

Project Specification

CDE IT Solutions is a startup and is evolving rapidly. At present, they only concentrate on developing **C++** and **Java** based projects. The primary objective of CDE IT solutions is to build quality software that could be easily maintained. Assume your group is working for CDE IT solutions. In an attempt to reduce the maintenance cost of the software developed by the company, the CEO has requested your group to develop a **web-based code complexity measuring tool**. Accordingly, he wants to measure the complexity introduced due to the following factors:

- Size, variables, and methods
- Inheritance
- Coupling
- Control structures

Measuring the complexity of a program statement due to size

➤ Complexity of a program statement due to its size can be computed as follows:

$$C_s = (W_{kw} * N_{kw}) + (W_{id} * N_{id}) + (W_{op} * N_{op}) + (W_{nv} * N_{nv}) + (W_{sl} * N_{sl})$$

Where:

C_s = Complexity of a program statement due to its size

W_{kw} = Weight due to keywords or reserved words (class, public, void, true, else, default, return, null, break, this, etc.)

N_{kw} = Number of keywords or reserved words in the program statement

W_{id} = Weight due to identifiers (names of classes, methods, objects, variables, arguments, and data structures)

N_{id} = Number of identifiers in the program statement

W_{op} = Weight due to operators

N_{op} = Number of operators in the program statement

W_{nv} = Weight due to numerical values or numbers

N_{nv} = Number of numerical values in the program statement

W_{sl} = Weight due to string literals (“ ”, “Hi”, “Hello World”, “The factorial value of the entered number is”)

N_{sl} = Number of string literals in the program statement

➤ The weights allocated for the program components which are considered under the size factor are as follows:

Program Component	Weight
A keyword	1
An identifier	1
An operator	1
A numerical value	1
A string literal	1

➤ Following are **not** considered as keywords or reserved words:

- Data types (int, float, string, char, boolean, etc.)
- Names of control structures (‘for’, while, do-while, ‘if’, ‘switch’, ‘case’)

- Names of variables and parameters are **not** considered as identifiers, in lines where they are declared or defined. However, names of variables which are declared or defined inside control structures are considered as identifiers.
- Operators are divided into six categories as follows:
 - Arithmetic operators → { + - * / % ++ -- }
 - Relation operators → { == != > < >= <= }
 - Logical operators → { && || ! }
 - Bitwise operators → { | ^ ~ << >> >>> <<< }
 - Miscellaneous operators → { , -> · :: }
 - Assignment operators → { += -= *= /= = >>>= |= &= %= <<= >>= ^= }

Measuring the complexity of a program statement due to variables

Note: Only the lines which consist of declared or defined variables are considered under this factor. However, variables declared or defined inside control structures are **not** considered under this factor.

- Complexity of a program statement due to its variables are computed as follows:

$$C_v = W_{vs} [(W_{pdtv} * N_{pdtv}) + (W_{cdtv} * N_{cdtv})]$$

Where:

C_v = Complexity of a program statement due to its variables

W_{vs} = Weight due to variable scope

W_{pdtv} = Weight of primitive data type variables

N_{pdtv} = Number of primitive data type variables

W_{cdtv} = Weight of composite data type variables

N_{cdtv} = Number of composite data type variables

- Based on the scope, variables are divided into two categories as follows:
 1. Global variables - Variables which are declared/defined inside a class, but outside a method.
 2. Local variables - Variables declared/defined in a method or constructor.
- A weight of **two** is assigned for each global variable and a weight of **one** is assigned for each local variable.
- Based on the data type, variables are divided into two categories as follows:
 1. Primitive data type variables – Variables which are declared/defined using built-in data types such as in, long, double, float, boolean, char, etc.
 2. Composite data type variables – Variables which are derived based on a combination of primitive and other composite data types such as arrays, objects, records, interfaces, lists, etc.
- A weight of **one** is assigned for each primitive data type variable and a weight of **two** is assigned for each composite data type variable.

Measuring the complexity of a program due to methods

Note: Only the lines which include method signatures are considered under this factor.

➤ Complexity of a line which includes of a method signature can be computed as follows:

$$C_m = W_{mrt} + (W_{pdp} * N_{pdp}) + (W_{cdp} * N_{cdp})$$

Where:

C_m = Complexity of a line which includes a method signature

W_{mrt} = Weight due to method return type

W_{pdp} = Weight of primitive data type parameters

N_{pdp} = Number of primitive data type parameters

W_{cdp} = Weight of composite data type parameters

N_{cdp} = Number of composite data type parameters

➤ Method return types are divided into two categories as follows:

1. Methods with a primitive return type – Method return types with built-in data types such as int, long, double, float, boolean, char, etc.
2. Method with a composite return type – Method return types which are derived based on a combination of primitive and other composite data types such as arrays, objects, records, interfaces, lists, etc.

➤ A weight of **one** is assigned for each method with a primitive return type and a weight of **two** is assigned for each method with a composite return type. However, methods with a 'void' return type are **not** considered under this sub-factor. Thus, a value of **zero** is assigned for a method with a 'void' return type.

➤ Like method return types, parameters are also categorized as primitive and composite. Accordingly, a weight of **one** is assigned for a primitive data type parameter and a weight of **two** is assigned for a composite data type parameter.

Measuring the complexity of a program statement due to inheritance

➤ The inheritance complexity of a program statement which belongs to a class is same as the weight assigned for that class due to its inheritance pattern:

Inheritance complexity of a program statement of a class (C_i) = Weight assigned for that class due to its inheritance pattern

➤ Depending on the inheritance pattern, each inherited class is assigned the following weights:

Inherited Pattern	Weight
A class inheriting from one user-defined class	1
A class inheriting from two user-defined classes	2
A class inheriting from three user-defined classes	3
A class inheriting from more than three user-defined classes	4

Measuring the complexity of a program statement due to coupling

Note: Coupling which occurs due to **built-in methods** are **not** considered under this factor.

➤ Complexity of program statement due to coupling (Ccp) is computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & (W_r * N_r) + (W_{mcms} * N_{mcms}) + (W_{mcmd} * N_{mcmd}) + (W_{mcrrms} * N_{mcrrms}) + (W_{mcrrmd} * N_{mcrrmd}) + \\ C_{cp} = & (W_{rmcrrms} * N_{rmcrrms}) + (W_{rmcrrmd} * N_{rmcrrmd}) + (W_{rmcms} * N_{rmcms}) + (W_{rmcmd} * N_{rmcmd}) + \\ & (W_{rmrgvs} * N_{rmrgvs}) + (W_{rmrgvd} * N_{rmrgvd}) + (W_{rmrgvs} * N_{rmrgvs}) + (W_{rmrgvd} * N_{rmrgvd}) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

Wr	= Weight of a recursive call
Nr	= Number of recursive calls
Wmcms	= Weight of a regular method calling another regular method in the same file
Nmcms	= Number of calls from regular method(s) to other regular methods in the same file
Wmcmd	= Weight of a regular method calling another regular method in a different file
Nmcmd	= Number of calls from regular method(s) to other regular methods in different files
Wmcrrms	= Weight of a regular method calling a recursive method in the same file
Nmcrrms	= Number of calls from regular method(s) to recursive methods in the same file
Wmcrrmd	= Weight of a regular method calling a recursive method in a different file
Nmcrrmd	= Number of calls from regular method(s) to recursive methods in different files
Wrmcrrms	= Weight of a recursive method calling another recursive method in the same file
Nrmcrrms	= Number of calls from recursive method(s) to other recursive methods in the same file
Wrmcrrmd	= Weight of a recursive method calling another recursive method in a different file
Nrmcrrmd	= Number of calls from recursive method(s) to other recursive methods in different files
Wrmcms	= Weight of a recursive method calling a regular method in the same file
Nrmcms	= Number of calls from recursive method(s) to regular methods in the same file
Wrmcmd	= Weight of a recursive method calling a regular method in a different file
Nrmcmd	= Number of calls from recursive method(s) to regular methods in different files
Wrmrgvs	= Weight of a regular method referencing a global variable in the same file
Nrmrgvs	= Number of references from regular method(s) to global variables in the same file
Wrmrgvd	= Weight of a regular method referencing a global variable in a different file
Nrmrgvd	= Number of references from regular method(s) to global variables in different files
Wrmrgvs	= Weight of a recursive method referencing a global variable in the same file
Nrmrgvs	= Number of references from recursive method(s) to global variables in the same file
Wrmrgvd	= Weight of a recursive method referencing a global variable in a different file
Nrmrgvd	= Number of references from recursive method(s) to global variable in different files

- The weight allocated for a program statement due to coupling differs as follows:

Coupling Type	Weight
A recursive call (Refer to Ex1 in fig. 1)	2
A regular method calling another regular method in the same file	2
A regular method calling another regular method in a different file	3
A regular method calling a recursive method in the same file (Refer to Ex4 in fig. 1)	3
A regular method calling a recursive method in a different file	4
A recursive method calling another recursive method in the same file (Refer to Ex2 in fig. 1)	4
A recursive method calling another recursive method in a different file	5
A recursive method calling a regular method in the same file	3
A recursive method calling a regular method in a different file	4
A regular method referencing a global variable in the same file (Refer to Ex3 in fig. 1)	1
A regular method referencing a global variable in a different file	2
A recursive method referencing a global variable in the same file	1
A recursive method referencing a global variable in a different file	2

Measuring the complexity of a program statement due to control structures

Note: Only the program statements with control structures are considered under this factor.

- Complexity of a program statement with a control structure is computed as follows:

$$Ccs = (Wtcs * NC) + Ccspps$$

Where:

Ccs = Complexity of a program statement with a control structure

Wtcs = Weight due to control structure type

NC = Number of conditions in the control structure

Ccspps = Control structure complexity of the previous program statement. Hence, always the value of Ccspps would be **zero** for control structures which reside at the **first nesting level** or **outer most nesting level**.

- Depending on the type, each control structure is assigned with the following weights:

Control Structure Type	Weight
A conditional control structure such as an 'if' or 'else-if' condition	2
An iterative control structure such as a 'for', 'while', or 'do-while' loop	3
The 'switch' statement in a 'switch-case' control structure	2
Each 'case' statement in a 'switch-case' control structure	1

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import java.util.Scanner;
public class Maths2{
    double num = 0.0;

    public static void main(String[ ] args){
        Maths2 m2 = new Maths2();
        m2.answer();
    }

    public double getSqr(double num1) {
        if (num1 == 0)
            return 0;
        else
            return getSqr(num1-1) + (2 * num1) - 1;
    }

    public double getCube(double num2) {
        if (num2 == 0)
            return 0;
        else
            return getCube(num2-1) + 3*(getSqr(num2)) - 3*num2 + 1;
    }
    //Ex1:getCube() method calling itself, is an example for a recursive call.
    //Ex2:getCube() method calling the getSqr() method, is an example for a recursive method calling another recursive method in the same file.
}

    public void answer(){
        Maths2 m1 = new Maths2();

        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Enter a number:");
        num = input.nextInt();
        //Ex3: answer() method referencing 'num' variable, is an example for a regular method referencing a global variable in the same file.

        double n2 = m1.getSqr(num);
        //Ex4: answer() method calling the getSqr() method, is an example for a regular method calling a recursive method in the same file.

        System.out.println("Squared value of " + num + " is " + n2);
        System.out.println("Cube value of " + num + " is " + m1.getCube(num));
    }
}

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Fig. 1 : A sample program displaying different coupling types

Measuring total complexity of a program statement

- Total complexity of a program statement (TCps) is computed as follows:

$$TCps = Cs + Cv + Cm + Ci + Ccp + Ccs$$

Measuring complexity of a program

- The complexity of a program (Cpr) with ‘n’ number of program statements is computed as follows:

$$Cpr = \sum_{k=0}^n (TCps)_k$$

Displaying the complexity of a program due to size

Line no	Program statements	Nkw	Nid	Nop	Nnv	Nsl	Cs
1	class Pattern {	1	1				2
2	public static void main(String[] args) {	3	1				4
3	int rows = 5;			1	1		2
4	for(int i = 1; i <= rows; ++i) {		4	3	1		8
5	for(int j = 1; j <= i; ++j) {		4	3	1		8
5	System.out.print(j + " ");		4	3		1	8
6	}						0
7	System.out.println("");		3	2		1	6
8	}						0
9	}						0
10	}						0

Displaying the complexity of a program due to variables

Line no	Program statements	Wvs	Npdtv	Ncdtv	Cv
1	class Pattern {				0
2	public static void main(String[] args) {				0
3	int rows = 5;	1	1	0	1
4	for(int i = 1; i <= rows; ++i) {				0
5	for(int j = 1; j <= i; ++j) {				0
5	System.out.print(j + " ");				0
6	}				0
7	System.out.println("");				0
8	}				0
9	}				0
10	}				0

Displaying the complexity of a program due to methods

Line no	Program statements	Wmrt	Npdtp	Ncdtp	Cm
1	class Pattern {				0
2	public static void main(String[] args) {	0	0	1	2
3	int rows = 5;				0
4	for(int i = 1; i <= rows; ++i) {				0
5	for(int j = 1; j <= i; ++j) {				0
5	System.out.print(j + " ");				0
6	}				0
7	System.out.println("");				0
8	}				0
9	}				0
10	}				0

Displaying the complexity of a program due to coupling

Line no	Program statements	Nr	Nmcms	Nmcmd	Nmcrrms	Nmcrrmd	Nrmerms	Nrmermd	Nrmcms	Nrmcmd	Nrmrgvs	Nrmrgvd	Nrmrgvvs	Nrmrgvvd	Ccp
1	class Pattern {														0
2	public static void main(String[] args) {														0
3	int rows = 5;														0
4	for(int i = 1; i <= rows; ++i) {														0
5	for(int j = 1; j <= i; ++j) {														0
5	System.out.print(j + " ");														0
6	}														0
7	System.out.println("");														0
8	}														0
9	}														0
10	}														0

Displaying the complexity of a program due to control structures

Line no	Program statements	Wtcs	NC	Ccspps	Ccs
1	class Pattern {				0
2	public static void main(String[] args) {				0
3	int rows = 5;				0
4	for(int i = 1; i <= rows; ++i) {	3	1	0	3
5	for(int j = 1; j <= i; ++j) {	3	1	3	6
5	System.out.print(j + " ");				0
6	}				0
7	System.out.println("");				0
8	}				0
9	}				0
10	}				0

Displaying the complexity of a program due to all the factors

Line no	Program statements	Cs	Cv	Cm	Ci	Ccp	Ccs	TCps
1	class Pattern {	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
2	public static void main(String[] args) {	4	0	2	0	0	0	6
3	int rows = 5;	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
4	for(int i = 1; i <= rows; ++i) {	8	0	0	0	0	3	11
5	for(int j = 1; j <= i; ++j) {	8	0	0	0	0	6	14
5	System.out.print(j + " ");	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
6	}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	System.out.println("");	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
8	}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		38	1	2	0	0	9	50