

# AP<sup>®</sup> COMPUTER SCIENCE A FREE-RESPONSE QUESTION

## COMPUTER SCIENCE A SECTION II

**Directions:** SHOW ALL YOUR WORK. REMEMBER THAT PROGRAM SEGMENTS ARE TO BE WRITTEN IN JAVA.

### Notes:

- Assume that the classes listed in the Quick Reference found in the Appendix have been imported where appropriate.
- Unless otherwise noted in the question, assume that parameters in method calls are not `null` and that methods are called only when their preconditions are satisfied.
- In writing solutions for each question, you may use any of the accessible methods that are listed in classes defined in that question. Writing significant amounts of code that can be replaced by a call to one of these methods may not receive full credit.

Digital sounds can be represented as an array of integer values. For this question, you will write two unrelated methods of the `Sound` class.

A partial declaration of the `Sound` class is shown below.

```
public class Sound
{
    /** the array of values in this sound; guaranteed not to be null */
    private int[] samples;

    /** Changes those values in this sound that have an amplitude greater than limit.
     * Values greater than limit are changed to limit.
     * Values less than -limit are changed to -limit.
     * @param limit the amplitude limit
     * Precondition: limit ≥ 0
     * @return the number of values in this sound that this method changed
     */
    public int limitAmplitude(int limit)
    { /* to be implemented in part (a) */ }

    /** Removes all silence from the beginning of this sound.
     * Silence is represented by a value of 0.
     * Precondition: samples contains at least one nonzero value
     * Postcondition: the length of samples reflects the removal of starting silence
     */
    public void trimSilenceFromBeginning()
    { /* to be implemented in part (b) */ }

    // There may be instance variables, constructors, and methods that are not shown.
}
```

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- (a) The volume of a sound depends on the amplitude of each value in the sound. The amplitude of a value is its absolute value. For example, the amplitude of -2300 is 2300 and the amplitude of 4000 is 4000.

Write the method `limitAmplitude` that will change any value that has an amplitude greater than the given `limit`. Values that are greater than `limit` are replaced with `limit`, and values that are less than `-limit` are replaced with `-limit`. The method returns the total number of values that were changed in the array. For example, assume that the array `samples` has been initialized with the following values.

40	2532	17	-2300	-17	-4000	2000	1048	-420	33	15	-32	2030	3223
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When the statement

```
int numChanges = limitAmplitude(2000);
```

is executed, the value of `numChanges` will be 5, and the array `samples` will contain the following values.

40	2000	17	-2000	-17	-2000	2000	1048	-420	33	15	-32	2000	2000
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Complete method `limitAmplitude` below.

```
/** Changes those values in this sound that have an amplitude greater than limit.
 * Values greater than limit are changed to limit.
 * Values less than -limit are changed to -limit.
 * @param limit the amplitude limit
 * Precondition: limit ≥ 0
 * @return the number of values in this sound that this method changed
 */
public int limitAmplitude(int limit)
```

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- (b) Recorded sound often begins with silence. Silence in a sound is represented by a value of 0.

Write the method `trimSilenceFromBeginning` that removes the silence from the beginning of a sound. To remove starting silence, a new array of values is created that contains the same values as the original `samples` array in the same order but without the leading zeros. The instance variable `samples` is updated to refer to the new array. For example, suppose the instance variable `samples` refers to the following array.

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Value	0	0	0	0	-14	0	-35	-39	0	-7	16	32	37	29	0	0

After `trimSilenceFromBeginning` has been called, the instance variable `samples` will refer to the following array.

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Value	-14	0	-35	-39	0	-7	16	32	37	29	0	0

Complete method `trimSilenceFromBeginning` below.

```
/** Removes all silence from the beginning of this sound.
 * Silence is represented by a value of 0.
 * Precondition: samples contains at least one nonzero value
 * Postcondition: the length of samples reflects the removal of starting silence
 */
public void trimSilenceFromBeginning()
```