

## Chapter 6: Measuring Internal Product Attributes: Structural Complexity

### **\*\*Problem Statement\*\***

How complex is the following program?

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1: read x, y, z;  
2: type = "scalene";  
3: if (x == y or x == z or y == z) type = "isosceles";  
4: if (x == y and x == z) type = "equilateral";  
5: if (x >= y + z or y >= x + z or z >= x + y) type = "not a triangle";  
6: if (x <= 0 or y <= 0 or z <= 0) type = "bad inputs";  
7: print type;
```

Is there a way to measure the complexity of this program? It has something to do with program structure (branches, nesting) and the flow of data.

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