PEER-LED TEAM LEARNING COMPUTER SCIENCE

MEETING 7 – STUDENT VERSION ITERATION

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Exercise 1: Simulating multiplication

In early computers, there were no multiplication operations in the instruction set. Instead, multiplication of integers was accomplished through successive addition in software.

a. How would you calculate a product using successive addition? Write a flow chart to show how to calculate 4 * 5.

b. Now think about the more general problem of calculating K*N where K and N are both integers. Alter the original flow chart so that it solves this more abstract problem.

c. What is the Java code that corresponds to this flow chart?

Exercise 2: Mystery loop

Given the following mystery loop in Java, hand simulate it and figure out what it does. Assume \mathbf{n} is an integer.

do

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{ if ((n%2) == 0) { System.out.println(0);}
    else {System.out.println(1);};
    n = n / 2;
} while (n != 0)
```

a. A good idea for determining the function of this code is to try it out on some inputs for **n**. So, hand simulate this code for n = 5 and n = 8. Can you tell what it computes?

b. What would be good test cases for this code? Why?

Exercise 3: Prime numbers

a. We want to write an algorithm that given an integer **n** can tell if **n** is *prime*. Think of a solution procedure that can answer this question.

b. Flowchart your algorithm as a group.

c. Code your algorithm in Java. You may need to use some methods from the Java libraries.

Exercise 4: Making drawings with loops

This exercise involves using loops to draw different shapes.

a. Describe a nested loop that will draw a square on output by printing **m** lines of **m** stars (*) on the page.

- Draw a flow chart of your nested loop.
- Code your loop in Java and run it to see if it 'works'.
- o How would the algorithm change if you wanted to draw a 'hollow' square?
- How would the algorithm change if you wanted to draw a rectangle that is **m** by **k** instead of a square?

b. What if you wanted to draw a triangle? How would you have to change the program for a rectangle to draw a triangle?

c. Now consider drawing a circle using a loop. How would you do this task? (Hint: you may need to use your knowledge of geometry and some specialized functions in the Java library.)

d. Using our drawing program methods, code your algorithm from part c in Java. Try your program on a sample radius of size 50 and observe the results on the screen.

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