

Beta Function

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Introduction

Beta Function is a function which is also known as Euler function is defined by:

• $B(x, y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1}(1-t)^{y-1} dt$ for $x > 0, y > 0$. The key property of beta function is its symmetry :

• $B(x, y) = B(y, x)$. $B(x, y) = B(y, x)$.
• Another property of the beta function is its relation to gamma function which is given by:
$$B(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x) \Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)}$$

Domain and Range

Domain is positive real numbers. and domain is $-\infty$ to $+\infty$

Advantages and Disadvantages

Advantages

- As program is divided into sub-functions its easy to program it into real problem.
- As user defined values are used, so its easy to implement the program.

Disadvantages

- the inputs are specified by the user, wide range of inputs can be missed.
- It uses Brute force technique.

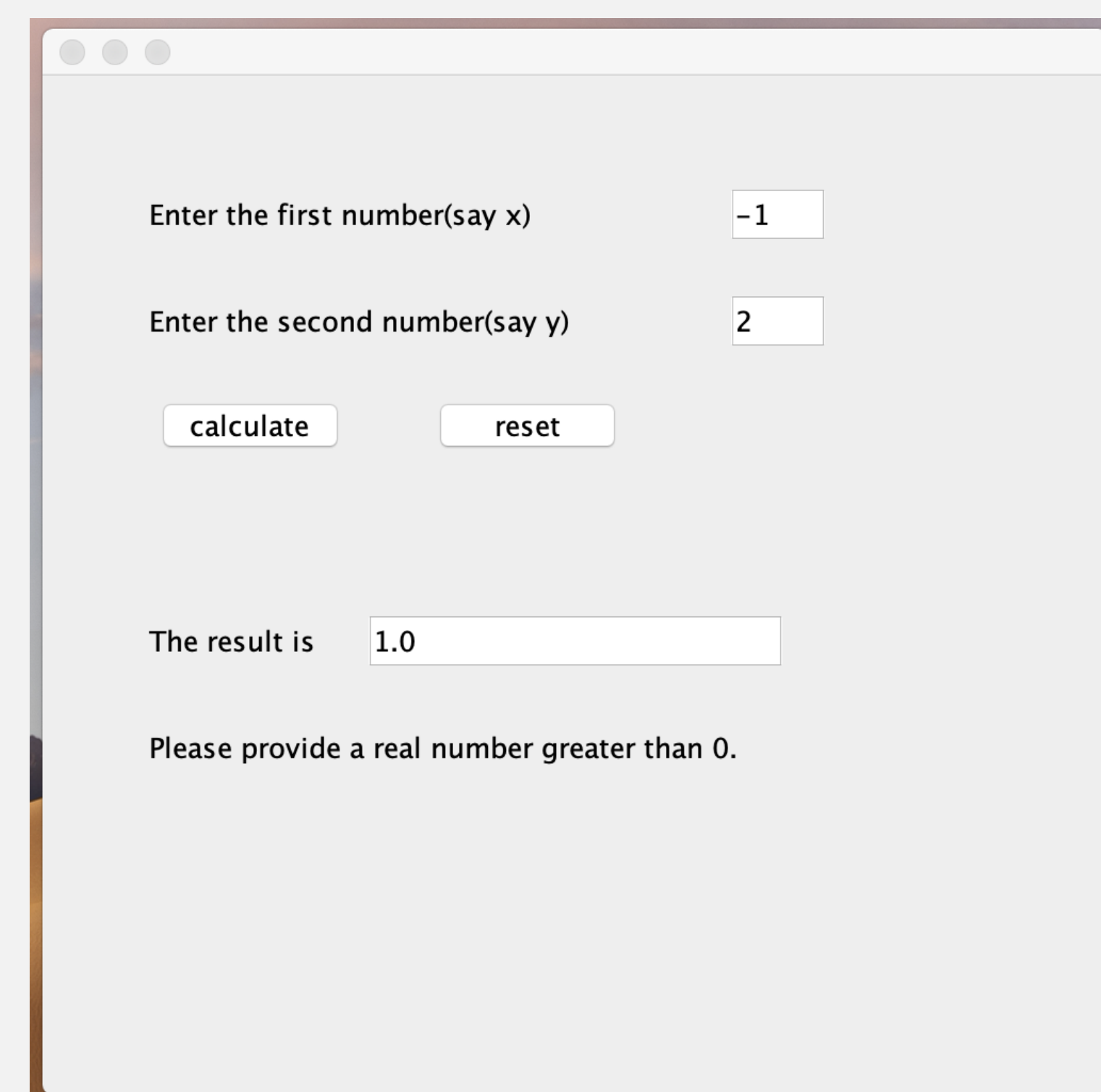
Critical Decisions

- **Selection of algorithm** Selecting an algorithm for Beta function was a kind of challenge. Beta Integral function was selected from variety of algorithms. The reason behind choosing this algorithm was that the algorithm was divided into sub functions which increases its usability.
- **Implementation against approximation** It was critical to provide the implementation for Stirling's approximation which gives the asymptotic formula:

$$B(x, y) \sim \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{x^{x-1/2} y^{y-1/2}}{(x+y)^{x+y-1/2}}$$

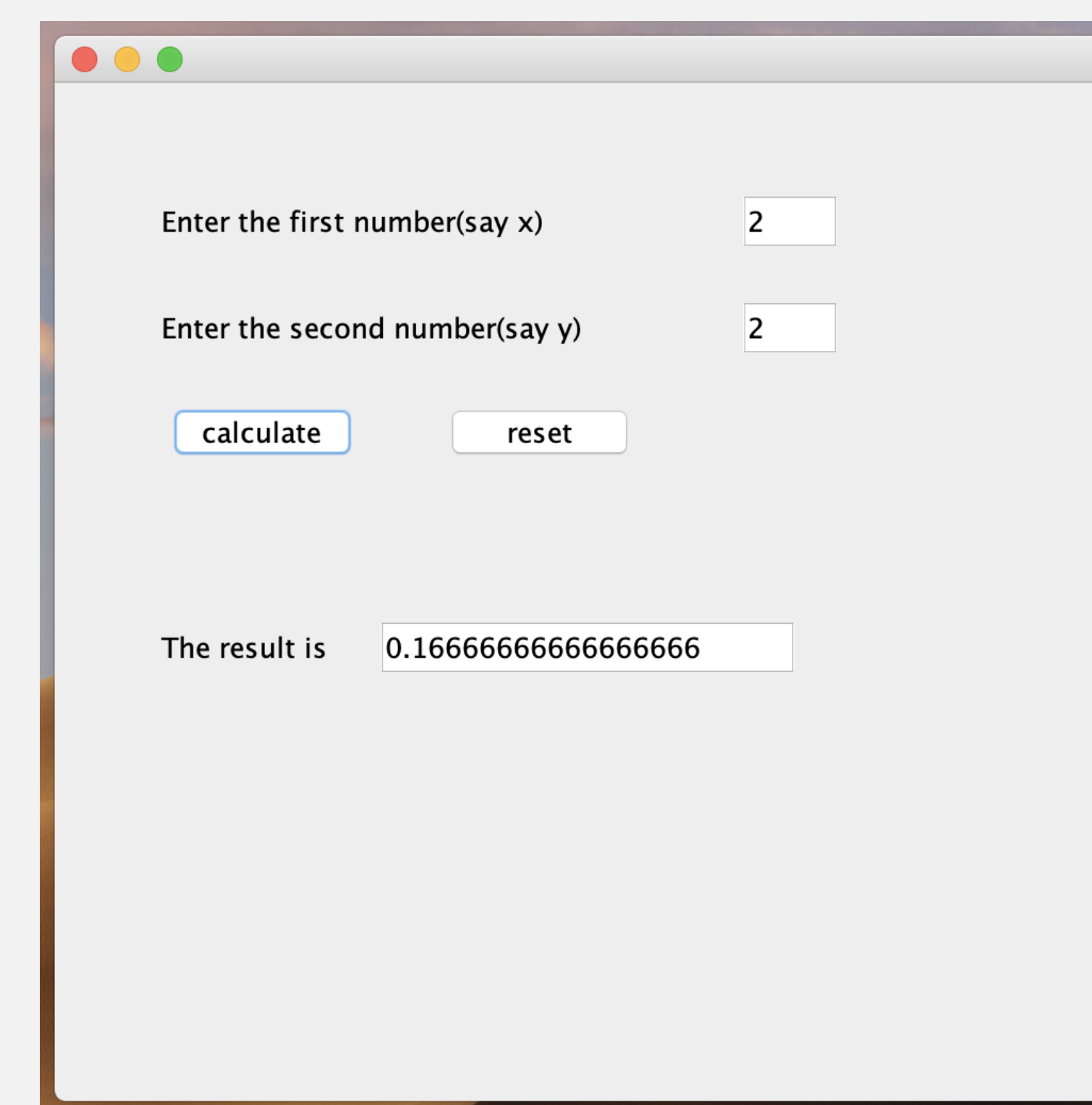
for large x and large y . If on the other hand x is large and y is fixed, then $B(x, y) \sim \Gamma(y) x^{-y}$.

- **User Interface** Selecting the user interface for implementing the Beta function was also a critical decision which finally continued with SWING framework as this framework provides user-friendly interface and is easy to understand and implement based on J2SE.



Lesson learnt

- **Latex:** I learnt how to use latex framework for report which was completely new for me.
- **User Interface:** SWING implementations was something i had never done before, it was quite interesting part of learning.
- **Deadlines meet:** Delivering builds within the limited time frame.
- **Code Review and Test Case Review:** Learnt to do code review and test case review in effective way by using tools such as Geritt, FreeMind (Mind mapping Tool).
- **Peer Learning:** After peer code and report review, i analyzed that it is very important to have a solid documentation for future traceability.



Conclusion

To Conclude,

- Beta Integral Function algorithm is simple and efficient as compared to other algorithms for Beta Function.
- Use of tools such as Checkstyle, jacoco, junit framework make code highly reliable and efficient.
- Proper Documentation is key to Software Engineering.
- Importance of code reviews in Software Engineering cannot be ignored.

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