

Computer Science COMP-250 Homework #1 V2.3
Due Tuesday February 2nd, 2016, 23:59

The main element of this assignment is to develop an algorithm and implement it in Java for the following problem :

You are given a base B , and the description of a number m represented in that base as " $m=(X.Y)_B$ " where X is the integer part of m and Y is the fractional part of m . Both parts are provided as arrays of numbers base B , so $X[]$ is an array of size $X.length$ and $Y[]$ an array of size $Y.length$. Each $X[i], Y[i]$ is a number among $\{0,1,\dots,B-1\}$.

The input is $(B,X[],Y[]),R$ where R is the base in which number $m=(X.Y)_B$ is to be represented. In base R , m will be represented in the format $m=(U.VW)_R$ where U is the integer part of m and VW is the fractional part of m . The W part is used to represent the fractional part as an infinitely repeating pattern following a fixed non-repeating pattern V . We restrict the bases B and R to be $2 \leq B,R \leq 60$. Note that the length of W is at most $B^{\text{length}(Y)}$.

For example, in bases $B=10$ and $R=2$, the number $5/2 = (2.5)_{10}$ would be represented by $(10.1)_2$ because $(101/10)_2$ yields the pattern "10.1" when literally dividing $(101)_2$ by $(10)_2$. In the proposed format we obtain $(10.1)_2=(U.VW)_2$ where $U=(10)_2$ $V=(1)_2$ $W=(0)_2$ since indeed $(10.1)_2$ is the same as $(10.10)_2$. The number $1/5 = (0.2)_{10}$ would be represented by $(0.0011)_2$ because $(1/101)_2$ yields the infinite pattern $0.0011001100110011\dots$. In the proposed format we obtain $(0.0011)_2=(U.VW)_2$ where $U=(0)_2$ $V=(0)_2$ $W=(0011)_2$. The answer in base R is not unique since many representations are possible for the same number. For instance, all of the following are equivalent

$$\begin{aligned} (0.5)_{10} &= (0.49)_{10} \\ (0.1)_2 &= (0.01)_2 \\ (0.0011)_2 &= (0.00110)_2 = (0.001100)_2 = (0.0011001)_2 = \dots \end{aligned}$$

The output is going to be of the format $U[],V[],W[]$. Any valid representation of the input number will be accepted. To simplify the input/output I have defined Java objects `Number` that contains a

Base and three arrays U[],V[],W[]. Your method should be called "public Number convert(Number A, short Base)". Please see the tester code I made available on the course web page and next page.

Question:

Are we allowed to use all the regular mathematical operations (+, -, *, /) in HW-1 or do we have to make our own algorithms?

Answer:

You can use "+, -, *, /" for fixed sizes, upto say 16-bit numbers. The input arrays will be of type short[]. Since we only request to handle bases upto 60, each digit will fit in a byte. The sum or product of two bytes will fit into a short. Otherwise you definitely need to implement your own "/" for arbitrarily long numbers which involves "-" and at least "*" of a single digit by arbitrarily long numbers, which involves "+".

Question:

What is an example of input/output ?

Answer:

Since $(19.247)_{10} =$
 $(10011.0011111100111011011001000101101000011100101011000$
 $000100000110001001001101110100101111000110101001111110)_2$
it means

B=10, X=19, Y=247, R=2

should return

**U=10011,V=001,
W=11111001110110110010001011010000111001010
110000001000001100010010011011101001011110001
10101001111110**

or more precisely,

**X[1]=1; X[0]=9;
Y[2]=2; Y[1]=4; Y[0]=7;**

and output

**U[4]=1; U[3]=0; U[2]=0; U[1]=1; U[0]=1;
V[2]=0; V[1]=0; V[0]=1;
W[99]=1; W[98]=1; W[97]=1; W[96]=1; W[95]=1;
... W[4]=1; W[3]=1; W[2]=1; W[1]=1; W[0]=0;**

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package conv;
public class tester {
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        class Number{
            //=====
            // your method for converting belongs here...
            //=====
            public Number convert(Number A, short Base) {
                Number B=new Number();
                B.Base=Base;
                B.Int=A.NonRep; B.NonRep=A.Int; B.Rep=A.NonRep;
                // my code above is just to make sure it compiles and runs
                return B;
            }
            //=====

            public void printShortArray(short[] S) {
                for (int i = S.length-1; i>=0; i--) {
                    System.out.print(S[i]);
                }
            }
            public void printNumber(Number N) {
                System.out.print("(");
                N.printShortArray(N.Int);
                System.out.print(".");
                N.printShortArray(N.NonRep);
                System.out.print("{");
                N.printShortArray(N.Rep);
                System.out.print("}_");
                System.out.println(N.Base);
            }
            short Base; short[] Int,NonRep,Rep;
        };

        Number N1=new Number() ;
        N1.Base=10; N1.Int=new short[2]; N1.NonRep=new short[3];
        N1.Int[1]=1; N1.Int[0]=9;
        N1.NonRep[2]=2; N1.NonRep[1]=4; N1.NonRep[0]=7;
        N1.Rep=new short[0];
        N1.printNumber(N1);

        Number N2=new Number() ;
        short R=2;
        N2=N1.convert(N1,R);
        N2.printNumber(N2);

    }
}

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