

AP® Computer Science A
2009 Free-Response Questions

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COMPUTER SCIENCE A
SECTION II

Time—1 hour and 45 minutes

Number of questions—4

Percent of total grade—50

Directions: SHOW ALL YOUR WORK. REMEMBER THAT PROGRAM SEGMENTS ARE TO BE WRITTEN IN JAVA.

Notes:

- Assume that the classes listed in the Quick Reference found in the Appendix have been imported where appropriate.
- Unless otherwise noted in the question, assume that parameters in method calls are not `null` and that methods are called only when their preconditions are satisfied.
- In writing solutions for each question, you may use any of the accessible methods that are listed in classes defined in that question. Writing significant amounts of code that can be replaced by a call to one of these methods may not receive full credit.

1. A statistician is studying sequences of numbers obtained by repeatedly tossing a six-sided number cube. On each side of the number cube is a single number in the range of 1 to 6, inclusive, and no number is repeated on the cube. The statistician is particularly interested in runs of numbers. A run occurs when two or more consecutive tosses of the cube produce the same value. For example, in the following sequence of cube tosses, there are runs starting at positions 1, 6, 12, and 14.

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Result	1	**5**	**5**	4	3	1	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	6	1	**3**	**3**	**5**	**5**	**5**	**5**

The number cube is represented by the following class.

```
public class NumberCube
{
  /** @return an integer value between 1 and 6, inclusive
   */
  public int toss()
  {  /* implementation not shown */  }

  // There may be instance variables, constructors, and methods that are not shown.
}
```

You will implement a method that collects the results of several tosses of a number cube and another method that calculates the longest run found in a sequence of tosses.

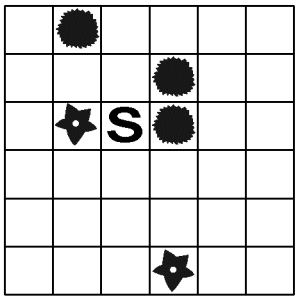
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2. This question involves reasoning about the code from the GridWorld case study. A copy of the code is provided as part of this exam.

A `StockpileCritter` is a `Critter` that uses other actors as a source of energy. Each actor represents one unit of energy. The `StockpileCritter` behaves like a `Critter` except in the way that it interacts with other actors. Each time the `StockpileCritter` acts, it gathers all neighboring actors by removing them from the grid and keeps track of them in a stockpile. The `StockpileCritter` then attempts to reduce its stockpile by one unit of energy. If the stockpile is empty, the `StockpileCritter` runs out of energy and removes itself from the grid.

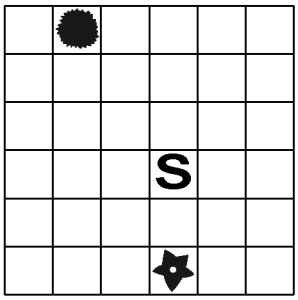
Consider the following scenario.

INITIAL WORLD



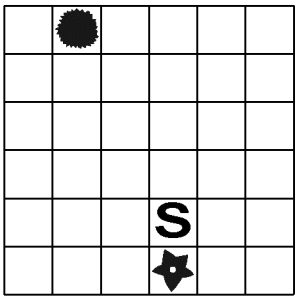
`StockpileCritter` is in location (2, 2), stockpile is empty

AFTER ONE ACT



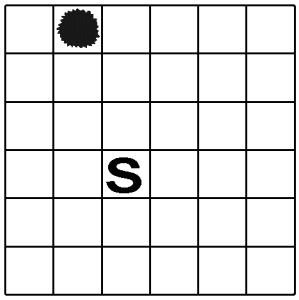
Gathered 3 actors, used 1 energy unit, 2 remaining in stockpile, moved to location (3, 3)

AFTER TWO ACTS



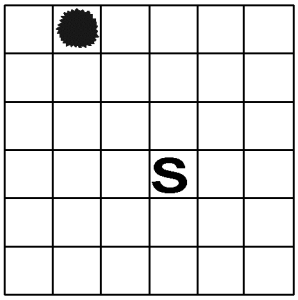
No actors gathered, used 1 energy unit, 1 remaining in stockpile, moved to location (4, 3)

AFTER THREE ACTS



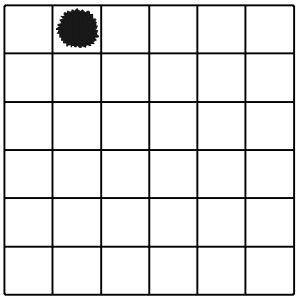
Gathered 1 actor, used 1 energy unit, 1 remaining in stockpile, moved to location (3, 2)

AFTER FOUR ACTS



No actors gathered, used 1 energy unit, 0 remaining in stockpile, moved to location (3, 3)

AFTER FIVE ACTS



Stockpile empty, removed self from grid

Write the complete `StockpileCritter` class, including all instance variables and required methods. Do NOT override the `act` method. Remember that your design must not violate the postconditions of the methods of the `Critter` class and that updating an object's instance variable changes the state of that object.

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