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## **Assignment - In progress**

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Title Assignment 4

**Due** Nov 12, 2015 11:55 pm

Status Not Started

Grade Scale Points (max 90.0)

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## Instructions

**Rules:** Cite any sources you use, and write your own comments and error messages. Do not use any built-in predicates (aside from arithmetic operators and format/2).

**Bonus points:** Earn up to a total of 20 bonus points by making your code print out informative errors (e.g. "LISTLENGTH/2: The first argument must be a list."). I recommend that you try to answer all the questions first, then add in error checking.

1. (15 points) Create a recursive Prolog predicate **listlength/2** that has a list as its first argument, and the length of that list as its second argument.

## Examples:

```
?- listlength([9, 5, 6, 4],L).
L = 4.
?- listlength([], 0).
true.
?- listlength(List, 0).
List = [].
?- listlength([5, [6, 7, 8]], L).
L = 2.
```

Make a transcript of your predicate working on five representative cases.

What happens if you do this, and why?

```
?- listlength(L, 3).
```

Hint: This might be useful for Question 2.

2. (50 points) Write predicates that will find solutions for each of the following colored-balls-in-a-row problems with different sets of constraints.

Situation #1 (10 points)

- You have six colored balls: 2 green, 2 blue and 2 yellow
- No balls of the same color may be adjacent to one another.

Situation #2 (10 points)

- You have six colored balls: 4 black, 1 red and 1 blue.
- There are no more than 2 black balls in a row.

Situation #3 (30 points)

• You have eight colored balls: 1 black, 2 white, 2 red and 3 green.



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