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Scoring Guidelines

2018 SCORING GUIDELINES

Apply the question assessment rubric first, which always takes precedence. Penalty points can only be deducted in a part of the question that has earned credit via the question rubric. No part of a question (a, b, c) may have a negative point total. A given penalty can be assessed only once for a question, even if it occurs multiple times or in multiple parts of that question. A maximum of 3 penalty points may be assessed per question.

1-Point Penalty

- v) Array/collection access confusion (`[] get`)
- w) Extraneous code that causes side-effect (e.g., printing to output, incorrect precondition check)
- x) Local variables used but none declared
- y) Destruction of persistent data (e.g., changing value referenced by parameter)
- z) Void method or constructor that returns a value

No Penalty

- o Extraneous code with no side-effect (e.g., valid precondition check, no-op)
- o Spelling/case discrepancies where there is no ambiguity*
- o Local variable not declared provided other variables are declared in some part
- o `private` or `public` qualifier on a local variable
- o Missing `public` qualifier on class or constructor header
- o Keyword used as an identifier
- o Common mathematical symbols used for operators (`*` `*` `÷` `≤` `≥` `<>` `≠`)
- o `[]` vs. `()` vs. `<>`
- o `=` instead of `==` and vice versa
- o `length/size` confusion for array, String, List, or ArrayList; with or without `()`
- o Extraneous `[]` when referencing entire array
- o `[i,j]` instead of `[i][j]`
- o Extraneous size in array declaration, e.g., `int[size] nums = new int[size];`
- o Missing `;` where structure clearly conveys intent
- o Missing `{ }` where indentation clearly conveys intent
- o Missing `()` on parameter-less method or constructor invocations
- o Missing `()` around `if` or `while` conditions

*Spelling and case discrepancies for identifiers fall under the “No Penalty” category only if the correction can be **unambiguously** inferred from context, for example, “ArrayList” instead of “ArrayList”. As a counterexample, note that if the code declares “`int G=99, g=0;`”, then uses “`while (G < 10)`” instead of “`while (g < 10)`”, the context does **not** allow for the reader to assume the use of the lower case variable.

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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

2018 SCORING GUIDELINES**Question 1: Frog Simulation***Part (a)*

```
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;
}
```

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Question 2: Word Pair

Part (a)	<code>WordPairList</code>	5 points
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Intent: *Form pairs of strings from an array and add to an `ArrayList`*

- +1** Creates new `ArrayList` and assigns to `allPairs`
- +1** Accesses all elements of `words` (*no bounds errors*)
- +1** Constructs new `WordPair` using distinct elements of `words`
- +1** Adds all necessary pairs of elements from word array to `allPairs`
- +1** **On exit:** `allPairs` contains all necessary pairs and no unnecessary pairs

Part (b)	<code>numMatches</code>	4 points
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Intent: *Count the number of pairs in an `ArrayList` that have the same value*

- +1** Accesses all elements in `allPairs` (*no bounds errors*)
- +1** Calls `getFirst` or `getSecond` on an element from list of pairs
- +1** Compares first and second components of a pair in the list
- +1** Counts number of matches of pair-like values

Question-Specific Penalties

- 1** (z) Constructor returns a value

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Question 2: Scoring Notes

Part (a) WordPairList			5 points
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they...	Responses will not earn the point if they...
+1	Creates new ArrayList and assigns to allPairs	- allPairs = new ArrayList(); - allPairs = new ArrayList<>(); - this.allPairs = ...	initialize a local variable that is never assigned to allPairs
+1	Accesses all elements of words (no bounds errors)		
+1	Constructs new WordPair using distinct elements of words		
+1	Adds all necessary pairs of elements from word array to allPairs	- have a loop bounds error - add unnecessary pairs	- improperly add to an ArrayList, e.g., allPairs.get(i) = x; - only add consecutive pairs (words[i], words[i+1])
+1	On exit: allPairs contains all necessary pairs and no unnecessary pairs	- improperly add to an ArrayList, e.g., allPairs.get(i) = x; - have a loop bounds error	add pairs (i, i) or (i, j) where i > j
Part (b) numMatches			4 points
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they...	Responses will not earn the point if they...
+1	Accesses all elements in allPairs (no bounds errors)		access elements of allPairs as array elements (e.g., allPairs[i])
+1	Calls getFirst or getSecond on an element from list of pairs		
+1	Compares first and second components of a pair in the list		compare using ==
+1	Counts number of matches of pair-like values		fail to initialize the counter

Return is not assessed in part (b).

2018 SCORING GUIDELINES**Question 2: Word Pair***Part (a)*

```
public WordPairList(String[] words)
{
    allPairs = new ArrayList<WordPair>();

    for (int i = 0; i < words.length-1; i++)
    {
        for (int j = i+1; j < words.length; j++)
        {
            allPairs.add(new WordPair(words[i], words[j]));
        }
    }
}
```

Part (b)

```
public int numMatches()
{
    int count = 0;

    for (WordPair pair: allPairs)
    {
        if (pair.getFirst().equals(pair.getSecond()))
        {
            count++;
        }
    }
    return count;
}
```

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Question 3: Code Word Checker

Class: `CodeWordChecker`**9 points****Intent:** *Define implementation of a class to determine if a string meets a set of criteria*

- +1** Declares header: `public class CodeWordChecker implements StringChecker`
- +1** Declares all appropriate `private` instance variables
- +3** Constructors
 - +1** Declares headers: `public CodeWordChecker(int __, int __, String __)` and `public CodeWordChecker(String __)`
 - +1** Uses all parameters to initialize instance variables in 3-parameter constructor
 - +1** Uses parameter and default values to initialize instance variables in 1-parameter constructor
- +4** `isValid` method
 - +1** Declares header: `public boolean isValid(String __)`
 - +1** Checks for length between min and max inclusive
 - +1** Checks for unwanted string
 - +1** Returns `true` if length is between min and max and does not contain the unwanted string, `false` otherwise

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Question 3: Scoring Notes

Class <code>CodeWordChecker</code>		9 points	
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they...	Responses will not earn the point if they...
+1	Declares header: <code>public class</code> <code>CodeWordChecker</code> <code>implements</code> <code>StringChecker</code>	omit keyword <code>public</code>	- declare class <code>private</code> - declare class <code>static</code>
+1	Declares all appropriate <code>private</code> instance variables		- declare variables as <code>static</code> - omit keyword <code>private</code> - declare variables outside the class
+3	Constructors		
+1	Declares headers: <code>public</code> <code>CodeWordChecker</code> <code>(int __, int __,</code> <code>String __)</code> and <code>public</code> <code>CodeWordChecker</code> <code>(String __)</code>	omit keyword <code>public</code>	- declare method <code>static</code> - declare method <code>private</code>
+1	Uses all parameters to initialize instance variables in 3- parameter constructor		- fail to declare instance variables - initialize local variables instead of instance variables - assign variables to parameters
+1	Uses parameter and default values to initialize instance variables in 1- parameter constructor	initialize instance variables to default values when declared	- fail to declare instance variables - initialize local variables instead of instance variables - assign variables to parameters
+4	<code>isValid</code> method		
+1	Declares header: <code>public boolean</code> <code>isValid</code> <code>(String __)</code>		- fail to declare method <code>public</code> - declare method <code>static</code>
+1	Checks for length between min and max inclusive		- fail to use instance variables - fail to declare the method header
+1	Checks for unwanted string		- fail to use instance variables - fail to declare the method header
+1	Returns <code>true</code> if length is between min and max and does not contain the unwanted string, <code>false</code> otherwise	have incorrect checks for length and/or containment, but return the correct value based on those checks	- fail to declare the method header - fail to return in all cases - only check one substring location for containment

2018 SCORING GUIDELINES**Question 3: Code Word Checker**

```
public class CodeWordChecker implements StringChecker
{
    private int minLength;
    private int maxLength;
    private String notAllowed;

    public CodeWordChecker(int minLen, int maxLen, String symbol)
    {
        minLength = minLen;
        maxLength = maxLen;
        notAllowed = symbol;
    }

    public CodeWordChecker(String symbol)
    {
        minLength = 6;
        maxLength = 20;
        notAllowed = symbol;
    }

    public boolean isValid(String str)
    {
        return str.length() >= minLength && str.length() <= maxLength &&
            str.indexOf(notAllowed) == -1;
    }
}
```

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Question 4: Latin Squares

Part (a)	<code>getColumn</code>	4 points
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Intent: Create a 1-D array that contains the values from one column of a 2-D array

- +1** Constructs a new `int` array of size `arr2D.length`
- +1** Accesses all items in one column of `arr2D` (*no bounds errors*)
- +1** Assigns one element from `arr2D` to the corresponding element in the new array
- +1 On exit:** The new array has all the elements from the specified column in `arr2D` in the correct order

Part (b)	<code>isLatin</code>	5 points
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Intent: Check conditions to determine if a square 2-D array is a Latin square

- +1** Calls `containsDuplicates` referencing a row or column of `square`
- +1** Calls `hasAllValues` referencing two different rows, two different columns, or one row and one column
- +1** Applies `hasAllValues` to all rows or all columns (*no bounds errors*)
- +1** Calls `getColumn` to obtain a valid column from `square`
- +1** Returns `true` if all three Latin square conditions are satisfied, `false` otherwise

Question-Specific Penalties

- 1** (r) incorrect construction of a copy of a row
- 1** (s) syntactically incorrect method call to any of `getColumn()`, `containsDuplicates()`, or `hasAllValues()`

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Question 4: Scoring Notes

Part (a) <code>getColumn</code>			4 points
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they...	Responses will not earn the point if they...
+1	Constructs a new <code>int</code> array of size <code>arr2D.length</code>		only create an <code>ArrayList</code>
+1	Accesses all items in one column of <code>arr2D</code> (<i>no bounds errors</i>)	declare the new array of an incorrect size and use that size as the number of loop iterations	switch row and column indices
+1	Assigns one element from <code>arr2D</code> to the corresponding element in the new array		use <code>ArrayList</code> methods to add to array
+1	On exit: The new array has all the elements from the specified column in <code>arr2D</code> in the correct order		- switch row and column indices - do not use an index when assigning values to the array
Part (b) <code>isLatin</code>			5 points
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they...	Responses will not earn the point if they...
+1	Calls <code>containsDuplicates</code> referencing a row or column of <code>square</code>	reference any row or column of <code>square</code>, even if the syntax of the reference is incorrect	
+1	Calls <code>hasAllValues</code> referencing two different rows, two different columns, or one row and one column	reference any two distinct rows, two distinct columns, or a row and column of <code>square</code>, even if the syntax of the reference is incorrect	
+1	Applies <code>hasAllValues</code> to all rows or all columns (<i>no bounds errors</i>)		only reference one array in the call to <code>hasAllValues</code>
+1	Calls <code>getColumn</code> to obtain a valid column from <code>square</code>		reverse parameters
+1	Returns <code>true</code> if all three Latin square conditions are satisfied, <code>false</code> otherwise	test the three sets of conditions and return the correct value	

Return is not assessed in Part (a).

2018 SCORING GUIDELINES**Question 4: Latin Squares***Part (a)*

```
public static int[] getColumn(int[][] arr2D, int c)
{
    int[] result = new int[arr2D.length];

    for (int r = 0; r < arr2D.length; r++)
    {
        result[r] = arr2D[r][c];
    }
    return result;
}
```

Part (b)

```
public static boolean isLatin(int[][] square)
{
    if (containsDuplicates(square[0]))
    {
        return false;
    }

    for (int r = 1; r < square.length; r++)
    {
        if (!hasAllValues(square[0], square[r]))
        {
            return false;
        }
    }

    for (int c = 0; c < square[0].length; c++)
    {
        if (!hasAllValues(square[0], getColumn(square, c)))
        {
            return false;
        }
    }

    return true;
}
```

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