

CSC207.01 2014S, Class 12: Exceptional Programming

Overview

- Preliminaries.
 - Admin.
 - Questions.
- Quick recap.
- Lab.

Preliminaries

Admin

- When physicists do math ...
- Reminder: Homework assignments get sent to the graders `grader-207@cs.grinnell.edu`, not to me.
- At yesterday's review session, I went over possible solutions to the CSV and calculator problems.
 - Lacking other questions, I will use review sessions to write homework solutions "live", as it were.
- I'll reserve a few minutes for questions on the homework.
- Extra credit:
 - CS Table Today: NP Completeness
 - CS Extra next Week: Stone on Red/Black Trees
 - More?

Upcoming Work

- Readings for Monday: References and Autoboxing/Autounboxing.
 - Not yet written.
 - Probably available Saturday.
- Today's writeup, Exercise 11
 - Subject: CSC 207 Writeup 8: Exceptions (YOUR NAME)
 - Due Monday.
- Work on Homework 4!

Questions

A Quick Recap

- Utility procedures fail
 - Old model: Crash the program
 - C model: Return special value
- ```
foo = malloc (100 * sizeof(mystruct)); if (foo == null) ...
```
- Java model: Two return mechanisms, normal and exceptional
    - Client of utility procedure MUST deal with the exception
  - Your world when programming
    - You write utility code, so you must report to your caller `throws Exception` - can fail `throw new Exception(...)` - fail
    - You call other procedures, you must deal with potential exceptions `try { code that may fail } catch (Exception e) { ... } throws Exceptions`

- You can use different kinds of exceptions to signal kinds of errors

```
public class DivergentSeriesException extends Exception { public DivergentSeriesException () { super(); } //
```

```
public DivergentSeriesException (String str) { super(str); } // }
```

- Once we write that garbage, we can say `throw new DivergentSeriesException("Earnest says 'No!'");`
- ```
try { doStringTheory(); } catch (DivergentSeriesException dse) { System.out.println("Physicists don't believe series diverge."); } catch (Exception e) { System.out.println("Please switch universes."); }
```

Lab

How do I test the quadratic root?

Make some quadratics whose roots you know. For example $(x-3)(x+2) = x^2-x-6$. The smaller root is -2.

What does `assertEquals` look like for doubles?

```
public static void assertEquals(java.lang.String message,  
                               double expected,  
                               double actual,  
                               double delta)
```

How do I make an `inputstreamreader`?

```
BufferedReader eyes =  
    new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));
```

How do I convert a string to a double?

```
double d = Double.parseDouble(str);
```

Recent technical interview question

- You have a list of 1000 elements, containing all but one of the values 0 ... 1000 How do you find the missing value?

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