

# CSE 121 Lesson 5: Nested for loops, Random, Math

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Today's playlist:  
[121 24au lecture tunes](#)

# Announcements, Reminders

- Creative Project 1 is out, due Tue Oct 15<sup>th</sup>
- Resubmission Cycle 0 released, due Thu Oct 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Eligible for submission: C0 & P0
- Course logistics reminders:
  - “Extra Resources” on course website
  - Post-section work must be done by 11:59 that day
  - Brett’s office hours out now!

# Last time: for loops!

For loops are our first *control structure*

A syntactic structure that *controls* the execution of other statements.

```
for ( initialization ; test ; update ) {  
    body (statements to be repeated)  
}
```

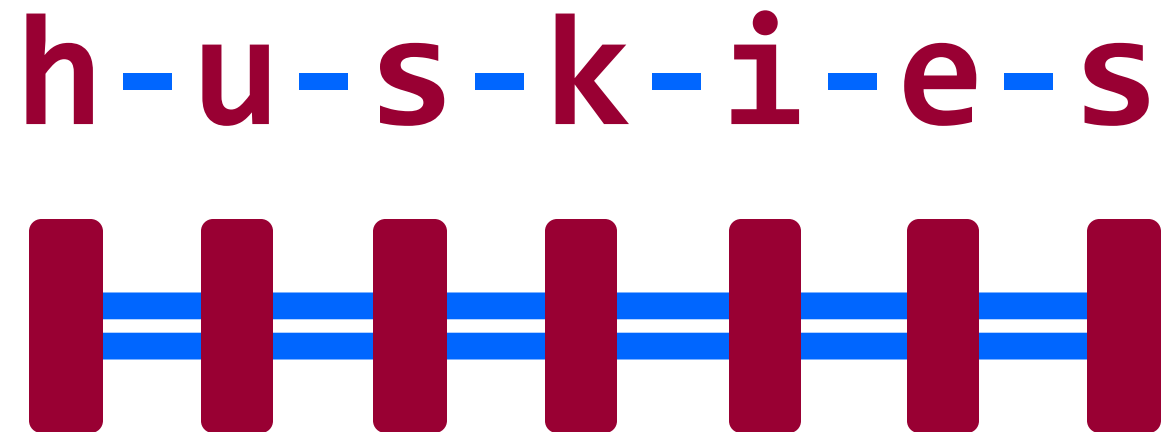
# Fencepost Pattern 1

Some task where one piece is repeated  $n$  times, and another piece is repeated  $n-1$  times and they alternate

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# Fencepost Pattern 2

Some task where one piece is repeated  $n$  times, and another piece is repeated  $n-1$  times and they alternate



# (PCM) Nested for loops (1/3)

```
for (int outerLoop = 1; outerLoop <= 5; outerLoop++) {  
    System.out.println("outer loop iteration #" + outerLoop);  
    for (int innerLoop = 1; innerLoop <= 3; innerLoop++) {  
        System.out.println("    inner loop iteration #" + innerLoop);  
    }  
    System.out.println(outerLoop);  
}
```

# (PCM) Nested for loops (2/3)

```
for (int outerLoop = 1; outerLoop <= 5; outerLoop++) {  
    System.out.println("outer loop iteration #" + outerLoop);  
    for (int innerLoop = 1; innerLoop <= 3; innerLoop++) {  
        System.out.println("    inner loop iteration #" + innerLoop);  
    }  
    System.out.println(outerLoop);  
}
```

# (PCM) Nested for loops (3/3)

```
for (int outerLoop = 1; outerLoop <= 5; outerLoop++) {  
    System.out.println("outer loop iteration #" + outerLoop);  
    for (int innerLoop = 1; innerLoop <= 3; innerLoop++) {  
        System.out.println("    inner loop iteration #" + innerLoop);  
    }  
    System.out.println(outerLoop);  
}
```



# Poll in with your answer!



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What output is produced by the following code?

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
    for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {  
        System.out.print(i);  
    }  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

- A. 1  
12  
123  
1234  
12345
- B. i  
ii  
iii  
iiii  
iiiii
- C. 1  
22  
333  
4444  
55555
- D. 1  
11  
111  
1111  
11111

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What code produces the following output?



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A.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
    for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {  
        System.out.print(i);  
    }  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

C.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
    for (int j = 1; i <= j; j++) {  
        System.out.print(j);  
    }  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

B.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
    for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {  
        System.out.print(j);  
    }  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

D.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
    for (int j = 1; j <= i; i++) {  
        System.out.print(j);  
    }  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

```
1  
12  
123  
1234  
12345
```

# Pseudo-Randomness

Computers generate numbers that “look random” in a predictable way using mathematical formulas.

- can use “external” variables like time, mouse position, etc.

True randomness is hard – we rely on natural processes

- e.g., atmospheric noise, lava lamps

# Why randomness?

Randomness is a core part of computer science! It powers:

- cryptography
- security
- machine learning!

But true randomness is really hard. If we just use math, someone could “reverse” the formula.

So ... lava lamps.



[LavaRand](#): CloudFlare's Wall of Lava Lamps

# (PCM) Random

A Random object generates *pseudo*-random numbers.

- The Random class is found in the `java.util` package  
`import java.util.*;`
- We can “seed” the generator to make it behave deterministically (helpful for testing!)

Method	Description
<code>nextInt()</code>	Returns a random integer
<code>nextInt(max)</code>	Returns a random integer in the range $[0, max)$ , or in other words, 0 to $max-1$ inclusive
<code>nextDouble()</code>	Returns a random real number in the range $[0.0, 1.0)$

# Poll in with your answer!

Assuming you've declared: `Random randy = new Random();`

Which of these best models picking a random card? (1-13 inclusive)

- A. `randy.nextInt()`
- B. `randy.nextInt(13)`
- C. `randy.nextInt(13) + 1`
- D. `randy.nextInt(14)`



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# (PCM) Math

Calling:

**Math.<method>(…)**

Method	Description
<code>Math.abs(<i>value</i>)</code>	Returns the absolute value of <i>value</i>
<code>Math.ceil(<i>value</i>)</code>	Returns <i>value</i> rounded up
<code>Math.floor(<i>value</i>)</code>	Returns <i>value</i> rounded down
<code>Math.max(<i>value1</i>, <i>value2</i>)</code>	Returns the larger of the two values
<code>Math.min(<i>value1</i>, <i>value2</i>)</code>	Returns the smaller of the two values
<code>Math.round(<i>value</i>)</code>	Returns <i>value</i> rounded to the nearest whole number
<code>Math.sqrt(<i>value</i>)</code>	Returns the square root of <i>value</i>
<code>Math.pow(<i>base</i>, <i>exp</i>)</code>	Returns <i>base</i> raised to the <i>exp</i> power

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- Getting help today?
  - Matt's office hours: 12:30-1:20 (in-person/Zoom)
  - Brett's office hours: 1:30-2:30 (Zoom)
  - IPL (until 6:30)