08: ♦ Write code to add, subtract, multiply, and divide given numbers?

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A trivial coding example (i.e. a Calculator) tackled using the following **programming paradigms** in Java not only to perform well in coding interviews, but also to learn these programming paradigms.

Approach 1: Procedural Programming
Approaches 2 – 4: Object Oriented Programming
Approach 5: Functional Programming (Java 8)

Approach 1: Procedural

```
1 public interface Calculate {
```

```
2     abstract int calculate(int operand1, int oeran
3 }
```

```
1 public enum Operator {
2     ADD, SUBTRACT, DIVIDE, MULTIPLY;
3 }
```

```
1  public class CalculateImpl implements Calculate
2
3      @Override
4      public int calculate(int operand1, int opera
5
6          switch (operator) {
7          case ADD:
8              return operand1 + operand2;
9          case SUBTRACT:
10             return operand1 - operand2;
11         case MULTIPLY:
12             return operand1 * operand2;
13         case DIVIDE:
14             return operand1 / operand2;
15         }
16
17         throw new RuntimeException(operator + "i
18     }
19
20 }
```

```
1  public class CalculatorTest {
2      public static void main(String[] args) {
3         Calculate calc = new CalculateImpl();
4         int result = calc.calculate(5,6,Operator.
5         result = calc.calculate(result,6,Operator
6         result = calc.calculate(result,1,Operator
7         result = calc.calculate(result,5,Operator
8
9         System.out.println("result=" + result);
10     }
11 }
```

Output: result=13

Approach 2: OOP

```
1 public interface MathCommand<E> {
2     abstract E execute(E operand1, E operand2);
3 }
```

```
1 public class AddCommand implements MathCommand<In
2
3     @Override
4     public Integer execute(Integer operand1, Inte
```

```
5           return operand1 + operand2;
6       }
7   }
```

```
1  public class SubtractCommand implements MathComma
2
3      @Override
4      public Integer execute(Integer operand1, Inte
5          return operand1 - operand2;
6      }
7  }
```

```
1  public class MultiplyCommand implements MathComma
2
3      @Override
4      public Integer execute(Integer operand1, Inte
5          return operand1 * operand2;
6      }
7  }
```

```
1  public class DivideCommand implements MathCommand
2
3      @Override
4      public Integer execute(Integer operand1, Inte
5          return operand1 / operand2;
6      }
7  }
```

```
1   public class CalculatorTest2 {
2       public static void main(String[] args) {
3           MathCommand<Integer> command = new AddCo
4           Integer result = command.execute(5, 6);
5           command = new MultiplyCommand();
6           result = command.execute(result, 6);
7           command = new SubtractCommand();
8           result = command.execute(result, 1);
9           command = new DivideCommand();
10          result = command.execute(result, 5);
11
12          System.out.println("result=" + result);
13      }
14  }
```

When you have more mathematical operations, add more command classes. In OOP, switch statements are unsightly and hard to maintain. The above OOP approach eliminates the need for switches. This is also a good example of the “Open-Close design principle”.

Output: result=13

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Approach 3: OOP

This extends **approach-2** to make the client code more elegant to use with "*", "+", etc.

```
1  import java.util.HashMap;
2  import java.util.Map;
3
4  public final class Calculator {
5
6      private static final Map<Character, MathComm
7                                                  ne
8
9      public Calculator() {
10         init();
11     }
12
13     public void init() {
14         mapOperations.put('+', new AddCommand())
15         mapOperations.put('*', new MultiplyComma
16         mapOperations.put('-', new SubtractComma
17         mapOperations.put('/', new DivideCommand
18     }
19
20     public Integer calc(Character operator, Inte
21         MathCommand<Integer> op = mapOperations.
22         if (op != null) {
23             return op.execute(operand1, operand2
24         }
25         else {
26             throw new RuntimeException(operator
27         }
28     }
29
30 }
```

```
1  public class CalculatorTest {
2      public static void main(String[] args) {
3          Calculator calc = new Calculator();
4          Integer result = calc.calc('+', 5, 6);
5          result = calc.calc('*', result, 6);
6          result = calc.calc('-', result, 1);
7          result = calc.calc('/', result, 5);
8
9          System.out.println("result=" + result);
10     }
11 }
```

Output: result=13

Approach 4: OOP

This extends **approach-2** & **approach-3** to make the client code more elegant **"." notations** [e.g. blah.calc('+', 6).calc('*',

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6).calc('-', 1).blah] with the help of "Builder" design pattern.

```
1  import java.util.HashMap;
2  import java.util.Map;
3
4  public final class Calculator {
5
6      Integer result = 0;
7
8      private static final Map<Character, MathComm
9                                      new HashMap<C
10
11     public Calculator(CalculationBuilder builder
12         this.result = builder.result;
13     }
14
15     public Integer getResult(){
16         return this.result;
17     }
18
19     //inner static class applying the builder de
20     public static class CalculationBuilder {
21
22         protected Integer result;
23
24         CalculationBuilder (Integer result){
25             init();
26             this.result = result;
27         }
28
29         public void init() {
30             mapOperations.put('+', new AddComman
31             mapOperations.put('*', new MultiplyC
32             mapOperations.put('-', new SubtractC
33             mapOperations.put('/', new DivideCom
34         }
35
36         CalculationBuilder calc(Character operat
37             MathCommand<Integer> op = mapOperati
38             if (op != null) {
39                 this.result = op.execute(result,
40             } else {
41                 throw new RuntimeException(opera
42             }
43             return this;
44         }
45
46     }
47
48 }
```

```
1  public class CalculatorTest {
2      public static void main(String[] args) {
3          //more elegant to build mathematical ope
4          Calculator.CalculationBuilder calcBuilde
5                                                  .c
6                                                  .c
7                                                  .c
8                                                  .c
9          Calculator calc = new Calculator(calcBui
10         System.out.println("result=" + calc.getR
```

```
11      }
12  }
```

Output: result=13

Approach 5: FP

Java 8 functional programming. You can see Lambdas, functional interfaces, default methods, and static methods in action.

```
1  package com.java8.examples;
2
3  import java.util.function.BinaryOperator;
4  import java.util.function.Function;
5  import java.util.Objects;
6
7  @FunctionalInterface
8  public interface MathOperation<Intetger>  {
9
10     //SAM -- Single Abstract Method.
11     //identifier abstract is optional
12     Integer operate(Integer operand);
13
14     default MathOperation<Integer> add(Integer o
15        return (o1) -> operate(o1) +   o;
16     }
17
18     default MathOperation<Integer> multiply(Inte
19          return (o1) -> operate(o1) * o;
20     }
21
22     default MathOperation<Integer> subtract(Inte
23         return (o1) -> operate(o1) -   o;
24      }
25
26      default MathOperation<Integer> divide(Integ
27           return (o1) -> operate(o1) / o;
28      }
29
30     default Integer getResult() {
31        return operate(0);
32     }
33
34     default void print(){
35         System.out.println("result=" + getResult
36     }
37
38     //static helper to initialize
39     static Integer init(Integer input) {
40         return input  ;
41     }
42
43 }
```

```
1  package com.java8.examples;
```

```
2
3  public class CalculatorTest {
4
5      public static void main(String[] args) {
6
7          //An expressive static helper method
8          MathOperation<Integer> calc = (x) -> Mat
9
10         MathOperation<Integer> complexOp = calc.
11                     .multiply(6)
12                     .subtract(1)
13                     .divide(5);
14
15         complexOp.print();
16     }
17
18 }
```

Output: result=13

This is a very trivial example, and some solutions could be bit of an over kill.

Q. Which one would you favor, and why?
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