

## Task 1

### a) match Java format strings

The regex is located in `java.util.Formatter` source code <https://github.com/openjdk/jdk/blob/master/src/java.base/share/classes/java/util/Formatter.java>. The variable is called `FORMAT_SPECIFIER`.

```
"%(\\d+\\$)?([-#+ 0,(\\<]*)?(\\d+)?(\\.\\d+)?([tT])?([a-zA-Z%])"
```

To get the output, I will collect all match begin and end positions in a `Queue` data structure. Then pass the queue and the entire text into a function. Each iteration will get the head of the queue. The first `if` is for the case when there is text after the last match left. The second `if` exists so that it will not add `TEXT` when `FORMAT` is the first part of the string or when two of them are next to each other.

```
public static void print(Queue<Format> lst, String text) {
    var strBuilder = new StringBuilder();
    var index = 0;
    while (index < text.length()) {
        var format = lst.poll();
        if (format == null) {
            strBuilder.append(String.format("TEXT(%s)",
                text.substring(index, text.length())));
            break;
        }
        if (format.begin != 0 && format.begin != index) {
            strBuilder.append(String.format(
                "TEXT(%s)", text.substring(index, format.begin)));
        }
        strBuilder.append(String.format("FORMAT(%s)",
            text.substring(format.begin, format.end)));
        index = format.end;
    }
    System.out.println(strBuilder);
}
```

### b) writing ANTLR4 lexer rules for 12-hour clock

From reading the Wikipedia entry [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/12-hour\\_clock](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/12-hour_clock). I came up with following lexer rules:

```
lexer grammar Aufgabe2Lexer;
```

```
Clock: WORD
      | TIME
      ;
```

```
WORD: 'Midnight'
     | 'Noon'
     | '12' WS 'midnight'
     | '12' WS 'noon'
     ;
```

```
TIME: HOUR SEPARATOR MINUTE WS PERIOD;
```

```
PERIOD: 'a.m.'
       | 'p.m.'
       ;
```

```
SEPARATOR: ':';
```

```
HOUR: [1-9]
      | '1'[0-2]
      ;
```

```
MINUTE: [0-9]
        | [0-5][0-9]
        ;
```

```
WS: [ \t\r\n]+ -> channel(HIDDEN);
```

There is a distinction between using midnight, noon to describe time and using numbers and a period.

## Task 2

### a) Little language

I came up with a grammar for function calls in the form of ( fun arg1 arg2). The first element in the list **MUST** be a symbol.

```
lexer grammar SExpressionLexer;
SYMBOL: (~([ \t\r\n] | '(' | ')') | '{' | '}' | '[' | ']'))+;
```

```
LEFT_PAREN: '(';
RIGHT_PAREN: ')';
```

```
LEFT_CURLY: '{';
RIGHT_CURLY: '}';
```

```
LEFT_BRACKET: '[';
RIGHT_BRACKET: ']';
```

```
WS: [ \t\r\n]+ -> channel(HIDDEN);
```

```
parser grammar SExpressionParser;
```

```
options { tokenVocab=SExpressionLexer; }
```

```
sexpression: LEFT_PAREN head rest* RIGHT_PAREN
             | LEFT_BRACKET head rest* RIGHT_BRACKET
             | LEFT_CURLY head rest* RIGHT_CURLY
             ;
```

```
head: SYMBOL;
```

```
rest: SYMBOL
     | sexpression
     ;
```

It does not matter which LEFT RIGHT pair is used, they only need to match each other, which is valid in many Scheme implementations.

```
Test: (+ (+ 2 {+ 2 3}) { * 3 5 })
```

I also maintain a grammar for Blueprint (<https://jwestman.pages.gitlab.gnome.org/blueprint-compiler/>) using tree-sitter on <https://github.com/huanie/tree-sitter-blueprint> :).

## AST

My abstract syntax tree will consist of nodes which are sexpressions or literals. A sexpression contains the operation and arguments which are nodes.

```
public interface Node {
    record SExpression(String operation, Iterable<Node> arguments)
        implements Node {
    static SExpression parse(
        SExpressionParser.SexpressionContext sexpression) {
        var arguments = sexpression.rest();
        var head = sexpression.head().getText();
        return new SExpression(head, recurse(arguments));
    }
    private SExpression(String text,
        List<SExpressionParser.RestContext> rest) {
        this(text, Node.recurse(rest));
    }
    record Literal(String literal) implements Node {
        @Override
        public String toString() {
            return literal;
        }
    }
}
```

Although parsing is usually done with a visitor pattern in OOP (ANTLR4 also prefers it), I use recursion since it feels more natural to me and it is fine with such a small language.

```
private static Iterable<Node> recurse(
    List<SExpressionParser.RestContext> arguments) {
    var argumentAccum = new ArrayList<Node>(arguments.size());
    for (var arg : arguments) {
        var literal = arg.SYMBOL();
        var reduce = arg.sexpression();
        if (literal != null) {
            argumentAccum.add(new Literal(literal.getText()));
        } else if (reduce != null) {
            argumentAccum.add(new SExpression(reduce.head().getText(),
                reduce.rest()));
        } else {
            throw new RuntimeException(
                String.format("What is this: %s ?%n", arg.getText()));
        }
    }
    return argumentAccum;
}
```

Using the AST I made a calculator. The accumulator needs to be initialized with the first item in the argument list. Java's `Function<T,R>` only supports functions with one parameter, as a workaround I made use of currying. I also made good use of pattern matching which was introduced in Java 21 which eliminates the visitor pattern in my opinion.

```
public static double calculate(Node.SExpression sexp) {
    var iterator = sexp.arguments().iterator();
    double accum = switch (iterator.next()) {
        case Node.SExpression x -> reduceSexp(x);
        case Node.Literal x -> Double.parseDouble(x.literal());
        default -> throw new IllegalStateException(
```

```

        "Unexpected value: " + sexp.arguments().iterator().next());
    };
    Function<Double, Function<Double, Double>> fun =
        switch (operators.get(sexp.operation())) {
            case Plus -> x -> y -> x + y;
            case Minus -> x -> y -> x - y;
            case Times -> x -> y -> x * y;
            case Divide -> x -> y -> x / y;
        };
    while (iterator.hasNext()) {
        var arg = iterator.next();
        accum = fun.apply(accum).apply(switch (arg) {
            case Node.Literal x -> Double.parseDouble(x.literal());
            case Node.SExpression reduce -> calculate(reduce);
            default -> throw new IllegalStateException(
                "Unexpected value: " + arg);
        });
    }
    return accum;
}

```