

# CS 284: Homework Assignment 5

Due: May 8, 11:59pm

## 1 Assignment Policies

**Collaboration Policy.** Homework will be done individually: each student must hand in their own answers. It is acceptable for students to collaborate in understanding the material but not in solving the problems or programming. Use of the Internet is allowed, but should not include searching for existing solutions.

**Under absolutely no circumstances code can be exchanged between students.** Excerpts of code presented in class can be used.

**Your code must include a comment with your name and section .**

## 2 Assignment

For this assignment, you will compute the list of words in a given dictionary that has the most number of anagrams. An **anagram** is word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of a different word or phrase, typically using all the original letters exactly once. For example, “rail safety” and “fairy tales” are anagrams. In this assignment, to simplify matters, we will focus on anagrams of words formed from letters only. For example, here is a list of 15 anagrams of the word “alerts”, including “alerts” itself, take from the dictionary:

alerts, alters, artels, estral, laster,  
lastre, rastle, ratels, relast, resalt,  
salter, slater, staler, stelar, talers

We describe the `Anagrams.java` class through the following UML diagram:

Anagrams
<pre>final Integer[] primes; Map&lt;Character,Integer&gt; letterTable; Map&lt;Long,ArrayList&lt;String&gt;&gt; anagramTable;</pre>
<pre>public Anagrams () private void buildLetterTable() private void addWord(String s) private Long myHashCode(String s) public void processFile(String s) throws IOException private ArrayList&lt;Map.Entry&lt;Long,ArrayList&lt;String&gt;&gt;&gt; getMaxEntries() public static void main(String[] args)</pre>

The constant `primes` should be initialized to an array consisting of the first 26 prime numbers:

```
2 {2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61,
  67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97, 101};
```

It will be used to set up the `letterTable`, a hash table that will associate each letter in the alphabet with a prime number. More precisely, it will associate “a” with 2, “b” with 3, “c” with 5, and so on.

The instance variable `anagramTable` will hold the main working hash table. Each entry in this hash table has the following format:

- Key (of type `Long`): the hash code of the word. It is important that this hash be the same for all anagrams of a word. The type `Long` is a 64-bit two’s complement integer. More details on how to produce this key will be given below.
- Value (of type `ArrayList<String>`): a list of the words seen up until now that have Key as hash code. Note that all the strings in this list are anagrams.

We now describe each of the methods, and the methods that you need to implement are: `buildLetterTable`, `myHashCode`, `addWord`, and `getMaxEntries`.

### 3 Method `processFile`

The main method is `processFile` which receives the name of a text file containing words, one per line, and builds the hash table `anagramTable`. For that it uses the `addWord` method. The implementation of this method is provided for you:

```
private void processFile(String s) throws IOException {
2   FileInputStream fstream = new FileInputStream(s);
   BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(fstream));
4   String strLine;
   while ((strLine = br.readLine()) != null) {
6       this.addWord(strLine);
   }
8   br.close();
}
```

## 4 Method `buildLetterTable()`

This method should be invoked by the constructor for the class `Anagrams` and should build the hash table `letterTable` which consists of the following entries:

```
2 {a=2, b=3, c=5, d=7, e=11, f=13, g=17, h=19, i=23, j=29, k=31, l=37,
  m=41, n=43, o=47, p=53, q=59, r=61, s=67, t=71, u=73, v=79, w=83,
  x=89, y=97, z=101}
```

This table is to be used in `myHashCode`, described next, for constructing the hash code of strings.

## 5 Method `myHashCode`

This method, given a string `s`, should compute its hash code. A requirement for `myHashCode` is that all the anagrams of a word should receive the same hash code. With that aim, you should resort to the fundamental theorem of arithmetic. The **fundamental theorem of arithmetic**), also called the unique factorization theorem or the unique-prime-factorization theorem, states that every integer greater than 0 either is prime itself or is the product of a unique combination of prime numbers.

Every integer  $n \geq 0$  can be expressed as a product of prime numbers:  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_n^{\alpha_n}$ .

As an example, the words “alerts” and “alters” should both receive the key 2.36204078E8, if we follow the encoding of letters given above.

## 6 Method `addWord`

This method should compute the hash code of the string `s` passed as argument, and should add this word to the hash table `anagramTable`.

## 7 Method `getMaxEntries`

This method should return the entries in the `anagramTable` that have the largest number of anagrams. It returns a list of them since there may be more than one list of anagrams with a maximal size. It will be called by the `main` method, whose code is described and supplied below.

## 8 Method `main`

The `main` method will read all the strings in a file, place them in the hash table of anagrams and then iterate over the hash table to report which words have the largest number of anagrams. Note that it refers to a file called `words_alpha.txt`. This file contains a dictionary of words; instructions on how to obtain it are given below.

Here is the code for the main method:

```

2 public static void main(String[] args) {
    Anagrams a = new Anagrams();

4     final long startTime = System.nanoTime();
    try {
6         a.processFile("words_alpha.txt");
    } catch (IOException e1) {
8         e1.printStackTrace();
    }

10    ArrayList<Map.Entry<Long, ArrayList<String>>> maxEntries = a.getMaxEntries();
    final long estimatedTime = System.nanoTime() - startTime;
12    final double seconds = ((double) estimatedTime/1000000000);
    System.out.println ("Elapsed Time: " + seconds );
14    System.out.println("Key of max anagrams: " + maxEntries.get(0).getKey());
    System.out.println ("List of max anagrams: " + maxEntries.get(0).getValue());
16    System.out.println("Length of list of max anagrams: " + maxEntries.get(0).getValue().size());
}

```

Here is the expected output of your solution (the elapsed time may vary):

```

1 Elapsed Time: 0.333627209
  Key of max anagrams: 236204078
3 List of max anagrams: [alerts, alters, artels, estral, laster, lastre, rastle,
  ratels, relast, resalt, salter, slater, staler, stelar, talers]
5 Length of list of max anagrams: 15

```

## 9 Testing Your Solution

In order to test your solution you are provided with a dictionary (`words_alpha.txt`) that has 370103 words. You may download this file from this link: [https://github.com/dwyl/english-words/blob/master/words\\_alpha.txt](https://github.com/dwyl/english-words/blob/master/words_alpha.txt) or you can find this file in Canvas.

Place it in the folder where your project is located (the same folder where the `bin` and `src` folders are).

## 10 Submission instructions

You just need to submit your code file '`Anagrams.java`' to Gradescope, and you don't need to submit the file '`words_alpha.txt`'.