# Interfaces, Inheritance, Exceptions, File I/O

# **Important Dates:**

• Assigned: March 27, 2024

• Deadline: April 17, 2024 at 11:59 PM EST

# **Objectives:**

- Students become familiar with inheritance through lazy lists.
- Students understand the hierarchy imposed by interfaces and how they relate to storing instances of different subclasses in a collection.
- Students employ polymorphic method design to solve a problem.
- Students design a real-world data structure example through arbitrarily-large natural numbers.
- Students work with simple file I/O and exception handling to parse strings and numbers.

### What To Do:

Design classes with the given specification in each problem, along with the appropriate test suite. **Do not round your solutions!** 

You must write sufficient tests and adequate documentation.

A *lazy list* is one that, in theory, produces infinite results! Consider the ILazyList interface below:

```
interface ILazyList<T> {
  T next();
}
```

When calling next on a lazy list, we update the contents of the lazy list and return the next result. We mark this as a generic interface to allow for any desired return type. For instance, below is a lazy list that produces factorial values:<sup>1</sup>

```
class FactorialLazyList implements ILazyList<Integer> {
    private int n;
    private int fact;

FactorialLazyList() {
        this.n = 1;
        this.fact = 1;
    }

@Override
public int next() {
        this.fact *= this.n;
        this.n++;
        return this.fact;
    }
}
```

Testing it with ten calls to next yields predictable results.

```
import static Assertions.assertAll;
import static Assertions.assertEquals;

class FactorialLazyListTester {

    @Test
    void testFactorialLazyList() {
        ILazyList<Integer> FS = new FactorialLazyList();
        assertAll(
            () -> assertEquals(1, FS.next()),
             () -> assertEquals(2, FS.next()),
             () -> assertEquals(6, FS.next()),
             () -> assertEquals(24, FS.next()),
             () -> assertEquals(120, FS.next()),
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We will ignore the intricacies that come with Java's implementation of the int datatype. To make this truly infinite, we could use BigInteger.

```
() -> assertEquals(720, FS.next()),
   () -> assertEquals(5040, FS.next()),
   () -> assertEquals(40320, FS.next()),
   () -> assertEquals(362880, FS.next()),
   () -> assertEquals(3628800, FS.next()));
}
```

Design the FibonacciLazyList class, which implements ILazyList<Integer> and correctly overrides next to produce Fibonacci sequence values. You code should *not* use any loops or recursion. Recall that the Fibonacci sequence is defined as f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2) for all  $n \ge 2$ . The base cases are f(0) = 0 and f(1) = 1.

```
import static Assertions.assertAll;
import static Assertions.assertEquals;
class FibonacciLazyListTester {
  @Test
  void testFibonacciLazyList() {
    ILazyList<Integer> FS = new FibonacciLazyList();
    assertAll(
      () -> assertEquals(0, FS.next()),
      () -> assertEquals(1, FS.next()),
      () -> assertEquals(1, FS.next()),
      () -> assertEquals(2, FS.next()),
      () -> assertEquals(3, FS.next()),
      () -> assertEquals(5, FS.next()),
      () -> assertEquals(8, FS.next()),
      () -> assertEquals(13, FS.next()),
      () -> assertEquals(21, FS.next()),
      () -> assertEquals(34, FS.next()));
 }
}
```

Design the LazyListTake class. It should receive an ILazyList and an integer n denoting how many elements to take, as parameters. Then, write a List<T> getList() method, which returns a List<T> of n elements from the given lazy list.

Java's functional API allows us to pass lambda expressions as arguments to other methods, as well as method references (as we saw in Chapter 5). Design the generic FunctionalLazyList class to implement ILazyList, whose constructor receives a unary function Function<I, R> f and an initial value T t. Then, override the next method to invoke f on the current element of the lazy list and return the previous. For example, the following test case shows the expected results when creating a lazy list of infinite positive multiples of three.

```
import static Assertions.assertEquals;
import static Assertions.assertAll;

class FunctionalLazyListTester {

    @Test
    void testMultiplesOfThreeLazyList() {

        ILazyList<Integer> mtll = new FunctionalLazyList<>(x -> x + 3, 0);
        assertAll(
            () -> assertEquals(0, mtll.next()),
            () -> assertEquals(3, mtll.next()),
            () -> assertEquals(6, mtll.next()),
            () -> assertEquals(9, mtll.next()),
            () -> assertEquals(12, mtll.next()));
    }
}
```

What's awesome about this exercise is that it allows us to define the elements of the lazy list as any arbitrary lambda expression, meaning that we could redefine FactorialLazyList and FibonacciLazyList in terms of FunctionLazyList. We can generate infinitely many ones, squares, triples, or whatever else we desire.

Design the generic CyclicLazyList class, which implements ILazyList, whose constructor is variadic and receives any number of values. Upon calling next, the cyclic lazy list should return the first item received from the constructor, then the second, and so forth until reaching the end. After returning all the values, cycle back to the front and continue. For instance, if we invoke new CyclicLazyList<Integer>(1, 2, 3), invoking .next five times will produce 1, 2, 3, 1, 2.

This exercise is multi-part and involves the interpreter we wrote in the chapter. Please reference the starter code posted in Canvas.

- (a) First, design the ProgramNode class, which allows the user to define a program as a sequence of statements rather than a single expression.
- (b) Design the DefNode class, which allows the user to create a global definition. Because we're now working with definitions that do not extend the environment, we should use the set method in environment. When creating a global definition via DefNode, we're expressing the idea that, from that point forward, the (root) environment should contain a binding from the identifier to whatever value it binds.
- (c) Design the FuncNode node. We will consider a function definition as an abstract tree node that begins with FuncNode. This node has two parameters to its constructor: a list of parameter (string) identifiers, and a single abstract syntax tree node representing the body of the function. We will only consider functions that return values; void functions do not exist in this language.
- (d) Design the ApplyNode class, which applies a function to its arguments. You do not need to consider applications in which the first argument is a non-function.
  - Calling/Invoking a function is perhaps the hardest part of this exercise. Here's the idea, which is synonymous and shared with almost all programming languages:
    - (i) First, evaluate each argument of the function call. This will result in several l-values, which should be stored in a list.
  - (ii) Convert these to their AST counterparts.
  - (iii) We then want to create an environment in which the formal parameters are bound to their arguments. Overload the extend method in Environment to now receive a list of string identifiers and a list of (evaluated) AST arguments. Bind each formal to its corresponding AST, and return the extended environment.
  - (iv) Evaluate the function identifier to get its function definition and convert it to an AST.
  - (v) Call eval on the function body and pass the new (extended) environment.

This seems like a lot of work (because it is), but it means you can write really cool programs, including those that use recursion!

```
new ProgramNode(
 new DefNode("!",
    new FuncNode(
     List.of("n"),
      new IfNode(
        new PrimNode("eq?",
          new VarNode("n"),
          new NumberNode(0)),
        new NumberNode(1),
        new PrimNode("*",
          new VarNode("n"),
          new ApplyNode("!",
            new PrimNode("-",
            new VarNode("n"),
            new NumberNode(1)))))),
  new ApplyNode("!", new NumberNode(5)))
```

In this series of exercises, you will design several methods that act on very large natural numbers resembling the BigInteger class. You cannot use any methods from the class, or the class itself. In this problem you will design several methods that act on very large *natural numbers* resembling the BigInteger class. You *cannot* use any methods from this class, or the class itself.

- (a) Design the BigNat class, which has a constructor that receives a string. The BigNat class stores a List<Integer> as an instance variable. You will need to convert the given string into said list. Store the digits in reverse order, i.e., the least-significant digit (the ones digit) of the number is the first element of the list.
- (b) Override the public String toString() method to return a string representation of the BigNat object.
- (c) Override the BigNat clone() method that returns a new BigNat instance that contains the same number.
- (d) Override the public boolean equals(Object obj) method to compare two BigNat values for equality. Remember that you have to cast the given parameter to an instance of the BigNat class.
- (e) Implement the Comparable  $\langle \text{BigNat} \rangle$  interface, and override the public int compare To (BigNat b) method to return the sign of the result of comparing the given BigNat (which we will call b) to this BigNat (which we will call a). Namely, if a < b, return -1, if a > b, return 1, otherwise return 0.
- (f) Design the void add(BigNat bn) method, which adds a BigNat to this BigNat. The method should not return anything. Note: this problem is harder than it may look at first glance!
- (g) Design the void sub(BigNat bn) method, which subtracts a BigNat from this BigNat. If the subtrahend (the right-hand side of the subtraction) is greater than the minuend, the result is zero. Over natural numbers, this is called the *monus* operator.
- (h) Design the void mul(BigNat bn) method, which multiplies a BigNat with this BigNat. Note: remember how we implement multiplication recursively? You shouldn't use recursion for this problem, but what *is* multiplication? Think about the performance implications of this approach.

(i) Design the void div(BigNat bn) method, which divides a BigNat with this BigNat. If the divisor is greater than the dividend, assign the dividend to be zero. If the divisor is zero, do nothing at all. Otherwise, perform integer division. Note: we can implement division recursively. You shouldn't use recursion for this problem, but what *is* division? Think about the performance implications of this approach.

Design the Capitalize class, which contains one static method: void capitalize (String in). The capitalize method reads a file of sentences (that are not necessarily line-separated), and outputs the capitalized versions of the sentences to a file of the same name, just with the .out extension (you must remove whatever extension existed previously).

You may assume that a sentence is a string that is terminated by a period and only a period, which is followed by a single space. If you use a splitting method, e.g., .split, you must remember to reinsert the period in the resulting string. There are many ways to solve this problem!

Example Run. If we invoke capitalize("file2a.in") into the running program, and file2a.in contains the following (note that if you copy and paste this input data, you will need to remove the newline before the "hopefully" token):

hi, it's a wonderful day. i am doing great, how are you doing. it's hopefully fairly obvious as to what you need to do to solve this problem. this is a sentence on another line. this sentence should also be capitalized.

then file2a.out is generated containing the following (again, remember to remove the newline before "hopefully".):

Hi, it's a wonderful day. I am doing great, how are you doing. It's hopefully fairly obvious as to what you need to do to solve this problem. This is a sentence on another line.

This sentence should also be capitalized.

Design the SpellChecker class, which contains one static method: void spellCheck(String dict, String in). The spellCheck method reads two files: a "dictionary" and a content file. The content file contains a single sentence that may or may not have misspelled words. Your job is to check each word in the file and determine whether or not they are spelled correctly, according to the dictionary of (line-separated) words. If a word is not spelled correctly, wrap it inside brackets [].

Output the modified sentences to a file of the same name, just with the .out extension (you must remove whatever extension existed previously). You may assume that words are space-separated and that no punctuation exist. Hint: use a Set! Another hint: words that are different cases are not misspelled; e.g., "Hello" is spelled the same as "hello"; how can your program check this?

Example Run. Assuming dictionary.txt contains a list of words, if we invoke the method with spellChecker("dictionary.txt", "file3a.in"), and file3a.in contains the following:

Hi hwo are you donig I am dioing jsut fine if I say so mysefl but I will aslo sya that I am throughlyy misssing puncutiation

then file3a.out is generated containing the following:

Hi [hwo] are you [donig] I am [dioing] [jsut] fine if I say so [mysefl] but I will [aslo] [sya] that I am [throughlyy] [misssing] [puncutiation]