Lab Exercises 1

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This problem is intended to be solved in a closed-lab session with a teaching assistant or instructor. Students can also collaborate to complete lab exercises after lab session.

Important: After completing this lab exercise, zip all your source code (i.e. all you .java files) into a single file named exactly as your student ID (e.g. u180023.zip) and upload it to eClass before the end of this week. Note, you do not have to upload compiled Java bytecode or screenshot of your program's output.

1 Body Mass Index Calculator

Create a BMI calculator that reads the user's weight in kilograms and height in meters, then calculates and displays user's BMI. Note, user input should be read from console using Scanner object. Also, display the following information after user's BMI on the screen, so user can evaluate his/her category.

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BMI VALUES
Underweight: less than 18.5
Normal: between 18.5 and 24.9
Overweight: between 25 and 29.9
Obese: 30 or greater
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Figure 1: BMI categories

The formula for BMI is given as follows: $BMI = \frac{weight}{height^2}$

2 Invoice Class

Create a class called Invoice that a hardware store might use to represent an invoice for an item sold at the store. An Invoice should include four pieces of information as instance variables—a part number (type String), a part description (type String), a quantity of the item being purchased (type int) and a price per item (double). Your class should have a constructor that initializes the four instance variables. Provide a set and a get method for each instance variable. In addition, provide a method named getInvoiceAmount that calculates the invoice amount (i.e., multiplies the quantity by the price per item), then returns the amount as a double value. If the quantity is not positive, it should be set to 0. If the price per item is not positive, it should be set to 0.0. Write a test app named InvoiceTest that demonstrates class Invoice's capabilities.

3 Sales Commission Calculator

A large company pays its salespeople on a commission basis. The salespeople receive \$200 per week plus 9% of their gross sales for that week. For example, a salesperson who sells \$5,000 worth of merchandise in a week receives \$200 plus 9% of \$5000, or a total of \$650. You've been supplied with a list of the items sold by each salesperson. The values of these items are as follows:

Item	Value
1	239.99
2	139.75
3	35.49
4	350.89

Develop a Java application that inputs one salesperson's items sold for last week and calculates and displays that salesperson's earnings. There's no limit to the number of items that can be sold.

4 Find the Largest Number

The process of finding the largest value is used frequently in computer applications. For example, a program that determines the winner of a sales contest would input the number of units sold by each salesperson. The salesperson who sells the most units wins the contest. Write a Java application that inputs a series of 10 integers and determines and prints the largest integer. Your program should use at least the following three variables:

- 1. counter: A counter to count to 10 (i.e., to keep track of how many numbers have been input and to determine when all 10 numbers have been processed).
- 2. number: The integer most recently input by the user.
- 3. largest: The largest number found so far.

In the same class, write a function which finds 2 largest numbers. In the same class, write a function which finds smallest number.

5 Palindromes

A palindrome is a sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward. For example, each of the following five-digit integers is a palindrome: 12321, 55555, 45554 and 11611. Write an application that reads in a five-digit integer and determines whether it's a palindrome. If the number is not five digits long, display an error message and allow the user to enter a new value.

6 Triangle Printing Program

Write an application that displays the following patterns separately, one below the other. Use for loops to generate the patterns. All asterisks (*) should be printed by a single statement of the form System.out.print('*'); which causes the asterisks to print side by side. A statement of the form System.out.println(); can be used to move to the next line. A statement of the form System.out.print(''); can be used to display a space for the last two patterns. There should be no other output statements in the program. [Hint: The last two patterns require that each line begin with an appropriate number of blank spaces.]

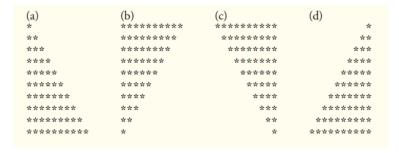


Figure 2: Triangles

7 Approximating π

Calculate the value of π from the infinite series:

$$\pi = 4 * (1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} \dots)$$

Print a table that shows the value of π approximated by computing the first 200,000 terms of this series. How many terms do you have to use before you first get a value that begins with 3.14159?

8 Pythagorean Triples

Find integers a, b and c such that following equation $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ is satisfied. All a, b and c should be less than 500. Found triples should be displayed in a tabular format. Use a triple-nested for loop that tries all possibilities. This method is an example of "brute-force" computing. You'll learn in more advanced computer science courses that for many interesting problems there's no known algorithmic approach other than using sheer brute force.