

3. Debugging

A lecture

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For example, suppose the following call was made:

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This call might produce output like the following:

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Generating numbers: 1 8 10 5
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10        System.out.print(num + " ");  
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After this call to the buggy implementation, the variable tries would contain the value 5.

Part A: Identify the single line of code that contains the bug. Write your answer in the box to the right as a single number.

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Part B: Annotate (write on) the code below to indicate how you would fix the bug. You may add (using arrows to indicate where to insert), remove (by crossing out), or modify (with a combination) any code you choose. However, the fix should not require a lot of work.

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Handwritten annotations:

- Line 2: A bracket spans from line 2 to line 4, with "print: 2." written next to it.
- Line 7: "sum" is written above the line, with arrows pointing to "Generating numbers: " and "num".
- Line 8: "num" is written above the line, with arrows pointing to "num" and "count".
- Line 11: "target" is written above the line, with an arrow pointing to "count".
- Line 12: "found" is written above the line, with an arrow pointing to "found++".
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- Line 16: "rand" is written above the line, with an arrow pointing to "rand.nextInt(10) + 1".
- Line 18: "return" is written above the line, with an arrow pointing to "return total".

Handwritten boxes and diagrams:

- A box containing the number "5" is drawn next to line 14.
- A box containing the number "1" is drawn next to line 13.
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- A box containing the number "5" is drawn next to line 11.
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