

Aim: The aim of this project is to strengthen the use of

- User-defined functions.
- Nested selections
- Simple and nested loops.
- 1D and 2D arrays.

Idea: Build a square matrix and test if it is a magic square.

Definition:

Magic square is a **square** grid (where n is the number of cells on each side) filled with distinct positive integers in the range. Such that each cell contains a different integer and the sum of the integers in each row, column and diagonal is equal.

For this project, we will implement two different algorithms that generate magic squares:

1. The first algorithm, implemented in the method **buildMagicSquare1**, requires 3 parameters:
 - a perfect square integer **n**, that represents the number of values in the sequence,
 - an integer **first**, first value of the arithmetic sequence used to generate the magic square,
 - an integer **step** that represents the difference between any two consecutive values in the sequence.

The dimension of the generated two-dimensional array is (square root of **n**) \times (square root of **n**) and its values are the values of the arithmetic sequence that starts with **first** and ends with **first + step * (n – 1)**.

Example: if **n** is 16, **first** is 6 and **step** is 3, the method generates a 4 \times 4 two-dimensional array that has the values: 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51 ($6 + 3 * (16 - 1)$).

2. The second one, implemented in the method **buildMagicSquare2**, requires an odd number **dim** as the dimension of the magic square. In this case, the magic square is a **dim \times dim** two-dimensional array with values 1 to **dim \times dim**.

Example: if **dim** = 5, the magic square is 5 \times 5 array with values 1 to 25.

To help you designing your solution you are asked to:

- a) Write the boolean method **isPerfectSquare** that tests if its integer parameter **n** is a perfect square.
- b) Write a method **createArithmeticSeq** that takes as parameters:
- an integer **n** representing the number of values in the arithmetic sequence,
 - an integer **first** representing the first value in the sequence,
 - an integer **step**, representing the step between the values of the sequence.

The method then creates and returns, a one-dimensional array of **n** elements ordered in an arithmetic sequence.

For example: if **n** = 16, **first** = 26 and **step** = 5, the arithmetic sequence is: 26 31 36 41 46 51 56 61 66 71 76 81 86 91 96 101.

N.B. This method assumes that the size of its first parameter **n** is a perfect square.

- c) Write a method **display1DArray** that displays the values of a one-dimensional array of integers in a tabular format of a 2D shape. This method expects two parameters: an integer **valuesPerLine** (integers per line) and one-dimensional array of integers **arr** to be printed.

For example, for the array: 26 31 36 41 46 51 56 61 66 71 76 81 86 91 96 101 with **valuesPerLine** = 4, the method prints the following (7 places for each element, right justified)

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26    31    36    41
46    51    56    61
66    71    76    81
86    91    96   101
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- d) Write a method **matricize** that takes a one-dimensional array of integers, as a parameter, and then puts its elements into a square array, whose rows and columns are each equal to the square root of the size of the one-dimensional array, and then returns it.

This method assumes that the one-dimensional array's dimension is a perfect square.

For example, if we pass, to the method, the one-dimensional array **arr** generated by part **b)**, then the function returns the following array:

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|----|----|----|-----|
| 26 | 31 | 36 | 41 |
| 46 | 51 | 56 | 61 |
| 66 | 71 | 76 | 81 |
| 86 | 91 | 96 | 101 |

- e) Write a void method **reverseDiagonals** that reverses the main and secondary diagonals of a square array. For example, the result of calling this method, using the square array generated by the method in d), is as follows:

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|-----|----|----|----|
| 101 | 31 | 36 | 86 |
| 46 | 76 | 71 | 61 |
| 66 | 56 | 51 | 81 |
| 41 | 91 | 96 | 26 |

This method assumes that the two-dimensional array it is manipulating is a square one.

- f) Write a method **sum1DArray** that returns the sum of the elements of a one-dimensional array of integers. This method is to be used to sum the elements of a row in a two-dimensional array.
- g) Write a method **sumCol** that returns the sum of the elements of a column in a two-dimensional array.
- h) Write a method **sum1stDiagonal** that returns the sum of the elements of the first diagonal of a two-dimensional array.

This method assumes that the two-dimensional array is square.

- i) Write a method **sum2ndDiagonal** that returns the sum of the elements of the second diagonal of a two-dimensional array.

This method assumes that the two-dimensional array is square.

- j) Write a method **buildMagicSquare1** that takes, as parameters, three integers **n**, **first** and **step**.
1. It calls the method **createArithmeticSeq** defined in **c)** to generate the arithmetic sequence in a one-dimensional array.
 2. It calls the method **display1DArray**, defined in **c)**, to display the generated array as a 2D shape.
 3. It calls the method **matricize** defined in part **d)**, to generate, from the one-dimensional array, the two-dimensional array.
 4. It call the method **reverseDiagonals** described in part **e)** to reverses the diagonals. Just to mention that the resulting two-dimensional array is not necessarily a magic square. We will use the method **isMagicSquare**, defined in **l)**, for this purpose.

This method assumes that **first** is a perfect square.

- k) Write a method **buildMagicSquare2** that builds and returns a magic square, of dimensions **n×n** (**n** is a parameter for this method), using the following algorithm:

Start by storing the first number, which is 1, at position ($n/2$, $n-1$). Let this position be (row,col). The next number (equal to previous number plus 1) is stored at position (row-1, col+1) where we can consider each row and column as circular array i.e. they wrap around.

Three conditions hold:

1. The position of next number is calculated by going one row up and moving one column to the right. At any time, if the next row's index is equal to -1, its index resets to n-1. Similarly, if the next column's index is n, its index resets to 0.
2. If the next cell to be filled (let us assume that it is at indices i and j) has already a value, you should then try next to fill a cell whose indices are [i+1, j-2].
3. If the row of the next cell you're trying to fill is -1 and its column is n, you should try next to fill the one at indices [0, n-2].

This method assumes that **n**, the number of rows and columns is odd.

To better understand the logic behind the above algorithm, try to trace it and generate a magic square of size 5×5 similar to the one shown below:

| | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| 9 | 3 | 22 | 16 | 15 |
| 2 | 21 | 20 | 14 | 8 |
| 25 | 19 | 13 | 7 | 1 |
| 18 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 24 |
| 11 | 10 | 4 | 23 | 17 |

- l) Write a boolean method **isMagicSquare** that should use the functions implemented previously for this purpose i.e. it should compute the sum of each row, each column, and the diagonals and do the check accordingly.
- m) Write a function **printMatrix** that outputs the elements of a two-dimensional array, one row per line. This method uses the method **display1DArray** defined in **c**).
- n) Write a tester file with a main method that tests the methods you wrote for parts **a**) to **e**) using the following steps:

Prompt the user to choose of one the three options:

- i. (Option 1) Generate a magic square using the method defined in j):
 1. In this case, ask the user to enter the size of the one-dimensional array, the value to start with and the step for the arithmetic sequence. The validity of these values (i.e. size is a perfect square and the two others are positive) should be checked, separately, one by one. If any one of them is not, you should ask the user to re-enter a new one.
 2. Generate the corresponding two-dimensional array using the method **buildMagicSquare1** defined in **j**).

3. Test if the generated two-dimensional array is a magic square, using the method **isMagicSquare** defined in **l**), and display a message accordingly
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- ii. (Option 2) Generate a magic square using the second method (i.e. the one defined in **k**):
 1. In this case, ask the user to enter the number of rows or columns of the square array. After making sure that the input is valid (i.e. >0 and odd), generate the corresponding magic square.
 2. Display the generated two-dimensional array.
 3. Test if the generated two-dimensional array is a magic square and display a message accordingly.
 - iii. (Option 3) Quit the program.

The above loop should continue until the user chooses to quit the program.