

Homework 2: Code Contracts

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Task 1

- Implement data structure in C#
 - Elements: **integer** type, duplicates allowed
 - Access: using element index or actual value
 - Operations
 - `void Add(int val)`
 - `int Get(int index)`
 - `int GetHigher(int val)`
 - It should return the least element greater than `val`
 - `void Remove(int index)`
 - `void RemoveAll(int val)`
 - `void Sort()`
 - `int FindMin()`
 - `bool Contains(int val)`
 - `void Clear()`
 - `int Size()`

Task 2

- Define contracts for all operations provided by your data structure
 - Contracts should capture the expected behavior
 - All typical usage patterns supported by the operations
 - Try to cover also some important corner cases
 - Example: index out of bounds

Task 3

- Write small test client for the data structure
 - It should exercise typical usage patterns and some important corners cases

- Note for tasks 1+3
 - We will not judge the quality of your code in C#
 - Some prefer and use other languages (Java, C, C++, ...)

Task 4

- Use static checker to verify the implementation of your data structure against the contracts
- Use the runtime checker on your small test client
- Necessary software
 - Visual Studio + plugins for Code Contracts
 - <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/code-contracts/>

Task 5

- Document your solution
 - Informally describe what non-trivial properties you specified using Code Contracts
 - “why you did what you did”
 - Positive experience: what contracts (properties) you were able to successfully verify
 - Negative experience: what are the major observed limitations of Code Contracts
 - For each reported spurious error (if you get some), try to explain why the particular checker reported the error in your opinion
 - Also discuss missed errors (and possible reasons)

Alternative: Viper

- You are allowed to use Viper (language, tools) instead of C# and Code Contracts
 - <http://viper.ethz.ch/>
 - Online web interface
 - Plugin for VS Code
 - No runtime checker
- Special task
 - Compare abilities of VC generator and symbolic execution
- Read the tutorial
 - <http://viper.ethz.ch/tutorial/>

Organization

- Deadline: **2.5.2019**
- Submission
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