2009 AP® COMPUTER SCIENCE A FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

COMPUTER SCIENCE A SECTION II

Time—1 hour and 45 minutes
Number of questions—4
Percent of total grade—50

Directions: SHOW ALL YOUR WORK. REMEMBER THAT PROGRAM SEGMENTS ARE TO BE WRITTEN IN JAVA.

Notes:

- Assume that the classes listed in the Quick Reference found in the Appendix have been imported where appropriate.
- Unless otherwise noted in the question, assume that parameters in method calls are not null and that methods are called only when their preconditions are satisfied.
- In writing solutions for each question, you may use any of the accessible methods that are listed in classes defined in that question. Writing significant amounts of code that can be replaced by a call to one of these methods may not receive full credit.
- 1. A statistician is studying sequences of numbers obtained by repeatedly tossing a six-sided number cube. On each side of the number cube is a single number in the range of 1 to 6, inclusive, and no number is repeated on the cube. The statistician is particularly interested in runs of numbers. A run occurs when two or more consecutive tosses of the cube produce the same value. For example, in the following sequence of cube tosses, there are runs starting at positions 1, 6, 12, and 14.

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Result	1	5	5	4	3	1	2	2	2	2	6	1	3	3	5	5	5	5

The number cube is represented by the following class.

```
public class NumberCube
{
   /** @return an integer value between 1 and 6, inclusive
    */
   public int toss()
   {    /* implementation not shown */ }

   // There may be instance variables, constructors, and methods that are not shown.
}
```

You will implement a method that collects the results of several tosses of a number cube and another method that calculates the longest run found in a sequence of tosses.

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(a) Write the method getCubeTosses that takes a number cube and a number of tosses as parameters. The method should return an array of the values produced by tossing the number cube the given number of times.

Complete method getCubeTosses below.

```
/** Returns an array of the values obtained by tossing a number cube numTosses times.

* @param cube a NumberCube

* @param numTosses the number of tosses to be recorded

* Precondition: numTosses > 0

* @return an array of numTosses values

*/
public static int[] getCubeTosses(NumberCube cube, int numTosses)
```

(b) Write the method getLongestRun that takes as its parameter an array of integer values representing a series of number cube tosses. The method returns the starting index in the array of a run of maximum size. A run is defined as the repeated occurrence of the same value in two or more consecutive positions in the array.

For example, the following array contains two runs of length 4, one starting at index 6 and another starting at index 14. The method may return either of those starting indexes.

If there are no runs of any value, the method returns -1.

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Result	1	5	5	4	3	1	2	2	2	2	6	1	3	3	5	5	5	5

Complete method getLongestRun below.

2009 A Question 1: Number Cube — Assessment Rubric

Part A: getCubeTosses 4 pts

- +1 constructs array
 - +1/2 constructs an array of type int or size numTosses
 - +1/2 constructs an array of type int and size numTosses
- +2½ processes tosses
 - +1 repeats execution of statements numTosses times
 - +1 tosses cube in context of iteration
 - +½ collects results of tosses
- +½ returns array of generated results

Part B: getLongestRun 5 pts

- +1 iterates over values
 - +1/2 accesses element of values in context of iteration
 - +1/2 accesses all elements of values, no out of bounds access potential
- +1 determines existence of run of consecutive elements
 - +1/2 comparison involving an element of values
 - +1/2 comparison of consecutive elements of values
- +1 always determines length of at least one run of consecutive elements
- +1 identifies maximum length run based on all runs
- +1 return value
 - +½ returns starting index of identified maximum length run
 - $+\frac{1}{2}$ returns -1 if no run identified

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2009 A Question 1: Number Cube — Canonical Solution

PART A:

PART B:

```
/** Returns the starting index of a longest run of two or more
    consecutive repeated values in the array values.
    @param values an array of integer values representing a series
    of number cube tosses
     Precondition: values.length > 0
 * @return the starting index of a run of maximum size;
           -1 if there is no run
 * /
public static int getLongestRun(int[] values) {
 int currentLen = 0;
 int maxLen=0;
 int maxStart=-1;
  for (int i = 0; i < values.length-1; i++) {
   if (values[i] == values[i+1]) {
     currentLen++;
      if (currentLen > maxLen) {
       maxLen = currentLen;
       maxStart = i - currentLen + 1;
    } else {
     currentLen = 0;
    }
 }
  return maxStart;
```

2009 A Question 1: Number Cube — Canonical Solution

```
Alternative solution:
public static int getLongestRun(int[] values) {
    int maxStart=-1;
    int maxLen=-1;
    int currentLen = 0;
    int currVal = -1;
    int currStart = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < values.length; i++) {</pre>
        if (values[i] == currVal) currentLen++;
        else {
            if (currentLen > maxLen) {
                maxLen = currentLen;
                maxStart = currStart;
            }
            currStart = i;
            currentLen = 1;
            currVal=values[i];
    if (currentLen > maxLen) {
        maxLen = currentLen;
        maxStart = currStart;
    if (maxLen == 1) return -1;
    else return maxStart;
}
Alternative solution:
public static int getLongestRun(int[] values) {
    int maxLen = 0;
    int currLen = 0;
    int index = -1;
    int currVal = -1;
    for (int i = values.length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
        if (values[i] == currVal) currLen++;
        else {
            if (maxLen < currLen) {</pre>
                maxLen = currLen;
                 index = i+1;
            currVal = values[i];
            currLen = 1;
        }
    if (maxLen < currLen) {</pre>
        maxLen = currLen;
        index = 0;
    if (maxLen == 1) return -1;
    return index;
}
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Question 1

Sample Identifier: A1a

Score: 9

- Part (a): The array construction has both new and int[numTosses].
- Part (a): It iterates numTosses times by using arr.length.
- Part (b): The iteration over values begins at 1 (runIndex is initialized to 0 for the first element).
- Part (b): values[i] == values[runIndex] compares consecutive elements because i and runIndex are initially 1 and 0.
- Part (b): The check for "maximum length run" immediately follows runLength++; so this check is always executed when a new longer run is processed.
- Part (b): It returns -1 if there is no run because maxRunIndex is initialized to -1 and is not changed when there is no run.

Sample Identifier: A1b

Score: 8

- Part (a): This is a canonical solution.
- Part (b): It iterates over all elements of values because the loop test of i < values.length-1 keeps values[i+1] from going out of bounds.
- Part (b): temp and longest are one less than the actual run lengths, but they are consistent so it does not cause a problem.
- Part (b): The check for maximum length run is in the else clause, so the maximum run isn't identified until i advances beyond the current run and values[i] != values[i+1]. Therefore, the longest run isn't found if it occurs at the end of values.
- Part (b): pos is set to i (the next position that could begin a run) when values[] != values[i+1]. This position is then assigned to maxPos when a new longest run is identified and is subsequently returned.
- Part (b): It returns -1 if there is no run because maxPos is initialized to -1 and is not changed when there is no run.

Sample Identifier: A1c

Score: 7

- Part (a): new int (numTosses) received full credit because [] vs. () is an un-penalized error.
- Part (b): It does not access all elements of values because the i < values.length loop test allows values[i+1] to be out of bounds.
- Part (b): It calculates one run length correctly because run is originally initialized, properly incremented, and reset after a run.
- Part (b): The check for maximum length run is in the else clause, so the maximum run isn't identified until i advances beyond the current run and values[i] != values[i+1]. Therefore, the longest run isn't found if it occurs at the end of values.
- Part (b): The second for loop is used to locate the starting index of the maximum length run. This loop also fails to find the maximum run length because run isn't re-initialized before the loop or in the loop at the end of a run.

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- Part (b): The value j-run is used to calculate the starting index of the maximum length run. This would be incorrect even if run was initialized and re-initialized to 0 because it j-run would be one less than the correct value.
- Part (b): It returns -1 if there is no run because startRun is initialized to -1 and is not changed when there is no run.

Sample Identifier: A1d

Score: 6

- Part (a): "constructs array" was not earned because new is missing.
- Part (a): "collects results of tosses" was earned because the values declaration attempt indicates that values is of type int[].
- Part (b): It does not access all elements of values because the a < values.length loop test allows values[a+1] to be out of bounds.
- Part (b): It does not correctly determine the length of the maximum run because the inner while loop goes out of bounds when there is a run at the end of values.
- Part (b): It returns a run length, not a starting index.
- Part (b): The test for which value to return (run == 1) is incorrect. However, since this is considered part of "returns starting index" ½ point, the "return −1" ½ point was earned.

Sample Identifier: A1e

Score: 5

- Part (a): new [numTosses] earned the first ½ point of "constructs array".
- Part (a): The cube is not tossed.
- Part (b): It does not access all elements of values because values [j+1] is out of bounds.
- Part (b): The length of a run is correctly accumulated in r.
- Part (b): The "determine the maximum length run" point was not earned because the while loop
 goes out of bounds when there is a run at the end of values. Also rounds is declared in
 the if condition and is not initialized.
- Part (b): It returns a run length, not a starting index.
- Part (b): There is no attempt to "return -1".

Sample Identifier: A1f

Score: 4

- Part (a): It "processes tosses" numTosses+1 times.
- Part (b): Instead of using values, this solution creates and uses a new array named results. So the "iterates over values" point was not earned, but the solution is eligible for other points.
- Part (b): There was no attempt to "determine the length of a run", or to "determine the maximum length run", so these points and the "returns starting index of identified maximum length run" ½ point were not earned.

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Sample Identifier: A1g

Score: 3

- Part (a): new Array contains new, but none of the other "constructs array" elements are present.
- Part (a): It does not correctly toss cube or collect the results of the attempted toss.
- Part (a): The "returns generated results" ½ point is earned because the [] on return cubeTosses[]; is a non-penalized error.
- Part (b): values[i+1] is out of bounds.
- Part (b): The loop counts all equal pairs, not just equal consecutive pairs because consecutiveNums is not reset at the end of each run. So the "length of one run" point was not earned.
- Part (b): There is no attempt to determine the maximum length run, so this point and the "returns starting index of identified maximum length run" ½ point were not earned.
- Part (b): The statements after the return consecutiveNums − i; are dead code, so the "return −1" ½ point was not earned.

Sample Identifier: A1h

Score: 2

- Part (a): No declaration or creation of an array or collection is attempted, so "constructs array", "collects results", and "returns generated results" are not earned.
- Part (a): The "processes tosses" loop iterates numTosses+1 times.
- Part (a): There is no cube.toss()
- Part (b): The loop bounds are appropriate for values == values[x-1], so the "iterates over values" and "determines existence of a run" points are earned.
- Part (b): return longRun; is inside the loop, and longRun is not reset at the end of the run, so "determines length of one run" was not earned.
- Part (b): There is no attempt to determine the maximum length run, so this point and the "returns starting index of identified maximum length run" ½ point were not earned.
- Part (b): The return -1 is not based on the non-existence of a run, so it was not earned.

Sample Identifier: A1i

Score: 1

- Part (a): new arrayList contains new, but none of the other "constructs array" elements are
 present.
- Part (a): The "processes tosses" loop does not initialize i .
- Part (a): It returns values [i], not values.
- Part (b): The "iterates over values" loop does not access the last element of values.
- Part (b): Consecutive elements of values are not compared.
- Part (b): There is no attempt to "determine the existence of a run" or to "determine the maximum length run", so these points and the "returns starting index of identified maximum length run" ½ point were not earned.
- Part (b): The return -1 is not based on the non-existence of a run, so it was not earned.

```
/** Returns an array of the values obtained by tossing a number cube numTosses times.

* @param cube a NumberCube

* @param numTosses the number of tosses to be recorded

* Precondition: numTosses > 0

* @return an array of numTosses values

*/
public static int[] getCubeTosses(NumberCube cube, int numTosses) {

int[] arr = new int [numTosses];

for (int i = 0; i & arr.length; i++)

    arr [i] = cube, toss();

return arr;
}
```

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/ ** Returns the starting index of a longest run of two or more consecutive repeated values
    in the array values.
    eparam values an array of integer values representing a series of number cube tosses
             Precondition: values.length > 0
    @return the starting index of a run of maximum size;
              -1 if there is no run
public static int getLongestRun(int[] values) {
     int max Run Index = -1;
      int max Run Length = 1;
      int run Index = 0, runlength = 1;
      for (int i = 1; i & values, length; it+) }
          if (values [i] == values [run|rdex]) {
              run Length ++;
              if ( run Longth > max Run Length ) }
                  max Run Longth = run Length;
                  max Run Index = run Index;
          else {
              run Index = i;
             runlength = 1;
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public static int[] getCubeTosses(NumberCube cube, int numTosses)

{

int[] count = new int[numTosses]

for (int i=0; i < numTosses; itt)

{

count[] = cube, toss();

}

return count;
```

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Int longest = talse;

Int pos = -1 max Pos =-1;

for (int i=0; i< values.length-1; itt)

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{

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(int i=0; i < Values, length; i+t)
               if (values[i] == values[i+1])
                    run = 0;
          for (int j=0; j < Values.length; j++)

{

if (values[j]== values[j+1]

fun ++;

if ((run == MaxRun) & (run)))

startRun = j-run;
             return start Runi
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- (a) Write the method getCubeTosses that takes a number cube and a number of tosses as parameters. The method should return an array of the values produced by tossing the number cube the given number of times. Complete method getCubeTosses below.
 - /** Returns an array of the values obtained by tossing a number cube numTosses times.
 - * @param cube a NumberCube
 - * Qparam numTosses the number of tosses to be recorded
 - Precondition: numTosses > 0
 - * @return an array of numTosses values

public static int[] getCubeTosses(NumberCube cube, int numTosses)

return values;

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 */
public static int getLongestRun(int[] values)
                       run=0; into temp=1; int a=0
              Twhile (22 values, length) { -1 - n+1
                      while ( Nalues [2] == values [2+1]) {
                                 temp++;
                        if C temp > run) {
                              nun = temp
                    if C run == 1)
                         return -1
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                        return run
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*/

public static int[] getCubeTosses(NumberCube cube, int numTosses)

{

int [] nums = new (numTosses);

for (int k=0; k Z nums legth; k+t);

int r = (int) (Math. random() * 5 +1);

Nums(k) = p;

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return nums;

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       [] results = values.getCube tosses(cube, values, length
int start Longest Same = 0;
int tracker = 0;
for (int x = 0; X < results.length; X ++)
  for Lint K=0, K < results.length; K++)

if (results[X] = results[X+1]) {
                  StartLongest Same = X'
                      X++,
         return start Longest Same;
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public static int getLongestRun(int[] values)
   int longRun =0;
  for [x=1; x < Values: length; x++)

{
if (values[x] = = values[x-1])

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