Iteration Assignment: CountTo

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Recall that when we studied flowcharts and pseudocode, we encountered iteration. We drew a flowchart that represented an algorithm that counted up to a value given by an input named limit. A solution for the flowchart is given to the right, and example pseudocode is given below.

RECEIVE limit FROM KEYBOARD
SET count TO 1
WHILE count <= limit DO
SEND count to DISPLAY
SET count TO count + 1
END WHILE

The example pseudocode uses a WHILE loop; however, for definite iteration, it is common to use a FOR loop.

- 1. Write a Java method named **countToWhile** that has no return value, takes a parameter named limit, and uses a while loop to print to the screen the numbers from 1 to limit, inclusive, on a single line with numbers separated by a space character. Test your code by calling the method from a Java main method.
- 2. Write a method named **countToFor** to the same specifications as question (1), except that it is implemented using a for loop instead of a while loop. Test the method.
- 3. Write a method named **countTo** that takes three integer parameters: start, end, and step. This method is to use a for loop to count from the value given in start up to the value given in end, while counting by the value given in step.

For example, if the parameters start, end, and step are set to 5, 10, and 2, respectively, the method will produce the following output: "5 7 9".

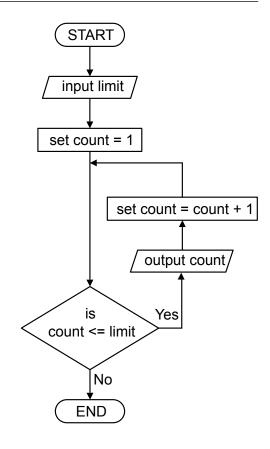
If the values given by the parameters are 6, 27, and 3, the method will produce the output:

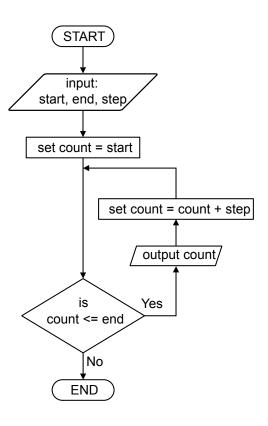
"6 9 12 15 18 21 24 27".

The algorithm is shown in the diagram to the right.

- 4. Write a method that *overloads* the **countTo** method, this method taking only two integer parameters: start and end. This method is to count from the value given in start up to the value given in end, while counting by a step value of 1. This method must call the countTo method you wrote in part (3).
- 5. Write another method that *overloads* the **countTo** method, this method taking only a single integer parameter: end. This method is to count from 1 up to the value given in end, while counting by a step value of 1. This method must call the countTo method you wrote in part (3).

Example test code is given on the next page.





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The following is an example of test code that you could use to test the methods you write for this assignment. The values printed do not necessarily need to be printed on a single line, as shown in the example output, as long as the output conforms to the specifications given in the assignment, above.

Example Test Code:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
   int start = 5;
   int end = 16;
   int step = 3;
   System.out.print("countToWhile(10): ");
   countToWhile(10);
   System.out.print("countToFor(12): ");
   countToFor(12);
   System.out.print("countTo("+start+", "+end+", "+step+"): ");
   countTo(start, end, step);
   System.out.print("countTo("+start+", "+end+"): ");
   countTo(start, end);
   System.out.print("countTo("+end+"): ");
   countTo(end);
}
```

Output from the above test code that does conform to the specifications:

```
countToWhile(10): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
countToFor(12): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
countTo(5, 16, 3): 5 8 11 14
countTo(5, 16): 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
countTo(16): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
```