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| Purpose | Practice type parameter usage |
| What to Submit | You don't have to submit this problem. |

### Problem 1: Generics

1. Write a class named ku.util.ListUtil that has a static append method:

**static <E> void append(List<E> list, List<E> args)**

the method should append each element of the args List to the end of list (first parameter).

2. Write some code to verify that the method works if you have two lists of type Number:

List<Number> list = new ArrayList<Number>( );

// TODO add a BigInteger to list

List<Number> appendee = new ArrayList<Number>( );

// actual values in appendee are doubles

appendee.add( new Double(0.5) );

appendee.add( new Double(2.5) );

ListUtil.append( list, appendee );

//TODO print the list to verify it worked

3. It is OK to add doubles to the list in problem 2 because Double is a subclass of Number. So, we should be able to write:

List<Double> appendee = new ArrayList<Double>( );

// actual values in appendee are doubles

appendee.add( new Double(0.5) );

appendee.add( new Double(2.5) );

ListUtil.append( list, appendee );

Try this code to verify that it **won't compile**. What is the reason?

4. Modify the method signature on append( ) to mean "args *is a List of elements from any subclass of E*". Hint: use a *wildcard* in the type parameter.

public static <E> void append( List<E> list, List<\_\_\_\_\_\_\_> args )

and verify that now problem 3 compiles and works as expected.

5. In Write a generic "max" method in ListUtil that returns the "maximum" of its arguments, and accepts a variable number of arguments (the ". . ." notation). The arguments can be any type that implements Comparable<E>

Double max = ListUtil.max( 1.5, 2.98E8, Math.PI );

// max is Double(2.98E8)

String last = ListUtil.max( "ant", "cat", "zebra", "monkey");

// max is "zebra"

6. The "max" method in the previous problem works for String because String implements Comparable<String>, and similarly for Double. But what about Coin from the Purse lab? Coin implements Comparable<Valuable> not Comparable<Coin>.

Try to invoke **max( new Coin(5), new Coin(10) )** to verify this.

To correct the problem, you need to modify the type declaration in the max method:

public static <E extends Comparable<\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_>> E max( E … args )

Hint: use a wildcard ? with "extends" or "super"