



COURSE	Computer Science : Programming with a Purpose
LESSON	Conditionals and Loops
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MODULE 02 - EXERCISES

These exercises from our book *Computer Science: An Interdisciplinary Approach* are an opportunity to study in further depth what you have learned from the lectures.

1.3.21 Write a program *Kary* that takes two integer command line arguments *i* and *k* and converts *i* to base *k*. Assume that *i* is an integer in Java's long data type and that *k* is an integer between 2 and 16. For bases greater than 10, use the letters A through F to represent the 11th through 16th digits, respectively.

1.3.28 Run quick experiments to determine the impact of using the termination condition ($\text{factor} \leq n/\text{factor}$) instead of ($\text{factor} < n$) in *Factors* in Program 1.3.9. For each method, find the largest *n* such that when you type in an *n*-digit number, the program is sure to finish within 10 seconds.

1.3.31 Write a program *RelativelyPrime* that takes an integer command-line argument *n* and prints an *n-by-n* table such that there is an * in row *i* and column *j* if the gcd of *i* and *j* is 1 (*i* and *j* are relatively prime) and a space in that position otherwise.

1.3.34 Ramanujan 's taxi.

Srinivasa Ramanujan was an Indian mathematician who became famous for his intuition for numbers. When the English mathematician G. H. Hardy came to visit him one day, Hardy remarked that the number of his taxi was 1729, a rather dull number. To which Ramanujan replied, "No, Hardy! No, Hardy! It is a very interesting number. It is the smallest number expressible as the sum of two cubes in two different ways." Verify this claim by writing a program that takes an integer command-line argument *n* and prints all integers less than or equal to *n* that can be expressed as the sum of two cubes in two different ways.

In other words, find distinct positive integers *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d* such that $a^3 + b^3 = c^3 + d^3$. Use four nested for loops.

1.3.36 Counting primes.

Write a program `PrimeCounter` that takes an integer command-line argument n and finds the number of primes less than or equal to n . Use it to print out the number of primes less than or equal to 10 million. Note : If you are not careful, your program may not finish in a reasonable amount of time!

1.3.37 2D random walk.

A two-dimensional random walk simulates the behavior of a particle moving in a grid of points. At each step, the random walker moves north, south, east, or west with probability equal to $1/4$, independent of previous moves. Write a program `RandomWalker` that takes an integer command-line argument n and estimates how long it will take a random walker to hit the boundary of a $2n$ -by- $2n$ square centered at the starting point.

For these two exercises, use only Java features that we have introduced in this lesson : conditionals and loops.