

## Review of Arrays and the Need for ArrayList

### Review of Arrays

1. Consider the array labeled `arr` that is defined by the following statement.

```
double arr[] = { 1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5 };
```

- a) Write the expression that gives the number of elements contained in the of the array.
- b) What does the expression `arr[1 + 3]` evaluate to?
- c) What does the expression `arr[1] + arr[3]` evaluate to?


2. Consider the array labeled `arr` that is defined by the following statement.

```
int arr[] = new int[5];
```

- a) What does the expression `arr[1 + 3]` evaluate to?
- b) What is the result of the statement: `System.out.println( arr[5] );` ?

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3. Consider the following code that performs a linear search algorithm to find the first occurrence of the `String` parameter `value` in the parameter `arr`, which is an array of `String`.

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1 public static int linearSearch(String[] arr, String value) {
2     for(int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
3         if(arr[i].equals(value)) {
4             return i;
5         }
6     }
7     return -1;
8 }
```

- a) Rewrite line 2 such that the algorithm will find the last occurrence of the `String` parameter `value` in the array parameter `arr`. Do not change any other line other than line 2.

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- b) In line 3, the `String` method `equals` is used to check if each `String` in array `arr` is equivalent to the `String` provided in the parameter `value`. Explain why this method is used rather than the equals operator (`==`).

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7. Arrays in Java have a fixed size, which means once you create an array, you cannot change its length.

If you wish to add a new element to an existing array, you will need to create a totally new array that is larger than the original, copy the contents of the old array to the new array, and add the new element to the appropriate position in the new array. This requires extra code and execution time.

Similarly if you wish to remove an element from an existing array, you need to again create a whole new array that is one smaller than the original array, and write code that will copy all the elements, except the element that is to be deleted, into the new array – again requiring extra code and execution time.

Arrays are efficient and useful for relatively static data – when elements are not often added nor removed from the array. However, frequently we have a data set that requires frequent addition and removal of elements. In Java, one simple solution is the `ArrayList` class.

The `ArrayList` class implements a dynamic array with code similar to what you've written above, but more clever and more optimized. It provides methods to insert, delete, and retrieve values from an ordered list of elements.

Answer the following in complete sentences.

- a) In Java, if one wishes to add a new element to an existing array, what three steps must be done?

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- b) In Java, if one wishes to remove an element to an existing array, what steps must be done?

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- c) Give some examples of the types of methods that is provided by the `ArrayList` class for manipulating an `ArrayList` objects. (List at least three functions the methods provide).

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