

## Question 1 (10 marks)

Using the enhanced for loop, write a piece of code that prints out the average string length of strings in the array of strings 'ar'.

**Notes:**

- You must use the appropriate structure for the mentioned problem
- The array 'ar' might be in any length
- Do not use any function we have not introduced

Note: to get a precise average string length, I use double instead of int as the data type.

```
public class Lab7 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int total=0;  
        String[]  
ar={"rabbit","tiger","lion","cat","koala","emu","giraffe","penguin"};  
        for (String animal: ar){  
            total+=animal.length();  
        }  
        double average=total/(double)ar.length;  
        System.out.println(average);  
    }  
}
```

output: 5.0

## Question 2 (3+4+3 = 10 marks)

The following piece of code is developed to swap the two cells of each pair in the array 'ar'. For example, if the array 'ar' is initialized to [2, 5, 2, 7, 8, 1], the expected output is [5, 2, 7, 2, 1, 8].

```
1      int []ar={2,5,2,7,8,1};
2      int i=0;
3      int j=i+1;
4      int t;
5      while(i<ar.length-1){
6          t=ar[i];
7          ar[i]=ar[j];
8          ar[j]=t;
9          j+=2;
10     }
```

BUT it throws a runtime error that prevents the code from continuing to be executed.

### Your tasks:

- find the error
- find the cause of the error
- and suggest a solution.

a. The error occurs in line 7 (ar[i]=ar[j];) and it shows ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.

b. In this code, the value of i remains 0, which means the while loop condition i < ar.length-1 remains true and never changes from true to false. In this situation, the statement block will be executed endlessly. the expression j+=2; will be executed endlessly. Initially, j=1, then j=3, then j=5, then j=7. When j=7, ar[j] is ar[7]. However, the array ar only has 6 elements, which means the index can only range from 0 to 5 and index 7 is out of the bounds. This is how the error occurs.

c. solution:

```
int[] ar = {2, 5, 2, 7, 8, 1};
int i = 0;
int j = i + 1;
int t;
while (i < ar.length - 1) {
    t = ar[i];
    ar[i] = ar[j];
    ar[j] = t;
    j += 2;
    i += 2;
}
```

The solution is to add the expression "i+=2;" in the while loop so that i changes from 0 to 2 to 4 to 6. First of all, the value of ar[0] is assigned to t, so t=2. Then the value of ar[j] (ar[1]) is assigned to ar[0] and ar[0] becomes 5. Third, the value of t is assigned to ar[j] (ar[1]) and ar[1] becomes 2. Now the first two elements of the array complete swapping. After adding the expression "i+=2;" j=3, i=2, and the current value of i (which is 2 currently) is evaluated in the while condition statement. Similar to the previous steps, this while loop will now begin to swap the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> elements of the array ar. And j=5, i=4. As i(4) is smaller than ar.length-1 (5), this while loop will be executed again. Now the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> elements of the array ar will be swapped. After swapping, j=7, i=6, and till this

point, the while condition statement becomes false, and the while loop will not be executed any more. Therefore, the index  $i$  and  $j$  will not exceed the index boundary of the array.

## Question 3 ( 12 marks)

Assume 'ar' is an array of strings and it is initialized with some random strings.

Write a piece of code that prints out at most the first two strings with odd number of characters in the array 'ar'.

### Notes:

- You must use the appropriate structure for the mentioned problem
- The array 'ar' might be in any length
- Do not use any function we have not introduced

```
public class Lab7 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        String[] ar = {"abc", "defghi", "d", "week7",  
"olivia","hu","hello"};  
        int n = 1;  
        int i = 0;  
        while (i < ar.length && n<=2) {  
            if (ar[i].length() % 2 != 0) {  
                System.out.println(ar[i]);  
                n++;  
            }  
            i++;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

output:  
abc  
d