Decision Statements Website Production

Q: What is a decision?

- Something that represents a branching point in a solution
- Outcomes are often dependent on initial conditions

Decisions in Programs

- Without decision statements (or other dynamic control structures), programs are static
- Static programs do exactly the same things each time they are executed
- Dynamic programs do not

Decisions are Based On Statements That are True or False

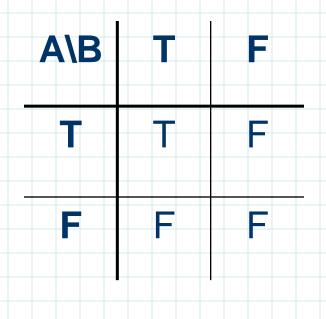
- Boolean Algebra or Logic with operations and, or and not
- Relational Operations with is less than(<) is greater than(>) is equal(==) is less than or equal to(<=) is greater than or equal to(>=) is less than or greater than(<>) or is not equal to(<>)

Boolean Algebra

- Based on values that are either *True* or *False*
- True and False values are often represented by 1's and 0's, respectively
- Operations are And, Or and Not

Boolean Algebra Logical Operation: And

- A ∧ B (A and B)
- Expression is True
 if and only if A and
 B are both true



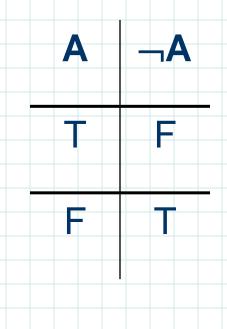
Boolean Algebra Logical Operation: Or

- $A \vee B$ (A or B)
- Expression is True if either A or B are True
- Note: Also True
 when A and B are
 both True

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Boolean Algebra Logical Operation: Not

- Expression returns the negation of A



Logical Operations: Exercises

$$A = \text{True}, B = \text{True}, C = \text{False}$$

- 1. $A \vee B$
- 2. $A \wedge C$
- 3. $A \vee B \wedge C$
- 4. $(A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$
- 5. not A

See next slide for answers

Answers to Logical Operations Problems

- 1. True
- 2. False
- 3. False
- 4. True
- 5. False

Relational Operations

- A < B
- A > B
- A = B
- A ≤ B
- A ≥ B
- !(A = B)
- (or A<>B)

- "A less than B"
- "A greater than B"
- "A equal to B"
- "A less than or equal to B"
- "A not greater than B"
- "A greater than or equal to B"
- "A not less than B"
- "A not equal to B"
- "A less than or greater than B"

Relational Operations: Exercises

$$A = 5$$
, $B = 3$, $C = -7$

- 1. A < B
- 2. $A \geq C$
- 3. $(A < C) \lor (B < C)$
- 4. !(A < B)

See answers on next slide

Answers to Relational Operators Problems

- 1. False
- 2. True
- 3. False
- 4. True

Boolean or Logical Operations

Traditional

- A ∧ B and
- *A* ∨ *B* or
- A < B is less than
- A > B is greater than
- A = B is equal to
- A ≥ B is greater or equal to
- A ≤ B is less than or equal to
- A ≠ B is not equal to

<u>Javascript</u>

- A && B
- A || B
- A < B
- A > B
- A = = B
- A > = B
- A < = B
 - A < > B

Try this! There's a form with JavaScript that can solve this problem in movies.html

Problem:

- You'd like to go see a movie.
- The movie costs \$8.00, a soda costs
 \$2.50 and a large popcorn costs \$4.50.
- Based on the amount of money in your pocket, determine whether you could...
 (a) See the movie and buy a soda,
 - (b) See the movie, and buy soda and popcorn, or
 - (c) Stay home

Problem Solving with Know, Need, Do Method

Method by Professor WJoel

Know?

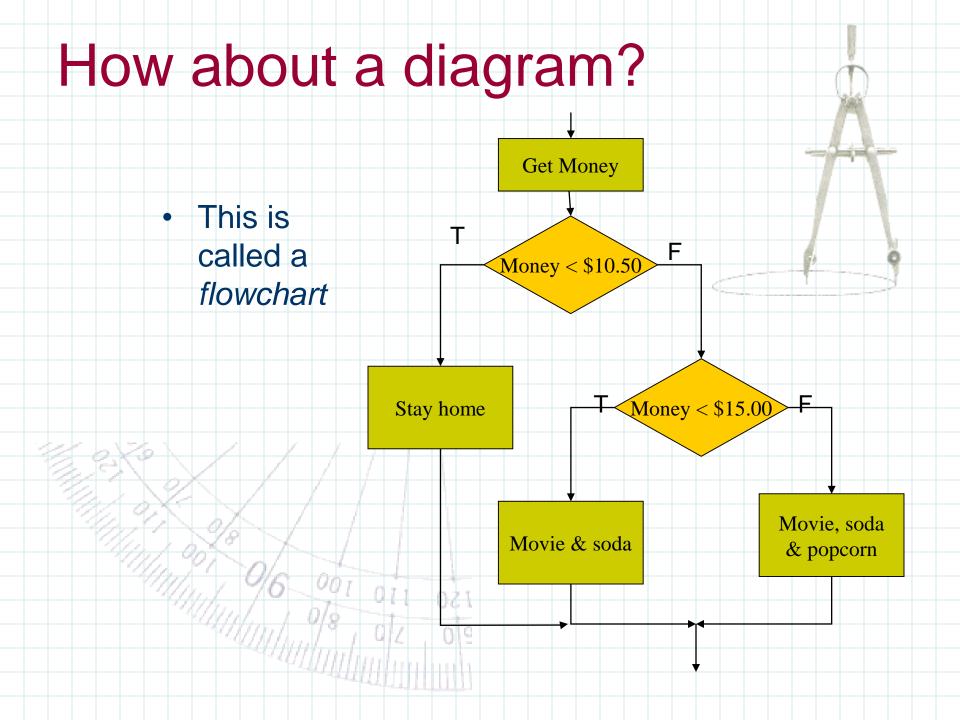
- Movie costs \$8.00
- Soda costs \$2.50
- Popcorn costs \$4.50
- How much money I have in my pocket

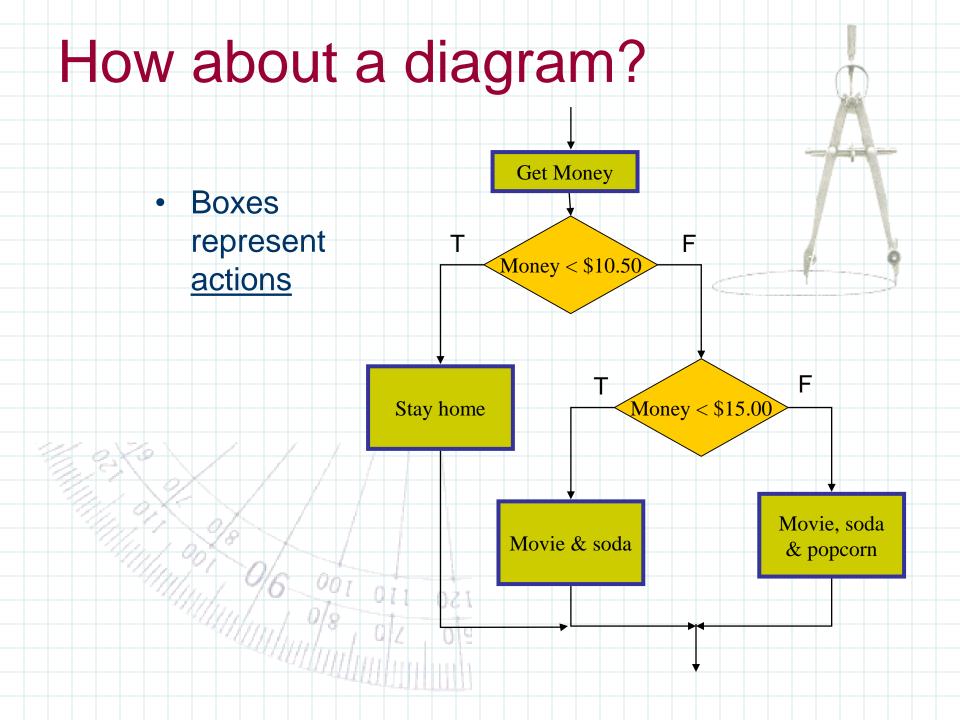
Need?

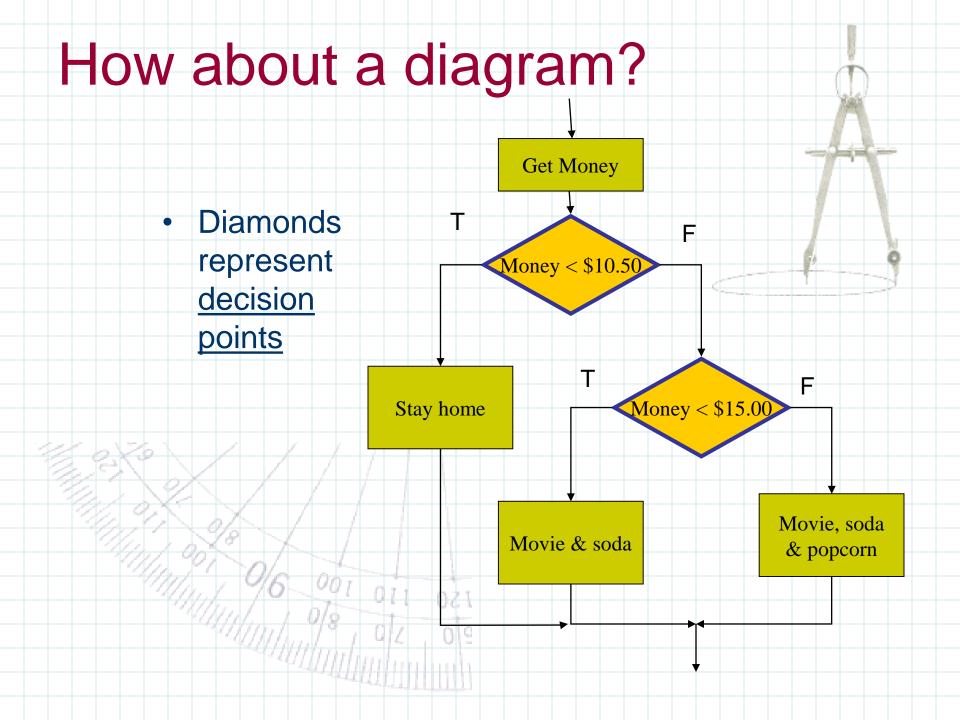
- Cost of movie and soda
- Cost of movie, soda and popcorn
- Way to select one of the three options

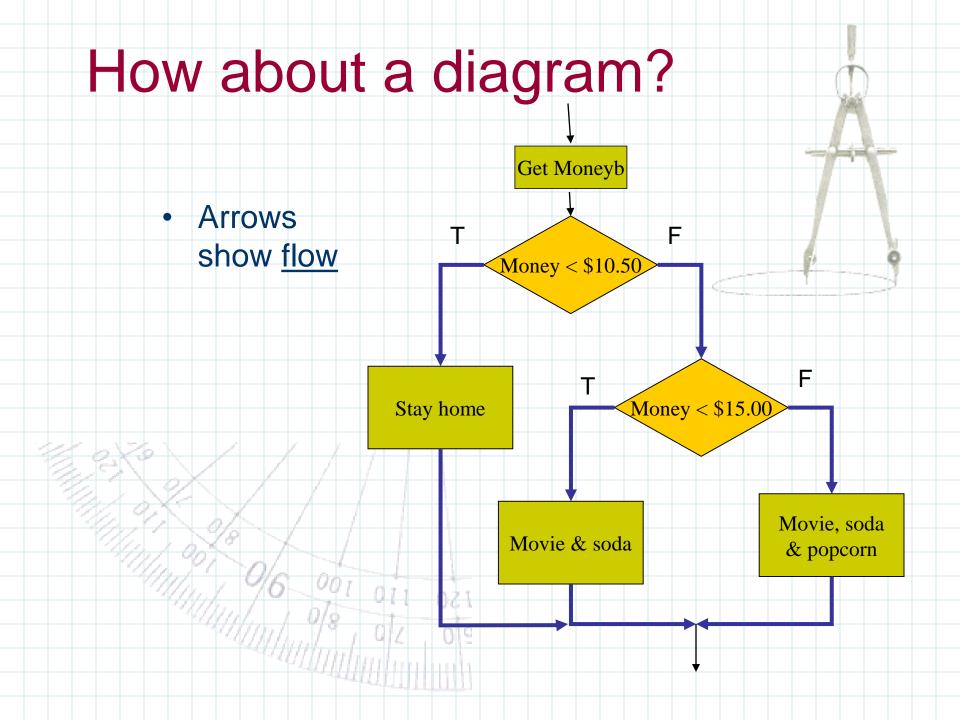
 (that is, make a decision!)

Do? Option (a) costs \$10.50 Option (b) costs \$15.00 Option (c) costs nothing What next?



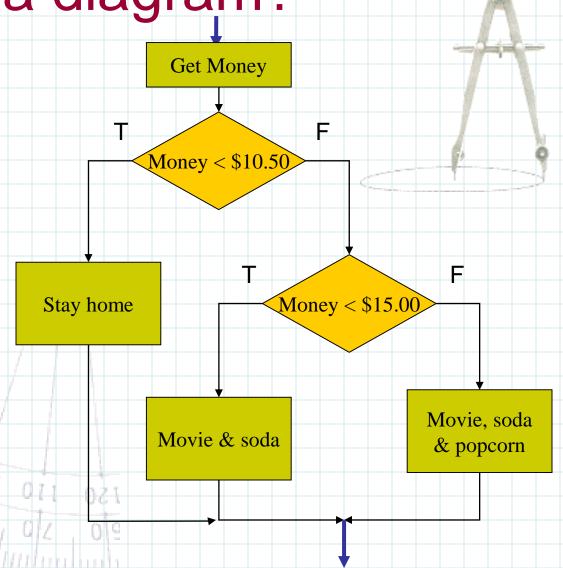






How about a diagram?

- The arrow at the top tells us there were previous steps
- The arrow at the bottom tells us there are subsequent steps



How would I write this?

- Using Pseudocode
- What is Pseudocode?

Pseudocode

- Looks like a programming language
- Has all the structure of a programming language
- Has a <u>verrrrry</u> loose syntax

 Is just an outline for a set of instructions, possibly for a computer to follow

Pseudocode

Example:

get x $result \leftarrow x^2 + 5x + 7$ print result

That's it!

One more time!

Pseudocode...
 If (Money < \$10.50) then
 Stay home
 else If (Money < \$15.00) then
 Movie, soda
 else Movie, soda, popcorn

How would I write this?

- The problem statement tells us the individual costs
- No need to ask the user for them

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How would I write this?

The cost of each option is

- Movie: \$8.00

– Movie & soda: \$10.50

– All three: \$15.00

How would I write this in pseudocode?

Ask user for how much money she has

Decide outcomes

Display outcomes

How would I write this?

 Next, we need to make sure we have a complete algorithm, so we refine our pseudocode

```
Input Money
If (Money < $10.50) then
Display "Stay home."
else If (Money < $15.00) then
Display "Go to a movie; buy a
soda."
else
Display "Go to a movie; buy a
soda and popcorn."
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Almost done!

In JavaScript (code): If Statement Complex

Complex statement

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if (condition)

then-true-action

else

else-false-action
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else

$$b = 3;$$

Simple statement

Program

 Okay, after finishing this PowerPoint, run and view the webpage movies.html based on our pseudocoded algorithm and some form design, which uses a JavaScript script that makes a decision using ifthen-else statements

Flowcharts

To follow a flowchart, start at the top and follow the arrows

When you come to an input or output box, get the necessary data for variables and write it down on a piece of paper. When you come to an assignment statement change the value on your paper

For a decision box, decide whether the expression is true or false and follow the appropriate arrow