

Farey Sequence

In this problem you will first implement the `reduce` method in the `Fraction` class. The `reduce` method simplifies the numerator and denominator in the given fraction.

Special note: This `Fraction` class is also used in the `Marbles` problem.

The fraction $\frac{2}{7}$ is represent by following code: `new Fraction(2, 7);`

And the fraction $\frac{13}{31}$ is represent by following code: `new Fraction(13, 31);`

The following code shows the results of the `reduce` method.

The following code	Returns
<code>Fraction temp = new Fraction(2*5*7*7, 2*3*7);</code>	
<code>temp.reduce();</code>	
<code>System.out.print(temp.getNumerator());</code>	35 = 5*7
<code>System.out.print(temp.getDenominator());</code>	3

The following code shows the results of the `reduce` method.

The following code	Returns
<code>Fraction temp = new Fraction(0, 2*5*7*7*2*3*7);</code>	
<code>temp.reduce();</code>	
<code>System.out.print(temp.getNumerator());</code>	0
<code>System.out.print(temp.getDenominator());</code>	1

The rest of this problem is focused on the Farey Sequence. The Farey sequence of order n (denoted F_n) is the sequence of all completely reduced fractions between 0 and 1 which when in lowest terms has denominators less than or equal to n , arranged in order of increasing size.

Each Farey sequence starts with the value 0, denoted by the fraction $\frac{0}{1}$, and ends with the value 1, denoted

by the fraction $\frac{1}{1}$. Below are examples of F_1 through F_5 .

$$F_1 = \left\{ \frac{0}{1}, \frac{1}{1} \right\}$$

$$F_2 = \left\{ \frac{0}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{1} \right\}$$

Examples:

$$F_3 = \left\{ \frac{0}{1}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{1} \right\}$$

$$F_4 = \left\{ \frac{0}{1}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{1} \right\}$$

$$F_5 = \left\{ \frac{0}{1}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{1}{1} \right\}$$

Farey Sequence

You will implement two static methods in the `FareySequence` class. The first method is the `generateOrder(int n)` method ($n \leq 25$). This method returns a `List<Fraction>` containing all completely reduced fractions of the form:

$$\frac{a}{b}, \text{ with } a \leq b \leq n \text{ and } a, b \text{ non negative Integers.}$$

The following code shows the results of the `generateOrder` method.

The following code	Returns
<code>List<Fraction> sol = FareySequence.generateOrder(5);</code>	
<code>System.out.print(sol.get(0));</code>	<code>new Fraction(0, 1) == $\frac{0}{1}$</code>
<code>System.out.print(sol.get(1));</code>	<code>new Fraction(1, 5) == $\frac{1}{5}$</code>
<code>System.out.print(sol.get(2));</code>	<code>new Fraction(1, 4) == $\frac{1}{4}$</code>
<code>System.out.print(sol.get(3));</code>	<code>new Fraction(1, 3) == $\frac{1}{3}$</code>
<code>System.out.print(sol.get(4));</code>	<code>new Fraction(2, 5) == $\frac{2}{5}$</code>
<code>System.out.print(sol.get(5));</code>	<code>new Fraction(1, 2) == $\frac{1}{2}$</code>
<code>System.out.print(sol.get(6));</code>	<code>new Fraction(3, 5) == $\frac{3}{5}$</code>
<code>System.out.print(sol.get(7));</code>	<code>new Fraction(2, 3) == $\frac{2}{3}$</code>
<code>System.out.print(sol.get(8));</code>	<code>new Fraction(3, 4) == $\frac{3}{4}$</code>
<code>System.out.print(sol.get(9));</code>	<code>new Fraction(4, 5) == $\frac{4}{5}$</code>
<code>System.out.print(sol.get(10));</code>	<code>new Fraction(1, 1) == $\frac{1}{1}$</code>

A second example follows on the next page.

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The following code shows the results of the `generateOrder` method.

The following code	Returns
<code>List<Fraction> sol = FareySequence.generateOrder(7);</code>	
<code>sol.get(0);</code>	<code>new Fraction(0, 1) == $\frac{0}{1}$</code>
<code>sol.get(1);</code>	<code>new Fraction(1, 7) == $\frac{1}{7}$</code>
<code>sol.get(2);</code>	<code>new Fraction(1, 6) == $\frac{1}{6}$</code>
<code>sol.get(3);</code>	<code>new Fraction(1, 5) == $\frac{1}{5}$</code>
<code>sol.get(4);</code>	<code>new Fraction(1, 4) == $\frac{1}{4}$</code>
<code>sol.get(5);</code>	<code>new Fraction(2, 7) == $\frac{2}{7}$</code>
<code>sol.get(6);</code>	<code>new Fraction(1, 3) == $\frac{1}{3}$</code>
<code>sol.get(7);</code>	<code>new Fraction(2, 5) == $\frac{2}{5}$</code>
<code>sol.get(8);</code>	<code>new Fraction(3, 7) == $\frac{3}{7}$</code>
<code>sol.get(9);</code>	<code>new Fraction(1, 2) == $\frac{1}{2}$</code>
<code>sol.get(10);</code>	<code>new Fraction(4, 7) == $\frac{4}{7}$</code>
<code>sol.get(11);</code>	<code>new Fraction(3, 5) == $\frac{3}{5}$</code>
<code>sol.get(12);</code>	<code>new Fraction(2, 3) == $\frac{2}{3}$</code>
<code>sol.get(13);</code>	<code>new Fraction(5, 7) == $\frac{5}{7}$</code>
<code>sol.get(14);</code>	<code>new Fraction(3, 4) == $\frac{3}{4}$</code>
<code>sol.get(15);</code>	<code>new Fraction(4, 5) == $\frac{4}{5}$</code>
<code>sol.get(16);</code>	<code>new Fraction(5, 6) == $\frac{5}{6}$</code>
<code>sol.get(17);</code>	<code>new Fraction(6, 7) == $\frac{6}{7}$</code>
<code>sol.get(18);</code>	<code>new Fraction(1, 1) == $\frac{1}{1}$</code>

Farey Sequence

Farey sequences have several interesting properties. One is that they give an interesting way of getting rational approximations to irrational numbers.

In order to find a rational approximation to an irrational number using Farey fractions you need to pick the interval between Farey fractions that contains the target number and narrow the interval at each step. If the

target number is between $left\ bound = \frac{b}{d}$ and $right\ bound = \frac{a}{c}$ then at the next step you have to decide

which of the two intervals $\left[\frac{b}{d}, \frac{a+b}{c+d}\right]$, $\left[\frac{a+b}{c+d}, \frac{a}{c}\right]$ contains the target number.

The following table shows the results of carrying out this process for finding the approximations to within 0.001 for $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, and for pi (Math.PI) with the given initial left bound and right bound.

(The bound in bold indicates the updated bound.)

Irrational number: Math.sqrt(2)/2	
With leftBound:	new Fraction(0, 1)
And rightBound:	new Fraction(1, 1)
leftBound:	new Fraction(1, 2)
rightBound:	new Fraction(1, 1)
leftBound:	new Fraction(2, 3)
rightBound:	new Fraction(1, 1)
leftBound:	new Fraction(2, 3)
rightBound:	new Fraction(3, 4)
leftBound:	new Fraction(2, 3)
rightBound:	new Fraction(5, 7)
leftBound:	new Fraction(7, 10)
rightBound:	new Fraction(5, 7)
leftBound:	new Fraction(12, 17)
rightBound:	new Fraction(5, 7)
leftBound:	new Fraction(12, 17)
rightBound:	new Fraction(17, 24)
leftBound:	new Fraction(29, 41)
rightBound:	new Fraction(17, 24)
Final answer:	new Fraction(29, 41)

Irrational number: Math.PI	
With leftBound:	new Fraction(3, 1)
And rightBound:	new Fraction(16, 5)
leftBound:	new Fraction(3, 1)
rightBound:	new Fraction(19, 6)
leftBound:	new Fraction(3, 1)
rightBound:	new Fraction(22, 7)
leftBound:	new Fraction(25, 8)
rightBound:	new Fraction(22, 7)
leftBound:	new Fraction(47, 15)
rightBound:	new Fraction(22, 7)
leftBound:	new Fraction(69, 22)
rightBound:	new Fraction(22, 7)
leftBound:	new Fraction(91, 29)
rightBound:	new Fraction(22, 7)
leftBound:	new Fraction(113, 36)
rightBound:	new Fraction(22, 7)
leftBound:	new Fraction(135, 43)
rightBound:	new Fraction(22, 7)
leftBound:	new Fraction(157, 50)
rightBound:	new Fraction(22, 7)
leftBound:	new Fraction(179, 57)
rightBound:	new Fraction(22, 7)
leftBound:	new Fraction(201, 64)
rightBound:	new Fraction(22, 7)
Final answer:	new Fraction(201, 64)

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The final method to implement is the `getApproximation(double num, Fraction leftBound, Fraction rightBound)` method. This method returns the rational approximation (as a `Fraction`) of `num` using the given `leftbound` and `rightbound`.

The following code shows the results of the `getApproximation` method.

The following code	Returns
<code>FareySequence.getApproximation(Math.sqrt(2)/2., new Fraction(0, 1), new Fraction(1, 1))</code>	<code>new Fraction(29, 41)</code>
<code>FareySequence.getApproximation(Math.PI, new Fraction(3, 1), new Fraction(16, 5))</code>	<code>new Fraction(201, 64)</code>