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• Q1: Write the pseudocode for what you would do to prevent these errors from occurring in your program, i.e. handle the errors before they cause a logic or runtime error?

Arithmetic Overflow

This one is hard. Assuming you know the types of variables at play (long, int, double, etc) then you could check the result against the MAX_VALUE.

Let's assume they are ints.

Int a;

Int b;

<stuff happens to change a and b>

Int c = a*b

If (c < absolute value of a or c < absolute value of b), then it overflowed. C wrapped around and became smaller than one of the operands.

• Divide by zero

Assume variables a and b.

Try:
result = a / b

Catch (ArithmeticException):
print "you can't do that!"