
Lab 13 – Method Overloading; One-Dimensional Arrays

Part 1: Group Brainstorm (NO computers during this time)

Good programmers think before they begin coding. Part I of this assignment involves brainstorming with a group of peers with absolutely no computers to talk about a strategy for solving this week's lab. Breakup into groups based on your seating (3-4 people per group) and brainstorm about how to solve the problem in Part 2 below. Make sure everyone understands the problem and sketch out potential ways to move toward a solution. Write up a detailed description of your approach in English / pseudocode (English that is structured like a program). This should be 1-2 paragraphs in length (enough to convince the grader that you have a plan for moving toward a solution). You may find it helpful to look over the required readings for this week. Make sure to get the last names of those you have worked with – you will need to provide it in your write-up for Part 2.

Include in your write-up which course topics you think will be useful for the lab and a detailed plan for completing the exercise & answer the following questions:

- Discuss how you will implement the new methods (on pg. 3 of this document).

Part 2: Submit Individual Brainstorm (You can now use a computer)

Login to eLC and submit a version of your group's brainstorm, **written in your own words** under the Assignment Dropbox titled "Lab 13 Brainstorm". *Note this is different than the Lab 13 Dropbox where you will submit your .java file for this assignment. Feel free to add any additional information that was not specified to your write-up. We prefer that you submit the brainstorm before the end of the first lab period for the week. However, you can submit until **Tuesday night at 9PM**.

Note: Brainstorms that are submitted without a student attending the lab will not be graded unless the student provides a documented excuse to the graduate TA.

Introduction

This lab focuses on method overloading and also gives you further practice working with some subtleties of one-dimensional arrays. In it, you will modify the **Stat** class created in Lab 12, expanding its functionality. If you recall, that class stored an array of **double** values and computed the minimum, maximum, mode, and average of these values. There were also methods for getting and setting the array of values. In particular, there was a method called **setData** which used a **double** array as its single parameter, and it copied the values from that array to the underlying data array of the **Stat** object.

In this lab, you will overload the **setData** method (and the class constructors as well), creating versions that use arrays of **int**, **long**, and **float** values as parameters and handles **null** parameters properly (i.e. runtime errors should not occur when a parameter is **null**). A **double** array will still be used internally by the **Stat** class to store the values. You will also define an additional set of methods, all called **append**, to add new values to the underlying data array.

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Important note about this lab

If you completed the previous **Stat** lab, then you may reuse your own source code from that lab for this lab. However, if you did **NOT** complete the previous **Stat** lab, then you will need to do additional work to complete all of the methods in this lab. Source code from the previous **Stat** lab will **NOT** be provided, and you are **NOT** permitted to ask other students for any code associated with this lab or the previous **Stat** lab.

It is important to note that the automatic type conversion of primitive data types that can occur during method calls does not apply to arrays of primitive data types. And so, while it is perfectly possible to define a method having formal parameters that are **double** values and then invoke that method using **int** values, it is not possible to automatically convert, for instance, an **int** array to a **double** array. Automatic type conversion can be performed on individual elements of arrays but not on the arrays themselves.

In the lab, you will also modify the code of the **Stat** class to allow a data array of 0 elements. It is perfectly possible to create an array of length 0 in Java, and having a variable hold a reference to an array of length 0 is in many ways preferable to simply assigning **null** to the variable (it avoids so-called null pointer exceptions, for instance).

Using zero-length arrays requires altering the methods of the **Stat** class that were defined in Lab 12. E.g., an empty array has no minimum or maximum value, and so we modify the methods **min** and **max** to return **Double.NaN** (which represents “Not a Number”) in those cases. Other adjustments in the same vein are needed throughout the modified program.

The class will also be modified in this lab to handle methods invoked with **null** as a parameter. Specifically, you will need to modify several of the methods to check that the value passed to them is not **null**. In part, this is done to ensure that calculations are never performed on null values (this makes your program more robust).

As part of the lab, you will also implement methods to compute the variance and standard deviation of the stored data values.

It is important to note that if done somewhat naively, your finished program might contain a significant amount of redundant code. Such redundancy should in general be avoided, as it is ultimately more difficult to maintain, and it increases the chances of an error occurring in your program. Because of this, you should attempt to identify tasks in your program that need to be performed often and then defining a method to perform that task. Once done, other methods can be implemented to make use of it.

Lab Objectives

By the end of the lab, you should be able to create classes utilizing: constructors; access modifiers; instance variables; void methods and methods which return values; accessor and mutator methods (getters and setters) methods; methods calling other methods; method overloading.

You should have also gained further experience working with one-dimensional arrays (including empty arrays) of various data types.

Prerequisites

The lab deals with material from Chapter 5, 6, and 7.

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What to Submit

The modified **Stat.java** file should be submitted to eLC for grading (you should keep a copy of the original).

Instructions

Use the UML diagram and method descriptions below to create your modified **Stat** class. In the diagram, methods not defined in Lab 12 are shown in red. Observe that in many cases, previously existing methods require alteration.

Stat
- data: double[]
1. + Stat() 2. + Stat(double[] d) 3. + Stat(float[] f) 4. + Stat(int[] i) 5. + Stat(long[] lo) 6. + setData(float[] f): void 7. + setData(double[] d): void 8. + setData(int[] i): void 9. + setData(long[] lo): void 10. + getData(): double[] 11. + equals(Stat s): boolean 12. + reset(): void 13. + append(int[] i): void 14. + append(float[] f): void 15. + append(long[] lo): void 16. + append(double[] d): void 17. + isEmpty(): boolean 18. + toString(): String 19. + min(): double 20. + max(): double 21. + average(): double 22. + mode(): double 23. - occursNumberOfTimes(double value): int 24. + variance(): double 25. + standardDeviation: double

Method Descriptions:

- (1) **Stat()** — The default constructor for **Stat**. It should create a **double** array having length 0.
- (2,3,4,5) **Stat(double[] d)**, **Stat(int[] i)**, **Stat(long[] lo)**, **Stat(float[] f)** — Constructs a **Stat** object using the values held in the parameter array. Invoking the constructor should create a **double** array of the same length as the parameter array and holding copies of its values. A reference to this new array should be assigned to **data**. Note that if the parameter is **null**, then an empty array should instead be assigned to **data**.

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- **(6,7,8,9) setData(double[] d), setData(int[] i), setData(long[] lo), setData(float[] f)** — As in Lab 12, these methods are used to set the values of the **data** array. Here, if the array used as parameter is not **null**, then each of these methods should create a new **double** array containing exactly the elements of the parameter array. A reference to this new array is assigned to **data**. If the parameter is **null**, however, then an empty array should instead be assigned to **data**.
- **(10) getData()**—This method is left unchanged from Lab 12. It should create a new array containing exactly the values contained in **data** and return a reference to this new array. This should happen even if **data** is an empty array (has length 0).
- **(11) equals(Stat s)** — Unchanged from Lab 12. The method returns **true** if the **data** arrays of both objects, the calling **Stat** object and the passed **Stat** object **s**, have the same values (and in the same order). Otherwise, it returns **false**. If the parameter **s** is null, the method returns **false**.
- **(12) reset()**: This clears the data array. A new empty **double** array is created and assigned to **data**.
- **(13,14,15,16) append(double[] d), append(int[] i), append(long[] lo), append(float[] f)** —These methods should create a new double array containing exactly those elements of **data** followed by those of the array passed as parameter. A reference to this array should be assigned to **data**. If the parameter is **null**, then the method should do nothing (no new array created).
- **(17) isEmpty()**— returns the **boolean** value **true** if the **data** object is empty (has length 0). Otherwise, it returns **false**.
- **(18) toString()**—As in Lab 12, this method returns a **String** representation of the data elements, if any, stored in the **Stat** object. See the examples below for the correct format.
- **(19) min()**—Returns the minimum of the **data** array. If the array is empty, then it should return **Double.NaN**.
- **(20) max()**—Returns the maximum of the **data** array. If the array is empty, then it should return **Double.NaN**.
- **(21) average()**—Returns the average or mean of the values in the **data** array. If **data** is an empty array, then the method should return **Double.NaN**.
- **(22) mode()**— The mode is the value that occurs most frequently in a collection of values. In the **Stat** class, if one value occurs more frequently in **data** than all others, then **mode()** should return this value. If there is no such unique value, or if the data array is empty, **mode()** should return **Double.NaN**.
- **(23) occursNumberOfTimes(double value)** — Returns the number of times the **value** occurs in the **data** array. This is a private helper method for the **mode()** method, and its implementation is optional, but excellent practice decomposing the **mode()** method.
- **(24) variance()**— Returns the variance of the data in the **data** array. To compute this, find the difference between the value of each element of the data array and the mean, square this distance, and then sum these squared values. The variance is this sum divided by the number of elements in **data**.
Note that if the **data** array is empty, then **Double.NaN** should be returned.
- **(25) standardDeviation()**: Returns the square root of the variance. If the **data** array is empty, then **Double.NaN** should be returned.

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eLC Submission and Grading

After you have completed and thoroughly tested your program, upload **Stat.java** to **eLC**. Always double check that your submission was successful on **eLC**!

The lab will be graded according to the following guidelines.

- A score between 0 and 100 will be assigned.
- If the source file(s) are not submitted before the specified deadline's late period ends (48 hours after the deadline), or if they do not compile.
- The program will be evaluated using a separate testing file. Multiple instances of the **Stat** class will be created and their methods invoked.

Examples

Example 1

Example main method:

```
double[] data1 = {};  
Stat stat1 = new Stat(data1);  
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());  
System.out.println("stat1 min = " + stat1.min());  
System.out.println("stat1 max = " + stat1.max());  
System.out.println("stat1 average = " + stat1.average());  
System.out.println("stat1 mode = " + stat1.mode());  
System.out.println("stat1 variance = " + stat1.variance());  
System.out.println("stat1 standard deviation = " + stat1.standardDeviation());  
System.out.println("stat1 is empty = " + stat1.isEmpty() + "\n");
```

Example output:

```
stat1 data = []  
stat1 min = NaN  
stat1 max = NaN  
stat1 average = NaN  
stat1 mode = NaN  
stat1 variance = NaN  
stat1 standard deviation = NaN  
stat1 is empty = true
```

Example 2

Example main method:

```
double[] data1 = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 };  
Stat stat1 = new Stat(data1);  
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());  
System.out.println("stat1 min = " + stat1.min());
```

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```

System.out.println("stat1 max = " + stat1.max());
System.out.println("stat1 average = " + stat1.average());
System.out.println("stat1 mode = " + stat1.mode());
System.out.println("stat1 variance = " + stat1.variance());
System.out.println("stat1 standard deviation = " + stat1.standardDeviation());
System.out.println("stat1 is empty = " + stat1.isEmpty() + "\n");

stat1.reset();
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
System.out.println("stat1 min = " + stat1.min());
System.out.println("stat1 max = " + stat1.max());
System.out.println("stat1 average = " + stat1.average());
System.out.println("stat1 mode = " + stat1.mode());
System.out.println("stat1 variance = " + stat1.variance());
System.out.println("stat1 standard deviation = " + stat1.standardDeviation());
System.out.println("stat1 is empty = " + stat1.isEmpty() + "\n");

```

Example output:

```

stat1 data = [1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0]
stat1 min = 1.0
stat1 max = 9.0
stat1 average = 5.0
stat1 mode = NaN
stat1 variance = 6.666666666666667
stat1 standard deviation = 2.581988897471611
stat1 is empty = false

```

```

stat1 data = []
stat1 min = NaN
stat1 max = NaN
stat1 average = NaN
stat1 mode = NaN
stat1 variance = NaN
stat1 standard deviation = NaN
stat1 is empty = true

```

Example 3*Example main method:*

```

float[] data1 = {10.0F, 10.0F};
Stat stat1 = new Stat(data1);
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
System.out.println("stat1 min = " + stat1.min());
System.out.println("stat1 max = " + stat1.max());
System.out.println("stat1 average = " + stat1.average());
System.out.println("stat1 mode = " + stat1.mode());
System.out.println("stat1 variance = " + stat1.variance());
System.out.println("stat1 standard deviation = " + stat1.standardDeviation() + "\n");

long[] data2 = {80L, 60L};

```

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```
stat1.append(data2);

System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
System.out.println("stat1 min = " + stat1.min());
System.out.println("stat1 max = " + stat1.max());
System.out.println("stat1 average = " + stat1.average());
System.out.println("stat1 mode = " + stat1.mode());
System.out.println("stat1 variance = " + stat1.variance());
System.out.println("stat1 standard deviation = " + stat1.standardDeviation() + "\n");
```

Example output:

```
stat1 data = [10.0, 10.0]
stat1 min = 10.0
stat1 max = 10.0
stat1 average = 10.0
stat1 mode = 10.0
stat1 variance = 0.0
stat1 standard deviation = 0.0

stat1 data = [10.0, 10.0, 80.0, 60.0]
stat1 min = 10.0
stat1 max = 80.0
stat1 average = 40.0
stat1 mode = 10.0
stat1 variance = 950.0
stat1 standard deviation = 30.822070014844883
```

Example 4

Example main method:

```
double[] data = {-5.3, 2.5, 88.9, 0, 0.0, 28, 16.5, 88.9, 109.5, -90, 88.9};
Stat stat1 = new Stat();

System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());

stat1.append(data);

System.out.println("stat1 has been altered.");

System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
System.out.println("stat1 min = " + stat1.min());
System.out.println("stat1 max = " + stat1.max());
System.out.println("stat1 average = " + stat1.average());
System.out.println("stat1 mode = " + stat1.mode());
System.out.println("stat1 variance = " + stat1.variance());
System.out.println("stat1 standard deviation = " + stat1.standardDeviation() + "\n");
```

Example output:

```
stat1 data = []
stat1 has been altered.
```

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```
stat1 data = [-5.3, 2.5, 88.9, 0.0, 0.0, 28.0, 16.5, 88.9, 109.5, -90.0, 88.9]
stat1 min = -90.0
stat1 max = 109.5
stat1 average = 29.80909090909091
stat1 mode = 88.9
stat1 variance = 3192.369917355372
stat1 standard deviation = 56.50106120556827
```

Example 5

Example main method:

```
double[] data1 = {50.0, 60.0};
float[] data2 = {70.0F, 80.0F};
int[] data3 = {90, 100};
long[] data4 = {100L, 110L};

Stat stat1 = new Stat();
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
stat1.setData(data1);
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
stat1.setData(data2);
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
stat1.setData(data3);
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
stat1.setData(data4);
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
data1 = null;
stat1.setData(data1);
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
```

Example output:

```
stat1 data = []
stat1 data = [50.0, 60.0]
stat1 data = [70.0, 80.0]
stat1 data = [90.0, 100.0]
stat1 data = [100.0, 110.0]
stat1 data = []
```

Example 6

Example main method:

```
double[] data1 = {50.0, 60.0};
float[] data2 = {70.0F, 80.0F};
int[] data3 = {90, 100};
long[] data4 = {100L, 110L};
Stat stat1 = new Stat();
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
stat1.append(data1);
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
stat1.append(data2);
```

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System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
stat1.append(data3);
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
stat1.append(data4);
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
data1 = null;
stat1.append(data1);

System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
System.out.println("stat1 min = " + stat1.min());
System.out.println("stat1 max = " + stat1.max());
System.out.println("stat1 average = " + stat1.average());
System.out.println("stat1 mode = " + stat1.mode());
System.out.println("stat1 variance = " + stat1.variance());
System.out.println("stat1 standard deviation = " + stat1.standardDeviation() + "\n");

```

Example output:

```

stat1 data = []
stat1 data = [50.0, 60.0]
stat1 data = [50.0, 60.0, 70.0, 80.0]
stat1 data = [50.0, 60.0, 70.0, 80.0, 90.0, 100.0]
stat1 data = [50.0, 60.0, 70.0, 80.0, 90.0, 100.0, 100.0, 110.0]
stat1 data = [50.0, 60.0, 70.0, 80.0, 90.0, 100.0, 100.0, 110.0]
stat1 min = 50.0
stat1 max = 110.0
stat1 average = 82.5
stat1 mode = 100.0
stat1 variance = 393.75
stat1 standard deviation = 19.84313483298443

```

Example 7Example main method:

```

double[] data1 = {10,10};
int[] data2 = {10,10};
Stat stat1 = new Stat(data1);
Stat stat2 = new Stat(data2);
Stat stat3 = new Stat();
Stat stat4 = null;
System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
System.out.println("stat2 data = " + stat2.toString());
System.out.println("stat2 data = " + stat2.toString());
System.out.println("stat1 equals stat2 = " + stat1.equals(stat2));
System.out.println("stat1 equals stat3 = " + stat1.equals(stat3));
System.out.println("stat1 equals stat4 = " + stat1.equals(stat4));

```

Example output:

```

stat1 data = [10.0, 10.0]
stat2 data = [10.0, 10.0]
stat2 data = [10.0, 10.0]

```

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```
stat1 equals stat2 = true
stat1 equals stat3 = false
stat1 equals stat4 = false
```

Example 8

Example main method:

```
double[] data1 = {};
double[] data2 = { 25 };
float[] data3 = {};
float[] data4 = { 25 };
int[] data5 = {};
int[] data6 = { 50 };
long[] data7 = {};
long[] data8 = { 12 };

Stat stat1 = new Stat();
stat1.append(data1);
stat1.append(data2);
stat1.append(data3);
stat1.append(data4);
stat1.append(data5);
stat1.append(data6);
stat1.append(data7);
stat1.append(data8);
data1 = null;
stat1.append(data1);

System.out.println("stat1 data = " + stat1.toString());
System.out.println("stat1 min = " + stat1.min());
System.out.println("stat1 max = " + stat1.max());
System.out.println("stat1 average = " + stat1.average());
System.out.println("stat1 mode = " + stat1.mode());
System.out.println("stat1 variance = " + stat1.variance());
System.out.println("stat1 standard deviation = " + stat1.standardDeviation() + "\n");
```

Example output:

```
stat1 data = [25.0, 25.0, 50.0, 12.0]
stat1 min = 12.0
stat1 max = 50.0
stat1 average = 28.0
stat1 mode = 25.0
stat1 variance = 189.5
stat1 standard deviation = 13.765899897936205
```