Decisions

The Plan

- Decisions at the Basic Level
 - □ if if/else
 - What is equality?
- Decisions at the Game/Graphics Level
 - **■** When do things collide?
- Go over/write several programs
 - □ RoundOffError.java
 - BoundingCircle.java
 - BoundingCircleTest.java
 - **□** BoundingBox.java
 - **■** BoundingBoxTest.java

If Statements

Have seen two coding forms

```
if(boolean expression) {
          do something
}
if(boolean expression) {
          do something
}
else {
          do some alternative
}
```

- * Often logical (boolean) expression asks about equality
 - □ Why can this be a problem?

String Equality

Look at stringEqualsTest String one="happy day"; String two="happy"; two+=" day"; System.out.println("Don't use == to compare Strings") System.out.println("Test A: comparing "+one+" and "+two); if(one==two) System.out.println("same object"); else System.out.println("different object"); if(one.equals(two)) System.out.println("same contents"); else System.out.println("different contents");

String Equality

Look at stringEqualsTest (continued)

Floating (double) Equality

Look at floatingEqualsTest

```
System.out.println(
    "Don't use == to compare floating point numbers");
double x = Math.sqrt(13);
if(x*x==13)
    System.out.println("same");
else
    System.out.println("different: " + x*x + "!=13");
```

Look at RoundOffError in code directory

Game Level Decisions

- Video Game Level Domain: What are we trying to do
- Decide on collision (intersection)
 - Bullet with target
 - Two major objects
 - **□** Beam (line) with target
- Potentially Very Difficult Problem
 - **■** Imagine Complex shaped Space Ship
 - o does bullet miss or just hit that fin?
- Different approaches available
 - □ First decide *Exact* or *Approximate*
 - o For many games, especially fast moving, short cuts work
 - **■** Exact solution costly:
 - o difficult code
 - o computer time demands result in sluggish game

Approximate Solutions

- Approximate Shape of object
 - Bounding Box
 - Bounding Circle
- Design code to detect intersection of two rectangles

```
public class BoundingBox {
   double x, y, width, height

public BoundingBox(double px, py, w, h) {
    x = px;
    y = py;
    width = w;
   height = h;
}
```

Rectangle Intersection

```
public boolean intersect(double px, double py,
                            double w, double h) {
          write in class...
public boolean isPointIn(double px, double py){
          write in class...
```

Approximate Solutions

- * When is a bounding circle better than a bounding rectangle?
- Design code to detect intersection of two circles

 Note that much of this is done for you already if you choose the correct class

Exact Solutions

- * Sometimes you can't approximate
- * See java.awt.geom
 - However, consider costs (even if you don't have to code)
 - ☐ Just because it's done for you doesn't mean it won't take time
- Using constructive area geometry you can build complex shapes
- Look at API for classes that define intersection, etc.