

AP[®] COMPUTER SCIENCE A

2018 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 1: Frog Simulation

Part (a)	<code>simulate</code>	5 points
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Intent: *Simulate the distance traveled by a hopping frog*

- +1** Calls `hopDistance` and uses returned distance to adjust (or represent) the frog's position
- +1** Initializes and accumulates the frog's position at most `maxHops` times (*must be in context of a loop*)
- +1** Determines if a distance representing multiple hops is at least `goalDistance`
- +1** Determines if a distance representing multiple hops is less than starting position
- +1** Returns `true` if goal ever reached, `false` if goal never reached or position ever less than starting position

Part (b)	<code>runSimulations</code>	4 points
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Intent: *Determine the proportion of successful frog hopping simulations*

- +1** Calls `simulate` the specified number of times (*no bounds errors*)
- +1** Initializes and accumulates a count of `true` results
- +1** Calculates proportion of successful simulations using `double` arithmetic
- +1** Returns calculated value

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Question 1: Scoring Notes

Part (a) <code>simulate</code>		5 points	
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they...	Responses will not earn the point if they...
+1	Calls <code>hopDistance</code> and uses returned distance to adjust (or represent) the frog's position	use <code>hopDistance()</code> as a position, like <code>hopDistance() < 0</code>	only use <code>hopDistance()</code> as a count, like <code>hopDistance() < maxHops</code>
+1	Initializes and accumulates the frog's position at most <code>maxHops</code> times (<i>must be in context of a loop</i>)		do not use a loop
+1	Determines if a distance representing multiple hops is at least <code>goalDistance</code>	use some number of hops * <code>hopDistance()</code> as the frog's final position	
+1	Determines if a distance representing multiple hops is less than starting position		
+1	Returns <code>true</code> if goal ever reached, <code>false</code> if goal never reached or position ever less than starting position	have checks for all three conditions and correct return logic based on those checks, even if a check did not earn a point	- do not check all three conditions - only check for <code>goalDistance</code> after the loop - only check for starting position after the loop
Part (b) <code>runSimulations</code>		4 points	
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they...	Responses will not earn the point if they...
+1	Calls <code>simulate</code> the specified number of times (<i>no bounds errors</i>)	do not use the result of calling <code>simulate</code>	do not use a loop
+1	Initializes and accumulates a count of <code>true</code> results		- initialize the count inside a loop - do not use a loop
+1	Calculates proportion of successful simulations using <code>double</code> arithmetic	perform the correct calculation on an accumulated value, even if there was an error in the accumulation	fail to divide by the parameter
+1	Returns calculated value		- calculate values using nonnumeric types - return a count of simulations

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```
public boolean simulate()
{
    int position = 0;

    for (int count = 0; count < maxHops; count++)
    {
        position += hopDistance();
        if (position >= goalDistance)
        {
            return true;
        }
        else if (position < 0)
        {
            return false;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```

Part (b)

```
public double runSimulations(int num)
{
    int countSuccess = 0;

    for (int count = 0; count < num; count++)
    {
        if(simulate())
        {
            countSuccess++;
        }
    }
    return (double)countSuccess / num;
}
```

These canonical solutions serve an expository role, depicting general approaches to solution. Each reflects only one instance from the infinite set of valid solutions. The solutions are presented in a coding style chosen to enhance readability and facilitate understanding.