



Specifications: DropFilter

In addition to the obvious specifications illustrated in the UML class diagram, the `DropFilter` class must satisfy the following specifications.

1. `public` methods must not have any side effects. That is, they must not change the parameters that they are passed in any way (e.g., the `List` that is passed to the `apply()` method must not be changed in any way) and they must not change attributes that are not “owned” (i.e., attributes that are aliases) in any way.
2. You may assume that the `apply()` method is passed a `List` that does not contain any `null` elements.
3. The default constructor must construct a `DropFilter` object that drops the lowest and highest element.
4. The `apply()` method must construct a new `List` that is a subset of the `List` it is passed.
 - 4.1. If the `apply()` method is passed a `List` that has an inappropriate size then it must throw a `SizeException`.
 - 4.1.1. If the `apply()` method is passed a `null List` then it must throw a `SizeException`.
 - 4.1.2. If the `apply()` method is passed a `List` that contains fewer elements than are to be dropped then it must throw a `SizeException`.
 - 4.1.3. If the `apply()` method is passed a `List` that contains the same number of elements as are to be dropped then it must throw a `SizeException`.
 - 4.2. If the `apply()` method is passed a list that has an appropriate size then it must return a new `List`.
 - 4.2.1. The elements of the new `List` must be aliases for (**not** copies of) the `Grade` objects in the `List` it is passed.
 - 4.2.2. Because each `Grade` object in the `List` has a key that can be used to identify it, the new `List` need not be in the same order as the `List` it is passed.
 - 4.2.3. The elements in (and size) of the returned `List` must be based on the values of the parameters that were passed to the constructor when the object was constructed.
 - 4.2.3.1. If `shouldDropLowest` was `true` then it must drop exactly one of the elements with the lowest value in the original `List`.
 - 4.2.3.2. If `shouldDropHighest` was `true` then it must drop exactly one of the elements with the highest value in the original `List`.
 - 4.2.3.3. When dropping the highest and lowest, two elements must always be dropped, even if the highest and lowest have the same value.
 - 4.2.3.4. When determining the highest and/or lowest values it must account for missing (i.e., `null`) values as in the `compareTo()` method of the `Grade` class (i.e., missing values have smaller magnitude than non-missing values and one missing value has the same magnitude as another missing value).