

Overview

The objective of this project is to practice the MIPS coding skills you have learned in the class. You will be implementing 2 algorithms in this project – selection sort and recursive summation.

Description of `avgScore.s`

All the source code is contained in `avgScore.s`. This program asks the user for a series of assignment scores and stores them in an array. It then generates an array of sorted scores in descending order using **Selection Sort**. Next, it asks the user for the number of (lowest) scores to drop and calculates the sum of remaining scores using a **recursive algorithm**. Finally, it uses the sum to calculate the average score (that does not include the dropped scores). Your task is to implement the three (3) functions described below. **Make sure you modify the main method ONLY at the indicated areas (see comments in line 32, 71-73, 80-81 and the note about Bonus Tasks following the sample run below)!**

To understand how arguments are passed to the following functions, study the `main` function **CAREFULLY**.

- **printArray**: This function prints the contents of an array. It takes in an array and its size as arguments. It does not return any value.
- **selSort**: This function performs **Selection Sort** in **descending order** on the array of scores. It takes in the length of the array as input. It populates the `sorted` array (defined in the data segment) with the contents of `orig` but in descending order. It does not return any value.
- **calcSum**: This function calculates the sum of an array's elements in a **recursive manner**. It takes in an array and its size as arguments. It returns the sum of elements in the argument array. You **must** implement this function **recursively**; therefore, be aware of the use of **stack memory**.

You may study `avgScore.c` to understand how your program should work. **Your output formatting must exactly match the sample run in terms of spacing, wording of prompts and newlines**. Create as many test cases as possible so that your program is free of error.

Sample Run (user input shown in blue)

```
-----SAMPLE RUN 1
Enter the number of assignments (between 1 and 25): 5
Enter score: 2
Enter score: 22
Enter score: 11
Enter score: 7
Enter score: 19
Original scores: 2 22 11 7 19
Sorted scores (in descending order): 22 19 11 7 2
Enter the number of (lowest) scores to drop: 2
Average (rounded down) with dropped scores removed: 17
-- program is finished running -
-----SAMPLE RUN 2
Enter the number of assignments (between 1 and 25): 0
Enter the number of assignments (between 1 and 25): -3
Enter the number of assignments (between 1 and 25): 26
Enter the number of assignments (between 1 and 25): 5
Enter score: 2
Enter score: 22
Enter score: 11
Enter score: 7
```

```
Enter score: 19
Original scores: 2 22 11 7 19
Sorted scores (in descending order): 22 19 11 7 2
Enter the number of (lowest) scores to drop: -1
Enter the number of (lowest) scores to drop: 6
Enter the number of (lowest) scores to drop: 5
All scores dropped!
-- program is finished running --
```

Bonus Tasks: The handling of invalid inputs (i.e., repeated inputs when `25 < numScores < 1`, or when `numScores < drop < 0`) and handling the potential divide by 0 error when `numScores = drop` are worth **10 bonus points**. You may choose not to handle these errors in `main` (at the indicated locations), in which case, **please only modify main starting at line 82**, inserting code to compute the average and print it. For students not handling the bonus tasks, we will only test your code with valid inputs (i.e., `numScores` between `1` and `25` and `drop` between `0` and `numScores - 1`).

Collaboration

You must credit anyone you worked with in any of the following three different ways:

1. Given help to
2. Gotten help from
3. Collaborated with and worked together

What to hand in

When you are done with this project assignment, submit all your work through CatCourses.

Before you submit, make sure you have done the following:

- Your code compiles and runs on MARS.
- Attached `avgScores.s`.
- Attached a text document named `testRuns.txt` containing at least 5 test cases (see examples above).
- Filled in your collaborator's name (if any) in the "Comments..." textbox at the submission page.

Also, remember to demonstrate your code to the TA or instructor before the deadline.