

## **Specifications:** WeightedAverageStrategy

In addition to the obvious specifications illustrated in the following UML class diagram



the WeightedAverageStrategy class must satisfy the following specifications.

- 1. The calculate() method must not have any side effects. That is, it must not change the List that it is passed or any of the values in the List.
- You may assume that the calculate() method is passed a List that does not contain any null elements. Note: This does not mean that the List does not contain **missing** grades
- 3. You may assume that all of the weights are non-negative.
- 4. The calculate() method must handle null weights.
  - 4.1.If the weights Map is null then each Grade must be weighted equally.
  - 4.2. If the weight for a particular Grade is null then the weight for that Grade is said to be unspecified and a value of 0.0 must be used.
- 5. The calculate() method must calculate the weighted average of the List of Grade objects it is passed.
  - 5.1. It must account for missing values in one of two ways, depending on the value of the shouldIgnoreMissing attribute.
    - 5.1.1. If shouldIgnoreMissing is true then missing values should be ignored. In other words, if there are 10 elements and 2 are missing, the calculation should be performed as if there are only the 8 non-missing elements.
    - 5.1.2. If shouldIgnoreMissing is false then missing values should be treated as 0.0.

- 5.2. If the List is null then the weighted average must be 0.0.
- 5.3. If the List is empty (i.e., has no elements after appropriately accounting for missing values as described above) then the weighted average must be 0.0.
- 5.4.If the List is not null and not empty then the weighted average must be calculated as described in the Glossary.
- 5.5.If all of the weights are 0.0 (i.e., the denominator in the above expression is 0.0) then the weighted average must be 0.0.
- 6. The default constructor must construct a WeightedAverageStrategy object with a null weights Map that ignores missing values.
- 7. The one-parameter constructor must construct a WeightedAverageStrategy object that ignores missing values

## An Example with No Weights that Illustrates the Handling of Missing Values

Suppose there are no weights and the List contains Grade objects with the following value attributes: 5.0, 8.0, null, 2.0, and null. If the WeightedAverageStrategy is ignoring missing values, then the calculate() method must return a LeafGrade object with a value attribute of:

$$(5.0 + 8.0 + 2.0) / 3 = 15.0 / 3 = 5.0$$

On the other hand, if the WeightedAverageStrategy is not ignoring missing values, then the calculate() method must return a LeafGrade object with a value attribute of:

(5.0 + 8.0 + 0.0 + 2.0 + 0.0) / 5 = 15.0 / 5 = 3.0

## An Example with Weights

Suppose the List contains Grade objects with the following value attributes: 5.0, 8.0, 2.0, and the corresponding weights ate 30.0, 30.0, 40.0. Then the calculate() method must return a LeafGrade object with a value attribute of:

 $(5.0 \cdot 30.0 + 8.0 \cdot 30.0 + 2.0 \cdot 40.0) / (30.0 + 30.0 + 40.0)$ = (150.0 + 240.0 + 80.0) / (30.0 + 30.0 + 40.0) = 470.0/100.0 = 4.7