DEVELOPING PROGRAMS FOR AN ASSIGNMENT—OR FOR ANY PURPOSE

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Triple jeopardy!
I got marked off on 3 methods, but only one is wrong!

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This submission should be graded in two ways.
1. Three methods are wrong. Points off for each.
2. Programming methodology not followed.
Since A1, we emphasize: program and test methods in groups, not moving on to the next one until the current group is tested and believed to be correct.

Don’t even think about programming Y until X is tested and believed to be correct.

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Try as I might, I make errors. Typos, small mistakes, logical errors. I can say one thing and mean another.

I get by only by following sound programming methodologies to catch mistakes early and to save time — when I don’t, I invariably get into trouble.

Whether you are writing a program, designing some project in mechanical engineering or chemical engineering, working at some job in financial engineering, or doing systems engineering, use sound methodologies and strive for simplicity.