# Prelim 1 Solutions

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The exam is closed book and closed notes. Do not begin until instructed.

You have **90 minutes**. Good luck!

Write your name and Cornell `netid` at the top of EACH page! There are 5 questions on 13 numbered pages, front and back. Check that you have all the pages. When you hand in your exam, make sure your booklet is still stapled together. If not, please use our stapler to reattach all your pages!

We have scrap paper available. If you do a lot of crossing out and rewriting, you might want to write code on scrap paper first and then copy it to the exam, so that we can make sense of what you handed in.

Write your answers in the space provided. Ambiguous answers will be considered incorrect. You should be able to fit your answers easily into the space provided.

In some places, we have abbreviated or condensed code to reduce the number of pages that must be printed for the exam. In others, code has been obfuscated to make the problem more difficult. This does not mean that its good style.
1. True / False (20 points)

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| a) | T | F A method in an interface must have no body. [It is replaced by ";".]
| b) | T | F `double[]` is a primitive type. [An array is an object.]
| c) | T | F `int[][] aa = new int[2][];` is valid syntax for constructing a ragged array.
| d) | T | F You can append elements to an existing array. [The size of an array cannot be changed after it is created.]
| e) | T | F In a doubly-linked list, a node can be removed in constant time if you have a pointer to the node.
| f) | T | F Evaluation of `new LinkedList<Integer>()` will call the constructor in the `Object` partition of the object being created. [The first statement of a constructor is a call on another constructor, and the rules ensure that a superclass constructor is always called.]
| g) | T | F If A extends B and C extends B, then `B b = new C(); A a = b;` is illegal and results in a compile-time error.
| h) | T | F If A is an abstract class, a declaration `A v;` is illegal. [One cannot create objects of A using `new A( . . . )` , but one can have variables of type A.]
| i) | T | F The `private` methods of a superclass can be called from a subclass.
| j) | T | F A field of type `Integer` will have a value of 0 if the constructor does not assign it a value. [`Integer` is a class, so the default value is `null`.]
| k) | T | F Suppose abstract class A declares abstract method `m()` and non-abstract class B extends A. Then if B does not declare `m()`, the java compiler will insert the declaration `m(){}` in B. [B must declare every abstract method declared in A.]
| l) | T | F The largest value in an unsorted array with n values can always be found in $O(n)$ steps.
| m) | T | F Suppose class Dog contains static method `m()` and non-static field `id`. Then, assigning a value to `id` will change the value of `id` in every instance of Dog.
| n) | T | F A Java class can extend many different classes, but only if all but one of the classes is abstract. [A class can extend only one class.]
| o) | T | F Even though `Integer` is a subtype of `Object`, `int` is not a subtype of `Object`.
| p) | T | F Elements are removed from a stack in last-in-first-out order.
| q) | T | F If variable a is declared to be of type A and class A does not define function `toString()`, return `" + a;` is illegal. [The `Object` partition of every object of class A contains function `toString()`.
| r) | T | F Executing `e= null;` causes the object pointed by e to be deleted from every place it is referenced. [All the assignment does is to store null in e.]
| s) | T | F In the worst case, Quicksort will sort an array of size n in time proportional to $O(n \log n)$. [The worst case is $O(n^2)$].
| t) | T | F If a method contains a loop that looks like this: `while(i < n) {int v; . . . }`, then space is allocated for v whenever the loop body is executed and deallocated when the loop body ends.
2. Multiple Choice (20 points)

In each part, circle all the correct answers.

(a) (3 points) The travelling salesman problem (TSP) asks this question: Given a list of cities and the distances between each pair of cities, what is the shortest route that visits each city exactly once and returns to the original city? The brute-force method (i.e. trying every possible circuit) is \(O(n!)\) — for \(n\) cities, it takes time proportional to \(n\) factorial. On our laptop, which executes 2 billion instructions per second, it took 2 years to find the solution for a 19 city problem! If we add 1 more city, giving 20 cities, and run the program again on our laptop, how long can we expect to wait for it to finish?

A. 2 years  
B. 20 years  
C. 40 years  
D. \(2 \times 20!\) years

(b) (3 points) Which of the following statements about Collections classes is true?

A. An ArrayList has \(O(1)\) insertion and removal time except when the backing array is being increased or decreased in size.

B. The elements of a HashSet are indexed from 0 to \(\text{size() - 1}\), and element \(i\) can be accessed via method get.

C. A LinkedList has \(O(n)\) removal time for an arbitrary value if you only have a reference to the first and last node.

Questions (c) and (d) refer to the following class:

```java
public class A {
    public static double m(int x) {
        int y = x;
        try {
            System.out.println("one");
            y = 5/x;
            System.out.println("two");
            return 5/(x + 2);
        } catch (RuntimeException e) {
            System.out.println("three");
            y = 5/(x+1);
            System.out.println("four");
        }
        System.out.println("five");
        y = 4/x
        System.out.println("six");
        return 1/x;
    }
}
```

(c) (4 points) If \(m(x)\) is called for some \(x < 0\), which of the following will definitely be printed?

A. “three”  
B. “four”  
C. “six”  
D. None of These

(d) (4 points) Which value of \(x\) will cause an exception to be thrown out of \(m\).

A. -3  
B. 0  
C. 2  
D. None of These
(e) (3 points) Which of the following operations take time proportional to \( n \)?

A. Look at all of the items in a list of \( n \) items
B. Access element number \( i \) of a linked list of length \( n \)
C. Access element number \( i \) of an array of length \( n \)

(f) (3 points) Which of the following uses of collection classes is correctly justified?

A. An `ArrayList` should be used to implement a queue because we can access any element in constant time.
B. An `ArrayList` should be used to implement a stack because adding and removing an element at the beginning can be done in constant time.
C. A `HashSet` should be used for implementing a queue that disallows the same item from being on the queue twice because it doesn’t allow duplicate elements.
D. A `LinkedList` should be used to implement a stack because adding and removing an element at the beginning of the list takes constant time.
3. **Object Oriented Design** (30 points)

You and your friend are writing a game in Java with two types of characters: humans and aliens. Your friend gives you the following classes, which you are now tasked with improving.

```java
public class Game {
    private List<Alien> aliens;
    private List<Human> humans;

    public void updateAll() {
        for (Alien a : aliens) { update(a); }
        for (Human h : humans) { update(h); }
    }

    public void update(Alien a) {
        a.x += a.xSpeed;
        a.y += a.ySpeed;
        a.doStuff();
    }

    public void update(Human h) {
        h.x += h.xSpeed;
        h.y += h.ySpeed;
        h.doStuff();
    }
}

public class Human {
    public int x;
    public int y;
    public int xSpeed;
    public int ySpeed;

    public void doStuff() {
        System.out.println("doing human stuff");
    }
}

public class Alien {
    public int x;
    public int y;
    public int xSpeed;
    public int ySpeed;

    public void doStuff() {
        System.out.println("doing alien stuff");
    }
}
```
(a) **5 points** Identify *two* design problems with these three classes from an object-oriented perspective. Explain why these two are problems in at most 2 sentences per problem. Hint: There are at least four or five problems of various natures, some dealing with syntax and access modifiers and others dealing with what we discussed in the recitation on abstract classes.

**Solution** There are four possible answers, of which they must get at least 2:

- Human and Alien duplicate code; since the behavior is the same, the logic should be shared in a superclass.

- Human and Alien have public fields which should be encapsulated.

- In Game, the same logic is duplicated for Humans and Aliens in both update methods and the updateAll method.

- The update methods are logically related to the Human and Alien behavior, so they belong in those classes, not in the Game class.
(b) 15 points    Rewrite the above program by improving the object-oriented design elements. You should:

- Create a new abstract class `GameCharacter`.
- Rewrite classes `Human` and `Alien` to extend class `GameCharacter`.
- Rewrite class `Game` to take advantage of class `GameCharacter`.

Solution

```java
public class Game {
    private List<GameCharacter> gameCharacters;

    public void updateAll() {
        for (GameCharacter gc : gameCharacters) {
            gc.move();
            gc.doStuff();
        }
    }
}

public abstract class GameCharacter {
    private int x;
    private int y;
    private int xSpeed;
    private int ySpeed;

    public abstract void doStuff();
    public void move() {
        x += xSpeed;
        y += ySpeed;
    }
}

public class Human extends GameCharacter {
    public void doStuff() {
        System.out.println("doing human stuff");
    }
}

public class Alien extends GameCharacter {
    public void doStuff() {
        System.out.println("doing alien stuff");
    }
}
```
(c) **10 points**  Suppose class `Game` has a list of `GameCharacters`. You want to sort this list so that all Humans come before all Aliens by calling `Collections.sort(listOfGameCharacters)`, which sorts the list in ascending order. In order to do this, `GameCharacter` must implement `Comparable<GameCharacter>`. Implement function `compareTo` below according to its specification. Assume that `Human` and `Alien` are the only subclasses of `GameCharacter`.

**Solution**

```java
public abstract class GameCharacter implements Comparable<GameCharacter> {
    /**
     * Compare this object with obj. Return a negative integer, zero, *
     * or a positive integer depending on whether this object is less *
     * than, equal to, or greater than obj. *
     * 
     * Note: the comparison need ensure only that Human objects come *
     * before Alien objects. *
     */
    public int compareTo(GameCharacter obj) {
        if (this instanceof Human && obj instanceof Alien) {
            return -1;
        } else if (this instanceof Alien && obj instanceof Human) {
            return 1;
        } else {
            return 0;
        }
    }
}
```
4. **Recursion** (15 Points)

(a) 5 points  Recall the fibonacci numbers: fibonacci number $a_n$ is defined as the sum of the 2 previous fibonacci numbers: $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$, with $a_0 = a_1 = 1$. Based on fibonacci numbers we define the griesinacci numbers as the list of numbers where griesinacci number $g_n$ is defined as the sum of the previous 3 griesinacci numbers if $n$ is odd and the sum of the previous 2 griesinacci numbers if $n$ is even. The first three griesinacci numbers $g_0$, $g_1$, and $g_2$ are 1.

Implement recursive function `griesinacci` below according to its specification.

**Solution**

```java
/** Return griesinacci number gn.  
 * Precondition n >= 0. */
public int griesinacci(int n) {
    if (n < 3) {
        return 1;
    }
    if (n % 2 == 1) {
        return griesinacci(n - 1) + griesinacci(n - 2) + griesinacci(n - 3);
    }
    return griesinacci(n - 1) + griesinacci(n - 2);
}
```
(b) 10 points  Consider class ListNode below. ListNode is a Node of a singly-linked list. The relevant fields are shown below:

```java
/** A Node of a Singly-Linked List */
public class ListNode<E> {
    E value; // The value stored in this ListNode
    ListNode<E> next; // Next ListNode, null if this is the last node
}
```

Complete function reversePrint below according to its specification. Do not use an array or any other data structure. Do not create new ListNodes. Do not use a loop. Use only recursion.

Solution

```java
/** Print the list, starting at node n, in reverse order.
 * Each value should be on its own line. The list is NOT modified */
public static void reversePrint(ListNode<E> n) {
    if(node == null) {
        return;
    }
    reversePrint(node.next);
    System.out.println(node.value);
}
```
5. Loop Invariants (15 Points)

(a) 10 points Implement function `findPartition` below. Your algorithm must use a loop that uses the invariant drawn below. For full credit, it must also run in $O(\log b.length)$ time.

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Solution

```java
/** Return the value k such that b[0..k-1] < 0 < b[k..]
 * Precondition: b contains no zeroes and all the
 * negative values come before all the positive ones
 */
public static int findPartition(int[] b) {
    int h = -1;
    int k = b.length;
    while(k != h + 1) {
        int j = (h + k) / 2;
        if(b[j] < 0) h = j;
        else k = j;
    }
    return k;
}
```
You and your friend are tasked with writing a loop to sum the values of array segment \( b[0..h] \). Your loop (with initialization) must use the following invariant:

\[
\begin{array}{c|c|c}
  b & 0 & t & h \\
  \hline
  s = \text{sum of these elements} & \text{unknown} & & \\
\end{array}
\]

Your friend writes the following loop:

```c
int t = 0;
while (t < h) {
  s = s + b[t];
  t = t + 1;
}
```

Write down the four loopy questions and, for each, state whether it is correctly satisfied by your friend’s loop.

**Solution**

- **How does the initialization of loop variables make the invariant true?** This question is not correctly satisfied. The initialization creates a state that violates the invariant.

- **How does the loop body preserve the invariant after each iteration?** This question is not correctly satisfied. The loop body actually preserves a different invariant than the one stated and is not correct.

- **How does the loop body make progress towards termination each iteration?** This question is correctly satisfied as the loop reduces the number of elements that remain to be added to \( s \).

- **How do we know that when the loop condition is false, the post condition is true?** This question is not correctly satisfied. When the loop is finished \( s \) does hold the sum of all elements in \( b \), but \( t \) is \( h \) and should be 0.
6. Extra Credit (5 Points)

Write the body of the function findCommonList, whose specification and header appear below. Like the recursion problem, ListNode<E> has two fields, E value and ListNode<E> next. Feel free to add subfunctions.

Your solution must run in $O(n)$, be completely functionally correct to receive credit, and not use any additional data structures. You cannot use more than constant ($O(1)$) space.

Solution

/** The singly linked list in the problem has two heads, n1 and n2, that merge at a common node. Return the first common node that is accessible from both n1 and n2. This must run in $O(n)$ time. */

public static<E> ListNode<E> findCommonList(ListNode<E> n1, ListNode<E> n2) {
    int length1 = getLength(n1);
    int length2 = getLength(n2);

    if (length1 > length2)
        n1 = advance(n1, length1 - length2);
    else
        n2 = advance(n2, length2 - length1);

    while (n1 != n2) {
        n1 = n1.next;
        n2 = n2.next;
    }
    return n1;
}

private static<E> ListNode<E> advance(ListNode<E> n, int k) {
    while (k > 0) {
        n = n.next;
        k--;
    }
    return n;
}

private static<E> int getLength(ListNode<E> n) {
    int total = 0;
    while (n != null) {
        total++;
        n = n.next;
    }
    return total;
}