COL106: Data Structures

Spring 2019

Assignment 1: Stacks and Tower of Hanoi

1 [15 Points] Implementing Stack

In this part, you will implement stack using a linked list. Read about Java Generics and implement the stack class using generics. **Do not** use inbuilt list data structures.

Deliverables:

- [15 Points] Write a java class MyStack<E> in file MyStack.java that implements stack with following methods.
 - public void push(E item): Pushes the item onto the top of the stack.
 - public E pop(): Removes the element at the top of the stack and returns it. Throw EmptyStackException
 if the stack is empty.
 - public E peek(): Returns the top element without removing from top of the stack. Throw EmptyStackException if the stack is empty.
 - public bool empty(): Returns true if the stack is empty and false otherwise.

All other methods or variables in your implementation should be private.

2 [35 Points] Tower of Hanoi

In this part, you will solve classic tower of hanoi problem.

Tower of hanoi puzzle consists of three rods and n disks of different sizes. Let the three rods be numbered 1, 2 and 3. Initially, n disks are stacked on rod 1 in ascending order of the sizes with the largest disk at the bottom and smallest disk at the top. Your goal is to move this entire stack from rod 1 to rod 3 using a sequence of moves. In a move, you are allowed to take a disk from top of a stack on one of the rods and move to top of the stack on other rods with a caveat that at no point of time, a disk is on top of a smaller disk.

Write a class TowerOfHanoi in file TowerOfHanoi.java with implementations of following methods.

Deliverables:

• [5 Points] Implement a method toh_with_recursion with following signature.

public static void toh_with_recursion(int num_disks, int start_pos, int end_pos)

- Use recursion to solve the tower of hanoi problem.
- num_disks: Number of disks.
- start_pos: Integer which is either 1, 2 or 3 denoting the number of rod on which stack of disks is initially located.
- end_pos: Integer which is either 1, 2 or 3 denoting the number of rod on which stack of disks is located at the end.
- Output Format: Print a line for each move. Each line consists of two integers. In each line, print the number of rod from which the disk is taken from followed by a space followed by the number of rod onto which the disk is moved. A sample output is given below.

• [30 Points] Implement a method toh_without_recursion with following signature.

public static void toh_without_recursion(int num_disks, int start_pos, int end_pos)

- All the variables mean same as in above part.
- You *cannot* use recursion in this method.
- You should use *stack* you have implemented to simulate recursion.
- Output format is same as above.

3 [50 Points] Generalized Tower of Hanoi

In this part, you will solve a general version of Tower of Hanoi.

Here we have 2n disks. Let the disks be numbered 0 to 2n-1. A disk can be colored either red or black. Size and color of disk i are as follows

$$size(i) = i + 1$$

$$color(i) = \begin{cases} red, \text{ for } i \text{ odd} \\ black, \text{ for } i \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

Initially, disks are arranged in a stack on rod 1 in increasing order of their sizes i.e., disk 2n-1 is at the bottom and disk 0 is at the top. Your goal is to stack all red disks on rod 1 and all black disks on rod 2 in the increasing order of their sizes. You can move a disk from top of a stack and place it on top of another stack and at no point of time, a larger disk is on top of a smaller disk.

Write a java class GeneralizedTowerOfHanoi in file GeneralizedTowerOfHanoi.java with implementations of following methods.

Deliverables:

• [10 Points] Implement a method gtoh_with_recursion with following signature.

public static void gtoh_with_recursion(int num_disks, int start_pos, int r, int b)

- Use recursion to solve this problem.
- int num_disks: No. of disks. Sizes increase from disk number 0 to disk number num_disks-1.
- int start_pos: This is an integer between 1 and 3 both inclusive. This denotes the rod on which
 the stack of disks is initially on. Initial stack has the largest disk i.e., disk number num_disks-1
 on bottom and disk number 0 on top.
- int r: This is an integer which is either 0, 1 or 2. This denotes the rod on which red disks are to be stacked at the end. Color of a disk is as defined above.
- int b: This is an integer which is either 0, 1 or 2. This denotes the rod on which black disks are to be stacked at the end. Color of a disk is as defined above.
- [40 Points] Implement a method gtoh_without_recursion with following signature.

public static void gtoh_without_recursion(int num_disks, int start_pos, int r, int b)

- All variables mean same as in above part.
- You cannot use recursion in the implementation.
- You should use *stack* you have implemented to simulate recursion.
- Output format is same as above.