

Week 9 Section 3 Assignment Pamoja (9.3?)

9.3.1 Trace Table

S	C	N	T	Output
1	1	15	0.15	none
1	2	8	0.08	none
1	3	251	2.51	none
2	4	35	0.35	none
3	5	60	0.60	none
3	6	3	0.03	none
3	7	2	0.02	none
3	8	1516	15.16	none
4	9	19	0.19	noen
5	10	55	0.55	none
5	11			5

9.3.2 Trace Table

Count	Number	Total	X	Average	Output	Average
1	15	15	1	15.0	none	
2	-2	15	1	15.0	none	
3	0	15	1	15.0	none	
4	8	23	2	11.5	none	
5	0	23	2	11.5	none	
6	21	44	3	14.7	none	
7	-8	44	3	14.7	none	
8	-12	44	3	14.7	none	
9	1	45	4	11.2	none	
10	25	70	5	14.0	none	
11	none	70	5	14.0	14.0	

9.3.3 Trace Table

Counter	Hot	Cold	Serve	Temp	Error	Output
0	0	0	1	75	none	Serve
1	0	0	2	78	none	Serve
2	0	0	3	84	none	Serve
3	1	0	3	87	none	Too Hot
4	2	0	3	91	none	Too Hot
5	2	0	4	80	none	Serve
6	2	0	5	75	none	Serve

Counter	Hot	Cold	Serve	Temp	Error	Output
7	2	0	6	70	none	Serve
8	2	0	7	65	none	Serve
9	2	1	7	62	none	Too Cold
10	2	1	7	-1	30%	Error

Question 1:

“State how the final output from the algorithm could be improved.”

I believe that the final output from the algorithm could be improved by adding edge case error handling to 9.3.3 (problem 3). When the counter reaches 10, there is a large fall in the temp variable from 62 to -1, with an error being thrown. Furthermore, the only negative integer being filtered is -1, which is syntactically correct, but within the context of the algorithm introduces more edge cases, especially when data outside of the provided dataset is utilised. By handling those edge cases the final output of the algorithm will be greatly improved.

Question 2

“Identify the process in the algorithm that is not required.”

One process that is not required is the $\{\text{Is Temp} = -1?\}$ block in problem three. It checks whether the temperature is equal to -1, and if so, it throws an error even though the program can handle negative integers like -1. -1 is an arbitrary limitation set within the algorithm, and functionality would be improved if it was to be removed. It serves no purpose apart from being the only breakpoint that leads to the error calculation logic block, which could instead be triggered when all of the temp variable points in the array have been cycled through.