PAT 204/504 (Fall 2025)

Creative Coding

Lecture 7: Lists & Data I/O

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Lists

Lists

- Similar to arrays, lists hold several items of the same data type
- However, lists are built to have a **dynamic size**
- The simplest ones are `IntList` and `FloatList`

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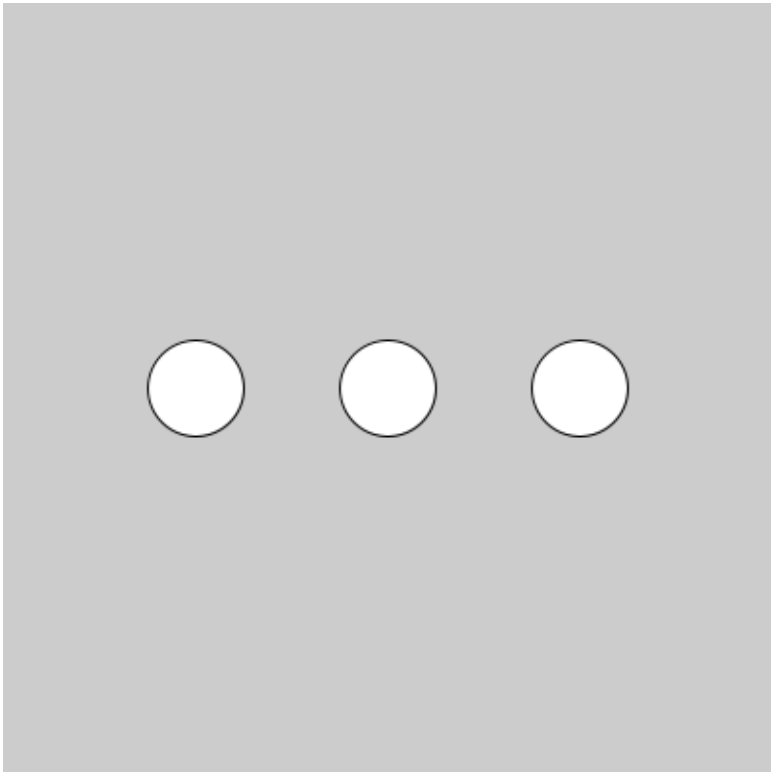

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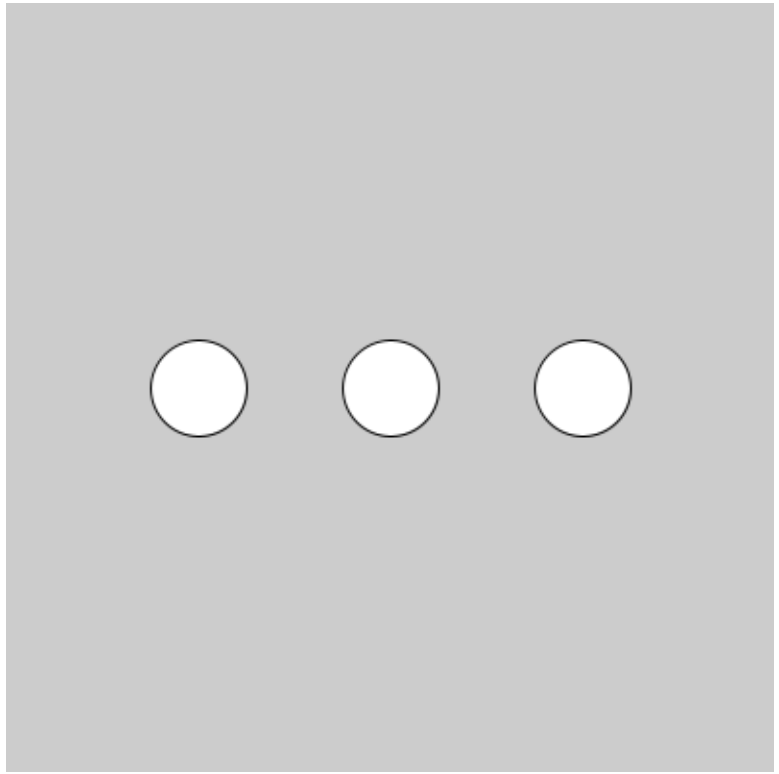
For-each loop



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List Methods

- `size()` Return the size of the list
- `get()` Return the value at the specified index
- `append()` Append an item to the end of the list
- `insert()` Insert an item to the specific index
- `set()` Set the value at the specified index
- `remove()` Remove an item at the specified index
- `clear()` Clear everything in the list
- `hasValue()` Whether the value is in the list or not

List Methods

- Unlike arrays, most list methods are **in-place**
  - `add()`
  - `sub()`
  - `mult()`
  - `div()`

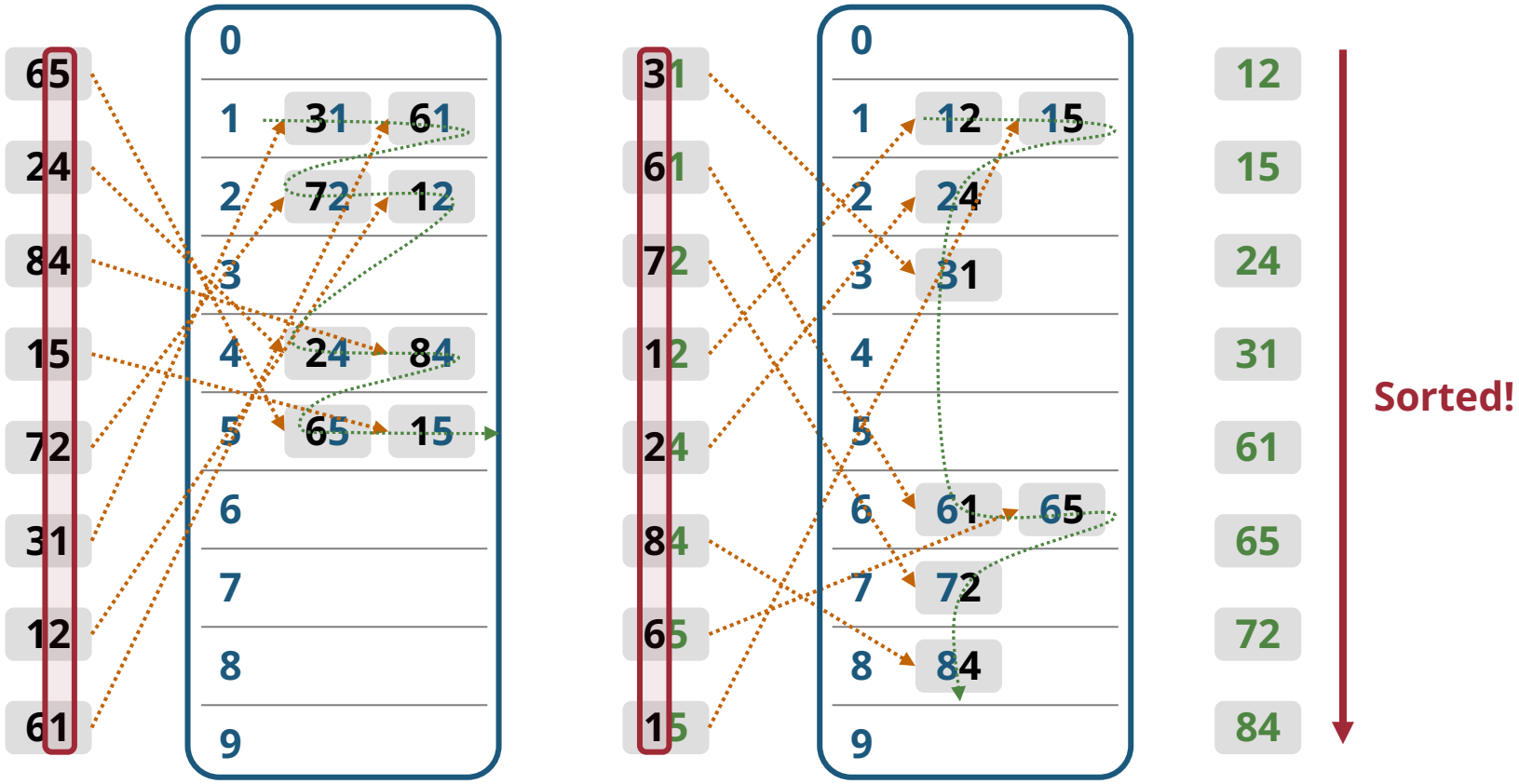
  - `sort()`
  - `sortReverse()`
  - `shuffle()`

Does not create a new copy

In-place vs Not-in-place Algorithm

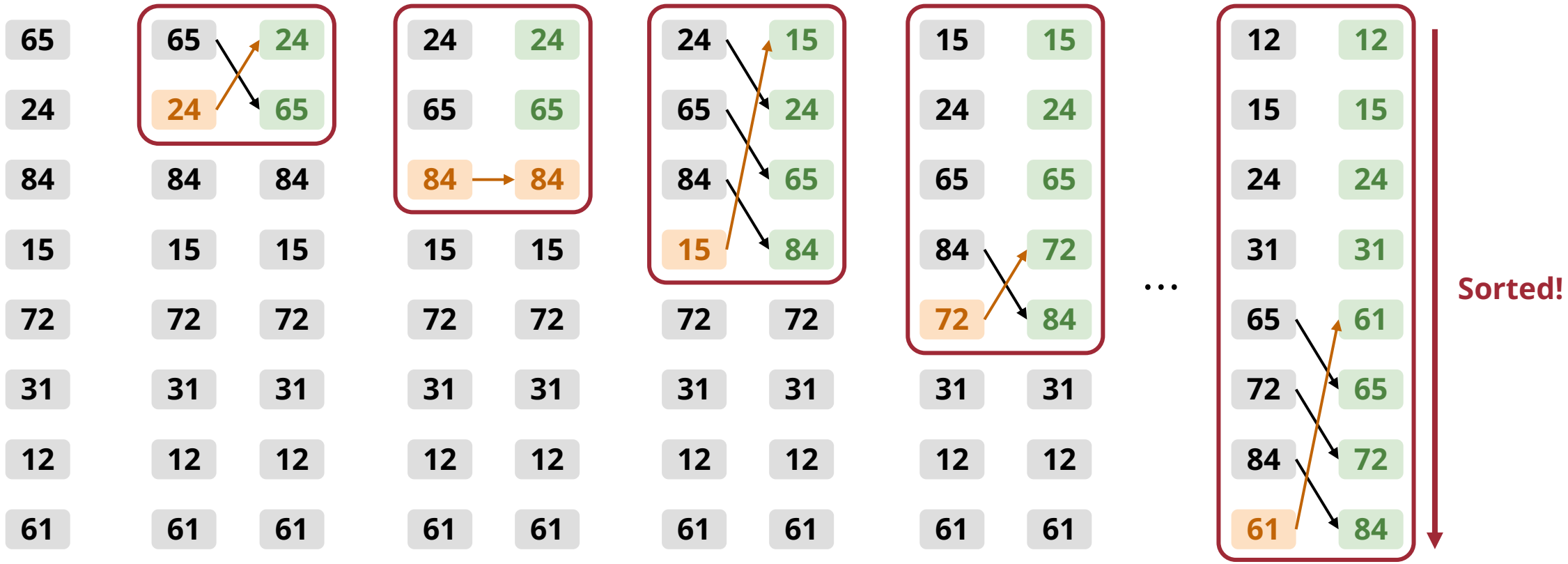
- In-place algorithm does not require additional memory
- Not-in-place algorithm needs extra memory to store intermediate results

Example of Not-in-place Algorithms: Radix Sort



Need extra memory to store intermediate results!

Example of In-place Algorithms: Insertion Sort



Don’t need extra memory!

Sorting an Array vs Sorting a List

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sort(arr);
println(arr);
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li.sort();
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```

```
IntList size=3 [ 1, 2, 3 ]
```

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List-to-Array Conversion

- **`List.toArray()`** converts a list into an array
- No easy way the other way around

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List of Objects: `ArrayList`

- **`ArrayList`** is a list of objects

- What's the difference?

Array of objects

```
Ball[] balls = new Ball[20];

String[] strs = new String[20];
```

ArrayList

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ArrayList<Ball> balls = new ArrayList<Ball>()

StringList strs = new StringList()
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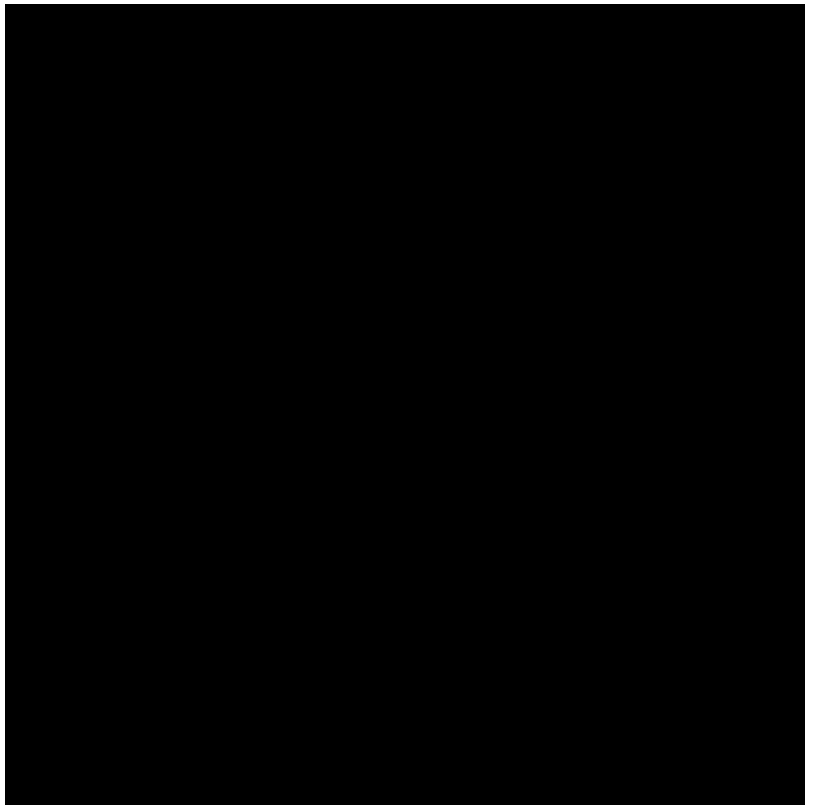


Example: Bouncing Ball

```
class Ball {
  float size = 10;
  float speed = 5;
  float x, y, speedX, speedY;

  Ball() {
    // Constructor
  }

  void show() {
    // Show the ball
  }

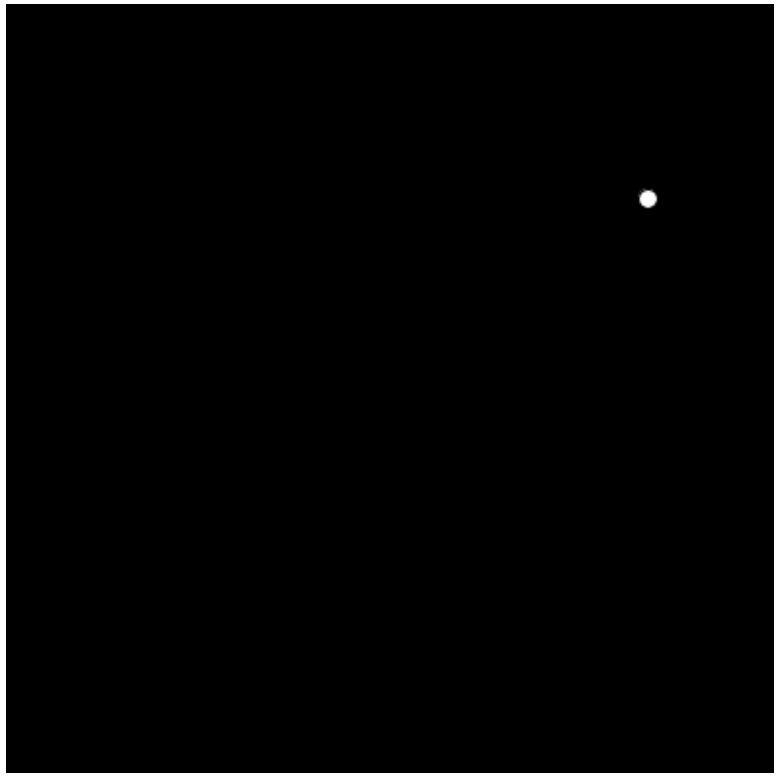
  void move() {
    // Move the ball
  }

  void checkWalls() {
    // Check if the ball hit the walls
  }
}
```

Fields

Constructor

Methods



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An array of objects

```
void setup() {
  size(400, 400);

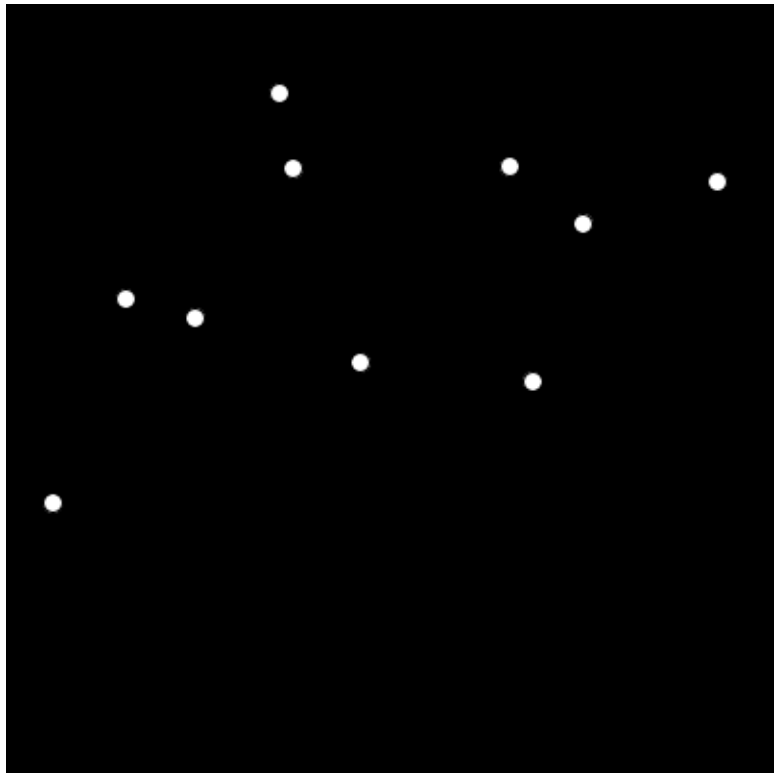
  for (int i = 0; i < balls.length; i++) {
    balls[i] = new Ball();
  }
}

void draw() {
  background(0);

  for (int i = 0; i < balls.length; i++) {
    balls[i].move();
    balls[i].checkWalls();
    balls[i].show();
  }
}
```

Initialization

Call the methods!



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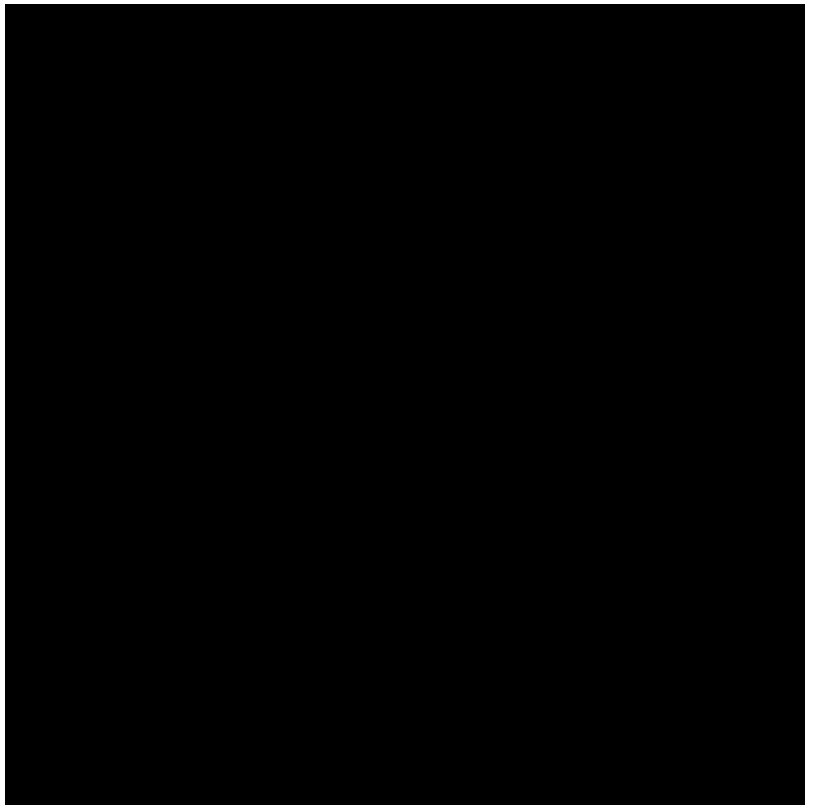

Working with Sound in Processing

Library Manager

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  - Hardware I/O
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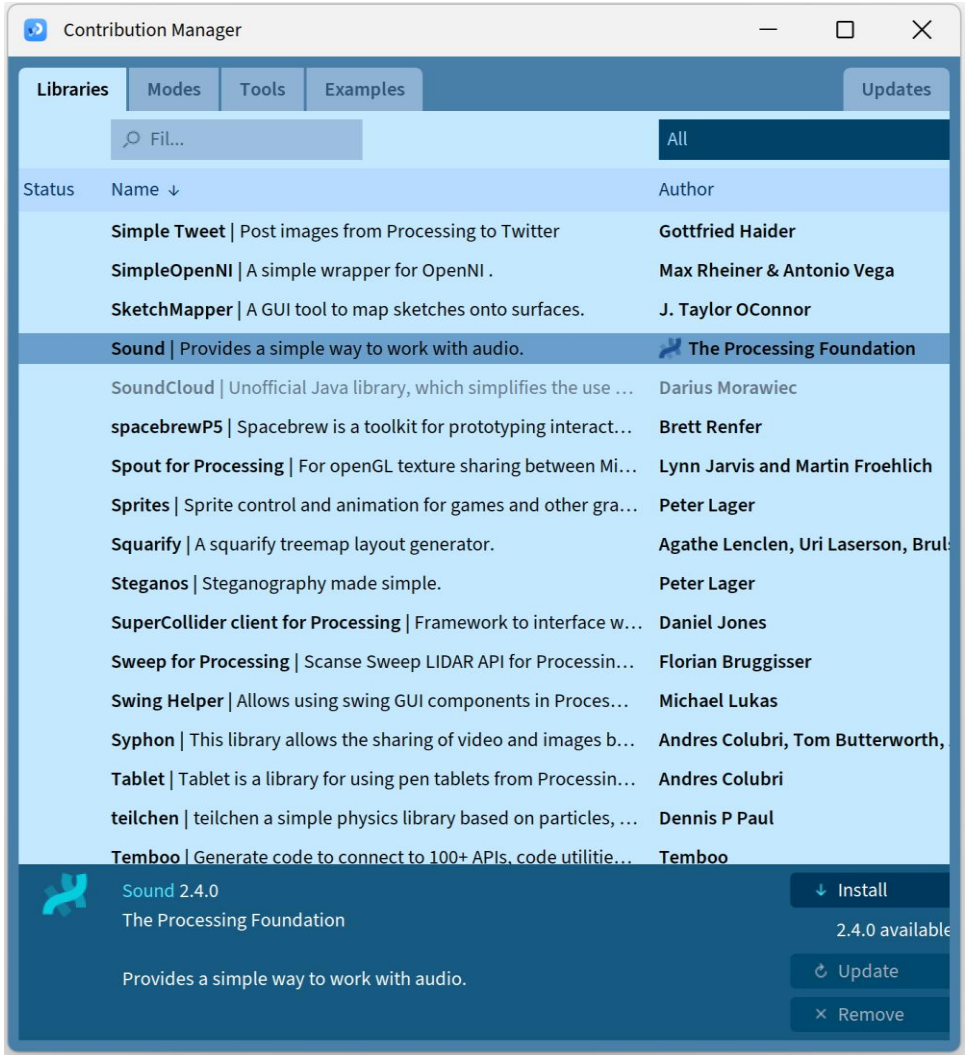


Sound Library

- A ***library*** is a collection of classes and functions

- **I/O** `SoundFile, AudioSample, AudioIn, MultiChannel`
- **Analysis** `Amplitude, BeatDetector, PitchDetector, Waveform, FFT`
- **Effects** `Delay, Reverb, AllPass, BandPass, HighPass, LowPass`
- **Noises** `WhiteNoise, PinkNoise, BrownNoise`
- **Oscillators** `Pulse, SinOsc, SawOsc, SqrOsc, TriOsc`
- **Misc** `Env, Sound`

… more at processing.org/reference/libraries/sound

Amplitude Class

```
import processing.sound.*;

Amplitude amp = new Amplitude(this);
AudioIn in = new AudioIn(this, 0);
float a;

void setup() {
  size(400, 400);

  in.start();
  amp.input(in);
}

void draw() {
  background(0);
  a = amp.analyze();
  circle(200, 200, a * 400);
}
```

Initialize an Amplitude object

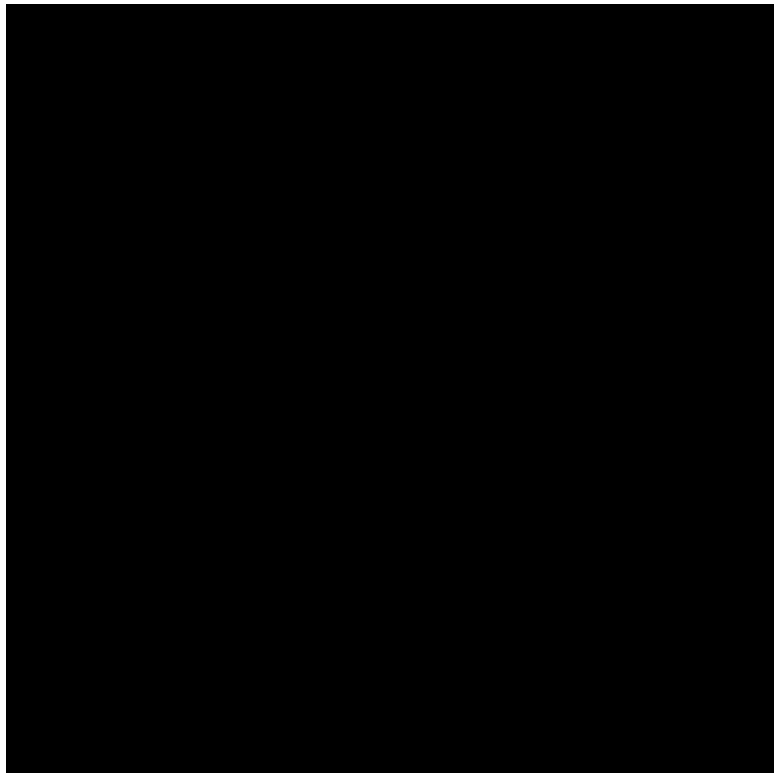
Initialize an AudioIn object

Start taking audio input

Route the audio input to the amplitude meter

Measure the amplitude

Normalized to [0, 1]



PitchDetector Class

```
import processing.sound.*;

PitchDetector pd = new PitchDetector(this);
AudioIn in = new AudioIn(this, 0);
float pitch;

void setup() {
  size(400, 400);

  in.start();
  pd.input(in);

  stroke(#ff0000);
  strokeWeight(5);
}

void draw() {
  background(0);
  pitch = pd.analyze(0.5);
  if (pitch > 0) {
    line(0, height - pitch, 400, height - pitch);
  }
}
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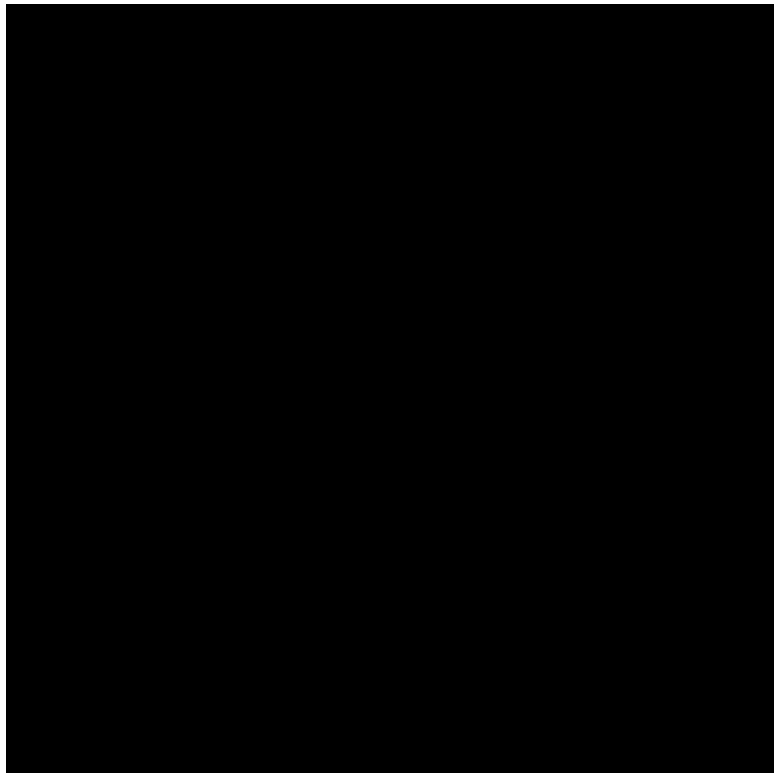
Start taking audio input

Route the audio input to the pitch detector

Set the sensitivity

Detect the pitch



FFT Class

```
import processing.sound.*;

int bands = 512;
FFT fft = new FFT(this, bands);
AudioIn in = new AudioIn(this, 0);
float[] spectrum = new float[bands];

void setup() {
  size(512, 360);

  in.start();
  fft.input(in);
}

void draw() {
  background(255);

  fft.analyze(spectrum);

  for(int i = 0; i < bands; i++){
    line(i, height, i, height - spectrum[i] * height * 5);
  }
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Import the Sound library

Initialize an FFT object

Initialize an AudioIn object

Initialize an array to store the spectrum

Start taking audio input

Route the audio input to the FFT analyzer

Specify the array to store the outputs

Run Fast Fourier Transform

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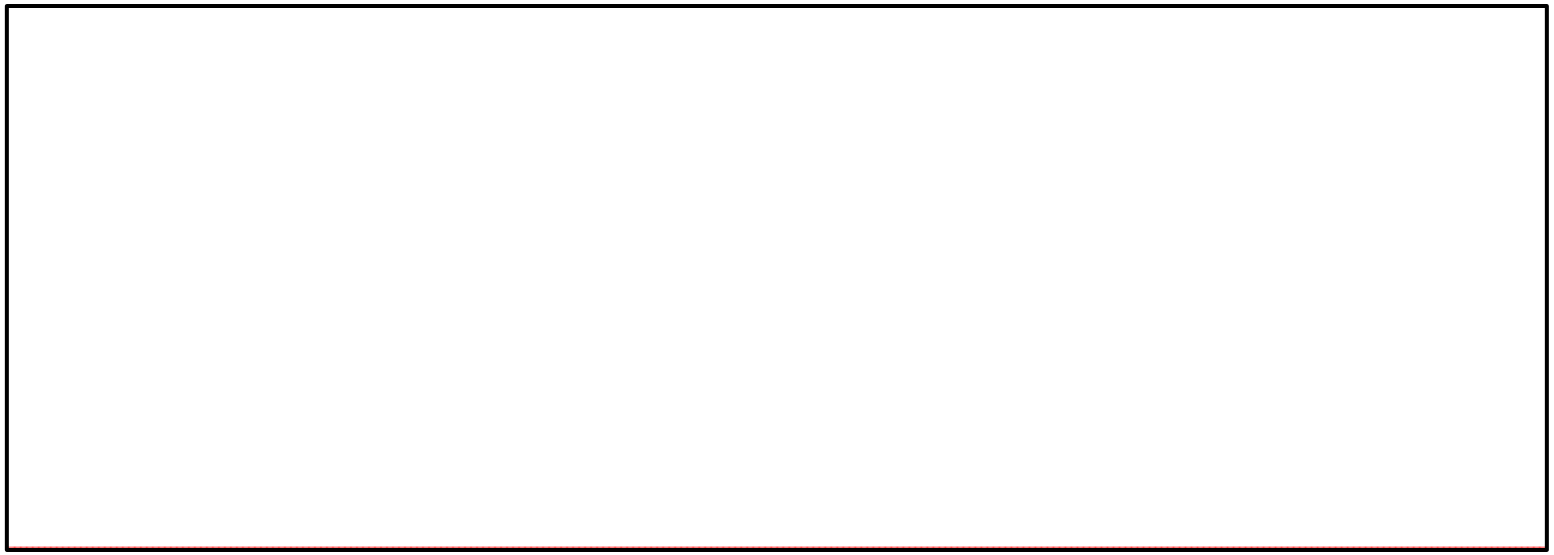
🔥 **HW 4**: Spectrum Visualizer

- Instructions will be sent by **emails** and released on the **course website**
- Take **microphone inputs** and apply fast Fourier transform (**FFT**)
- Show the **spectrum** and a ***trace***



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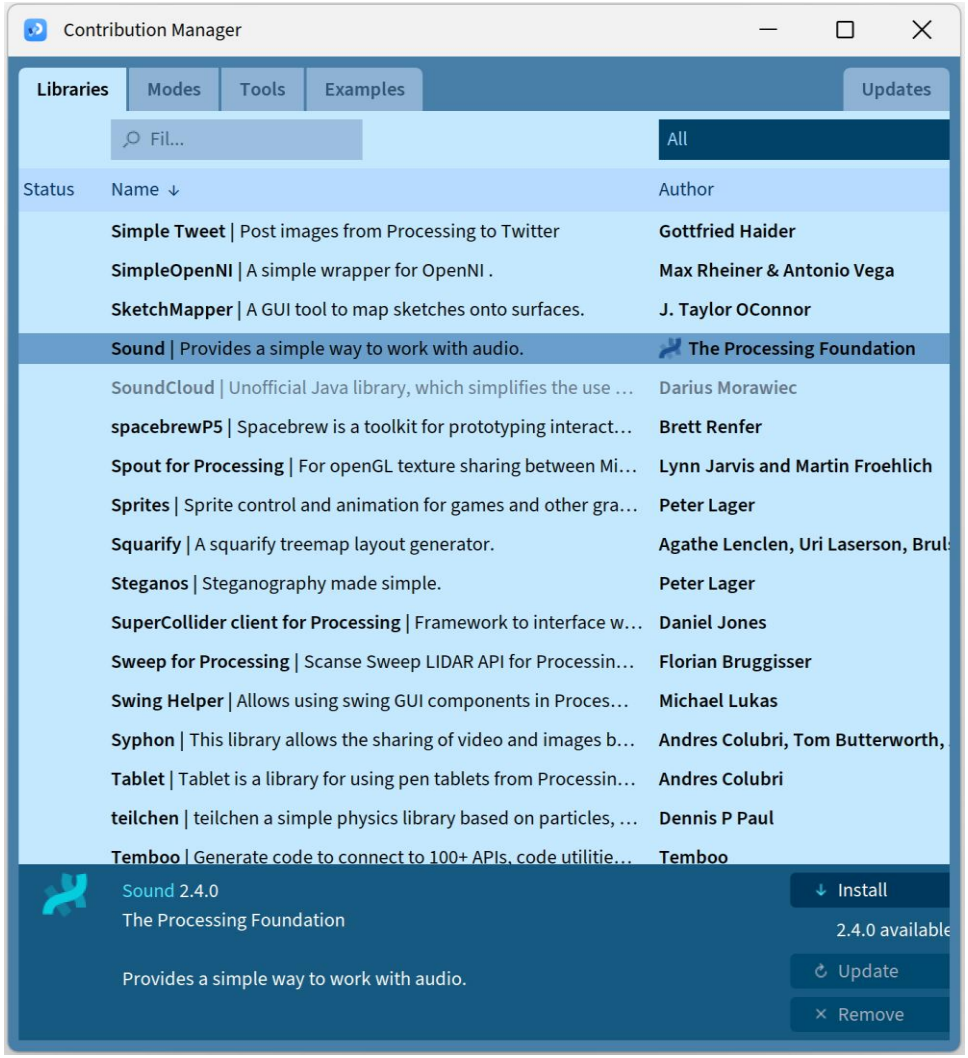

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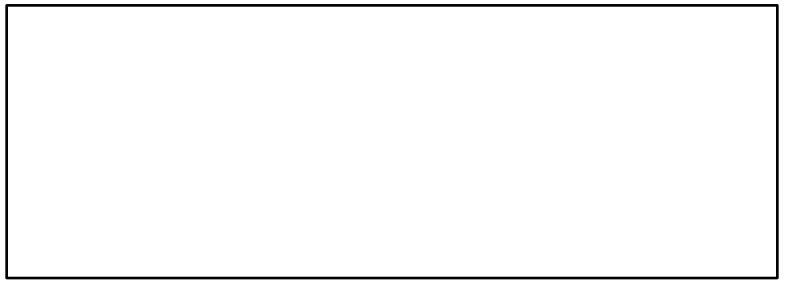

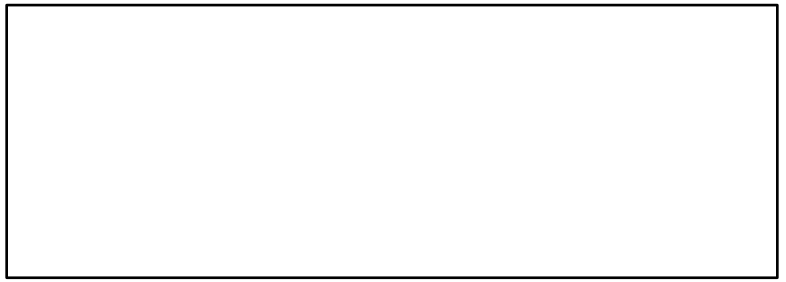

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