10 Assignment

Portfolio Problems: Loops

Finish the first part of Lab 10 that deals with loops.

Problem 1: Selection Sort

Complete the second part of **Lab 10** that introduces the *selection sort*. Add an example that sorts a list of Strings by their length.

Problem 2: Insertion Sort

We have seen the recursively defined *insertion sort* algorithm both in the first semester and also recently, using the recursively defined lists in Java.

The main idea behind the insertion sort was that each new item has been inserted into the already sorted list. We can modify this as follows:

 Design the method sortedInsert that consumes a sorted ArrayList<T>
 a Comparator<T> that has been used to define the sorted order for the given list, and an item of the type T. It modifies the given ArrayList<T>
 by adding the given item to the ArrayList<T>, preserving the ordering.

Note: Be careful to make sure it works correctly when the given ArrayList is empty, and when the item is inserted at the and of the ArrayList.

2. Design the method insertionSort that consumes an arbitrary (unsorted) ArrayList<T> and a Comparator<T> and produces a new sorted ArrayList<T> as follows:

It starts with an empty sorted list and inserts into it one by one all the elements of the given ArrayList<T>.

Note: It is a bit more difficult to define the insertion sort algorithm so that it mutates the existing ArrayList *in place*.

3. Extra Credit Design an in-place insertionSort method. You will get the credit only if the design is neat and clearly organized.

Problem 3: ArrayList of Strings

Design the following two variants of a method in the Algorithms class that reverses the order of the words in the given ArrayList<String> (we assume each String is one word:

1. Design the method reverseProduce that takes one argument of the type ArrayList<String> and produces a new ArrayList<String> that contains all words from the given list, but in a reverse order.

So, if the original ArrayList<String> contained the Strings ["who" "what" "why"] the new ArrayList<String> will contain the Strings ["why" "what" "who"].

- 2. Design the method reverseInSitu with the void return type that mutates the given ArrayList<String> by reversing the words it contains.
- 3. Finally design the method printWords that consumes an argument of the type ArrayList<String> and prints each entry on a new line, traversing the ArrayList<String> using the 'for-each' loop that uses the Java Iterator. Use

System.out.println(someString);

to print each line.

Problem 4: Working with the StringTokenizer

Continue working with the same project, designing your solutions in the Algorithms class.

1. Look up the StringTokenizer class in JavaDocs. The methods there allow you to traverse over a String and produce one word at a time delimited by the selected characters. Read the examples. Then write the method makeWords that consumes one String (that represents a sentence with several words, commas, and other *delimiters* and produces an ArrayList<String> of words (Strings that contain only letters — we ignore the possibility of words like "don't"). The delimiters you should recognize are the comma, the semicolon, and the question mark. 2. The text in theArrayList<String> words in the class Words is a secret encoding. It represents verses from a poem - if you read only the first words. Design the method firstWord that produces the first word from a given String. Use it to decode the poem.