

Homework 1

Question 1. Briefly define the following terms in context of computer hardware.

- 1) Register
- 2) Memory
- 3) Disk

1 - A register is an area where data being processing is stored that on a CPU. They are most commonly found in 32 or 64 bit sizes

2 - Typically refers to RAM storage on a computer where temporary data is stored while in use. Short term memory.

3 - Disk - Refers to the hardrive of the computer where data is stored or long term use. Long term memory

Question 2. What is the smallest addressable unit of memory in most modern computers?

Bytes are typically the smallest addressable units of memory because computers group data into that size

Question 3. Give the number of bytes in the following memory units as either 2 or 10 raised to an appropriate power. For example, a Kibibyte (KiB) is 2^{10} bytes while a Kilobyte (KB) is 10^3 bytes.

- 1) Mebibyte (MiB)
- 2) Megabyte (MB)
- 3) Gibibyte (GiB)
- 4) Gigabyte (GB)
- 5) Tebibyte (TiB)
- 6) Terabyte (TB)
- 7) Pebibyte (PiB)
- 8) Petabyte (PB)

1. MiB - 2^{20}

2. MB - 10^6

3. GiB - 2^{30}

4. GB - 10^9

5. TiB - 2^{40}

6. TB - 10^{12}

7. PiB - 2^{50}

8. PB - 10^{15}

Why is there a need for two byte-prefixed unit systems?

The binary base 2 measurements are based on the actual amount of bytes in a medium, while the decimal base 10 measurements are easier for humans to read and understand

Question 4. Java class in listing ?? prints the maximum numerical value each Java primitive type can store. Explain how these are calculated, i. e., their connection to register size and numerical sign.

Byte's max decimal is equal to $(2^{8-1}) - 1$. This is because there are 8 bits in a byte and one is used for negativity $(8 - 1)$. The number could be 0 so we include the -1 to account for that.

A short is equal to $(2^{16-1}) - 1$, two bytes of data / 16 bit signed

A char is $(2^{16}) - 1$ since its unsigned/always positive. 16 bit unsigned

Int is $(2^{31}) - 1$. 32 bit signed

Long is 64 bit signed

A float is a 32 bit data type where there is 1 sign bit, 8 control the scale of the number as an exponent, and 23 are the actual number although decimals 0 and 255 are reserved. The formula comes out to $(2 - 2^{-23}) * 2^{127}$.

Double has 1 sign bit, 11 scale bits, and 52 number bits and equals $(2 - 2^{-52}) * 2^{1023}$

32 bit cpus can still run operations on 64 bit data types but are less efficient

Question 5. Write a Java program that prints out one line of text to the console. It can be anything but “Hello World!” What did you print? Store the code in a file called Anything.java.

"Goodbye Space!"

Question 6. Write a Java program that populates an array of size n with the first n Fibonacci numbers. The program should print out the array as shown in figure ?? . Here n should be the first command line argument. You may do it anyway you like but one and arguably the most elegant way to do it is recursively as shown in the listing ?? . What is the name of the implicit call structure that is used in listing ??? Hint: Stack Overflow. Store the code in a file called Fibonacci.java.

Call Stack

Question 7. Using the [Sieve of Eratosthenes](#), populate a boolean array of size n (Java booleans initialise to false) marking all the indices that are Composite numbers to true. Here n should be the first command line argument. The indices remaining false at the end should be Prime numbers. Store the code in a file called Eratosthenes.java.

- 1) For debugging, have your program print all the prime numbers less than a 100. You should get the following: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97.

97 89 83 79 73 in 1.0965E-5 seconds

- 2) The program should print out at most the five largest prime numbers it computed and the time (seconds) it took to compute all the primes less than n . Here is a way to compute seconds taken by a function call eratosthenes(toSieve).

```
1 double startTime = System.nanoTime();
2 eratosthenes(toSieve);
3 double duration = System.nanoTime() - startTime;
4 duration = duration / Math.pow(10, 9);
```

- 3) With your program, calculate how long does it take (in seconds) to compute all the 30 bit prime numbers. These are all primes less than $n = 2^{30} = 1073741824$.

1073741789 1073741783 1073741741 1073741723 1073741719 in 18.236022787 seconds

- 4) Can your implementation of the Sieve of Eratosthenes compute all the 32 bit prime numbers? If yes, give the time it takes or if it can not, then why not?

No, i used an int for n and int is a 32 bit signed data type so it cannot store the decimal 2^{32} . Also, arrays use int for the index and has the same limit on length.

Question 8. Read all bytes in the file [half_gaps.bin](#). You may use the function in code listing ??.

The function in code listing ?? reads in signed bytes. While this maybe suitable for some binary arrangements, we want the bytes to be unsigned. One way to achieve this is to just loop and use [Byte.toUnsignedInt\(byte x\)](#) as seen in listing ??.

Compute the array of integers' cumulative sum, i. e.,

$$\left\{ x_i \in \text{cumsum}(x) : x_i = \sum_{k=1}^i x_k \right\}$$

Now multiply each of the sums with 2 and then add a 3.

$$\left\{ x_i \in \text{cumsum}(x) : y_i = 2x_i + 3 = 2 \left(\sum_{k=1}^i x_k \right) + 3 \right\}$$

- 1) Print out the first fifteen and the last five elements of this final array.
- 2) Time this program (the reading of bytes, the cumulative sum computation and the doubling with adding a three) and print the result in seconds.
- 3) Do you recognise the printed numbers? What will these be if we further prepended a 2 and a 3 to them?

```
2
3
5
7
11
13
17
19
23
29
31
37
41
43
47
53
59
...
4294967161
4294967189
4294967197
4294967231
4294967279
in 1.384236243 seconds
```

Store the code in a file called `Primes.java`.

Question 9. Accumulate the approximate probability that an integer $2 \leq x \leq 2^{31} - 1$ is prime. You can do this by generating random numbers between 2 and $2^{31} - 1$ within a big enough loop and check if the number is prime (this is known as a primality test) by searching for it in the array of prime numbers we constructed in question 8. The main loop is shown in listing ???. You need to implement the linear search and the binary search and uncomment each, one at a time to report the times in seconds taken by each type of search.

Binary:

0.048984

Time taken : 2.09 seconds

Linear:

0.04874 Time taken : 20104.40 seconds

Does the printed number converge? Store the code in a file called `Search.java`.

Question 10. Break the Affine cipher. Your professor encrypted a plain text file called `plain.txt` using the program given in listing ???. Store the code in a file called `Decipher.java`.

He then redirected the output to a cipher file called `cipher.txt`.

- 1) Use the cipher text file and the code in listing ??? to recover the plain text. *Hint: $7^{-1} = 55 \pmod{2^7}$.*
- 2) What should the 2^7 tell you about the text encoding of the original plain text file?

The Appointment in Samarra SHEPPEY. Look 'ere, you ain't come 'ere on my account?

DEATH. Yes.

SHEPPEY. You're joking. I thought you'd just come to 'ave a little chat. I'm sorry, my dear, there's nothing doing to-day. You must call again some other time.

DEATH. I'm too busy for that.

SHEPPEY. I don't think that's treating me right. Coming in all friendly and pleasant. If I'd known what you was after I'd 'ave nipped off with Cooper when 'e asked me.

DEATH. That wouldn't have helped you much.

SHEPPEY. I wish now I'd gone down to the Isle of Sheppey when the doctor advised it. You wouldn't 'ave thought of looking for me there.

DEATH. There was a merchant in Bagdad who sent his servant to market to buy provisions and in a little while the servant came back, white and trembling, and said, Master, just now when I was in the market-place I was jostled by a woman in the crowd and when I turned I saw it was death that jostled me. She looked at me and made a threatening gesture; now, lend me your horse, and I will ride away from this city and avoid my fate. I will go to Samarra and there death will not find me. The merchant lent him his horse, and the servant mounted it, and he dug his spurs in its flanks and as fast as the horse could gallop he went. Then the merchant went down to the market-place and he saw me standing in the crowd and he came to me and said, Why did you make a threatening gesture to my servant when you saw him this morning? That was not a threatening gesture, I said, it was only a start of surprise. I was astonished to see him in Bagdad for I had an appointment with him tonight in Samarra.

SHEPPEY. (with a shudder) D'you mean there's no escaping you?

DEATH. No.

The Death's story is an old Arab fable retold in the 1933 play `_Sheppey_`.

– W. Somerset Maugham

10.1. EXAMPLE EXECUTIONS

Figure ??? shows how the output of the code for the files `Fibonacci.java` and `Eratosthenes.java` should look like on the standard out. All your programs must compile/run from the command line using `javac` and `java` commands, e. g.,

```
javac Program.java
```

```
java Program
```

10.2. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

- Submit `Anything.java`, `Fibonacci.java`, `Eratosthenes.java`, `Primes.java`, `Search.java`, `Decipher.java` and `sol.pdf` at the online classroom.
- The files `Anything.java`, `Fibonacci.java`, `Eratosthenes.java`, `Primes.java`, `Search.java`, `Decipher.java` should contain the Java source code for the relevant questions. Do not turn in the dot class files.
- The PDF file `sol.pdf` should contain written answers to questions as well as a screenshot similar to the one in figure ??? that demonstrates your code being compiled and ran.