

# AP<sup>®</sup> COMPUTER SCIENCE A 2018 SCORING GUIDELINES

## Question 1: Frog Simulation

<b>Part (a)</b>	<code>simulate</code>	<b>5 points</b>
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**Intent:** *Simulate the distance traveled by a hopping frog*

- +1 Calls `hopDistance` and uses returned distance to adjust (or represent) the frog's position
- +1 Initializes and accumulates the frog's position at most `maxHops` times (*must be in context of a loop*)
- +1 Determines if a distance representing multiple hops is at least `goalDistance`
- +1 Determines if a distance representing multiple hops is less than starting position
- +1 Returns `true` if goal ever reached, `false` if goal never reached or position ever less than starting position

<b>Part (b)</b>	<code>runSimulations</code>	<b>4 points</b>
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**Intent:** *Determine the proportion of successful frog hopping simulations*

- +1 Calls `simulate` the specified number of times (*no bounds errors*)
- +1 Initializes and accumulates a count of `true` results
- +1 Calculates proportion of successful simulations using `double` arithmetic
- +1 Returns calculated value

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## Question 1: Scoring Notes

Part (a) <code>simulate</code>			5 points
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they...	Responses will not earn the point if they...
+1	Calls <code>hopDistance</code> and uses returned distance to adjust (or represent) the frog's position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use <code>hopDistance()</code> as a position, like <code>hopDistance() &lt; 0</code></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>only use <code>hopDistance()</code> as a count, like <code>hopDistance() &lt; maxHops</code></li> </ul>
+1	Initializes and accumulates the frog's position at most <code>maxHops</code> times ( <i>must be in context of a loop</i> )		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>do not use a loop</li> </ul>
+1	Determines if a distance representing multiple hops is at least <code>goalDistance</code>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use some number of hops * <code>hopDistance()</code> as the frog's final position</li> </ul>	
+1	Determines if a distance representing multiple hops is less than starting position		
+1	Returns <code>true</code> if goal ever reached, <code>false</code> if goal never reached or position ever less than starting position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have checks for all three conditions and correct return logic based on those checks, even if a check did not earn a point</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>do not check all three conditions</li> <li>only check for <code>goalDistance</code> after the loop</li> <li>only check for starting position after the loop</li> </ul>
Part (b) <code>runSimulations</code>			4 points
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they...	Responses will not earn the point if they...
+1	Calls <code>simulate</code> the specified number of times ( <i>no bounds errors</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>do not use the result of calling <code>simulate</code></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>do not use a loop</li> </ul>
+1	Initializes and accumulates a count of <code>true</code> results		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>initialize the count inside a loop</li> <li>do not use a loop</li> </ul>
+1	Calculates proportion of successful simulations using <code>double</code> arithmetic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>perform the correct calculation on an accumulated value, even if there was an error in the accumulation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fail to divide by the parameter</li> </ul>
+1	Returns calculated value		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>calculate values using nonnumeric types</li> <li>return a count of simulations</li> </ul>