## Handout 2

Exercise: Compute the length of a ladder needed to hang a picture on a wall.

## Solution

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import java.util.Scanner;
public class MyMain {
      public static void main(String[] args) {
             //TASK 1: DECLARE VARIABLES
             double height; //Height of the picture on a wall.
             double floor;
                                //Floor length of where the ladder is placed.
             double ladder;
                              //Computer height of the ladder.
             //TASK 2: CREATE A SCANNER OBJECT TO READ KEYBOARD INPUT
             Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
             //TASK 3: PROGRAM MESSAGE
             System.out.println("This program will compute the height of ");
             System.out.println("a ladder needed to hang a picture.");
             //TASK 4: PERFORM INPUT
             System.out.print("Enter the height of the picture:");
             height = in.nextDouble();
             System.out.print("Enter the distance along the floor: ");
             floor = in.nextDouble();
             //TASK 5: COMPUTE THE LENGTH OF THE LADDER
             ladder = Math.sqrt( Math.pow(height, 2.0) +
                Math.pow(floor, 2.0));
             //TASK 5: DISPLAY COST
             System.out.print("The height of the ladder is approximately ");
             System.out.printf("%.0f", ladder);
      }
}
```

product, the average, the absolute value of the difference, the larger of the two, and the smaller of the two.

Hint: The Math class contains max and min functions.