CS159

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What's wrong with the following code?

```
1  /**********************************************
2  * Return the mean, or -1 if the array has length 0.
3  **********************************************/
4  public static double mean(double[] numbers)
5        {
6           double sum = 0;
7           double result;
8
9           if (numbers == null || numbers.length == 0)
10          {
11             result = -1;
12          }
13          else
14          {
15             for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++)
16             {
17                sum += numbers[i];
18             }
19             result = sum / numbers.length;
20          }
21          return result;
22       }
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- Exceptions provide flexibility in deciding where a particular problem should be handled. If an exception occurs, a method may:
  - "Pass the buck" by using the throws keyword. The exception will be handled somewhere higher-up in the call stack.
  - Deal with the exception using a try/catch block.

Fixed Mean Calculator

```
1   public static double mean(double[] numbers)
2   {
3       if (numbers == null || numbers.length == 0)
4       {
5           throw new IllegalArgumentException("Invalid array.");
6       }
7
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9
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11      {
12          sum += numbers[i];
13      }
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16  }
```

throw vs. throws

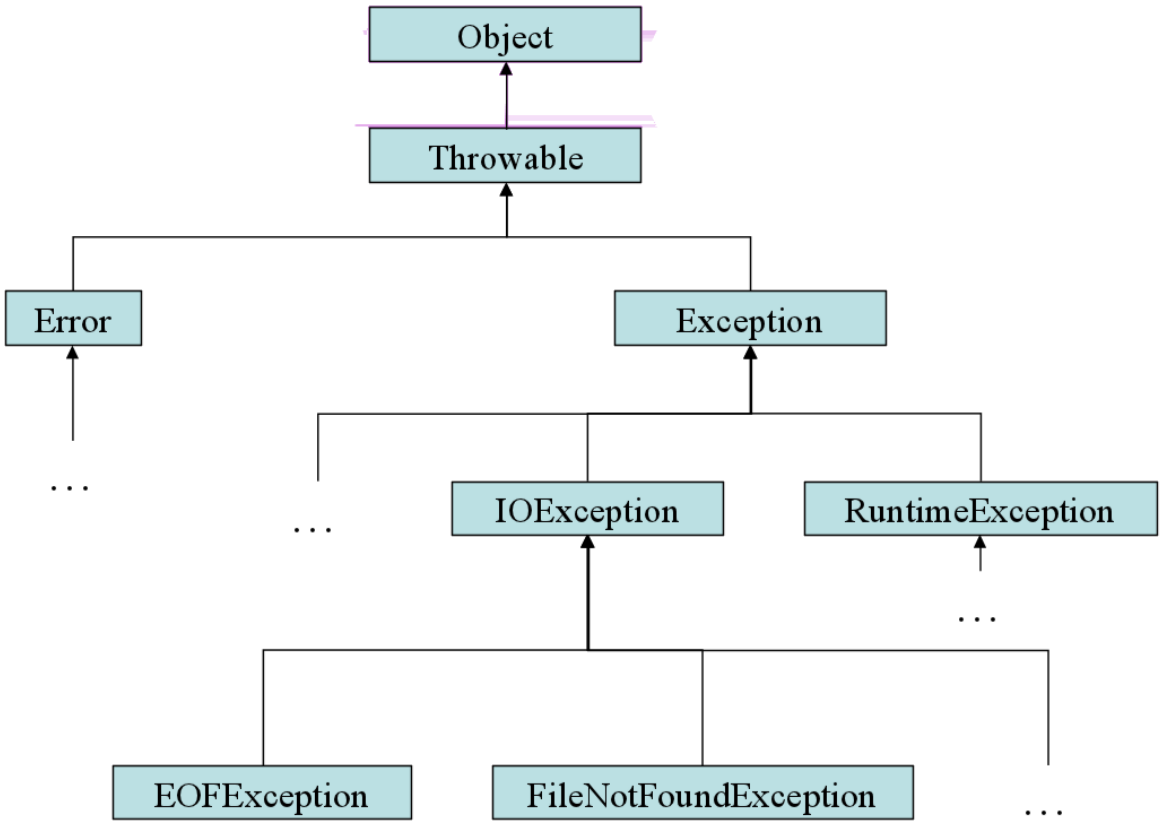
- The `throw` keyword is similar to `return`
  - Ends the method
  - Sends a result (exception object) to the caller
- The `throws` keyword is similar to a method's return type specification.

```
1    public double someMethod(double arg) throws SomeCheckedException
2    {
3        if (arg == 0.0)
4        {
5            throw new SomeCheckedException("Bad argument.");
6        }
7
8        return 10.0;
9    }
```

Checked vs. Unchecked Exceptions

- The `throws` keyword is only required for "checked exceptions"
  - They must be handled within the method with a try-catch block OR
  - Declared thrown with `throws` (passing the buck)
- "Unchecked exceptions" inherit from `RuntimeException`
  - Often result from programming errors, not exceptional circumstances.

Exception Class Hierarchy



try/catch

```
1   public double timesTen(double arg)
2   {
3       double result = 0;
4       try
5       {
6           result = someMethod(arg) * 10.0;
7       }
8       catch (SomeCheckedException e)
9       {
10          // Code here that fixes the problem...
11          // Maybe some other way of
12          // calculating a good result.
13      }
14      return result;
15  }
```

throws

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Example...

Let's write a Java program that reads a text file containing simple mathematical expressions, and writes the results:

- If the input file contains:

```
2 + 3
22 / 2
3 * 2
```

- Terminal output should be:

```
5
11
6
```

What will be printed?

```
1           fileName = "NONEXISTENTFILE.txt";
2           System.out.print("A ");
3           try
4           {
5               System.out.print("B ");
6               file = new File(fileName);
7               scanner = new Scanner(file);
8               System.out.print("C ");
9
10          }
11          catch (FileNotFoundException e)
12          {
13              System.out.print("D ");
14          }
15          finally
16          {
17              System.out.print("E ");
18          }
19          System.out.print("F ");
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No.