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Computes the periodical payment necessary to re-pay a given loan.
public class LoanCalc {
  static double epsilon = 0.001; // The computation tolerance (estimation error)
  static int iterationCounter: // Monitors the efficiency of the calculation
   * Gets the loan data and computes the periodical payment.
   * Expects to get three command-line arguments: sum of the loan (double),
   * interest rate (double, as a percentage), and number of payments (int).
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     // Gets the loan data
     double loan = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);
     double rate = Double.parseDouble(args[1]);
     int n = Integer.parseInt(args[2]);
     System.out.println("Loan sum = " + loan + ", interest rate = " + rate + "%, periods =
 + n);
     // Computes the periodical payment using brute force search
     System.out.print("Periodical payment, using brute force: ");
     System.out.printf("%.2f", bruteForceSolver(loan, rate, n, epsilon));
     System.out.println();
     System.out.println("number of iterations: " + iterationCounter);
     // Computes the periodical payment using bisection search
     System.out.print("Periodical payment, using bi-section search: ");
     System.out.printf("%.2f", bisectionSolver(loan, rate, n, epsilon));
     System.out.println();
     System.out.println("number of iterations: " + iterationCounter);
  * Uses a sequential search method ("brute force") to compute an approximation
  * of the periodical payment that will bring the ending balance of a loan close to 0.
  * Given: the sum of the loan, the periodical interest rate (as a percentage),
  * the number of periods (n), and epsilon, a tolerance level.
  // Side effect: modifies the class variable iterationCounter.
  public static double bruteForceSolver(double loan, double rate, int n, double epsilon)
     double payment = loan / n;
     double endBalance = endBalance(loan, rate, n, payment);
     iterationCounter = 0:
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while (endBalance - epsilon > 0) {
       payment += epsilon;
       endBalance = endBalance(loan, rate, n, payment);
       iterationCounter++;
    return payment;
  * Uses bisection search to compute an approximation of the periodical payment
  * that will bring the ending balance of a loan close to 0.
  * Given: the sum of theloan, the periodical interest rate (as a percentage),
  * the number of periods (n), and epsilon, a tolerance level.
  // Side effect: modifies the class variable iterationCounter.
  public static double bisectionSolver(double loan, double rate, int n, double epsilon) {
    double h = loan:
    double I = loan / n;
    double g = (h + I) / 2.0;
    double endLow = 0;
    double endHigh = 0;
    iterationCounter = 0;
    while (h - l > epsilon) {
       // h = g;
       // g = (h + I) / 2.0;
       endLow = endBalance(loan, rate, n, l);
       endHigh = endBalance(loan, rate, n, g);
       if (endHigh * endLow > 0) {
          I = g;
       else {
          h = g;
       g = (h + I) / 2.0;
       iterationCounter++;
    return g;
  * Computes the ending balance of a loan, given the sum of the loan, the periodical
  * interest rate (as a percentage), the number of periods (n), and the periodical
payment.
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private static double endBalance(double loan, double rate, int n, double payment) {
    double endBalanceOfLoan = loan;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        endBalanceOfLoan = (endBalanceOfLoan - payment) * (1.0 + (rate / 100.0));
        }
    return endBalanceOfLoan;
    }
}</pre>
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String processing exercise 1. */
public class LowerCase {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     if (args.length > 0) {
        String str = args[0];
        System.out.println(lowerCase(str));
  * Returns a string which is identical to the original string,
  * except that all the upper-case letters are converted to lower-case letters.
  * Non-letter characters are left as is.
  public static String lowerCase(String s) {
     String lowerCaseStr = "";
     if (s.length() > 0) {
        for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {
          if (s.charAt(i) \ge 'A' \&\& s.charAt(i) \le 'Z') 
             lowerCaseStr += (char) ((int) s.charAt(i) + 32);
          else {
             lowerCaseStr += s.charAt(i);
     return lowerCaseStr;
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String processing exercise 2. */
public class UniqueChars {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     if (args.length > 0) {
        String str = args[0];
        System.out.println(uniqueChars(str));
   * Returns a string which is identical to the original string,
   * except that all the duplicate characters are removed,
   * unless they are space characters.
  public static String uniqueChars(String s) {
     String noDuplicates = "";
     if (s.length() > 0) {
        for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {
          if (noDuplicates.length() > 0) {
             if (s.charAt(i) != ' ') {
                if (noDuplicates.indexOf(s.charAt(i)) == -1) {
                  noDuplicates += s.charAt(i);
             else {
                noDuplicates += s.charAt(i);
          else {
             noDuplicates += s.charAt(i);
     return noDuplicates;
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* Prints the calendars of all the years of a given year
public class Calendar {
  static int dayOfMonth = 1;
  static int month = 1;
  static int year = 1900;
  static int dayOfWeek = 2; // 1.1.1900 was a Monday
  static int nDaysInMonth = 31; // Number of days in January
  static int dayCount = 1;
  public static void main(String args[]) {
    if (args.length > 0) {
       int yearToPrint = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
       while ( year != yearToPrint ) {
          advance();
       while (year != yearToPrint + 1) {
          System.out.print(dayOfMonth + "/" + month + "/" + year);
          if (dayOfWeek == 1) {
            System.out.print("Sunday");
          System.out.println();
          advance();
    }
  // Advances the date (day, month, year) and the day-of-the-week.
  // If the month changes, sets the number of days in this month.
  // Side effects: changes the static variables dayOfMonth, month, year, dayOfWeek,
nDaysInMonth.
  private static void advance() {
    if (dayOfWeek == 7) {
       dayOfWeek = 1;
    else {
       dayOfWeek++;
    if (dayOfMonth == nDaysInMonth) {
       dayOfMonth = 1;
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if (month == 12) {
       dayCount = 1;
       month = 1;
       year++;
     else {
       dayCount++;
       month++;
     nDaysInMonth = nDaysInMonth(month, year);
  else {
     dayCount++;
     dayOfMonth++;
// Returns true if the given year is a leap year, false otherwise.
private static boolean isLeapYear(int year) {
  if (year \% 100 == 0 && year \% 400 == 0) {
     return true;
  return year \% 4 == 0;
// Returns the number of days in the given month and year.
// April, June, September, and November have 30 days each.
// February has 28 days in a common year, and 29 days in a leap year.
// All the other months have 31 days.
private static int nDaysInMonth(int month, int year) {
  int days = 0;
  if (month == 4 || month == 6 || month == 9 || month == 11) {
     days = 30;
  else if (month == 2) {
     days = 28;
     if (isLeapYear(year)) {
       days++;
  else {
     days = 31;
  return days;
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