

Patterns

Some Advanced Patterns

Pattern 2.1 - Inverted Triangle

```
// N = 3
* * *
* *
*
```

Approach:

From the above pattern, **we can observe:**

- **Number of Rows:** The pattern has 3 rows. We have to print the pattern for N rows.
- **Number of Columns:** The number of columns in any row is equal to $N - \text{rowNumber} + 1$. 1st row has 3 columns ($3 - 1 + 1$), 2nd row has 2 columns ($3 - 2 + 1$), and so on. Thus, in a pattern of N rows, the i^{th} row will have $N - i + 1$ columns.
- **What to print:** All the entries in any row are `"*"`.

Java Implementation:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner s = new Scanner(System.in);
    int N = s.nextInt(); // Take user input, N= Number of Rows
    int row = 1; // The loop starts with the 1st row
    while (row <= N) { // Loop will on for N rows
        int col = 1; // loop starts with the first column in the
                     //current row
        while (col <= N-row+1) { //Number of columns = N-rowNumber+1
            System.out.print("*"); // printing in each column
        }
    }
}
```

```

        col = col+1; //Increment the current column (Inner Loop)
    }
    row = row+1; // Increment the current row (Outer Loop)
    System.out.println(); // Add a new Line after each row
}
}

```

Pattern 2.2 - Reversed Pattern

```

// N = 3
  *
 * *
* * *

```

Approach:

From the above pattern, **we can observe:**

- **Number of Rows:** The pattern has 3 rows. We have to print the pattern for N rows.
- **Number of Columns:** The number of columns in any row is equal to N.
- **What to print:** In the 1st row, while `columnNumber <= 2(3-1)`, we print a " " in every column. Beyond the 2nd column, we print a "*". Similarly, in the 2nd row, we print a " " till `columnNumber <= 1(3-2)` and beyond the 1st column, we print a "*". We can easily notice that if `col <= N-rowNumber`, we are printing a " " (**Space**). And if `col > N-rowNumber`, we are printing a "*".

Java Implementation:

```

public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner s = new Scanner(System.in);
    int N = s.nextInt(); // Take user input, N= Number of Rows
    int row = 1; // The loop starts with the 1st row
    while (row <= N) { // Loop will on for N rows

```

```

int col = 1; // loop starts with the first column in the
              //current row
while (col <= N) { //loop will on for N rows
    if(col<=N-row)
        System.out.print(" "); // printing " "
    else
        System.out.print("*"); // printing "*"
    col = col+1; //Increment the current column
}
row = row+1; // Increment the current row (Outer Loop)
System.out.println(); // Add a new Line after each row
}
}

```

Pattern 2.3 - Isosceles Pattern

```

// N = 4
1
121
12321
1234321

```

Approach:

From the above pattern **we can observe:**

- **Number of Rows:** The pattern has 3 rows. We have to print the pattern for N rows.
- **Number of Columns:** Similar to Pattern 2.2, we first have **N-rowNumber** columns of spaces. Following this, we have **2*rowNumber-1** columns of numbers.
- **What to print:** We can notice that if **col <= N-rowNumber**, we are printing a **" " (Space)**. Further, the pattern has two parts. First is the increasing part and second is the decreasing part. For the increasing part, we will initialise a

variable `num=1`. In each row we will keep printing `num` till its value becomes equal to the `rowNumber`. We will increment `num` by 1 after printing it; this will account for the first part of the pattern. We have `num = rowNumber` at this stage. The decreasing part starts with `rowNumber - 1`. Hence, we will initialise `num` with `rowNumber - 1`. Now, for the decreasing part, we will again start printing `num` till `num>=1`. After printing `num` we will decrement it by 1.

Java Implementation:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner s = new Scanner(System.in);
    int N = s.nextInt(); // Take user input, N= Number of Rows
    int row = 1; // The Loop starts with the 1st row
    while (row <= N) { // Loop will on for N rows
        int spaces = 1; // Printing spaces
        while (spaces <= N-row) {
            System.out.print(" ");
            spaces=spaces+1;
        }
        int num=1; // Variable to print the numbers
        while (num <= row) { // Increasing Pattern
            System.out.print(num);
            num=num+1;
        }

        num=row-1; // We have to start printing the decreasing part
                  // from one less than the rowNumber
        while (num >= 1) { // Decreasing Pattern
            System.out.print(num);
```

```

        num=num-1;
    }
    row = row+1; // Increment the current row (Outer Loop)
    System.out.println(); // Add a new Line after each row
}
}

```

Practice Problems

Here are a few similar patterns problems for your practice. All the patterns have been drawn for N=4.

```

    *
   ***
  *****
 *****

```

```

    1
   121
  12321
 1234321
 12321
  121
   1

```

```

 1      1
 2    2
 3  3
  4
 3  3
 2    2

```

1 1

```
  *
 ***
*****
*****
*****
 ***
  *
```