2.get(c)

↘ B

Assert Equals (obj1, obj2)

↳

obj1.equals(obj2)

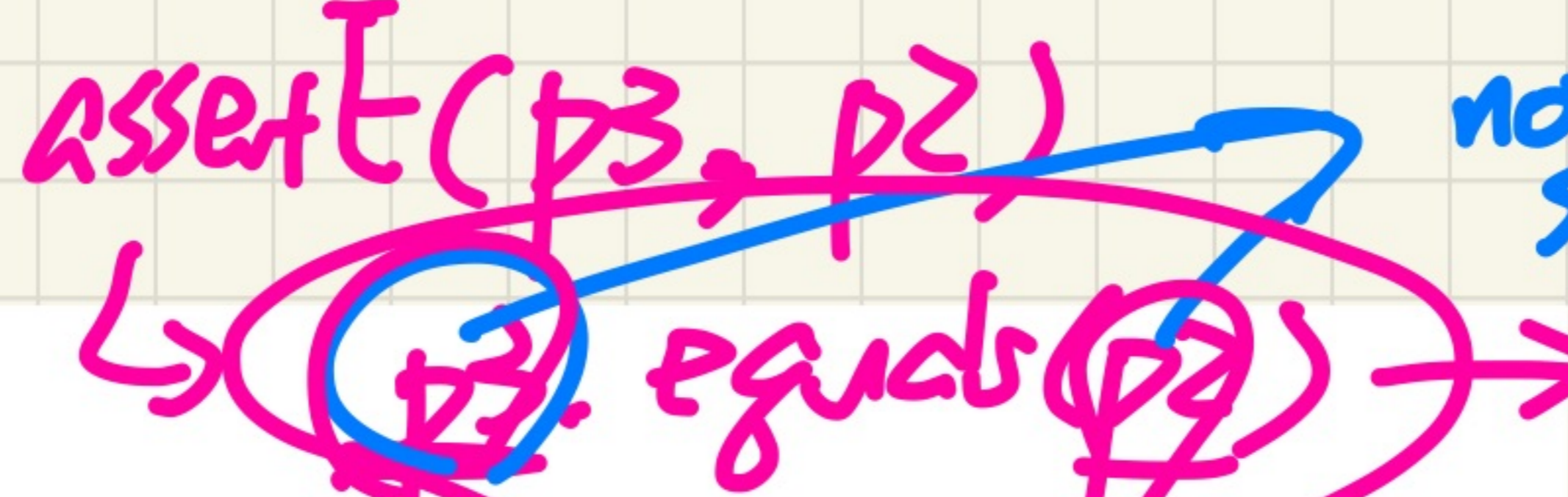
Assert Equals (obj2, obj1)

↳

obj2.equals(obj1)

assertEquals(exp1, exp2)

◦ ≈ `exp1.equals(exp2)` if exp1 and exp2 are **reference type**



not the same type
calling overridden version



overridden version

Case 1: If equals is not explicitly overridden in obj1's declared type

≈ **assertSame**(obj1, obj2)

PointV1 does not have equals redefined

```
PointV1 p1 = new PointV1(3, 4);
PointV1 p2 = new PointV1(3, 4);
PointV2 p3 = new PointV2(3, 4);
assertEquals(p1, p2); // x /* :: different PointV1 objects */
assertEquals(p2, p3); // x /* :: different types of objects */
```

p1 == p2

V1 p2.equals(p3) V2 → p2 == p3 F

Case 2: If equals is explicitly overridden in obj1's declared type

≈ obj1.**equals**(obj2)

PointV1 has default version

```
PointV1 p1 = new PointV1(3, 4);
PointV1 p2 = new PointV1(3, 4);
PointV2 p3 = new PointV2(3, 4);
assertEquals(p1, p2); // x /* ≈ [redacted] */
assertEquals(p2, p3); // x /* ≈ [redacted] */
assertEquals(p3, p2); // x /* ≈ [redacted] */
```

p2.equals(p3) → p2 == p3 X



equals (Object obj)

Point V1

p1 = new ...

Point V1

p2 = new ...

at runtime

p2 == p3

Point V2

p3 = new ...

① p1 == p2 ✓

same type

ref type

② p1.equals(p2)

Point V1 which is an object

p2 is a ref. type.

③ p2 == p3 X

not compile ; diff. types.

④ p2.equals(p3)

every ref type is an object

Testing Default Equality of Points in JUnit

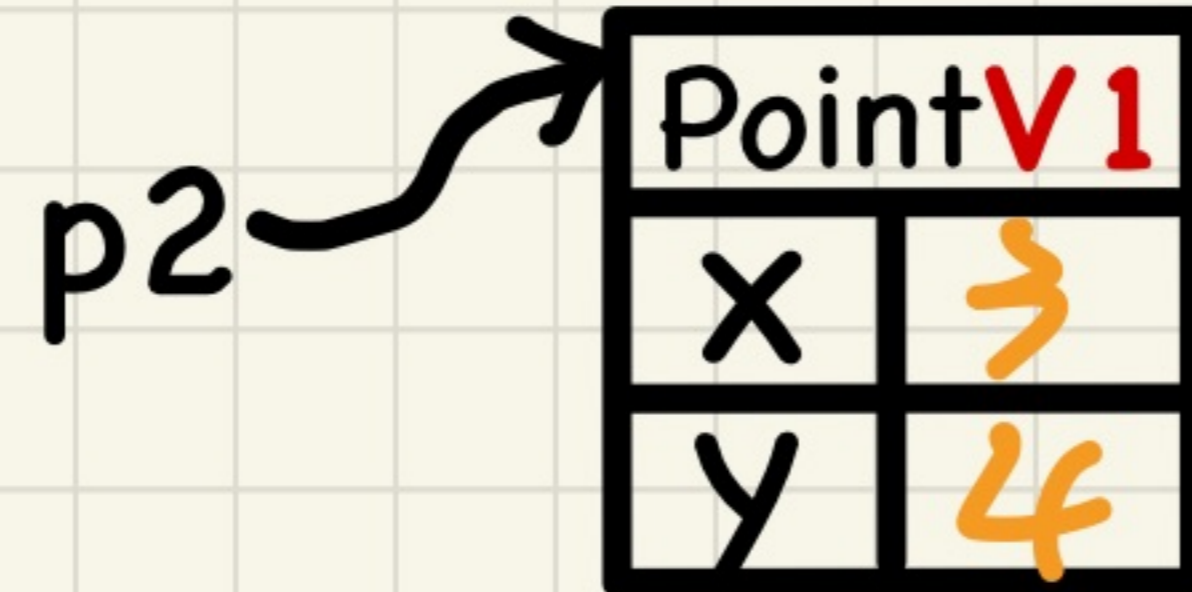
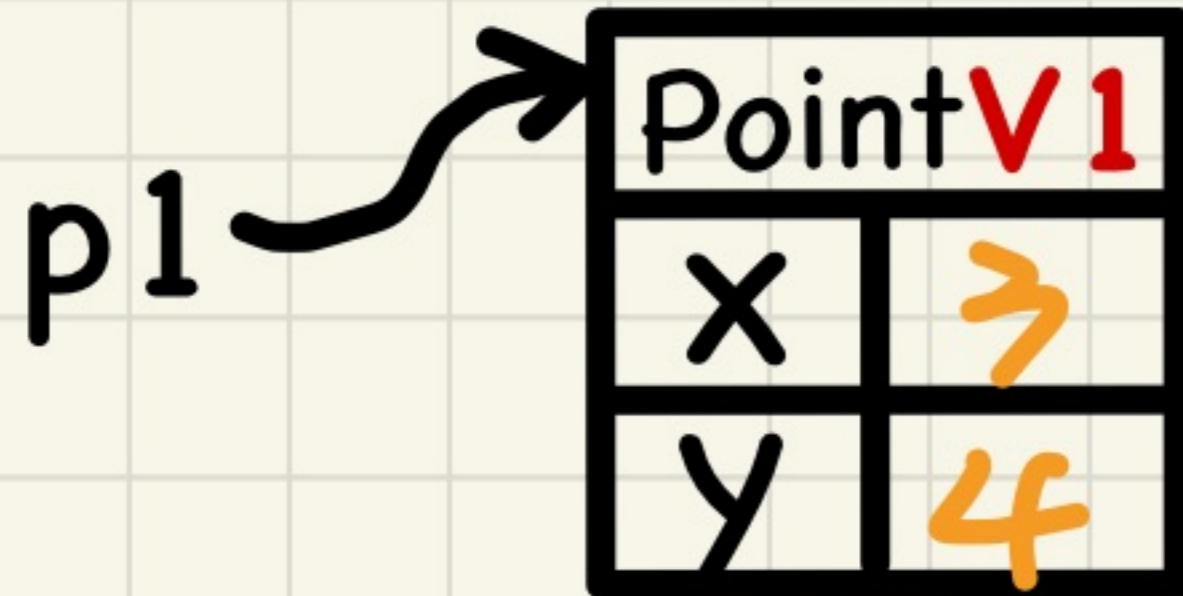
```
@Test
public void testEqualityOfPointV1() {
    PointV1 p1 = new PointV1(3, 4); PointV1 p2 = new PointV1(3, 4);
    assertFalse(p1 == p2); assertFalse(p2 == p1);
    /* assertEquals(p1, p2); assertEquals(p2, p1); */ /* both fail */
    assertFalse(p1.equals(p2)); assertFalse(p2.equals(p1));
    assertTrue(p1.x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

default

p1 == p2

default

p2 == p1



```
class Object {
    ...
    boolean equals(Object obj) {
        return this == obj;
    }
}
```

extends

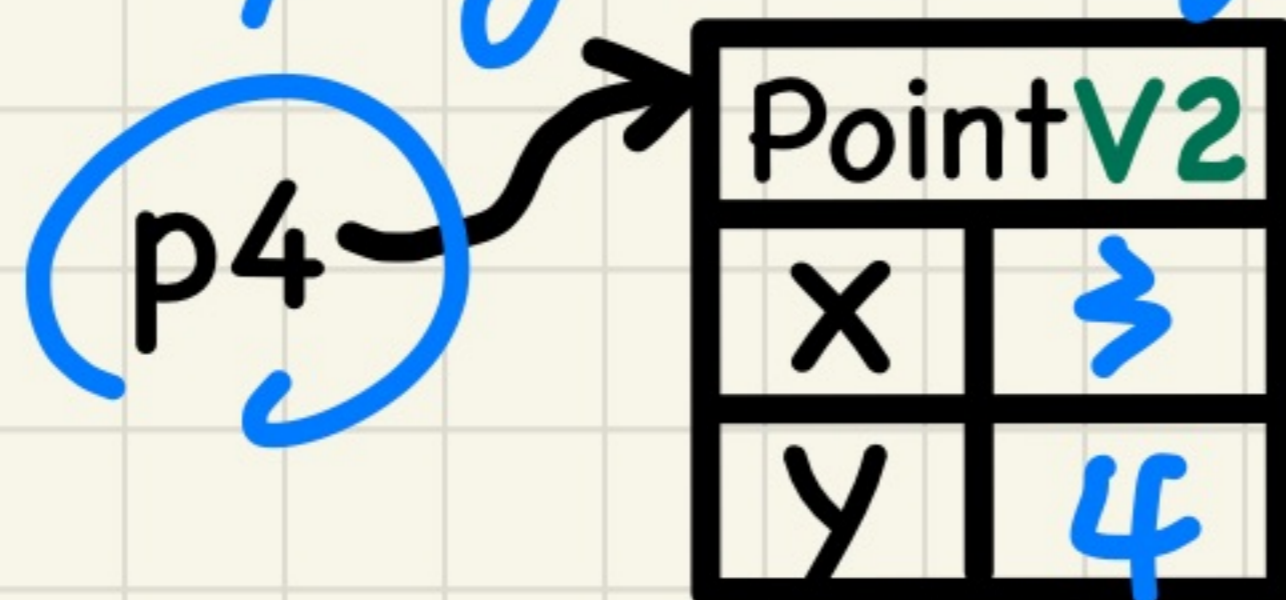
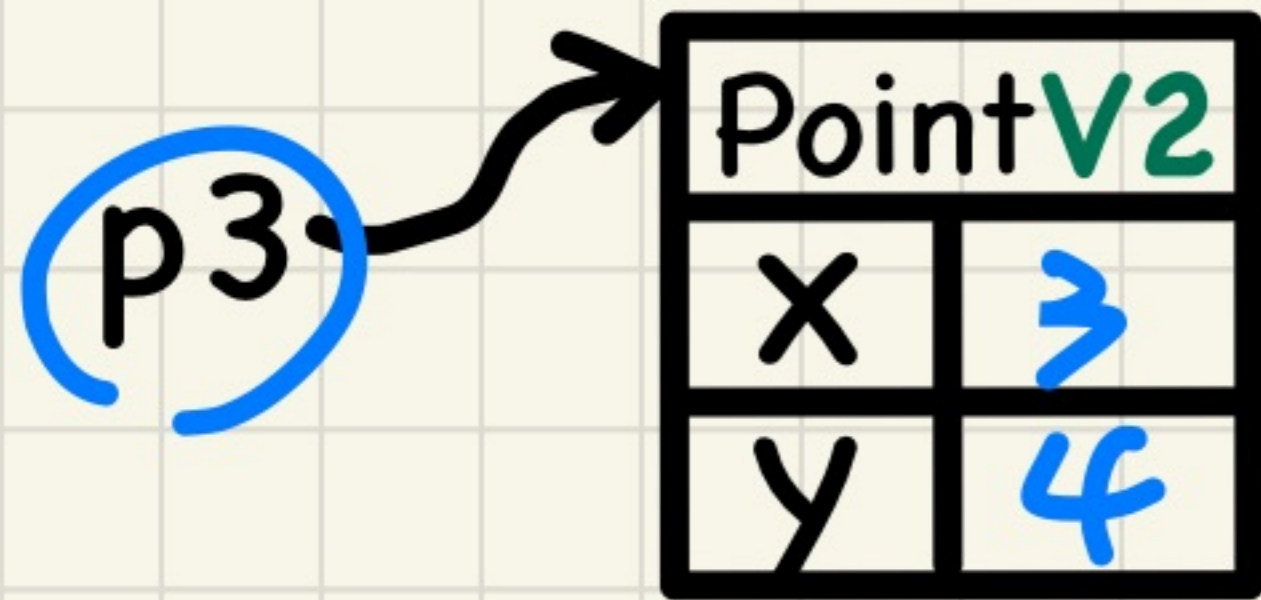
```
class PointV1 {
    double x;
    double y;
    PointV1(double x, double y) {
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
    }
}
```


Testing Overridden Equality of Points in JUnit

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

overridden

$p3.x == p4.x$ &&
 $p3.y == p4.y$



```
class Object {
    ...
    boolean equals(Object obj) {
        return this == obj;
    }
}
```

extends

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


Testing Equality of Points in JUnit

```

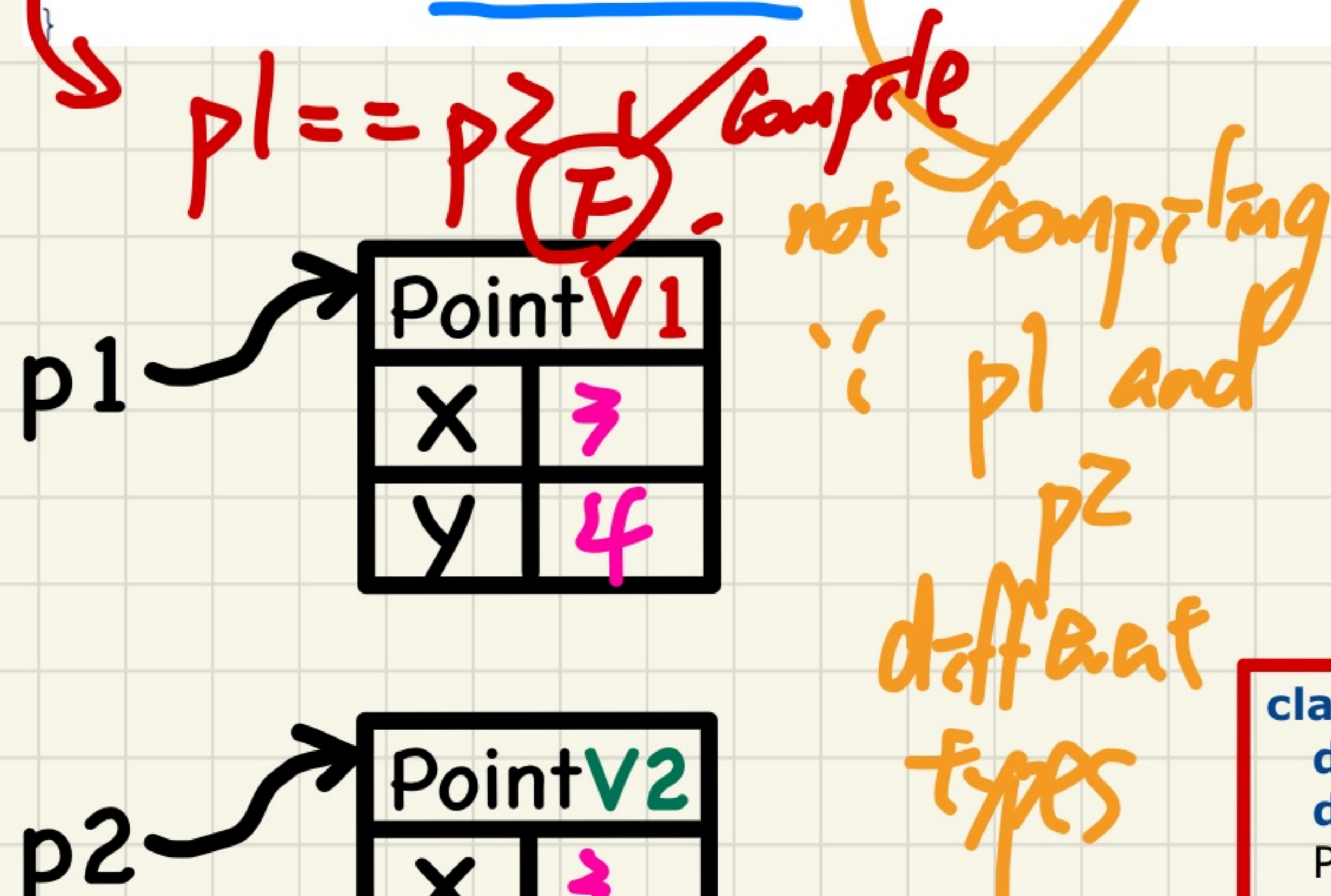
@Test
public void testEqualityOfPointV1andPointV2() {
    PointV1 p1 = new PointV1(3, 4); PointV2 p2 = new PointV2(3, 4);
    /* These two assertions do not compile because p1 and p2 are of different types. */
    /* assertFalse(p1 == p2); assertFalse(p2 == p1); */
    /* assertEquals can take objects 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));
}
    
```

p1.equals(p2)
 ↳ default

p1 == p2

p2.equals(p1)

↳ Overridden



```

class Object {
    ...
    boolean equals(Object obj) {
        return this == obj;
    }
}
    
```

```

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

```

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

extends

extends

?

Point V1 p1 = new Point V1 (3, 4);

Point V2 p2 = new Point V2 (3, 4);

Known:

p1.equals(p2) → F (different addresses)

p2.equals(p1) → F (different types)

boolean compareV1 V2 (Point V1 p1, Point V2 p2) {

return p1.x == p2.x

&& p1.y == p2.y;

}


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

if (obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass())
 return false;

Exercise: Two Persons are equal if their names and measures are equal

```
1 class Person {
2   String firstName, String lastName; double weight; double height;
3   boolean equals(Object obj) null
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); } }
```

pl. equals(null)

Q1: At Lines 10 and 11 which version of the equals method is called?

Q2: At Line 5, will there be a **NullPointerException** if obj == null?

Q3: At Line 5, what if we change it to: **if(this.getClass() != obj.getClass() || obj == null)** → NPE.
null

Exercise: PersonCollectors are equal if their arrays of persons are equal

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

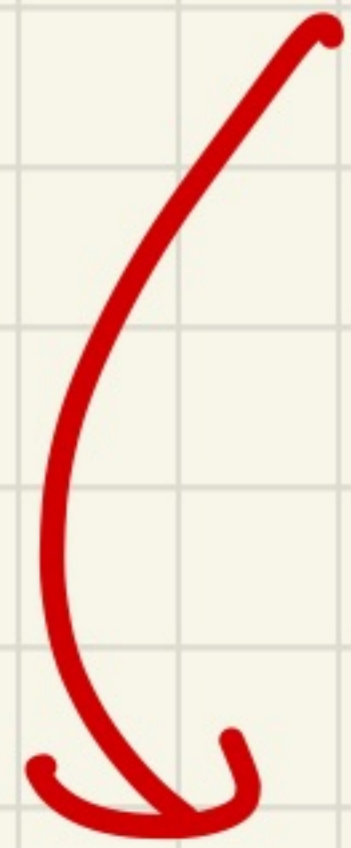
1 boolean equals(Object obj) {
2     if(this == obj) { return true; }
3     if(obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) {
4         return false; }
5     PersonCollector other = (PersonCollector) obj;
6     boolean equal = false;
7     if(this.nop == other.nop) {
8         equal = true;
9  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

Q: At Line 10 of PersonCollector which version of the equals method is called?

```
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); } }
```


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this.persons[i].equals (other.persons[i])



this.persons[i].weight ==

other.persons[i].weight

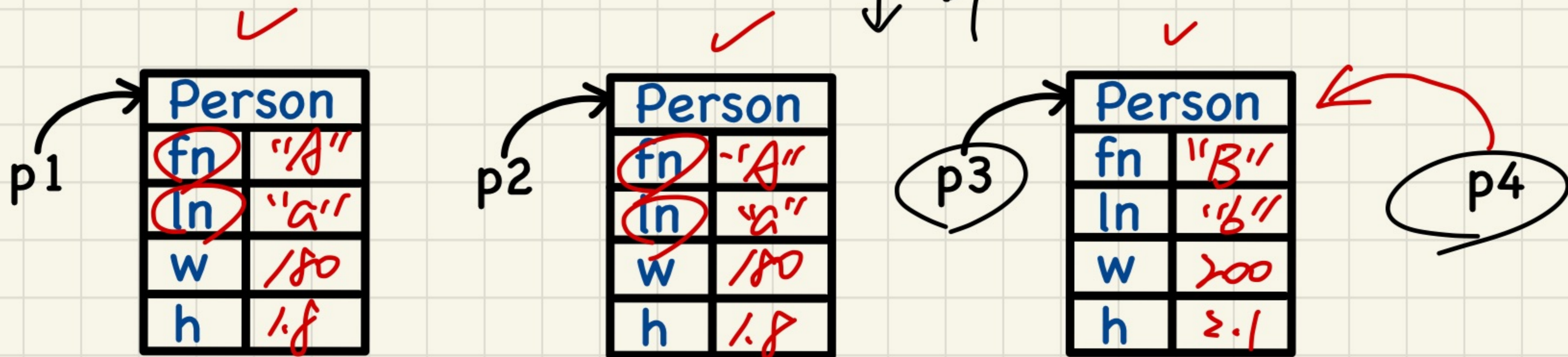
??

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Testing Equality of Person/PersonCollector in JUnit (1)

@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));  
}
```



```
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); } }  
}
```


Testing Equality of Person/PersonCollector in JUnit (2)

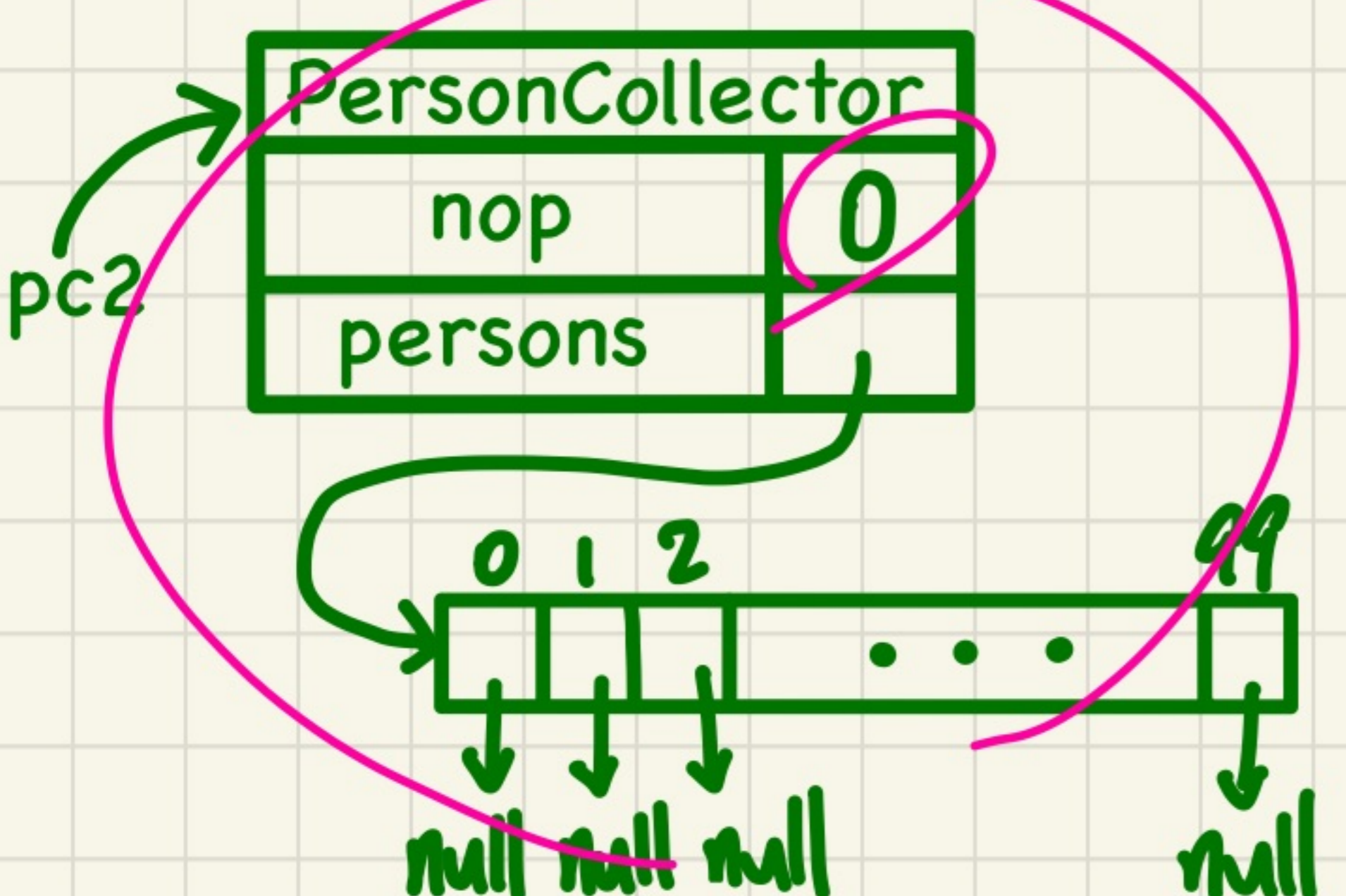
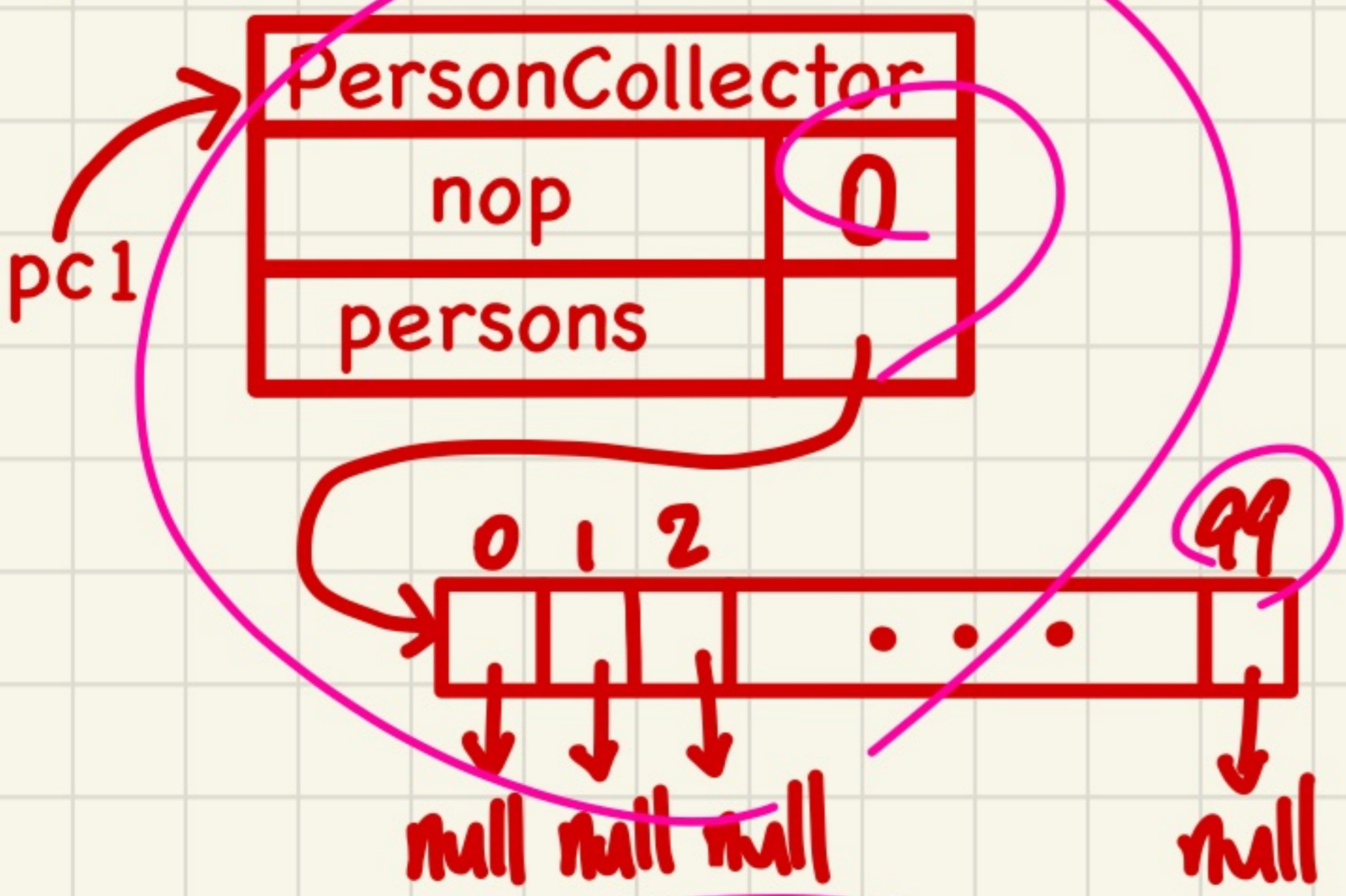
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Overriden version

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

Q: How about `assertTrue(pc2.equals(pc1))`?

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



Testing Equality of Person/PersonCollector in JUnit (3)

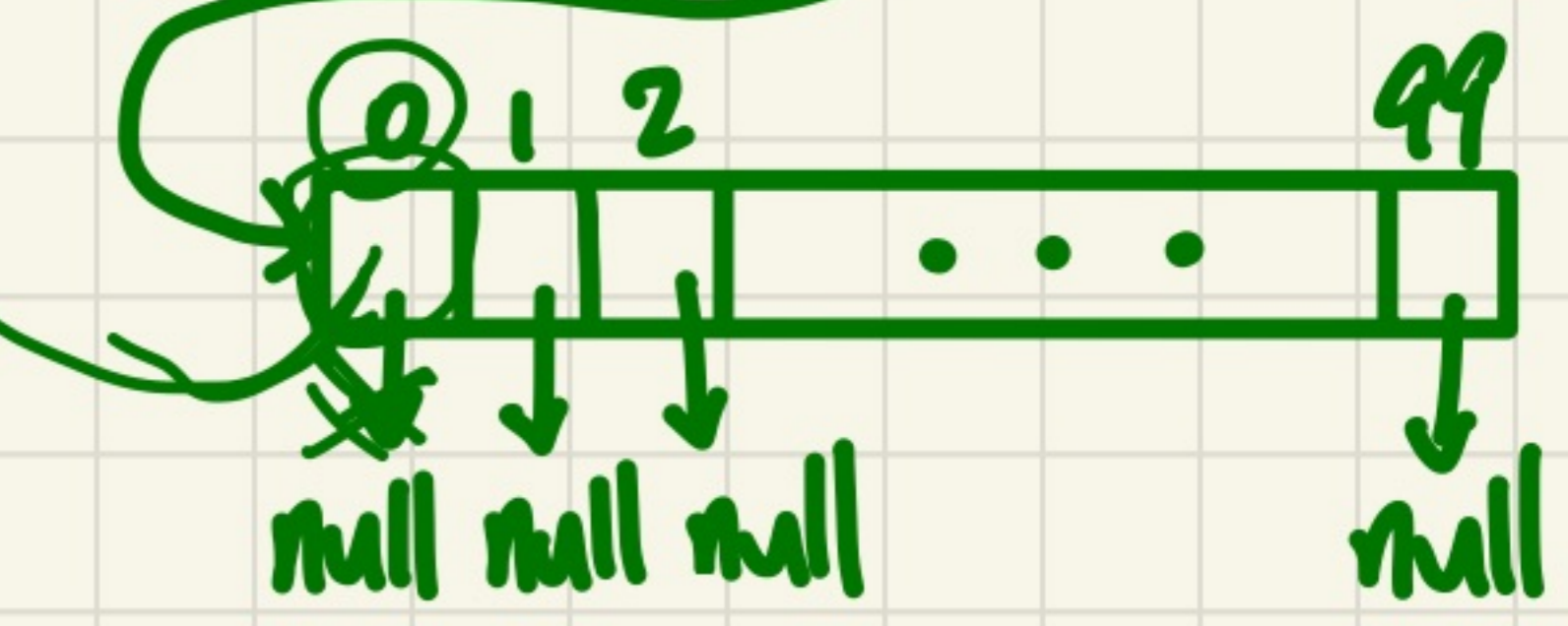
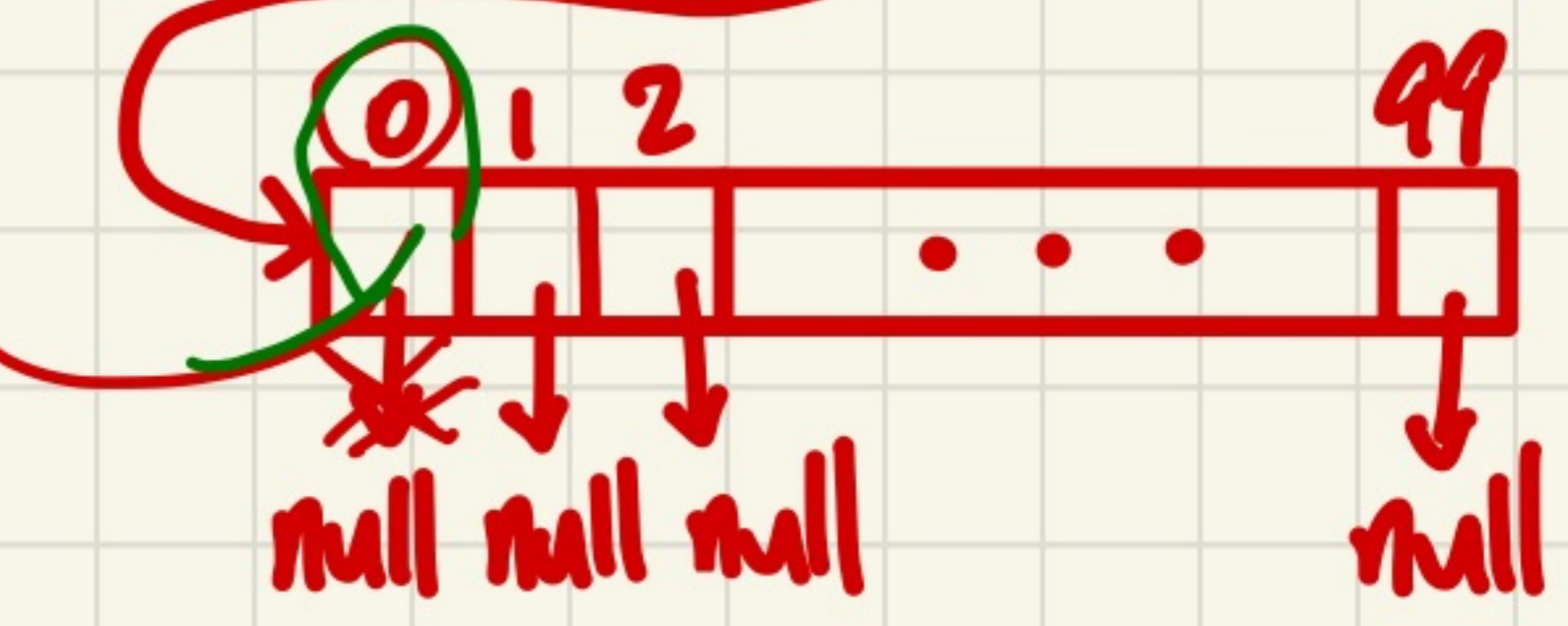
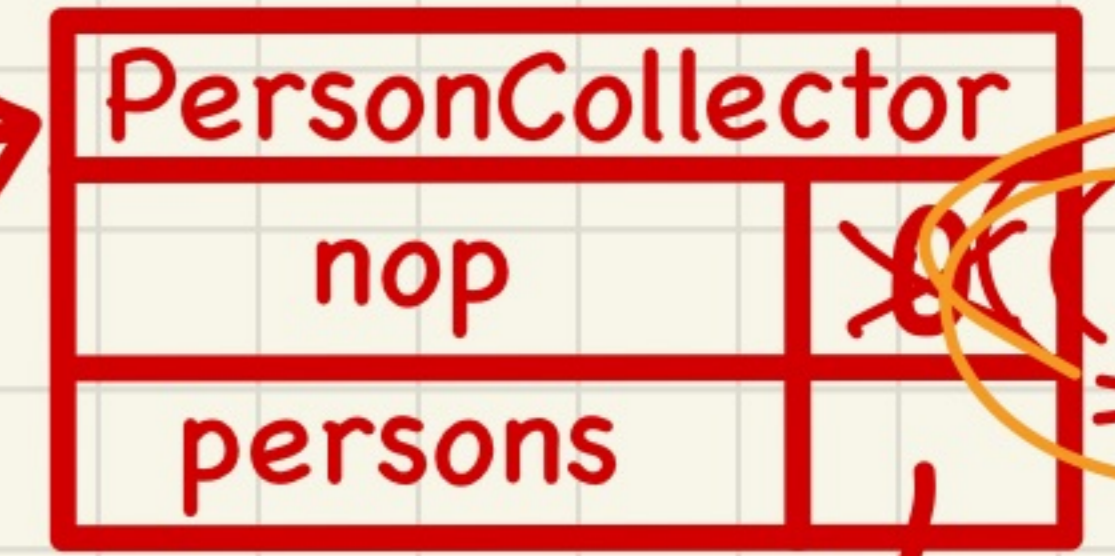
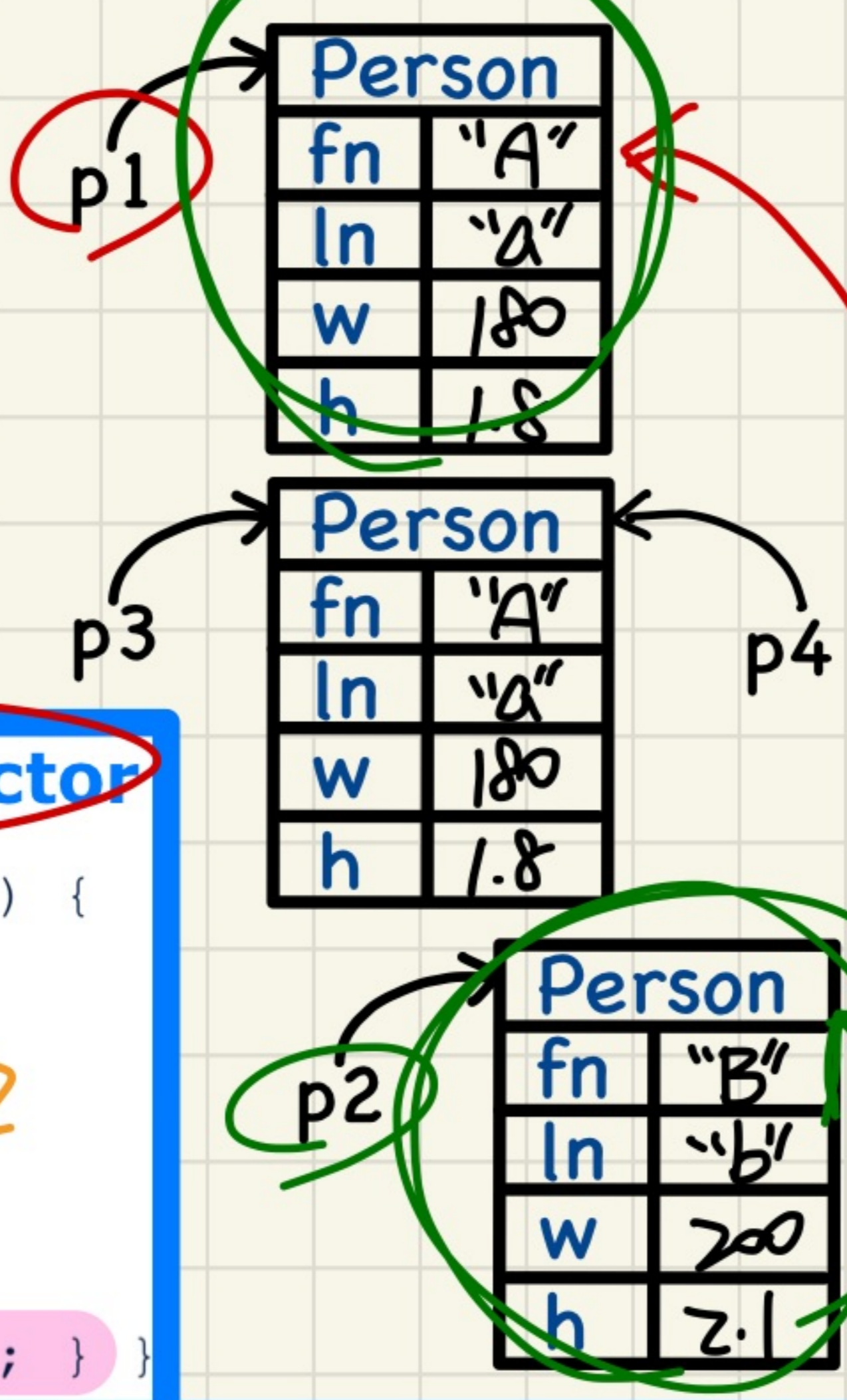
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```

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

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



```

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 }
    
```

PersonCollector

```

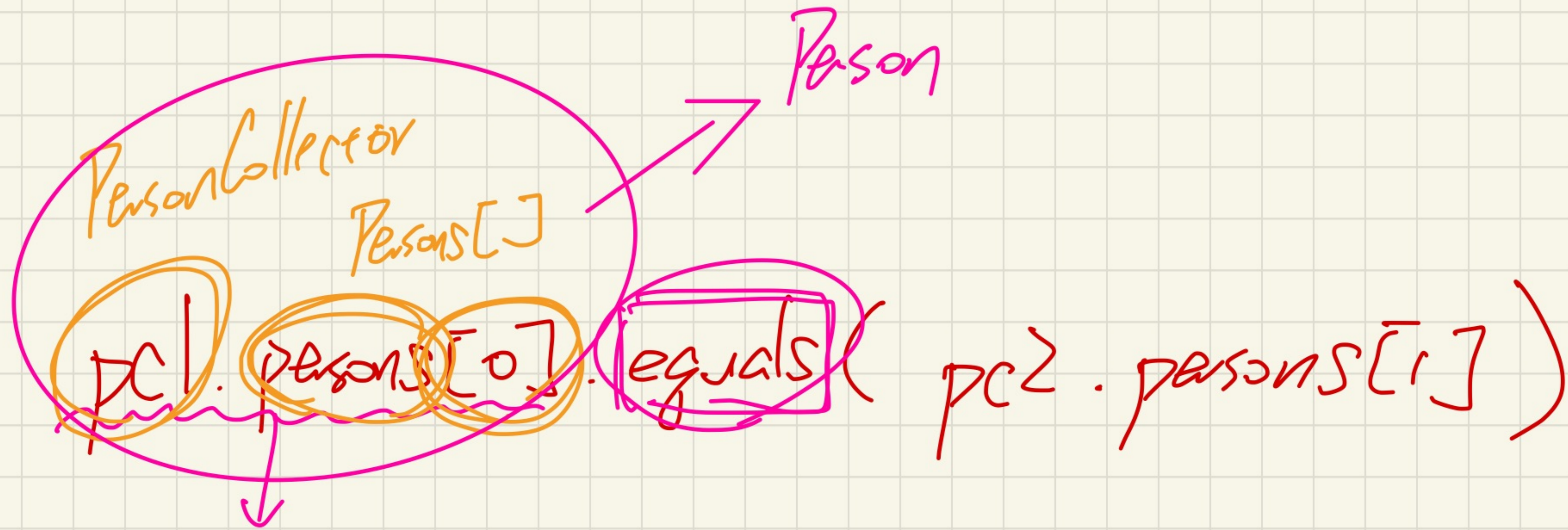
1 class Person {
2     String firstName; String lastName; double weight; double height;
3     boolean equals(Object obj) {
4         if(this == obj) { return true; }
5         if(obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) {
6             return false; }
7         Person other = (Person) obj;
8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

Person

pc1

pc2

pc2



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@Override
boolean equals(. -)

Ordering between Employees

name	id	salary
alan	2	4500.31
mark	3	3450.67
tom	1	3450.67

attributes

~~tom.id < alan.id < mark.id~~

~~mark.salary = mark.salary < alan.salary~~

Sorting: from smallest to largest

Sorting based on id's

(smaller id's come first)

tom < alan < mark

Sorting based on salaries and id's

(higher salaries and smaller id's come first)

alan < tom < mark