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1. This question involves reasoning about a simulation of a frog hopping in a straight line. The frog attempts to hop to a goal within a specified number of hops. The simulation is encapsulated in the following FrogSimulation class. You will write two of the methods in this class.

```
public class FrogSimulation
{
    /** Distance, in inches, from the starting position to the goal. */
    private int goalDistance;

    /** Maximum number of hops allowed to reach the goal. */
    private int maxHops;

    /** Constructs a FrogSimulation where dist is the distance, in inches, from the starting
     * position to the goal, and numHops is the maximum number of hops allowed to reach the goal.
     * Precondition: dist > 0; numHops > 0
     */
    public FrogSimulation(int dist, int numHops)
    {
        goalDistance = dist;
        maxHops = numHops;
    }

    /** Returns an integer representing the distance, in inches, to be moved when the frog hops.
     */
    private int hopDistance()
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    /** Simulates a frog attempting to reach the goal as described in part (a).
     * Returns true if the frog successfully reached or passed the goal during the simulation;
     * false otherwise.
     */
    public boolean simulate()
    { /* to be implemented in part (a) */ }

    /** Runs num simulations and returns the proportion of simulations in which the frog
     * successfully reached or passed the goal.
     * Precondition: num > 0
     */
    public double runSimulations(int num)
    { /* to be implemented in part (b) */ }
}
```

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- (a) Write the `simulate` method, which simulates the frog attempting to hop in a straight line to a goal from the frog's starting position of 0 within a maximum number of hops. The method returns `true` if the frog successfully reached the goal within the maximum number of hops; otherwise, the method returns `false`.

The `FrogSimulation` class provides a method called `hopDistance` that returns an integer representing the distance (positive or negative) to be moved when the frog hops. A positive distance represents a move toward the goal. A negative distance represents a move away from the goal. The returned distance may vary from call to call. Each time the frog hops, its position is adjusted by the value returned by a call to the `hopDistance` method.

The frog hops until one of the following conditions becomes true:

- The frog has reached or passed the goal.
- The frog has reached a negative position.
- The frog has taken the maximum number of hops without reaching the goal.

The following example shows a declaration of a `FrogSimulation` object for which the goal distance is 24 inches and the maximum number of hops is 5. The table shows some possible outcomes of calling the `simulate` method.

```
FrogSimulation sim = new FrogSimulation(24, 5);
```

	Values returned by <code>hopDistance()</code>	Final position of frog	Return value of <code>sim.simulate()</code>
Example 1	5, 7, -2, 8, 6	24	true
Example 2	6, 7, 6, 6	25	true
Example 3	6, -6, 31	31	true
Example 4	4, 2, -8	-2	false
Example 5	5, 4, 2, 4, 3	18	false

Class information for this question

```
public class FrogSimulation

    private int goalDistance
    private int maxHops

    private int hopDistance()
    public boolean simulate()
    public double runSimulations(int num)
```

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Complete method `simulate` below. You must use `hopDistance` appropriately to receive full credit.

```
/** Simulates a frog attempting to reach the goal as described in part (a).
 * Returns true if the frog successfully reached or passed the goal during the simulation;
 * false otherwise.
 */
public boolean simulate()
```

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- (b) Write the `runSimulations` method, which performs a given number of simulations and returns the proportion of simulations in which the frog successfully reached or passed the goal. For example, if the parameter passed to `runSimulations` is 400, and 100 of the 400 `simulate` method calls returned `true`, then the `runSimulations` method should return 0.25.

Complete method `runSimulations` below. Assume that `simulate` works as specified, regardless of what you wrote in part (a). You must use `simulate` appropriately to receive full credit.

```
/** Runs num simulations and returns the proportion of simulations in which the frog
 *  successfully reached or passed the goal.
 *  Precondition: num > 0
 */
public double runSimulations(int num)
```

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2. This question involves reasoning about pairs of words that are represented by the following WordPair class.

```
public class WordPair
{
    /** Constructs a WordPair object. */
    public WordPair(String first, String second)
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    /** Returns the first string of this WordPair object. */
    public String getFirst()
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    /** Returns the second string of this WordPair object. */
    public String getSecond()
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

}
```

You will implement the constructor and another method for the following WordPairList class.

```
public class WordPairList
{
    /** The list of word pairs, initialized by the constructor. */
    private ArrayList<WordPair> allPairs;

    /** Constructs a WordPairList object as described in part (a).
     *  Precondition: words.length >= 2
     */
    public WordPairList(String[] words)
    { /* to be implemented in part (a) */ }

    /** Returns the number of matches as described in part (b).
     */
    public int numMatches()
    { /* to be implemented in part (b) */ }

}
```

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Question 1: Frog Simulation

Part (a)	<code>simulate</code>	5 points
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Intent: Simulate the distance traveled by a hopping frog

- +1 Calls `hopDistance` and uses returned distance to adjust (or represent) the frog's position
- +1 Initializes and accumulates the frog's position at most `maxHops` times (*must be in context of a loop*)
- +1 Determines if a distance representing multiple hops is at least `goalDistance`
- +1 Determines if a distance representing multiple hops is less than starting position
- +1 Returns `true` if goal ever reached, `false` if goal never reached or position ever less than starting position

Part (b)	<code>runSimulations</code>	4 points
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Intent: Determine the proportion of successful frog hopping simulations

- +1 Calls `simulate` the specified number of times (*no bounds errors*)
- +1 Initializes and accumulates a count of `true` results
- +1 Calculates proportion of successful simulations using `double` arithmetic
- +1 Returns calculated value

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Question 1: Scoring Notes

Part (a) simulate			5 points
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they...	Responses will not earn the point if they...
+1	Calls <code>hopDistance</code> and uses returned distance to adjust (or represent) the frog's position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use <code>hopDistance()</code> as a position, like <code>hopDistance() < 0</code> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> only use <code>hopDistance()</code> as a count, like <code>hopDistance() < maxHops</code>
+1	Initializes and accumulates the frog's position at most <code>maxHops</code> times (<i>must be in context of a loop</i>)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> do not use a loop
+1	Determines if a distance representing multiple hops is at least <code>goalDistance</code>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use some number of hops * <code>hopDistance()</code> as the frog's final position 	
+1	Determines if a distance representing multiple hops is less than starting position		
+1	Returns <code>true</code> if goal ever reached, <code>false</code> if goal never reached or position ever less than starting position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have checks for all three conditions and correct return logic based on those checks, even if a check did not earn a point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> do not check all three conditions only check for <code>goalDistance</code> after the loop only check for starting position after the loop
Part (b) runSimulations			4 points
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they...	Responses will not earn the point if they...
+1	Calls <code>simulate</code> the specified number of times (<i>no bounds errors</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> do not use the result of calling <code>simulate</code> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> do not use a loop
+1	Initializes and accumulates a count of <code>true</code> results		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> initialize the count inside a loop do not use a loop
+1	Calculates proportion of successful simulations using <code>double</code> arithmetic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform the correct calculation on an accumulated value, even if there was an error in the accumulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fail to divide by the parameter
+1	Returns calculated value		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> calculate values using nonnumeric types return a count of simulations

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Question 1: Frog Simulation

Part (a)

```
public boolean simulate()
{
    int position = 0;

    for (int count = 0; count < maxHops; count++)
    {
        position += hopDistance();
        if (position >= goalDistance)
        {
            return true;
        }
        else if (position < 0)
        {
            return false;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```

Part (b)

```
public double runSimulations(int num)
{
    int countSuccess = 0;

    for (int count = 0; count < num; count++)
    {
        if(simulate())
        {
            countSuccess++;
        }
    }
    return (double)countSuccess / num;
}
```

These canonical solutions serve an expository role, depicting general approaches to solution. Each reflects only one instance from the infinite set of valid solutions. The solutions are presented in a coding style chosen to enhance readability and facilitate understanding.