

Reasonably Priced Pizza

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1 Premise

Everyone likes pizza.¹ Everyone also likes making sure that their pizza is the best deal.²

Today's task is to write a program to make sure you get the best deal for your pizza. How are we going to define best deal? Since making a huge database of all the pizza shops in Philadelphia and aggregating the reviews and the prices seems like a whole lot of work, not to mention subjective, we are going to use *price-per-square inch*.³

2 Program Specifications

Because we are just starting to learn programming, our program will be pretty simple. It will ask the user to input the size of the pizza and ask the user the price. It will then use this information to compute price per square inch.

We are going to break this assignment into multiple methods, even though it is fairly simple. Why?

- This is good practice for writing methods and understanding how they work.
- Writing methods in this manner that do a clearly defined task allows you to reuse them in other programs. We call this *modularity*.
- The most important reason is that this allows you to write small parts of your program and ensure they are working. Too often we see students try to write the whole program at once and then try to fix all the errors. These students are stressed and never score better than a C.

Instead, write just the method that calculates the area of the pizza (see below), test it in the `main` method, confirm it works, and then move on to the next part and repeat.

¹Those who don't are heretics.

²Especially undergraduate and graduate students who tend to be a bit strapped for cash.

³This will really only work for regular or New York style pizzas, as opposed to Chicago style pizzas, which have a depth to them.

2.1 Area of a Pizza Pie

Pizzas in the USA are just big circles of bread, cheese, and tomato sauce, measured by the size of their diameter in inches. You can use that to get the area of the circle, which is measured in square inches.

Write a method which takes in the diameter of a circle and returns the area. Remember:

$$d = 2r$$

$$a = 2\pi r$$

2.2 Computing the Price per Square Inch

Figuring out the price per square inch should be its own method. Given the area of a circle in square inches and the price, the method should return the price per square inch.

2.3 Interactivity

Your program should be interactive. This means that the program should ask the user to enter the size of the pizza and the price.⁴

All the input from console and output to the user⁵ should happen on in `main`.

3 Grading Criteria

30 points The program calculates the price per square inch of a pizza.

30 points The program correctly implements the specified methods and are correctly called by `main`.

10 points Program is interactive.

10 points In addition, all the interactivity is inside of the main method. There are no `println` statements or reading from a Scanner except in `main`.

15 points The source code is reasonably formatted.

5 points Correct spelling is used in the outputs.

5 points EC Program has `while` loops to enter more pizzas and figures out the cheapest pizza of all entered options. This requires reading ahead.

5 points EC Add in support for Chicago style pizzas. This is left to the discretion of the students.

⁴Your program does not have to interact with the user in a professional manner, but you must spell correctly.

⁵Meaning printing.