Tracing & Hypothesis

Bug 1: The player is not paid out correctly

1 Tracing

From the display of winning in **Main.java**, it can be seen that the winning is calculated in the method *playRound* in **Game.java**. The winning is displayed through the method *getBalance* in **Player.java**. There are probably two possibilities in this case, either problems with the winnings (**Player.java**) or the game (**Game.java**).

Tracing from the **Player.java**, it is showed that the balance before the turn and winning after turn are calculated as:

```
public void takeBet(int bet) {
    if (bet < 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException("Bet cannot be zero or negative.");
    if (!balanceExceedsLimitBy(bet)) throw new IllegalArgumentException("Placing bet would go below limit.");
    balance = balance - bet;
}

public void receiveWinnings(int winnings) {
    if (winnings < 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException("Winnings cannot be negative.");
    balance = balance + winnings;
}</pre>
```

Tracing from the **Game.java**, the *playRound* method is calculated as:

```
public int playRound(Player player, DiceValue pick, int bet ) {
    if (player == null) throw new IllegalArgumentException("Player cannot be null.");
    if (pick == null) throw new IllegalArgumentException("Pick cannot be negative.");
    if (bet < 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException("Bet cannot be negative.");

player.takeBet(bet);

int matches = 0;
    for ( Dice d : dice) {
        d.roll();
        if (d.getValue().equals(pick)) {
            matches ++;
        }
    }

int winnings = matches * bet;

if (matches > 0) {
        player.receiveWinnings(winnings); // refund the bet
    }

return wihnings;
}
```

So the bug here can be first explored that when the player plays round:

- Before the dice rolling, the player has to take the bet: $balance = (initial) \ balance bet$
- If one match, $balance = balance + bet = (initial) \ balance$ instead of $(initial) \ balance + bet$
- If two matches, balance = balance + 2 * bet = (initial) balance + bet instead of (initial) balance + 2 * bet
- If three matches, $balance = balance + 3 * bet = (initial) \ balance + 2 * bet$ instead of $(initial) \ balance + 3 * bet$

2 Hypothesis

There are three hypotheses in this case that needs to be verified:

- **Hypothesis 1:** The number of matches is calculated correctly.
- **Hypothesis 2:** The winnings are added correctly
- **Hypothesis 3:** The balance becomes incorrect after taking the bet

The testing of the hypotheses is conducted by putting breakpoints at

- int winnings = matches * bet;
- (2) player.receiveWinnings(winnings);

The debugging shows the results for the hypotheses as below:

• Result from the console:

```
Start Game
Fred starts with balance 100, limit 0
Turn 1: Fred bet 5 on CLUB
Rolled DIAMOND, CLUB, CROWN
Fred won 5, balance now 100
```

| HYPOTHESIS | RESULT |
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| Hypothesis 1: The number of matches is calculated correctly. | At the stage of calculating match: the number of match is right (1 match). So (1) is true. 33 |
| Hypothesis 2: The winnings are added correctly | At the stage of calculating winnings. So (2) is true. 1 |
| Hypothesis 3: The balance becomes incorrect after taking the bet | Moving to the stage of take bet: the balance of player is wrong. It should be 100. So (3) is true. |