CS2030 Programming Methodology
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Problem Set #8
Parallel Streams

1. What is the outcome of the following stream pipeline?

   ```
   Stream.of(1, 2, 3, 4)
       .reduce(0, (result, x) -> result * 2 + x);
   ```

   What happens if we parallelize the stream? Explain.

2. In this question, you are to re-solve the maximum disc coverage solution, testing each possible circle in parallel, by completing the method below using `Stream` and `Optional` without any loops or `null`s.

   ```
   public static long solve(List<Point> points, double radius) {
       return ..
   }
   ```

   The method takes in a list of `Point` objects and a `distance` value, and returns the maximum number of points from the given list contained in any circle with radius `radius`.

   Your solution should consists of a single return statement with the method calls chained together. You can assume that the `Point` class and the `Circle` class has been written as in your Lab #1.

   Hint: you will also find the `product` method you wrote from Problem Set #7 and the `Pair` class that you used in Lab #7 useful.

3. By now you should be familiar with the Fibonacci sequence where the first two terms are defined by $f_1 = 1$ and $f_2 = 1$, and generation of each subsequent term is based upon the sum of the previous two terms. In this question, we shall attempt to parallelize the generation of the sequence.

   As an example, supose we are given the first $k = 4$ values of the sequence f_1 to f_4, i.e.

   $$1, 1, 2, 3$$

   To generate the next $k - 1$ values, we observe the following:

   $$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} f_5 & = & f_3 + f_4 & = & f_3 + f_4 & = & f_1 \cdot f_3 + f_2 \cdot f_4 \\ f_6 & = & f_4 + f_5 & = & f_3 + 2f_4 & = & f_2 \cdot f_3 + f_3 \cdot f_4 \\ f_7 & = & f_5 + f_6 & = & 2f_3 + 3f_4 & = & f_3 \cdot f_3 + f_4 \cdot f_4 \end{array}$$

   Notice that generating each of the terms f_5 to f_7 only depends on the terms of the given sequence. This actually means that generating the terms can now be done in parallel!

In addition, repeated application of the above results in an exponential growth of the Fibonacci sequence.

You are now given the following program fragment:

```
static BigInteger findFibTerm(int n) {
    List<BigInteger> fibList = new ArrayList<>();
    fibList.add(BigInteger.ONE);
    fibList.add(BigInteger.ONE);

    while (fibList.size() < n) {
        generateFib(fibList);
    }
    return list(n-1);
}
```

(a) Using Java parallel streams, complete the `generateFib` method such that each method call takes in an initial sequence of k terms and fills it with an additional $k-1$ terms. The `findFibTerm` method calls `generateFib` repeatedly until the n^{th} term is generated and returned.

(b) Find out the time it takes to complete the sequential and parallel generations of the Fibonacci sequence for $n = 50000$.