

## Lecture 3

### Part A

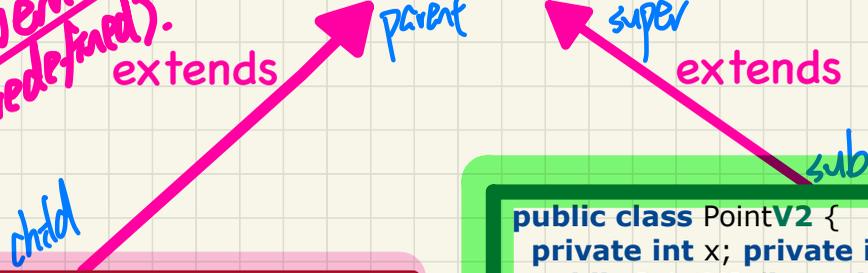
***Object Equality -  
To Override or Not to Override***

# The equals Method: To Override or Not?

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

Compare references/addresses of this and obj  
Context object of method call  
Argument

Inherited to each sub/child class unless its overridden (redefined).



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

Explicitly, equals from is inherited

```
public class PointV2 {  
    private int x; private int y;  
    public PointV2 (int x, int y) { ... }  
    public 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;  
    }  
}
```

explicitly override the equals method.

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## Part B

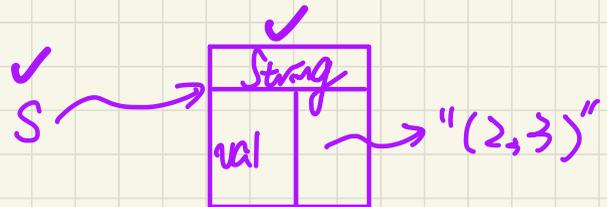
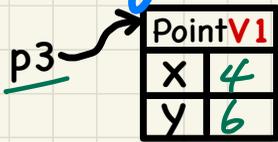
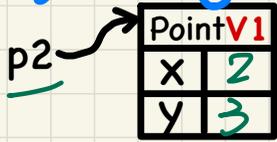
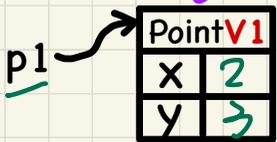
### ***Object Equality - Version 1: Default equals method***

# The equals Method: Default Version

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

```
1 String s = "(2, 3)";
2 PointV1 p1 = new PointV1(2, 3);
3 PointV1 p2 = new PointV1(2, 3);
4 PointV1 p3 = new PointV1(4, 6);
5 System.out.println(p1 == p2); /* false */
6 System.out.println(p2 == p3); /* false */
7 System.out.println(p1.equals(p1)); /* true */
8 System.out.println(p1.equals(null)); /* false */
9 System.out.println(p1.equals(s)); /* false */
10 System.out.println(p1.equals(p2)); /* false */
11 System.out.println(p2.equals(p3)); /* false */
```

```
public class PointV1 {
    private int x;
    private int y;
    public PointV1 (int x, int y) {
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
    }
}
```



p2 p3  
x x  
y y  
PI PI  
PI null  
PI PI S p2  
inherited  
extends

Context obj  
Argument

boils down:  
p1 == s  
↳ writing the  
differently ⇒ compilation error!

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### Part C

***Object Equality -  
Version 2: Overridden equals method***

# The equals Method: Overridden Version

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

Reaching this line means no earlier return...  
 ① this != obj  
 ② obj != null

overridden version ⇒ default version no longer available

```
public class PointV2 {
    private int x;
    private int y;
    public PointV2(int x, int y) { ... }
    public 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;
    }
}
```

Exercise Convert it to a single-version.

this.getClass() == obj.getClass() extends reference comparison.

Reaching this line means that this and obj are both not null

PointV2 p1 = new PointV2(...);  
 ↳ dynamic type

✓ p1.equals(null) → F

What if p1 is also null?

Should we return T. Instead



dynamic type of p1 (p1.getClass())? ST: Object

NullPointerExc on e.g. obj.getClass() ST: PointV2

what dynamic type the context object is.

p1.equals(p2)

obj.x obj.y compilation error.

# The equals Method: Overridden Version

## Example 1

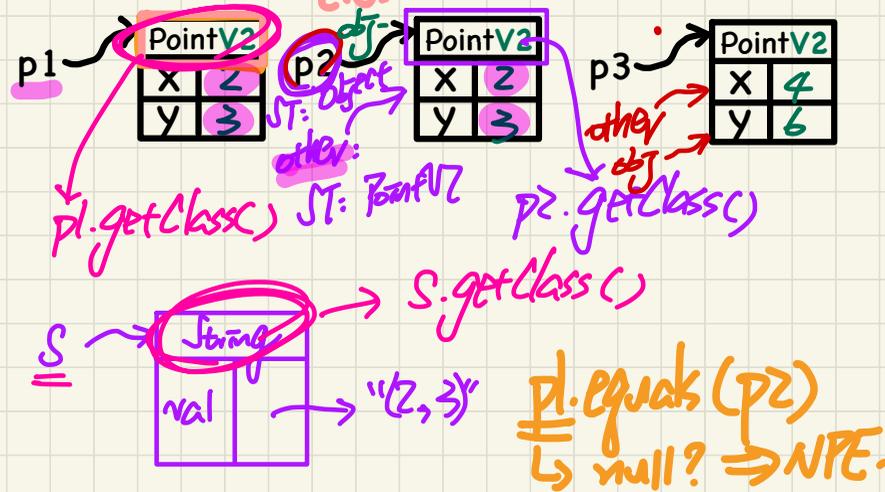
DT of C.O.   
 PointV2   
 ⇒ version of equals is called

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

extends

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

```
public class PointV2 {
    private int x;
    private int y;
    public PointV2 (int x, int y) { ... }
    public boolean equals(Object obj) {
        if (this == obj) { return true; } // reflexivity
        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;
    }
}
```



# The equals Method: To Override or Not?

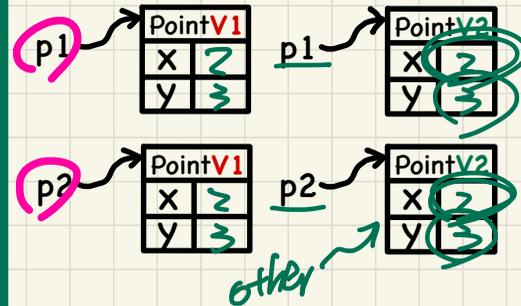
```
public class Object {
    ...
    public boolean equals(Object obj) {
        return this == obj;
    }
}
```

```
1 String s = "(2, 3)";
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3 PointV1 p2 = new PointV1(2, 3);
4 PointV1 p3 = new PointV1(4, 6);
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```

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

```
public class PointV1 {
    private int x;
    private int y;
    public PointV1(int x, int y) {
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
    }
}
```

```
public class PointV2 {
    private int x; double y;
    public 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;
    }
}
```



inherited

extends

extends

Realiz.

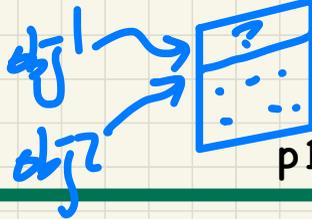
other

# The equals Method: Overridden Version

## Example 2

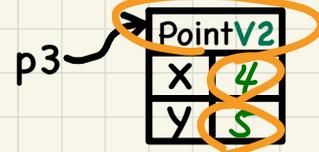
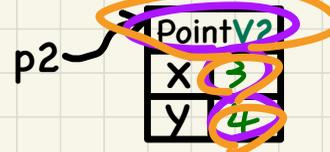
```
public class Object {  
    ...  
    public boolean equals(Object obj) {  
        return this == obj;  
    }  
}
```

extends



```
public class PointV2 {  
    private int x;  
    private int y;  
    public PointV2 (int x, int y) { ... }  
    public 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;  
    }  
}
```

```
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 */
```



(A) Two objects are **reference**-equal.

(B) Two objects are **contents**-equal.

- If (A) is true, then (B) is true.

- X If (B) is true, then (A) is true.

*not necessarily true* ⇒ p1 vs. p2.

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### Part D

***Object Equality -  
assertSame vs. assertEquals in JUnit***

# assertEquals: Reference Comparison or Not

`assertEquals(exp1, exp2)`

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

reference types

**Case 1:** If `equals` is *not* explicitly overridden in exp1's *declared* type  
 ≈ `assertSame`(exp1, exp2) `exp1 == exp2` (default *dynamic*)

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

*p1.equals(p2) ⇒ p1 == p2* (in Object class)

depending on  
 of the *dynamic*  
 type of *L.O.*  
 (exp1)  
 overrides the  
 equals method.

**Case 2:** If `equals` is explicitly overridden in exp1's *declared* type  
 ≈ `exp1.equals`(exp2) *customized version in dynamic*

```
PointV1 p1 = new PointV1(3, 4);
PointV1 p2 = new PointV1(3, 4);
PointV2 p3 = new PointV2(3, 4);
assertEquals(p1, p2); // ✗ /* ≈ p1.equals(p2) ≈ p1 == p2 */
assertEquals(p2, p3); // ✗ /* ≈ p2.equals(p3) ≈ p2 == p3 */
assertEquals(p3, p2); // ✗ /* ≈ p3.equals(p2) ≈ p3.getClass() == p2.getClass() */
```

*p2.equals(p3) ⇒ p2 == p3*

*exp1's dynamic type*

`p3.equals(p2);`  
 ↳ false. *p3* (Object)  
 ↳ `p3.getClass() == p2.getClass()`  
 == `p2` (default from object)  
 == `p3` (default from object)

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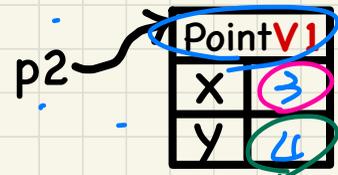
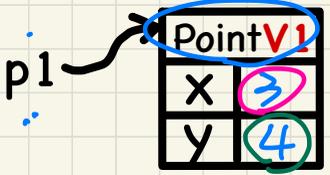
### Part E

# ***Object Equality - Asserting Reference vs. Object Equality***

# 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); ✓
    /* assertSame(p1, p2); assertSame(p2, p1); /* both fail */
    ✓ assertFalse(p1.equals(p2)); assertFalse(p2.equals(p1));
    assertTrue(p1.getX() == p2.getX() && p1.getY() == p2.getY());
}
```

$p1 == p2 \Rightarrow \text{False}$   
(default from Object)  
 $p2 == p1$   
 $\Downarrow$   
**False**



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

```
public class PointV1 {
    private int x;
    private int y;
    public PointV1(int x, int y) {
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
    }
}
```

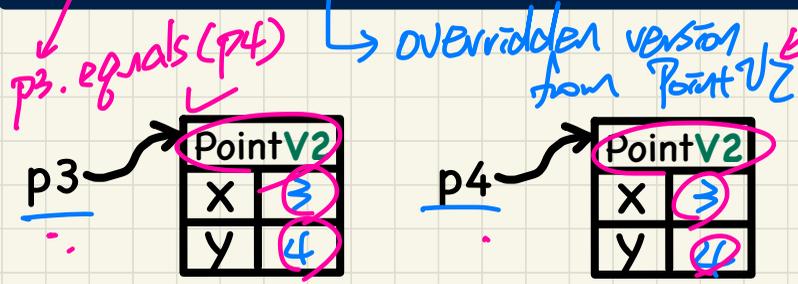


# Testing Overridden Equality of Points in JUnit

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

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

```
public class PointV2 {
    private int x;
    private int y;
    public PointV2(int x, int y) { ... }
    public 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;
    }
}
```



p4.equals(p3) extends

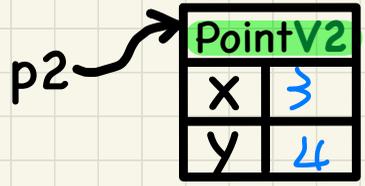
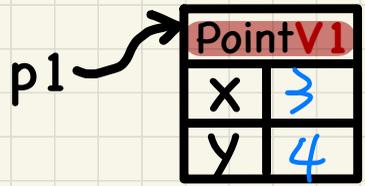
# Testing Equality of Points in JUnit: **Default** vs. **Overridden**

```

@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 */
    assertEquals(p1, p2);
    /* version of equals from PointV2 is called */
    assertEquals(p2, p1);
}
    
```

```

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



p2.getClass() != p1.getClass() ⇒ False

```

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

```

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

extends

extends



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### Part F

***Object Equality -  
Short-Circuit Effect of && and ||***

# Short-Circuit Evaluation: && *logical conjunction*

Left Operand op1	Right Operand op2	op1 && op2
true	true	true
true	false	false
false	true	false
false	false	false

**Test Inputs:**

x = 0, y = 10

x = 5, y = 10

```

System.out.println("Enter x:");
int x = input.nextInt();
System.out.println("Enter y:");
int y = input.nextInt();
if(x != 0 && y / x > 2) {
    System.out.println("y / x is greater than 2");
}
else { /* !(x != 0 && y / x > 2) == (x == 0 || y / x <= 2) */
    if(x == 0) {
        System.out.println("Error: Division by Zero");
    }
    else {
        System.out.println("y / x is not greater than 2");
    }
}
    
```

*guarding constraint. should not be zero to avoid division-by-zero error.*

*F. 0 != 0 && 10/0 > 2 bypassed*

→ op1 && op2

if op1 is known to be false, it does not matter what op2 evaluates to

∴ evaluation of op2 can be bypassed.

# Short-Circuit Evaluation: ||

logical disjunction

Left Operand op1	Right Operand op2	op1    op2
false	false	false
true	false	true
false	true	true
true	true	true

**Test Inputs:**

x = 0, y = 10

x = 5, y = 10

```

System.out.println("Enter x:");
int x = input.nextInt();
System.out.println("Enter y:");
int y = input.nextInt();
if(x == 0 || y / x > 2) {
    if(x == 0) {
        System.out.println("Error: Division by Zero");
    }
    else {
        System.out.println("y / x is greater than 2");
    }
}
else { /* !(x == 0 || y / x > 2) == (x != 0 && y / x <= 2) */
    System.out.println("y / x is not greater than 2");
}
    
```

Annotations in code:

- Handwritten '0' and '5' above 'x' in the input lines.
- Handwritten '10' above 'y' in the input line.
- Handwritten 'T' above the expression `0 == 0 || 10 / 0 > 2`.
- Handwritten 'F' above the expression `5 == 0 || 10 / 5 > 2`.
- Handwritten 'Evaluation bypassed' with an arrow pointing to the `||` operator in the first `if` statement.
- Handwritten 'Evaluation bypassed' with an arrow pointing to the `||` operator in the `else` block.
- Handwritten 'Guarding constraint' with an arrow pointing to the `if(x == 0)` block.

op1 || op2

if op1 is known to be true, it does not matter what op2 is

∴ op2's evaluation bypassed

# Short-Circuit Evaluation: Common Errors

order of G.C.   
  $\rightarrow$  critical

op1 && op2 ] evaluation at runtime  
op1 || op2 ] is from left to right

**Test Inputs:**  
x = 0, y = 10

Short-Circuit Evaluation is not exploited: crash when  $x == 0$

```
if (y / x > 2 && x != 0) {  
    /* do something */  
}  
else {  
    /* print error */  
}
```

$\rightarrow$   $10/0 > 2$  &&  $0 \neq 0$  G.C. useless  
 $\downarrow$  division by zero error

Short-Circuit Evaluation is not exploited: crash when  $x == 0$

```
if (y / x <= 2 || x == 0) {  
    /* print error */  
}  
else {  
    /* do something */  
}
```

$\rightarrow$   $10/0 \leq 2$  ||  $0 == 0$  G.C. useless  
 $\downarrow$  division by zero error

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### Part G

#### ***Object Equality - Exercises on the equals method***

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

```
1 public class Person {
2     private String firstName; private String lastName;
3     private double weight; private double height;
4     public boolean equals(Object obj) {
5         if (this == obj) return true;
6         if (obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) { return false; }
7         Person other = (Person) obj;
8         return
9             this.weight == other.weight
10            && this.height == other.height
11            && this.firstName.equals(other.firstName)
12            && this.lastName.equals(other.lastName);
13     }
14 }
```

may run into NPE if obj is null

guarding constrain

evaluation bypassed

overall result is TRUE

C.O. ↓ Dynamic type is String.

pl.equals(null);

Exercise:

Why is this equivalent the previous version with two if-statements?

**Q1:** At Line 6, will there be a **NullPointerException** if obj == null?

**Q2:** At Line 6, what if we change it to:

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

short-circuit effect

evaluating this first, if obj is null, will result in NPE.

Evaluation at runtime is from L to R. → g.c. not useful

**Q3:** At Lines 11 & 12 which version of the **equals** method is called?

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

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

v3

Q: At Line 9 of PersonCollector's equals method which version of the equals method is called?

v2

v1: equals from Object class

```
1 public boolean equals(Object obj) {  
2     if(this == obj) { return true; }  
3     if(obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) { return false; }  
4     PersonCollector other = (PersonCollector) obj;  
5     boolean equal = false;  
6     if(this.nop == other.nop) {  
7         equal = true;  
8         for(int i = 0; equal && i < this.nop; i++) {  
9             equal = this.persons[i].equals(other.persons[i]);  
10        }  
11    }  
12    return equal;  
13 }
```

D.T. Person.

Context object:  
dynamic type?  
Person

```
1 public class Person {  
2     private String firstName; private String lastName;  
3     private double weight; private double height;  
4     public boolean equals(Object obj) {  
5         if(this == obj) { return true; }  
6         if(obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) { return false; }  
7         Person other = (Person) obj;  
8         return  
9             this.weight == other.weight  
10            && this.height == other.height  
11            && this.firstName.equals(other.firstName)  
12            && this.lastName.equals(other.lastName);  
13    }  
14 }
```

v2

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### Part H

# ***Object Equality - Equality of Array-Typed Attribute***

# 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));
}
    
```

*EXERCISE*  
 How are these two assertions passed differently?



*p1.get class()*

*Recall: Being Reference equal implies content equal.*

```

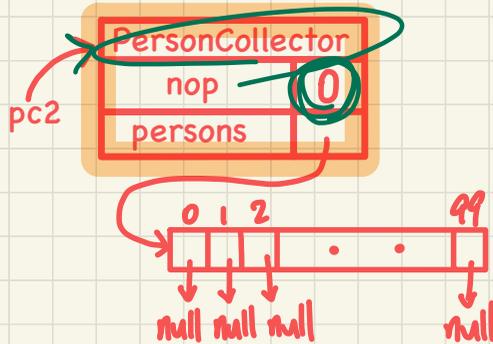
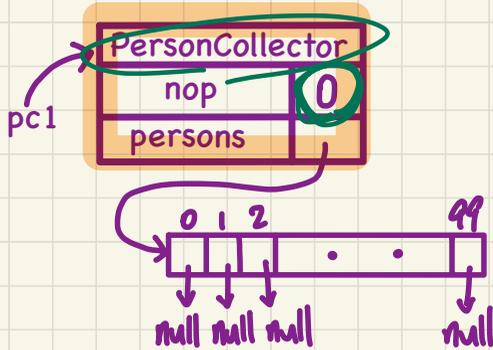
public class Person {
    private String firstName; private String lastName;
    private double weight; private double height;
    public boolean equals(Object obj) {
        if (this == obj) return true;
        if (obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) return false;
        Person other = (Person) obj;
        return
            this.weight == other.weight
            && this.height == other.height
            && this.firstName.equals(other.firstName)
            && this.lastName.equals(other.lastName);
    }
}
    
```

*String*

# Testing Equality of Person/PersonCollector in JUnit (2)

(continued from `testPersonCollector`)

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



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

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

```
public boolean equals(Object obj) {
    if (this == obj) {return true; }
    if (obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) {return false; }
    PersonCollector other = (PersonCollector) obj;
    boolean equal = false;
    if (this.nop == other.nop) {
        equal = true;
        for (int i = 0; equal && i < this.nop; i++) {
            X equal = this.persons[i].equals(other.persons[i]);
        }
    }
    return equal;
}
```

*Handwritten annotations:*

- $0 < 0 \Rightarrow \text{F}$  (False)
- $\text{not entering the loop.}$
- $\text{T} \rightarrow \text{empty PCs are equal.}$



# Testing Equality of Person/PersonCollector in JUnit (4)

(continued from [testPersonCollector](#))

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

PersonColl. Person.

```
public boolean equals(Object obj) {
    if(this == obj) { return true; }
    if(obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) { return false; }
    Person other = (Person) obj;
    return
        this.weight == other.weight
        && this.height == other.height
        && this.firstName.equals(other.firstName)
        && this.lastName.equals(other.lastName);
}
```

**Person**

```
public boolean equals(Object obj) {
    if(this == obj) { return true; }
    if(obj == null || this.getClass() != obj.getClass()) { return false; }
    PersonCollector other = (PersonCollector) obj;
    boolean equal = false;
    if(this.nop == other.nop) {
        equal = true;
        for(int i = 0; equal && i < this.nop; i++) {
            equal = this.persons[i].equals(other.persons[i]);
        }
    }
    return equal;
}
```

**PersonCollector**

Handwritten notes:  $\bar{1}$  equal,  $\bar{0}$  T,  $\bar{2}$  F.

Person
fn "A"
ln "a"
w 175
h 1.75

Person
fn "A"
ln "a"
w 180
h 1.8

p1

Person
fn "A"
ln "a"
w 180
h 1.8

p3

Person
fn "B"
ln "b"
w 200
h 2.1

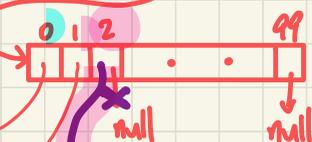
p2

PersonCollector
nop
persons

pc1

PersonCollector
nop
persons

pc2



Person
fn "A"
ln "a"
w 165
h 1.55