## **Verification of Valid ISBNs (due 29 March 2013)**

Most books now published are assigned a code which uniquely identifies the book. The <u>International Standard Book Number</u>, or ISBN, is normally a sequence of 10 decimal digits, but in some cases, the capital letter X may also appear as the tenth digit. Hyphens are included at various places in the ISBN to make them easier to read, but have no other significance. The sample input and expected output shown below illustrate many valid, and a few invalid, forms for ISBNs.

Actually, only the first nine digits in an ISBN are used to identify a book. The tenth character serves as a check digit to verify that the preceding 9 digits are correctly formed. This check digit is selected so that the value computed as shown in the following algorithm is evenly divisible by 11. Since the check digit may sometimes need to be as large as 10 to guarantee divisibility by 11, a special symbol was selected by the ISBN designers to represent 10, and that is the role played by X.

The algorithm used to check an ISBN is relatively simple. Two sums, s1 and s2, are computed over the digits of the ISBN. s1 is the partial sum of the digits of ISBN and s2 the partial sum of s1. The ISBN is correct if the final value of s2 is evenly divisible by 11.

An example will clarify the procedure. Consider the (correct) ISBN 0-13-162959-X. First look at the calculation of *s1*:

digits in the ISBN	0	1	3	1		2	9	5	9	10 (X)
s1 (partial sums)	0	1	4	5	11	13	22	177	36	46

The calculation of s2 is done by computing the total of the partial sums in the calculation of s1:

s2 (nartial sums of s1)	0	1	5		21	3/1	56	83	110	165
s2 (partial sums of s1)	$\Box \cup$	1		10	21		50	83	117	103

We now verify the correctness of the ISBN by noting that 165 is, indeed, evenly divisible by 11.

The ISBNs will be in a file called <u>isbn\_input.txt</u>. In that file there will be one ISBN per line. The ISBNs may be valid or invalid. The ISBNs may have zero or more hyphens ("-"). The invalid ISBNs may have extraneous characters in them or may have insufficient number of digits. Your program should be general enough to process any file in the format that we just discussed and not just on the sample file that we have linked to. The input file that we will be testing your program on will be different from the one provided.

Your program will open the file *isbn\_input.txt* for reading. You will read one line at a time as a string, then parse the string character by character and store the digits and the character *X* into a list. Remember the hypen ('-') character can occur anywhere in the string. There are several tests that you will have to perform to insure that you have a valid ISBN.

- Only the characters '0' through '9', 'X' or 'x', and '-' is present in the input string.
- There are exactly nine digits from '0' through '9' and the last character is either a digit or 'X' or 'x'.

You will design your program having several methods. You will also use some of the methods in the *String* class.

You will create two arrays s1 and s2 that will hold the partial sums as outlined above. If the last element in the array s2 is divisible by 11 then you have a valid ISBN.

You will open another file *isbn\_output.txt* for writing. After you have read a line from the input file and determined whether it is a valid ISBN or not you will write out the result in the output file. The format will be as follows.

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0-1315-2447-X valid
0-89237-010-9 invalid
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Close the files isbn input.txt and isbn output.txt after you have finished processing.

The file that you will be turning in will be called **ISBN.java**. We will be looking at documentation, descriptive variable and methods names, clean logical structure, and adherence to the coding conventions discussed in class. The file will have a header of the following form:

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/*
  File: ISBN.java

Description:
  Student Name:
  Student UT EID:
  Course Name: CS 312
  Unique Number:
  Date Created:
  Date Last Modified:
*/
```

Use the <u>turnin</u> program to submit your **ISBN.java** file. We should receive your work by 11 PM on Friday, 29 March 2013. There will be substantial penalties if you do not adhere to the guidelines.

- Your Java program should have the header with the proper documentation.
- Your code must run before submission.
- You should be submitting your file through the web based turnin program. We will not accept files emailed to us.
- Here is the **Grading Criteria**.