CS 61B Spring 2025

Inheritance, Comparators, Generic Functions Exam-Level 03: February 10, 2025

1 Default

Suppose we have a MyStack interface that we want to implement. We want to add two default methods to the interface: insesrtAtBottom and flip. Fill in these methods in the code below.

```
}
```

2 MetaComparison

Given IntList x, an IntList y, and a Comparator<Integer> c, the IntListMetaComparator performs a comparison between x and y.

Specifically, the IntListMetaComparator performs a pairwise comparison of all the items in \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} . If the lists are of different lengths, the extra items in the longer list are ignored. Let α be the number of items in \mathbf{x} that are less than the corresponding item in \mathbf{y} according to \mathbf{c} . Let β be the number of items in \mathbf{x} that are greater than the corresponding item in \mathbf{y} according to \mathbf{c} . If $\alpha > \beta$, then \mathbf{x} is considered less than \mathbf{y} . If $\alpha = \beta$, then \mathbf{x} is considered equal to \mathbf{y} . If $\alpha < \beta$, then \mathbf{x} is considered greater than \mathbf{y} . For example:

For the example above, according to the FiveCountComparator, we have that 55 > 150, 70 < 35, 90 < 215, and 115 = 25. This yields $\alpha = 2$ and $\beta = 1$, and thus ilmc.compare will return a negative number. Fill in the code below:

```
public class IntListMetaComparator implements Comparator<IntList> {
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  public IntListMetaComparator(Comparator<Integer> givenC) {
  }
  /* Returns negative number if more items in x are less,
    Returns positive number if more items in x are greater.
    If one list is longer than the other, extra items are ignored. */
  public int compare(IntList x, IntList y) {
     if ((_____) || (_____)) {
        -----
     }
     _____
     if (_____) {
       return _____;
     } else if (_____) {
       return _____;
     } else {
       return _____;
     }
  }
}
```

3 Inheritance Syntax

Suppose we have the classes below:

```
public class ComparatorTester {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        String[] strings = new String[] {"horse", "cat", "dogs"};
        System.out.println(Maximizer.max(strings, new LengthComparator()));
   }
}
public class LengthComparator implements Comparator<String> {
   @Override
   public int compare(String a, String b) {
        return a.length() - b.length();
   }
}
public class Maximizer {
   /**
     * Returns the maximum element in items, according to the given Comparator.
   public static <T> T max(T[] items, Comparator<T> c) {
        int cmp = c.compare(items[i], items[maxDex]);
   }
}
(a) Suppose we omit the compare method from LengthComparator. Which of the following will fail to
    compile?
      O ComparatorTester.java
      O LengthComparator.java
      O Maximizer.java
      O Comparator.java
(b) Suppose we omit implements Comparator<String> in LengthComparator. Which file will fail to
    compile?
      O ComparatorTester.java
      O LengthComparator.java
      O Maximizer.java
      O Comparator.java
```

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- (c) Suppose we removed **@Override**. What are the implications?
- (d) Suppose we changed where the type parameter appears so that the code in Maximizer looks like:

```
public class Maximizer<T> {
    public T max(T[] items, Comparator<T> c) {
```

What would change about the way we use Maximizer?

(e) Suppose we changed the method signature for max to read public static String max(String[] items, Comparator<String> c). Would the code shown still work?