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PROBLEM 2: PAYING DEBT OFF IN A YEAR: 15.0 POINTS

Now write a program that calculates the minimum **fixed** monthly payment needed in order pay off a credit card balance within 12 months. By a fixed monthly payment, we mean a single number which does not change each month, but instead is a constant amount that will be paid each month.

In this problem, we will *not* be dealing with a minimum monthly payment rate.

The following variables contain values as described below:

- 1. balance the outstanding balance on the credit card
- 2. annualInterestRate annual interest rate as a decimal

The program should print out one line: the lowest monthly payment that will pay off all debt in under 1 year.

```
Lowest Payment: 180
```

Assume that the interest is compounded monthly according to the balance at the end of the month (after the payment for that month is made). The monthly payment must be a multiple of \$10 and is the same for all months. Notice that it is possible for the balance to become negative using this payment scheme, which is okay. A summary of the required math is found below:

```
Monthly interest rate = (Annual interest rate) / 12

Updated balance each month = (Previous balance - Minimum monthly payment) x (1 + Monthly interest rate)
```

The code you paste into the following box should not specify the values for the variables <code>balance</code> or <code>annualInterestRate</code> - our test code will define those values before testing your submission.

```
1 MonthlyPayment=10
 2 MonthlyInterestRate= (annualInterestRate) / 12
3 p=True
 4 while p==True:
5
     i=1
 6
     PreviousBalance=balance
7
     while i<=12:
8
           RBalance = (PreviousBalance - MonthlyPayment) * (1 + MonthlyInterestRate)
9
           PreviousBalance = RBalance
10
          i=i+1
11
       if PreviousBalance<=0:
12
          print 'Lowest Payment: ' + str(MonthlyPayment)
13
           p=False
14
       MonthlyPayment=MonthlyPayment+10
```

Correct

Test results CORRECT See full output Hints Hint: How to think about this problem? Hint: A way of structuring your code Test Cases to test your code with. Be sure to test these on your own machine - and that you get the same output! - before running your code on this webpage! The autograder says, "Your submission could not be graded." Help! Reminder: Only hit "Check" once per submission. We are unable to give you more than 30 checks. Check Save You have used 1 of 50 submissions **Show Discussion New Post**

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