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FINAL EXAM

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This exam is worth a total of 30 marks. There are 3 sections, 18 questions, and 7 pages (including this cover page). Please read each question carefully, and submit a PDF document with your solution no later than January 3, 2019 @ 5:00pm. You can submit your solutions on Ritaj or via email at: [ahmedtamrawi@gmail.com](mailto:ahmedtamrawi@gmail.com). No late submissions will be accepted or tolerated. Good luck!

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## Section 1: Formula 1 Racing Cars (36 marks)

The `DataProcessor` class is implemented to operate some calculation tasks related to Formula 1 racing cars. Study the following implementation of the class in Listing 1, Listing 2, and Listing 3 to answer the following questions:

- Q1.** (6 marks) Suggest strategies to speed-up the code between the lines 12 – 27 of function `calculate` in Listing 3.
- Q2.** (6 marks) Perform code jamming for the code between the lines 12–33 of function `calculate` in Listing 3.
- Q3.** (6 marks) Simplify the code between the lines 27 – 34 in function `loadData` in Listing 2 using a *sentinel value* and discuss possible change(s) for code speed-up.
- Q4.** (6 marks) Introduce look-up table(s) considering the complete class to simplify and speed-up the code. Discuss your intuition for choosing a specific type(s) of look-up table(s) and discuss possible change(s).
- Q5.** (6 marks) Which functions of the class `DataProcessor` do require assertions/exception handling and for which parts of the code? Use line numbers to refer to code in your examples.
- Q6.** (6 marks) Revise the function `loadData` in Listing 2 for better span and live-time for defined variables.

```

1 public class DataProcessor extends Formula1 {
2     // team, car, sensor
3     public double[][][] data;
4     public double[][] limit;
5
6     // constructor
7     public DataProcessor(double[][][] data, double[][] limit) {
8         this.data = data;
9         this.limit = limit;
10    }
11
12    // calculates average for sensor readings
13    private double average(double[] array) {
14        int i = 0;
15        double val = 0;
16        for (i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {
17            val += array[i];
18        }
19
20        return val / array.length;
21    }
22
23    // print sensor average
24    private void printSensorAverage(int flag, int sId) {
25        if (flag == 0)
26            System.out.println(average(data[0][sId]));
27        else if (flag == 1)
28            System.out.println(average(data[1][sId]));
29        else if (flag == 2)
30            System.out.println(average(data[2][sId]));
31        else if (flag == 3)
32            System.out.println(average(data[3][sId]));
33        else if (flag == 4)
34            System.out.println(average(data[6][sId]));
35        else
36            System.out.println(average(data[8][sId]));
37    }
38
39    // load given data and check value
40    private void loadData(String file, double val) {
41        // implementation in Listing 2
42    }
43
44    // calculate data, always call loadData before calling this function
45    public void calculate(double d) {
46        // implementation in Listing 3
47    }
48 }

```

Listing 1: Implementation for class DataProcessor

```

1 private void loadData(String file, double val) {
2     int flag = -1;
3     boolean found = true;
4     int i = 0;
5     double[] dataArr;
6
7     BufferedReader in;
8     try {
9         in = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(file));
10        String data = in.readLine();
11
12        StringTokenizer stk = new StringTokenizer(data, "\t");
13        dataArr = new double[stk.countTokens()];
14
15        while (stk.hasMoreTokens()) {
16            dataArr[i] = Double.parseDouble(stk.nextToken());
17            i++;
18        }
19
20        in.close();
21    } catch (Exception e) {
22        System.out.println("Error= " + e);
23    }
24
25    i = 0;
26
27    // in a while loop, check whether the value is available
28    while ((i < dataArr.length) && (!found)) {
29        if (dataArr[i] == val)
30            found = true;
31        else
32            i++;
33    }
34
35
36    if (found) {
37        System.out.println("Entry is available");
38
39        if (i < 3)
40            flag = 0;
41        else if (i < 6)
42            flag = 1;
43        else if (i < 10)
44            flag = 2;
45        else if (i < 15)
46            flag = 3;
47        else if (i < 20)
48            flag = 4;
49        else if (i < 25)
50            flag = 5;
51
52        // print sensor average
53        printSensorAverage(flag, 0);
54    }
55 }

```

Listing 2: Code for loadData function

```

1 public void calculate(double d) {
2
3     int i, j, k = 0;
4     double[][][] data2 = new double[data.length][data[0].length][data[0][0].length];
5
6     BufferedWriter out;
7
8     // Write racing stats data into a file
9     try {
10        out = new BufferedWriter(new FileWriter("RacingStatsData.txt"));
11
12        for (i = 0; i < data.length; i++) {
13            for (j = 0; j < data[0].length; j++) {
14                for (k = 0; k < data[0][0].length; k++) {
15                    data2[i][j][k] = data[i][j][k] / d - Math.pow(limit[i][j], 2.0);
16
17                    if (average(data2[i][j]) > 10 && average(data2[i][j]) < 50)
18                        break;
19                    else if (Math.max(data[i][j][k], data2[i][j][k]) > data[i][j][k])
20                        break;
21                    else if (Math.pow(Math.abs(data[i][j][k]), 3) < Math.pow(Math.abs(data2
22[i][j][k]), 3) && average(data[i][j]) < data2[i][j][k] && (i + 1) * (j + 1) > 0)
23                        data2[i][j][k] *= 2;
24                    else
25                        continue;
26                }
27            }
28
29            for (i = 0; i < data2.length; i++) {
30                for (j = 0; j < data2[0].length; j++) {
31                    out.write(data2[i][j] + "\t");
32                }
33            }
34
35            out.close();
36
37        } catch (Exception e) {
38            System.out.println("Error= " + e);
39        }
40    }

```

Listing 3: Code for calculate function

## Section 2: Apache POI (36 marks)

The Apache POI project<sup>1</sup> provides pure Java libraries for reading and writing files in Microsoft Office formats, such as Word, PowerPoint and Excel. The source code of the project can be found on Github<sup>2</sup>. Specifically, we are interested in the class `XSSFWorkbook`<sup>3</sup>. This class presents a case of poorly written code with severe problems in coupling, cohesion, style, performance, and debugging. It also lacks proper documentation and user comments. Many attempts have been made to document the class through JavaDoc documentation<sup>4</sup> and DynaDoc documentation<sup>5</sup>.

Familiarize yourself with the source code for the class `XSSFWorkbook` at the provided link and use the generated documentation (e.g., JavaDoc and DynaDoc documentation) to answer the questions below:

- Q1.** (6 marks) Comment on the class structure complexity, ease of maintainability and extensibility, coupling, cohesion, and resuability. List any issue(s) you found in each aspect and refer to specific line number(s) for each listed issue.
- Q2.** (6 marks) Mention at least two design patterns<sup>6</sup> used in this class along with line numbers. Briefly describe each design pattern.
- Q3.** (6 marks) Discuss at least three different problems on the code style and user comments and suggest proper changes. Refer to the line numbers for each answer. *All examples exposing the same problem will be counted as one.*
- Q4.** (6 marks) Write a high-quality source code version of function `getUniqueSheetName`<sup>7</sup> (lines 692 – 721).
- Q5.** (6 marks) Comment on the exception and error handling of function `setSheetName`<sup>8</sup> (lines 1588 – 1617). Are all possible error cases handled? and is the corrective operation on line 1598<sup>9</sup> acceptable and why?
- Q6.** (6 marks) Determine how many test cases required for function `containsSheet`<sup>10</sup> (lines 1806 – 1825) using *basis path testing* technique<sup>11</sup> and list at least 3 possible test cases.

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<sup>1</sup><https://poi.apache.org/>

<sup>2</sup><https://github.com/apache/poi>

<sup>3</sup>[https://github.com/apache/poi/blob/REL\\_3\\_17\\_FINAL/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/xssf/usermodel/XSSFWorkbook.java](https://github.com/apache/poi/blob/REL_3_17_FINAL/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/xssf/usermodel/XSSFWorkbook.java)

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<sup>4</sup><https://poi.apache.org/apidocs/dev/org/apache/poi/xssf/usermodel/XSSFWorkbook.html>

<sup>5</sup><https://ensoftcorp.github.io/DynaDoc/>

<sup>6</sup><https://refactoring.guru/design-patterns/catalog>

<sup>7</sup>[https://github.com/apache/poi/blob/REL\\_3\\_17\\_FINAL/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/xssf/usermodel/XSSFWorkbook.java#L692](https://github.com/apache/poi/blob/REL_3_17_FINAL/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/xssf/usermodel/XSSFWorkbook.java#L692)

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<sup>8</sup>[https://github.com/apache/poi/blob/REL\\_3\\_17\\_FINAL/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/xssf/usermodel/XSSFWorkbook.java#L1588](https://github.com/apache/poi/blob/REL_3_17_FINAL/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/xssf/usermodel/XSSFWorkbook.java#L1588)

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<sup>9</sup>[https://github.com/apache/poi/blob/REL\\_3\\_17\\_FINAL/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/xssf/usermodel/XSSFWorkbook.java#L1598](https://github.com/apache/poi/blob/REL_3_17_FINAL/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/xssf/usermodel/XSSFWorkbook.java#L1598)

java#L1598

<sup>10</sup>[https://github.com/apache/poi/blob/REL\\_3\\_17\\_FINAL/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/xssf/usermodel/XSSFWorkbook.java#L1806](https://github.com/apache/poi/blob/REL_3_17_FINAL/src/ooxml/java/org/apache/poi/xssf/usermodel/XSSFWorkbook.java#L1806)

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<sup>11</sup>[https://www.tutorialspoint.com/software\\_testing\\_dictionary/basis\\_path\\_testing.htm](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/software_testing_dictionary/basis_path_testing.htm)

## Section 3: Software Construction Concepts and Principals (30 marks)

- Q1.** (5 marks) Describe the Model-View-Controller architecture and how it helps in reducing maintenance effort.
- Q2.** (5 marks) Does full structural coverage imply full branch coverage and full path coverage? Explain.
- Q3.** (5 marks) Provide a brief description of any one of the following design patterns: *Abstract Factory*, *Bridge*, or *Iterator*.
- Q4.** (5 marks) Search the web and articulate your findings about the term *Code Technical Debt*, its relation to code complexity and ease of maintenance, and its causes and how to avoid it.
- Q5.** (5 marks) Articulate the understanding you have gained in this course about what is a clean code and the challenge(s) for creating clean code.
- Q6.** (5 marks) Debug the program `sample.c` in Listing 4. Report two sets of inputs: one for which the program produces the correct result and another for which it does not. Give a precise explanation of why the program works incorrectly sometimes but not always. Provide a 1-line fix.

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 static void shell_sort(int a[], int size) {
4     int i, j;
5     int h = 1;
6
7     do {
8         h = h * 3 + 1;
9     } while (h <= size);
10    do {
11        h /= 3;
12        for (i = h; i < size; i++) {
13            int v = a[i];
14            for (j = i; j >= h && a[j - h] > v; j -= h)
15                a[j] = a[j - h];
16            if (i != j)
17                a[j] = v;
18        }
19    } while (h != 1);
20 }
21
22 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
23     int *a;
24     int i;
25
26     a = (int *)malloc((argc - 1) * sizeof(int));
27     for (i = 0; i < argc - 1; i++)
28         a[i] = atoi(argv[i + 1]);
29
30     shell_sort(a, argc);
31
32     printf("Output: ");
33     for (i = 0; i < argc - 1; i++)
34         printf("%d ", a[i]);
35     printf("\n");
36     free(a);
37     return 0;
38 }
```

Listing 4: `sample.c` file from <https://www.st.cs.uni-saarland.de/whyprogramsfail/code/sample/sample.c>