

Assignment 4

Objective

The purpose of this assignment is to learn how to use unit tests in Java and get some practice developing code in a test-driven-development way. You'll write an RPN calculator class to pass a suite of unit tests.

Unit Testing

Since you've written at least one program before, you know that programs often have bugs. Even if you manage to get your code to compile and it looks like everything works when you run the program, it is incredibly easy to make mistakes in the code that lead to buggy behavior. The more complicated the program the more likelihood of bugs.

As you write bigger and more complicated programs made up of multiple classes and components it becomes harder to track down where problems originate. A mistake in the output of the final program could be caused by any of the many components that make up the program.

One way to make debugging easier is to test each component by itself to check for bugs. This type of testing is called *unit testing*. A single unit test is a self-contained test that verifies one aspect of behavior of one component or class in a software project. Unit tests are normally written to cover all the required behaviors of the class to be as comprehensive as possible.

Unit tests are separate from the main application code. Once the application is compiled it does not contain any unit tests. Typically a different compile step is used to compile unit tests into a test suite that can be run by a specialized test runner. A typical workflow is for a programmer to compile unit tests, run all the tests, and verify they are all passing. As long as all unit tests are passing the programmer can gain some assurance that many types of bugs are not present in the code. Of course if there is no unit test verifying some aspect of the code's behavior there is no assurance about that particular behavior.

As an example, consider the following Java class that defines a class to keep track of running total:

```
// Sum.java
// Define a class for adding numbers.

public class Sum {
    // Keep track of running total
    private int value;

    // Constructor
    public Sum() {
        value = 0;
    }

    // Get current value
    public int getValue() {
        return value;
    }

    // Add something to running total
    public void add(int v) {
        value += v;
    }

    // Reset total
    public void reset() {
        value = 0;
    }
}
```

This class by itself is not a full application. Even so we can write unit tests for it and run the tests to verify that the class works as intended.

JUnit Tests

The unit test framework we will use is JUnit. JUnit is popular for Java code and is widely supported in IDEs and by other Java tools. To use JUnit we write a class called `SumTest` that includes methods to do unit tests on `Sum`. By convention a class that contains the unit tests for *Class* is called *ClassTest*. Each method has an annotation `@Test` that indicates it is a unit test.

Here is a simple test suite that includes two tests:

```
// SumTest.java
// Unit tests for Sum class

import org.junit.*;
import static org.junit.Assert.assertEquals;

public class SumTest {

    @Test
    public void oneNumberTest() {
        Sum s = new Sum();
        s.add(10);
        assertEquals(10, s.getValue());
    }

    @Test
    public void twoNumberTest() {
        Sum s = new Sum();
        s.add(3);
        s.add(12);
        assertEquals(15, s.getValue());
    }
}
```

The first test, `oneNumberTest()`, works by creating an instance of `Sum`, calling the `add()` method to add 10 to the running total, then testing that the `getValue()` method returns 10. The `assertEquals` function is part of JUnit; it verifies that both inputs are the same value and throws an exception if they are not. The second test, `twoNumberTest()`, creates a new `Sum` object then calls `add()` twice to keep a running total of two numbers. It then checks that `getValue()` has the correct running total.

The files `Sum.java` and `SumTest.java` are part of the assignment ZIP file.

Compiling JUnit Tests

The original code that is being unit tested requires no modifications to add unit tests. It does not require an import of JUnit. The new unit tests are put in a new file and define a new class then ends in Test. The unit tests *do* require importing JUnit and compiling with the appropriate JUnit libraries.

A copy of the JUnit library junit-4.12.jar is included in the assignment ZIP file. Put it in your assignment directory. JUnit depends on Hamcrest (a comparison library), which is also included as hamcrest-core-1.3.jar.

Once the jar libraries are in your current directory together with your source files you can compile unit tests with the "-cp" option to specify classpath.

```
javac -cp "junit-4.12.jar:hamcrest-core-1.3.jar:." SumTest.java
```

Nothing special is needed to compile Sum.java.

Running JUnit Tests

To run JUnit tests you need to use the correct classpath and specify a particular runner class within JUnit together with your unit test class.

```
java -cp "junit-4.12.jar:hamcrest-core-1.3.jar:." org.junit.runner.JUnitCore \
    SumTest
```

(Note that the "\" character is a line continuation; the command is one line).

You also need to have the class you wish to test (in our case Sum) compiled and ready to load.

If you succeed in running the unit tests you should see something like this:

```
JUnit version 4.12
..
Time: 0.006

OK (2 tests)
```

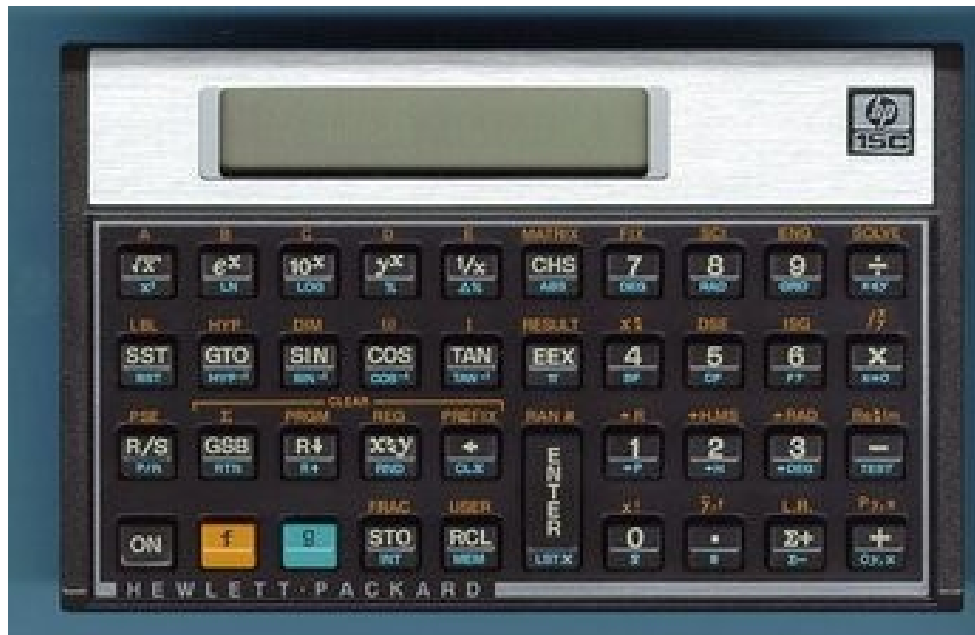
If any of the tests fail you will see more output describing what happened.

Try modifying one of the unit tests to check an incorrect final sum (for example change the 10 to 11 in the first test). Recompile the unit tests and run them to see the failure. Write a new unit test that checks keeping a running total of 3 different numbers, where one of them is negative. Compile and run your new suite of unit tests.

Test Driven Development

One style of development is called TDD (test driven development). The idea is to always start by writing unit tests and follow by writing code to make the tests pass. By writing the tests first it forces you to understand what you are trying to accomplish. Focusing the coding effort on making tests pass means less time is wasted on features and generality that is not actually required for the project. Once the tests pass it also gives you the confidence to refactor and simplify your code without worrying about breaking anything. If something breaks you will notice immediately when a unit test fails.

RPN Calculators



Reverse Polish notation (RPN) is a style of calculation invented by the Polish logician Jan Łukasiewicz. It has the advantage that parentheses are eliminated. Operators are placed after operands which makes it easier to parse than standard infix notation.

For example, the expression $2 * 3 + 4 * 5$ with normal precedence is written in RPN as:

2 3 * 4 5 * +

The famous HP-15C calculator made RPN famous. You can try out the calculator online here:

<http://hp15c.com/>

To calculate $2 * 3 + 4 * 5$, you would click 2, Enter, 3, *, 4, Enter, 5, *, +.

Task

Your task is to implement a Calc class that does RPN arithmetic on doubles. You are given a set of unit tests that your implementation must pass. Unit tests are available in the file:

`CalcTest.java`

In the same directory there is also an empty implementation of a Calc class to help you get started.

Your Calc class must have the following methods:

push	Push a number on the stack (ENTER key)
pop	Remove top element from stack, return it
peek	Return top element of stack without removing it
add	Replace top two elements of the stack with their sum
subtract	Replace top two elements of the stack with their difference
multiply	Replace top two elements of the stack with their product
divide	Replace top two elements of the stack with their quotient
depth	Return the number of elements currently in the stack

Your calculator class should use double precision to keep track of numbers. It must be able to handle up to 100 numbers in the stack. If an operation would be invalid, such as an "add" when there is only one element in the stack, your method must throw an exception.

Once your implementation is passing all the unit tests, add three new unit tests.

- One should compute a compound expression with multiple operations and verify that the answer is correct.
- The second should do the same computation half way through, then verify that `depth()` and `peek()` return the correct values for the partially completed expression.
- The third should do something that is required to throw an exception that is not an exact duplicate of an existing unit test.

Verify that your implementation passes your new unit tests.

Now add a new feature using TDD. The new feature is the "log2" button which transforms the number on top of the stack to its logarithm base 2; call the method "log2". First write a new unit test using the feature. Modify your implementation to have an empty method for log2. Verify that with your new test the unit tests are compiling but failing. Then implement the feature to make the test pass.

What to Turn In

All files you turn in for every assignment should begin with a comment block that includes filename and a short description of the file's role in the assignment, and any special instructions related to the file. Also create a file called README. The README file should list all the files being submitted (including itself) along with any special notes to reviewers.

For this assignment, submit the following files:

- README
- Makefile
- Calc.java
- CalcTest.java
- junit-4.12.jar
- hamcrest-core-1.3.jar

Your makefile should have a default target that builds Calc.class and a phony target "test" that builds and runs all the unit tests.