
600.107 Introductory Programming in Java, Summer 2015
Homework 6
Due: Friday, July 17th at 11:59pm

Please review the **Homework Guidelines** handout for this course before you begin.

Restriction: For all tasks in this assignment, you are NOT permitted to use arrays or ArrayLists.

Repetition Statements: “while”, “for”, or “do-while”- type statements may NOT be used in this assignment.

Task 1. As you likely recall, the letters in the English language which are vowels are a, e, i, o, and u. (Well, and sometimes y, but not for the purposes of this problem.) Write a Java class called `Vowels` which contains the following Javadoc comment and the **recursive** method it describes.

```
/**
 * Recursively determine the number of vowel characters present in a String.
 * This method counts both upper-case and lower-case vowels in the total,
 * and assumes that 'y' and 'Y' are consonants (and so does not count them
 * as vowels).
 *
 * @param   str    the String in which to count
 * @return   the number of question marks appearing in the argument
 */
public static int countVowels(String s)
```

This method should collect no input and should produce no output. The method must be written *recursively*. *Iterative methods which solve this problem will receive no points.* In addition, write a main method which collects as a `String` a line of input from the user, calls the `countVowels` method, and outputs the value that the method returns. Below is a single sample execution:

Please enter a phrase: **This IS rEAlly the best sentence evEr.**

The number of vowels in that sentence is 11.

Task 2. Suppose we have a satellite in orbit. To communicate to the satellite, we can send messages composed of two signals, dot (·) and dash (—). Dot takes 2 microseconds to send, and dash takes 3 microseconds to send. Imagine that we want to know the number of different messages $M(k)$ that can be sent in exactly k microseconds, without any “dead air”.

For example, when k equals 6, the only messages that take exactly k microseconds to send are ··· or —·. (Convince yourself that there aren’t any more.) Therefore, the value of $M(6)$ is 2. Furthermore, the only messages that take exactly k equals 7 microseconds are: ··— and ·—·, and —··. That is, $M(7)$ equals 3. In addition, $M(1)$ equals 0, and we say that $M(0)$ equals 1 (the empty message).

We observe the following about calculating $M(k)$:

- If k is larger than 3, we know that the message may start with a dot or a dash. If the message starts with dot, the number of possible length- k messages that can result is $M(k - 2)$. If the message starts with a dash, the number of possible length- k messages that can result is $M(k - 3)$. Therefore, the number of messages that can be sent in k microseconds in this case is $M(k - 2) + M(k - 3)$.
- If k is smaller than 4, the value of $M(k)$ depends on the exact value of k : sometimes only a single message is possible, and sometimes zero messages are possible. (Remember, dead air is not allowed!)

Write a Java class called `Satellite` which contains the following Javadoc comment and the **recursive** method it describes.

```
/**
 * Recursively determine the number of different messages composed
 * of only dots and dashes that can be sent in exactly a specified time.
 * The calculation assumes that a dot takes 2 microseconds to send, and
 * that a dash takes 3 microseconds to send.
 *
 * @param k the length of time, in microseconds, that we have to fill
 * @return the number of different messages which can be sent
 *         in exactly the length of time specified by the argument
 */
public static int countMessages(int k)
```

This method should collect no input and should produce no output. The method must be written *recursively*. *Iterative methods which solve this problem will receive no points*. In addition, write a main method which collects as an `int` a line of input from the user, calls the `countMessages` method, and outputs the value that the method returns. Below is a single sample execution:

```
Please enter an integer number of microseconds: 10
The number of different 10-microsecond-long messages is 7.
```

Task 3. Write a Java class called `CollapseAdjacentRepeats` which contains the following Javadoc comment and the **recursive** method it describes.

```
/**
 * Recursively remove the adjacent duplicate characters in a String.
 *
 * @param original the String from which duplicates will be removed
 * @return the original but with adjacent duplicates removed
 */
public static String collapse(String original)
```

That is, the method returns a copy of its `String` argument with all adjacent duplicate characters removed. Note: the case of letters is important for this task: `A` and `a` are not considered duplicate characters, for example. This method should collect no input and should produce no output. The method must be written *recursively*. *Iterative methods which solve this problem will receive no points*. In addition, write a main method which collects as a `String` a line of input from the user, calls the `collapse` method, and outputs the value that the method returns. Below are two separate sample executions:

```
Enter a line, and I'll collapse the adjacent repeated characters in it:
JeSse the Hawaiian bookkeeper bought a balloon.
Without repeats:
JeSse the Hawaian bokeper bought a balon.
```

```
Enter a line, and I'll collapse the adjacent repeated characters in it:
J H U!!!!
Without repeats:
J H U!
```

Turn-in. Before the due date listed at the top of this file, please submit via the course Blackboard site one complete `.zip` file named `HW6-jhed.zip` (where you replace 'jhed' with your own personal JHED) containing all `.java` files required for the above tasks. Be sure that all submitted code compiles! If you were unable to complete a task, please include as part of your `.zip` submission a text file named `README` explaining anything you'd like the graders to know. Don't forget to submit early and often!