



Exam exam 2018, answers

Object Oriented Design (Monash University)

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**Sample
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Faculty of Information Technology

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Instructions to students

This is a **SAMPLE EXAM** intended as a study aid.

The questions are of a similar style to and cover some of the same topics as the real exam.

The exam is formatted similarly to the real exam – each question is on a new page.

There are seven questions, of which you may attempt the first five and one of the last two, with a total of 79 marks available. On the real exam, there will only be one last question. For the sample exam, you have the opportunity to try two different ones. The estimate of two hours is based on only answering **ONE** of the last two questions.

The number of marks available for a question should be a rough guide as to how long you spend on it.

If you need clarification on some part of a question, you can ask on the Moodle Discussion Forum or come to consultation.

Sample Exam

Question 1 – (6 + 6 = 12 marks)

You have joined a team that is working on a fully-featured version of the Star Wars game, complete with a graphical user interface, for commercial release. It's planned to re-use the engine code (which has gained a lot of new features, including GUI support) for similar games in the future.

The game runs reasonably well, but when you look at the engine code you discover that it contains a lot of “cut-and-paste reuse” – that is, repeated similar sequences of code, sometimes with a few very small changes.

- a) Why do software engineers consider repeated code to be a bad thing? Write a paragraph or two about the risks of cut-and-paste reuse. (6 marks)

- b) Describe how you would go about fixing the code to reduce these risks. (6 marks)

Question 2 - (4 + 6 = 10 marks)

In mathematics, an integer is a number that is the member of the set {...,-2, -1, 0, 1, 2,...}

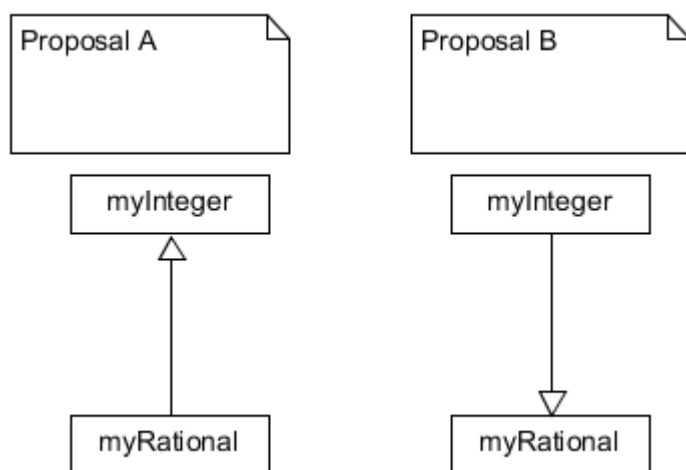
A rational number is any number that can be expressed as a fraction p/q , where p and q are integers and q is not 0.

Trivially, any integer x can be unambiguously expressed as a rational number $x/1$, so any integer is also a rational number.

Imagine you wished to define two classes, `myInteger` and `myRational`, that (initially) support the following operations:

- Constructing new objects with an initial value
- Incrementing the value by the value of another `myInteger` or `myRational` object.

Consider two class diagrams below that show proposed inheritance relationships between `myInteger` and `myRational`



- In a couple of paragraphs, explain the advantages and disadvantages of both proposal A and proposal B, considering the design principles relating to inheritance discussed in FIT2099. (6 marks)
- Propose an alternative design that avoids the disadvantages of both proposal A and proposal B. Draw a class diagram to illustrate it, and explain clearly how your proposal would implement the required operation. (6 marks)

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Question 3 - (4 + 5 + 6 = 15 marks)

Consider the following Java source code implementing a Unit class for a system similar to JavaUniversity from your labs:

```
/**
 * Represents a Unit at the university.
 *
 * @author Robert Merkel
 */
public class Unit {

    // the unit name
    private String name;

    // a list of assessments for this unit
    // invariant: the weight of all the assessments in this list must ALWAYS sum to
    100.
    private ArrayList<Assessment> assessments;

    /**
     *
     * @param name the unit name
     * @param code the unit code
     * @param assessments the assessments for this unit. Their weights must sum to
    exactly 100.
     * @throws Exception if the assessment weights do not sum to 100.
     */
    public Unit(String name, String code, Collection<Assessment> assessments) throws
    Exception {
        this.name = name;
        int totalweight = 0;
        for(Assessment a: assessments) {
            totalweight += a.getWeight();
        }
        if (totalweight != 100) {
            throw(new Exception("Assessment weights do not sum to 100"));
        }
        this.assessments = new ArrayList<Assessment>(assessments);
    }

    /**
     * Simple getter for unit name
     * @return the unit name
     */
    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }

    /**
     * Simple getter for the list of assessments
     * @return the assessment lists
     */
    public ArrayList<Assessment>getAssessments() {
        return assessments;
    }
}
```

- a) The class and the class methods both have Javadoc comments. However, the attributes do not – despite the fact that you can annotate attributes with Javadoc. In your own words, briefly explain the reason for using Javadoc comments in your code. Does it matter much if the comments for the attributes *in this class* do not use Javadoc? Why or why not? (4 marks)
- b) There is a potential design problem with `getAssessments()`. Explain what is wrong, and write an alternative version of `getAssessments()` that does not have this problem. (7 marks)
- c) The Java language specification states that if a method throws a *checked exception* (that is, any exception that is not an instance of `RuntimeException` or a subclass), that method must either:
- catch and handle them within its body; or
 - declare in its signature that it can throw them back to the caller (e.g. as the constructor for `Unit` does)

Not all languages that support exception handling have this requirement. In Python, for instance, any method can raise any exception it chooses, and there is no requirement for the method signature to indicate this.

In about a paragraph, explain *one advantage* and *one disadvantage* of each approach. (6 marks)

Question 4: 2 + 2 + 4 + 4 = 12 marks

Design By Contract is an approach to software design that is supported directly in some languages, and which can be applied in others, such as Java, through the use of extensions or other language features. In Design By Contract, the designer of a class tells the clients of the class what the class does and what it needs via the *specification* of the class.

(a) Name two features of Java that allow a developer to write executable preconditions, and explain how these features can be used for this purpose. (2 marks)

(b) Why is it a good idea for a method not to try to cope with a violation of its preconditions, but simply to report the problem to the client that called it? (2 marks)

(c) Give an example of a method for which it would be much easier to write a postcondition than to write the body of the method. Explain when and how writing such a postcondition would aid in software development. (4 marks)

(d) Here is a simple Java method, in which the programmer would like to use a precondition. Choose a useful precondition for this method, explain what it is (in English), and write Java code to enforce the precondition (using standard Java, without using CoFoJa extensions). (4 marks)

```
/**
 * Calculate the arithmetic mean of a List
 * The arithmetic mean is defined as the sum of the values
 * divided by the number of values in the list.
 * @param nums - the list
 * @return the mean value
 */
```

```
public static double average(List<Double> nums) {  
    // FIXME: precondition code should go here  
    double sum=0.0;  
    for(Double num: nums) {  
        sum += num.doubleValue();  
    }  
    return sum / (double) (nums.size());  
}
```

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Question 5: 10 marks

Below is some code from the act() method of a Droid in a version of the Star Wars game. This version implements some rather different behaviour for droids than the version in your Assignments.

Review this code for maintainability and extensibility.

For each design problem you identify:

- Describe the problem clearly.
- In a sentence or two, explain potential negative consequences of the problem.
- Outline a potential fix for each design problem. You do not need to write actual code, but explain your fix in enough detail to make clear how your fix would address the problem. Write up to a few sentences.

Hint: consider "code smells"...

```
public void act() {  
  
    // Code for other actions (omitted for brevity)  
  
    // get a non-actor entity at this location, if any  
    SWEntity potentiallyTakeable= getLocalEntity(this);  
    if (potentiallyTakeable != null) {  
        // if it's R2-D2  
        if (this.model == 1) {  
            SWAffordance takeaffordance =  
                getTakeAffordance(potentiallyTakeable);  
            if(takeaffordance != null) {  
                scheduler.schedule(takeable, this, 1);  
                say("Bleepy bleep bloop");  
            }  
        }  
        // if it's C-3PO  
        } else if (this.model == 2) {  
            SWAffordance takeaffordance =  
                getTakeAffordance(potentiallyTakeable);  
            if(takeaffordance != null) {  
                scheduler.schedule(takeable, this, 1);  
                say("I hope this doesn't get me into trouble.");  
            }  
        } else {  
            say("Boss, there's something here!");  
        }  
    } else {  
        // Do other things (omitted for brevity)  
    }  
}  
  
    // Get the Take affordance for this entity, if any.  
private SWAffordance getTakeAffordance(SWEntity entity) {  
    for(SWAffordance aff : entity.getAffordances()) {  
        if (aff instanceof Take) {  
            return aff;  
        }  
    }  
    return null;  
}
```

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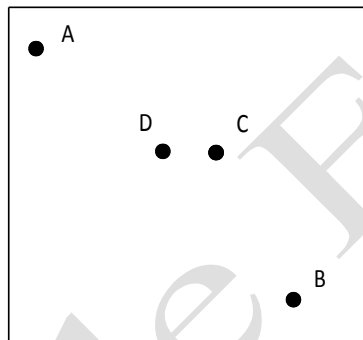
Question 6: $5 + 3 + 5 + 7 = 20$ marks

Remember: answer EITHER Question 6 or Question 7, not both!

You're working on a system to monitor pairs of primary school students working on a geography assignment on the grounds of their school, which is too large for a teacher to keep all the students in sight at all times.

The students are supposed to work on the assignment in assigned pairs. Each student carries a smartphone with an app that periodically reports the position of that student to a monitoring system. The positions are reported as two numbers, x and y , which represent the offset in an easterly and northerly direction, respectively, in metres from an origin point in the center of the school. For instance, a student at the point $(20.5, -5.3)$, would be located at a point 20.5 metres east and 5.3 metres south of the origin point.

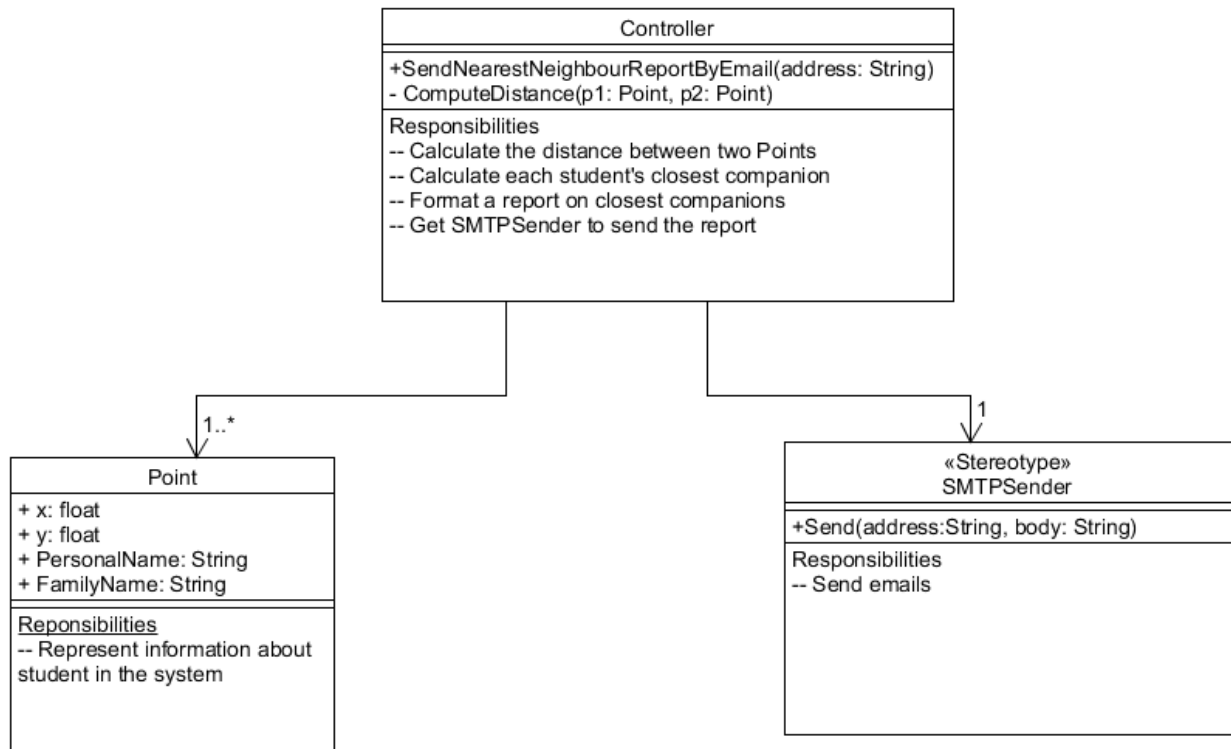
To help teachers verify that they are working in their pairs, the system should regularly email the teacher a report listing each student and the student closest to them at that moment. For instance, if there are four students, A, B, C, and D, located as follows:



The emailed report should read:

A is closest to D
B is closest to C
C is closest to D
D is closest to C

You and a colleague are working on a design for the part of the monitoring system that emails the report. They send you the following class diagram, annotated with responsibilities for classes.



Correction: Please ignore the <<Stereotype>> stereotype in SMTPSender.

- a) Based on the description and the class diagram above, draw a sequence diagram for the “email nearest neighbour report”. (5 marks)

- b) How easy would it be to extend this system to support sending the report by other means? In a few sentences, explain the features of the design that make it easy or hard, and why they would do so. (3 marks)
- c) Analyse the rest of the design in terms of the design principles we discussed in FIT2099. Write about half a page. (5 marks)
- d) Suggest ways to improve the design, and explain why your changes are an improvement. Write a maximum of one page. (7 marks)

Question 7: 20 marks

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You are working on surgery management software for an animal hospital that treats cats and dogs.

A key part of the system is managing the wards, where animals stay before and after their treatment.

The management system will keep a record of animals, including their name, classification, and owner. In the case of dogs, small and large dogs are treated as separate classifications because of their different boarding requirements, and cats are classified separately because of their different responses to drugs.

In the ward, there are many “rooms” (cages) that animals can be placed in. However, because animals are very diverse, there are several different types of room.

There are small, medium, and large standard rooms. A cat can be kept in any size room. Small dogs can be kept in a medium or large room. Large dogs can only be kept in a large room.

Rooms are reserved for a period of a single day. If a longer stay is required, the users of the system will do another booking.

You can assume the existence of a “UserInterface” class that passes on user requests, and which is responsible for reporting results back to the user. Dates in the system are stored using the `LocalDate` class in the `java.time` system library, so you don’t have to worry about the details of date representation.

There are two scenarios the initial version of the ward management system must support:

1. Find and reserve a room for an animal already registered in the system for a specified day.
2. Locate an owner’s animal(s) currently staying in the wards.

Devise a design for this part of the system, and draw a class diagram and two sequence diagrams – one for each scenario – to illustrate your design. You must explicitly list high-level responsibilities (in words) for each class in your design. If you wish to add other information, to help explain your design, you may do so.

You must also explain the reasoning behind your design choices – take about half a page for this.

END OF SAMPLE EXAM

Sample Exam