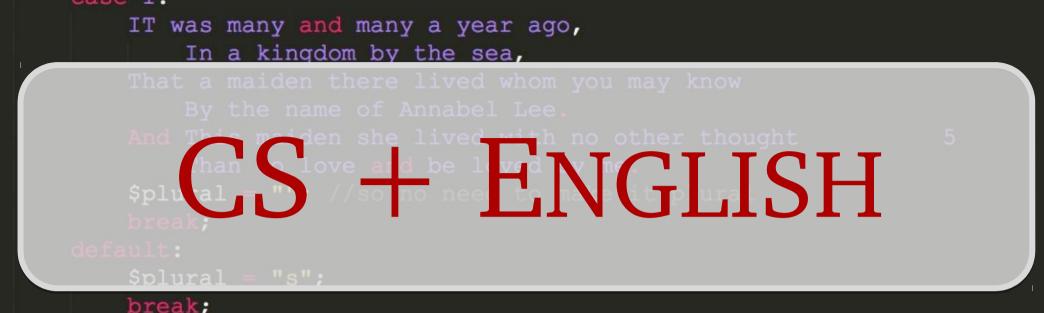
## Parameters and Objects



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### Announcements

- Assignment 3 due at 3:15PM today.
  - Due on Wednesday at 3:15PM with one late period and Friday at 3:15 with two.

## Assignment 4 Demo

### **Breakout!**

• Due next Monday, February 9.

#### Start Early!

- There is a nice breakdown of the required tasks suggested in the handout.
- This program is not as hard to write as it may seem.

#### Have Fun!

- There are a *lot* of fun extensions you can add onto the basic functionality.
- We love giving extra credit on this one. ^\_^

## Midterm Logistics

- First midterm is **Tuesday**, **February 10** from 7PM 10PM.
  - Room assignments TBA.
- Closed-book, closed-computer, limited notes.
  - You can have a double-sided  $8.5" \times 11"$  sheet of notes with you.
  - We'll provide a reference of the important methods we've seen so far.
- Covers material up through and including Wednesday's lecture on string processing.

### Practice Exam

- We will be holding a practice midterm this Wednesday evening from 7PM – 10PM in Cemex Auditorium.
- Completely optional, but an excellent way to review the material and get practice writing code on paper.
- Can't make it? We'll post the exam and solutions up on the course website about 15 minutes after the practice exam starts.

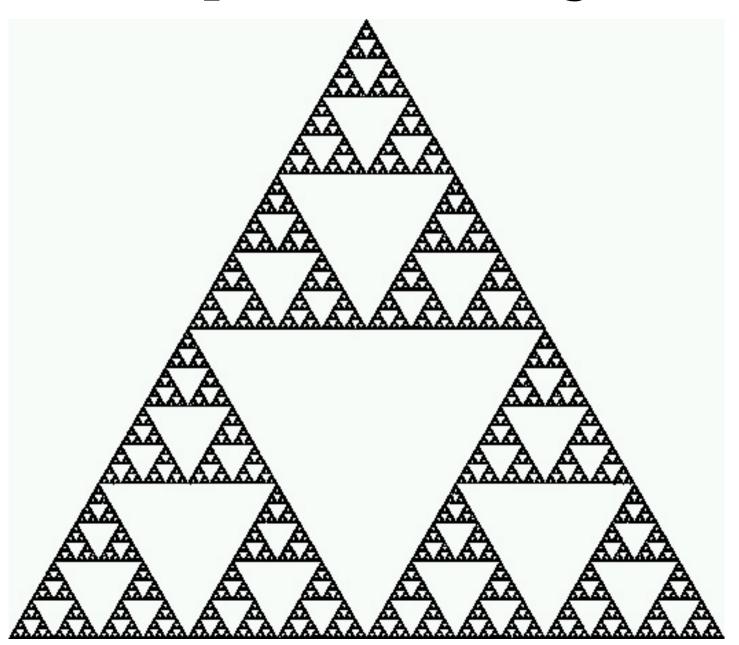
Let's Get Started!

The Chaos Game

### The Chaos Game

- Pick any three points.
- Starting at any of the points:
  - Choose one of the three points randomly.
  - Move halfway from your current location to the chosen point.
  - Draw a dot at your current location.
  - Repeat.

## Sierpinski Triangle



```
double x = 0;
double y = 0;
while (true) {
     moveRandomly(x, y);
plotPixel(x, y);
                X
```

```
GPoint dest = getRandomPoint();
x = (x + dest.getX()) / 2.0;
y = (y + dest.getY()) / 2.0;
            X
```

```
GPoint dest = getRandomPoint();
x = (x + dest.getX()) / 2.0;
y = (y + dest.getY()) / 2.0;
            X
           137
```

```
double x = 0;
double y = 0;
while (true) {
     moveRandomly(x, y);
plotPixel(x, y);
                X
```

```
GPoint pt = new GPoint(0, 0);
while (true) {
    moveRandomly(pt);
    plotPixel(pt.getX(), pt.getY());
                           pt
```

```
GPoint dest = chooseRandomPoint();
double newX = (pt.getX() + dest.getX()) / 2.0;
double newY = (pt.getY() + dest.getY()) / 2.0;
pt.setLocation(newX, newY);
                            pt
```

```
GPoint dest = chooseRandomPoint();
double newX = (pt.getX() + dest.getX()) / 2.0;
double newY = (pt.getY() + dest.getY()) / 2.0;
pt.setLocation(newX, newY);
                            pt
                                  (137, 42)
```

```
GPoint pt = new GPoint(0, 0);
while (true) {
    moveRandomly(pt);
    plotPixel(pt.getX(), pt.getY());
                           pt
```

(137, 42)

### Parameter Passing

- All parameters in Java are passed by value.
- In Java, variables of primitive type (int, double, etc.) store actual values.
- In Java, variables of *object* type (GOval, GRect, etc.) don't actually store those objects. They store *references* to those objects.
  - They "point" to where the object really is.

### **Another Variation**

```
GPoint pt = new GPoint(0, 0);
while (true) {
    moveRandomly(pt);
    plotPixel(pt);
                                                  pt
```

```
GPoint dest = chooseRandomPoint();
double newX = (pt.getX() + dest.getX()) / 2.0;
double newY = (pt.getY() + dest.getY()) / 2.0);
GPoint result = new GPoint(newX, newY);
pt = result;
                                    pt
```

```
GPoint dest = chooseRandomPoint();
double newX = (pt.getX() + dest.getX()) / 2.0;
double newY = (pt.getY() + dest.getY()) / 2.0);
GPoint result = new GPoint(newX, newY);
pt = result;
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GPoint dest = chooseRandomPoint();
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double newY = (pt.getY() + dest.getY()) / 2.0);
GPoint result = new GPoint(newX, newY);
pt = result;
      result
                                   pt
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```

```
GPoint pt = new GPoint(0, 0);
while (true) {
    moveRandomly(pt);
    plotPixel(pt);
                                                  pt
```

### A Nuance

- If you pass an object into a method, that method can change properties of the object passed in.
  - The caller can then see these changes.
- If you pass an object into a method, that method cannot change which object is being referred to.
  - The caller will always end up referring to the same object, though the properties of that object might have changed.

## One Final Approach...

```
GPoint pt = new GPoint(0, 0);
while (true) {
    pt = moveRandomly(pt);
    plotPixel(pt);
                                                  pt
```

```
GPoint dest = chooseRandomPoint();
double newX = (pt.getX() + dest.getX()) / 2.0;
double newY = (pt.getY() + dest.getY()) / 2.0);
GPoint result = new GPoint(newX, newY);
return result;
                                    pt
```

```
GPoint dest = chooseRandomPoint();
double newX = (pt.getX() + dest.getX()) / 2.0;
double newY = (pt.getY() + dest.getY()) / 2.0);
GPoint result = new GPoint(newX, newY);
return result;
      result
                                   pt
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```

```
GPoint pt = new GPoint(0, 0);
while (true) {
   pt = moveRandomly(pt);
   plotPixel(pt);
                return value
                                               pt
    (137, 42)
```

```
GPoint pt = new GPoint(0, 0);
while (true) {
    pt = moveRandomly(pt);
   plotPixel(pt);
                                                pt
    (137, 42)
```

```
GPoint pt = new GPoint(0, 0);
while (true) {
    pt = moveRandomly(pt);
   plotPixel(pt);
                                                pt
    (137, 42)
```

## Summary

- Primitive types are passed by value.
  - The callee gets a *copy* of the value.
  - The callee can change that *copy*, but cannot change the original.
- Object references are passed by value.
  - The callee gets a copy of the *reference*, not a copy of the *object*.
  - The callee can change the object, but cannot change *which* object is referred to.

Text Processing

### "How Revolutionary Tools Cracked a 1700s Code"

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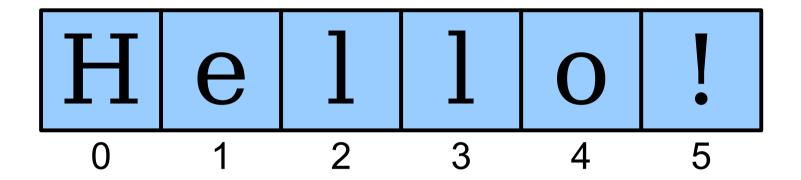
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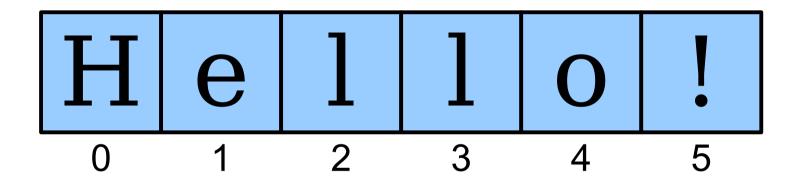


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# Hello!





string.charAt(index)

## The Data Type char

- The primitive type **char** represents a single character or glyph.
- Some examples:

```
char letterA = 'A';
char plus = '+'
char zero = '0';
char space = ' ';
char newLine = '\n'; // An escape sequence
```