CS1002 – Programming Fundamentals

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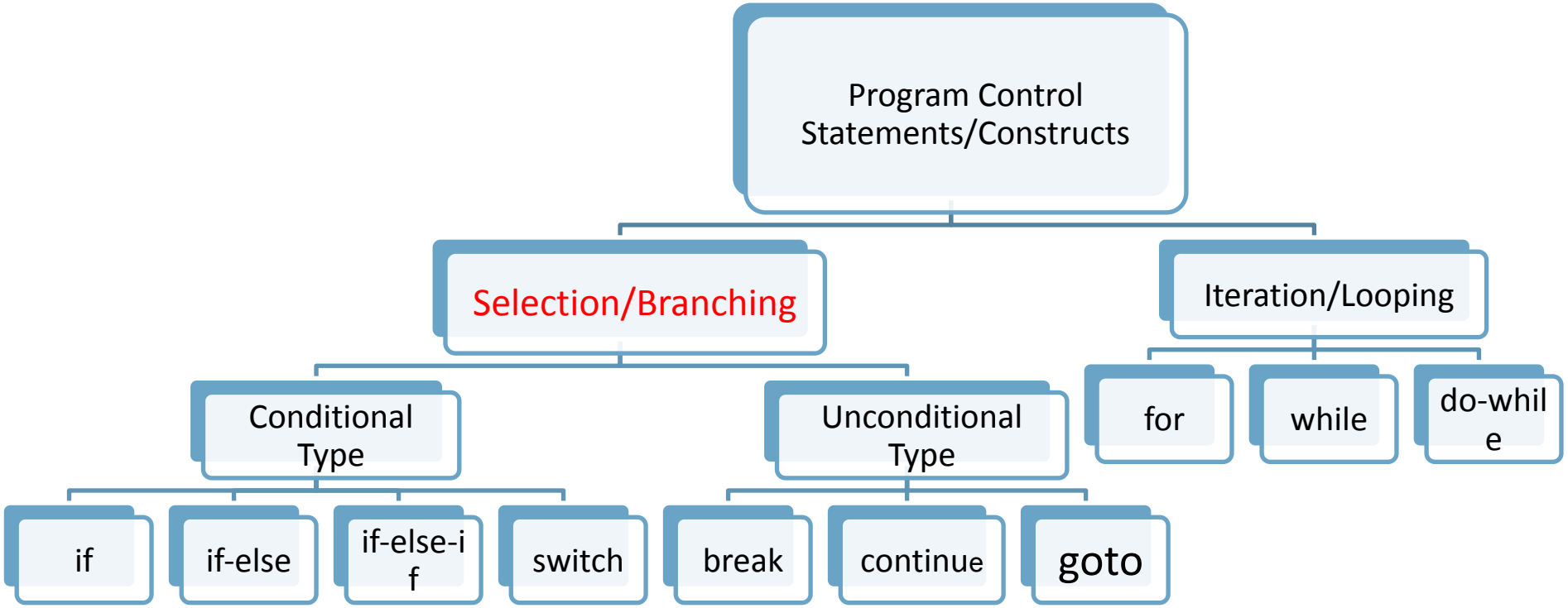
Outline

- Control Structures
  - Selection (if-else)
  - Repetition (Loops)
- Selection
  - One-way selection
  - Two-way selection
  - Compound selection
- Relational, Logical and Bitwise operators
- Switch statement
- Assert Function

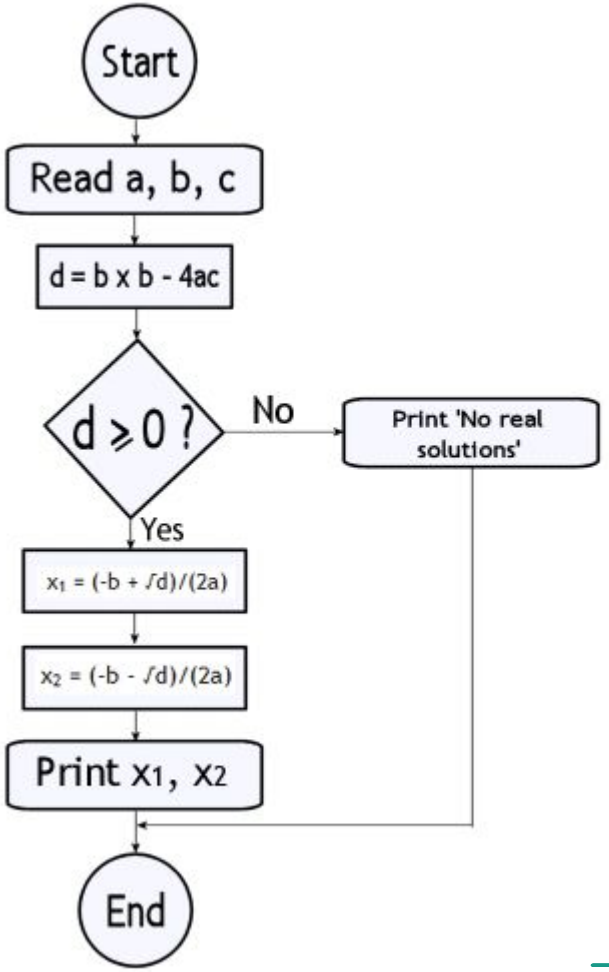
2. CONTROL STATEMENTS INCLUDE

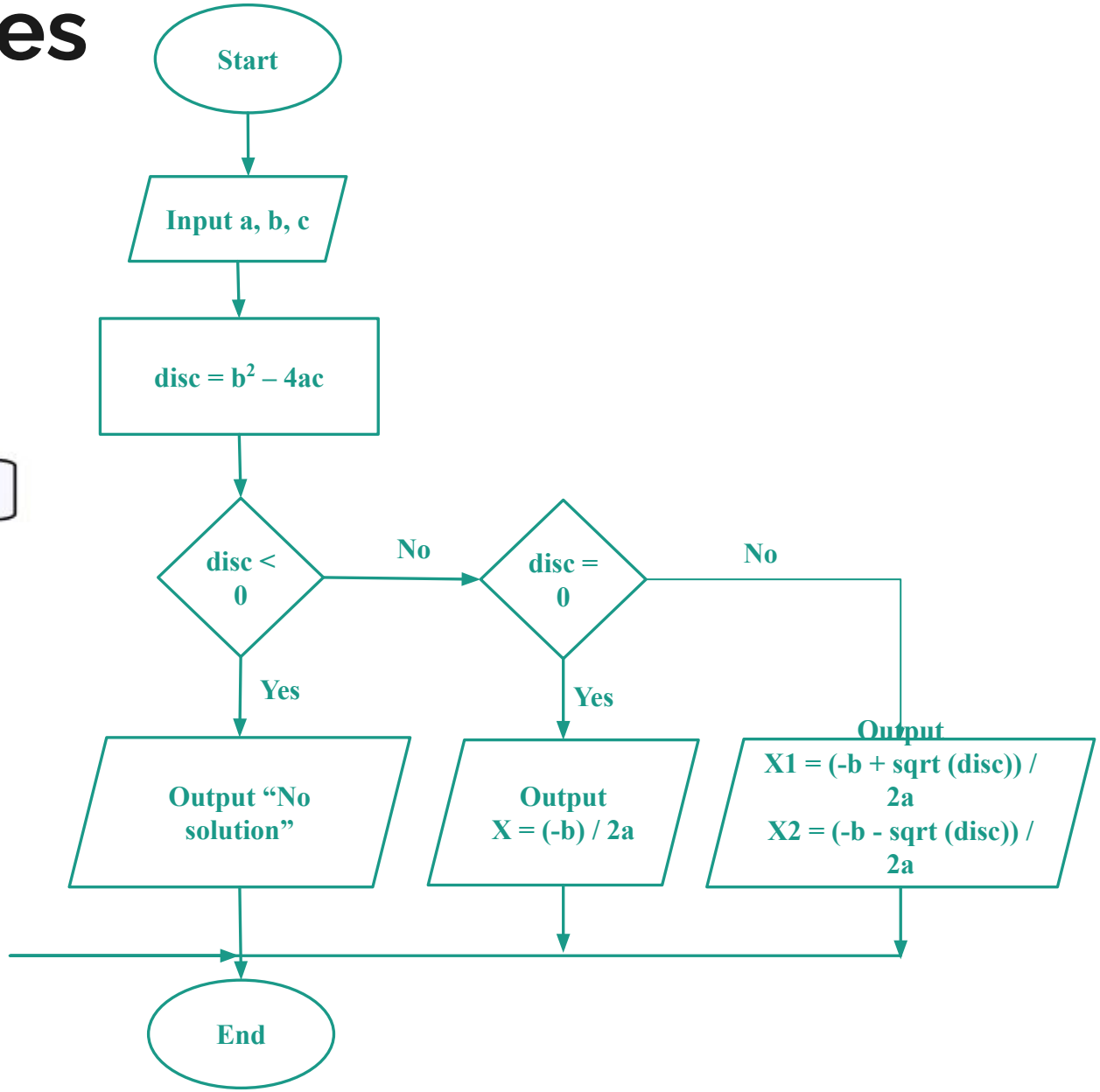
Selection Statements	Iteration Statements	Jump Statements
•• if	•• for	•• goto
•• if-else	•• while	•• break
•• switch	•• do-while	•• continue
		•• return

PROGRAM CONTROL STATEMENTS/CONSTRUCTS IN ‘C/C++’



Control Structures





Control Structures

- A computer can proceed:
  - **In sequence**
  - **Selectively (branch):** making a choice
  - **Repetitively (iteratively):** looping
- Some statements are executed only if certain conditions are met
- A condition is met if it evaluates to true

Control Structures (cont'd.)

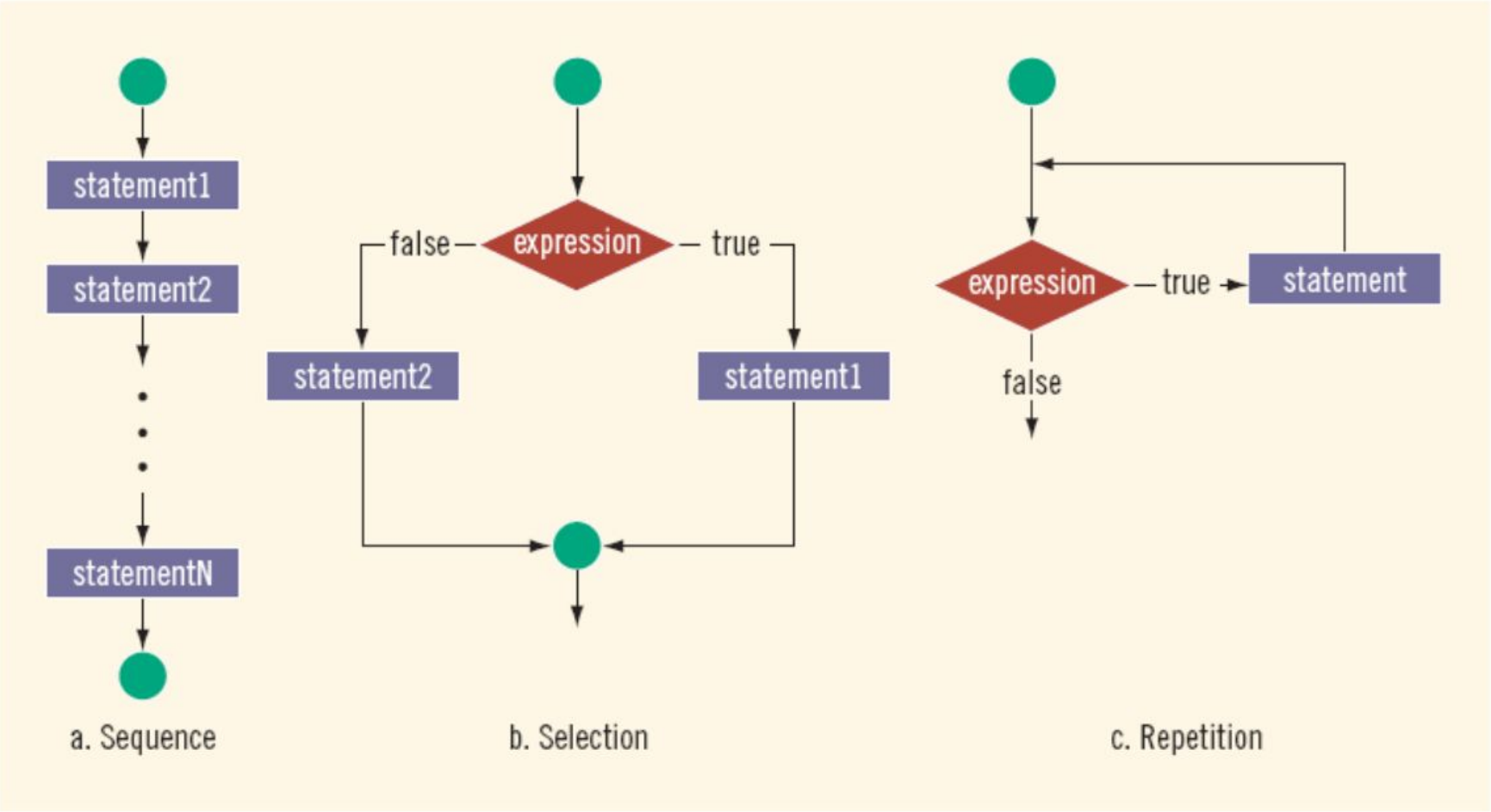


FIGURE 4-1 Flow of execution

Control Structures (cont'd.)

- You must understand the nature of conditional statements and how to use them.
- Consider the following three statements:

```
1. if (score is greater than or equal to 90)
      grade is A
2. if (hours worked are less than or equal to 40)
      wages = rate * hours
   otherwise
      wages = (rate * 40) + 1.5 * (rate * (hours - 40))
3. if (temperature is greater than 70 degrees and it is not
   raining)
   Go golfing!
```

One-Way Selection

- The syntax of one-way selection is:

```
if (expression)
    statement
```

- The statement is executed if the value of the expression is **true**
- The statement is bypassed if the value is **false**; program goes to the next statement
- **if** is a reserved word

One-Way Selection (cont'd.)

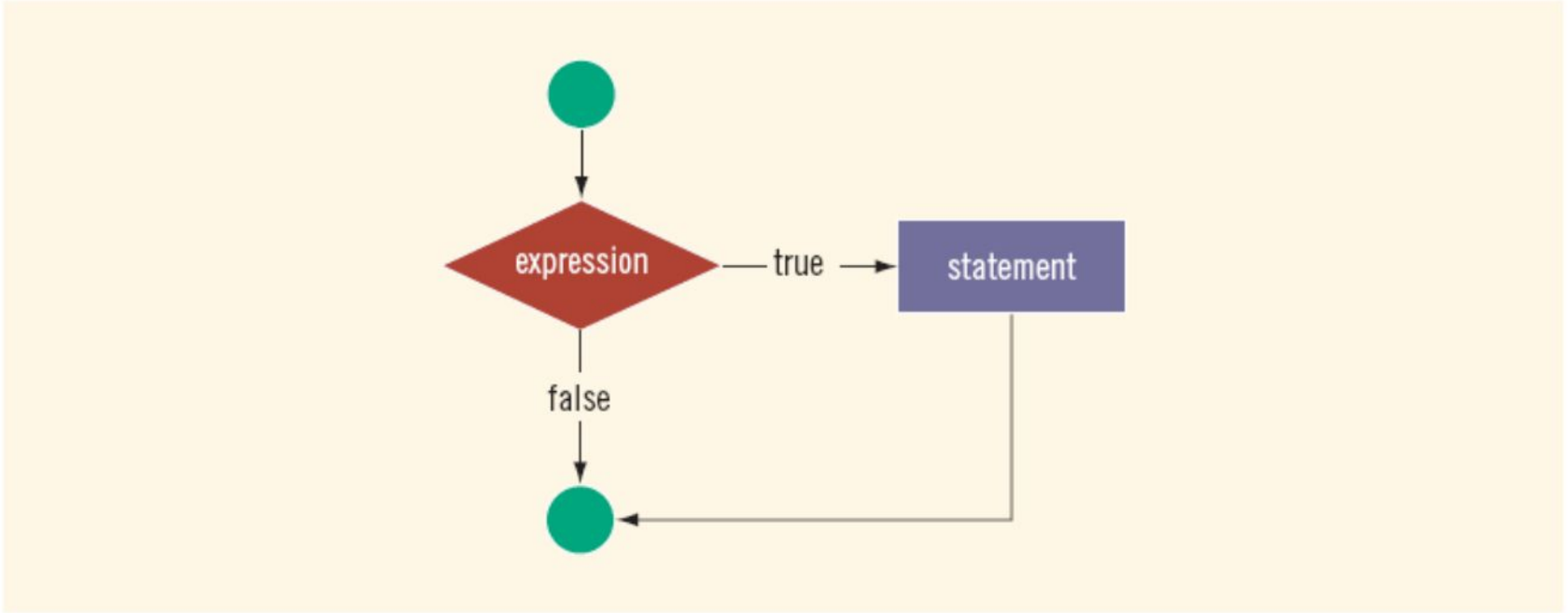


FIGURE 4-2 One-way selection

One-Way Selection (cont'd.)

EXAMPLE 4-7

```
if (score >= 60)
    grade = 'P';
```

In this code, if the expression (`score >= 60`) evaluates to `true`, the assignment statement, `grade = 'P';`, executes. If the expression evaluates to `false`, the statements (if any) following the `if` structure execute. For example, if the value of `score` is `65`, the value assigned to the variable `grade` is `'P'`.

EXAMPLE 4-8

The following C++ program finds the absolute value of an integer.

```
//Program: Absolute value of an integer

#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int number, temp;

    cout << "Line 1: Enter an integer: ";          //Line 1
    cin >> number;                                 //Line 2
    cout << endl;                                  //Line 3

    temp = number;                                 //Line 4

    if (number < 0)                                //Line 5
        number = -number;                          //Line 6

    cout << "Line 7: The absolute value of "
         << temp << " is " << number << endl;      //Line 7

    return 0;
}
```

Sample Run: In this sample run, the user input is shaded.

```
Line 1: Enter an integer: -6734
Line 7: The absolute value of -6734 is 6734
```

One-Way Selection (cont'd.)

EXAMPLE 4-9

Consider the following statement:

```
if score >= 60      //syntax error
   grade = 'P';
```

This statement illustrates an incorrect version of an `if` statement. The parentheses around the logical expression are missing, which is a syntax error.

EXAMPLE 4-10

Consider the following C++ statements:

```
if (score >= 60);          //Line 1
    grade = 'P';           //Line 2
```

Because there is a semicolon at the end of the expression (see Line 1), the `if` statement in Line 1 terminates. The action of this `if` statement is null, and the statement in Line 2 is not part of the `if` statement in Line 1. Hence, the statement in Line 2 executes regardless of how the `if` statement evaluates.

Two-Way Selection

- Two-way selection takes the form:

```
if (expression)
    statement1
else
    statement2
```

- If expression is true, statement1 is executed; otherwise, statement2 is executed
- statement1 and statement2 are any C++ statements
- **else** is a reserved word

Two-Way Selection (cont'd.)

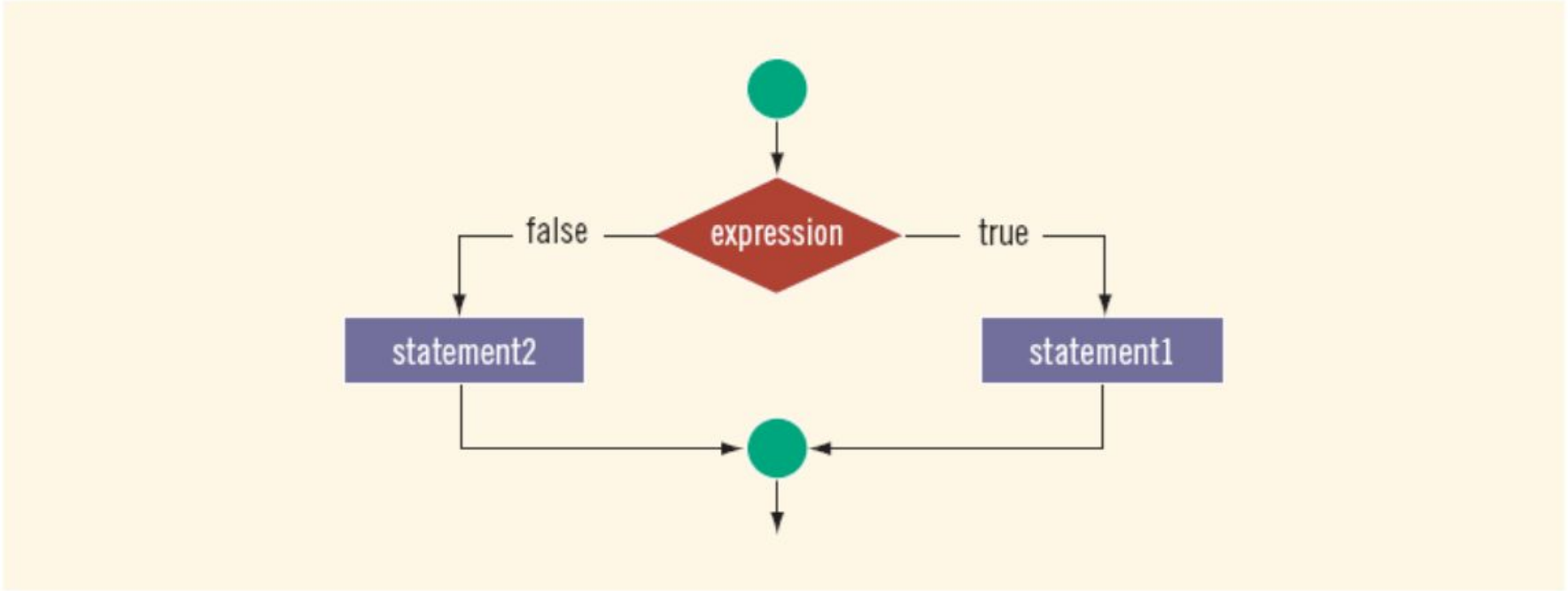


FIGURE 4-3 Two-way selection

Two-Way Selection (cont'd.)

EXAMPLE 4-11

Consider the following statements:

```
if (hours > 40.0)                                    //Line 1
    wages = 40.0 * rate +
            1.5 * rate * (hours - 40.0);             //Line 2
else                                                 //Line 3
    wages = hours * rate;                            //Line 4
```

If the value of the variable `hours` is greater than `40.0`, the `wages` include overtime payment. Suppose that `hours` is `50`. The expression in the `if` statement, in Line 1, evaluates to `true`, so the statement in Line 2 executes. On the other hand, if `hours` is `30` or any number less than or equal to `40`, the expression in the `if` statement, in Line 1, evaluates to `false`. In this case, the program skips the statement in Line 2 and executes the statement in Line 4—that is, the statement following the reserved word `else` executes.

Two-Way Selection (cont'd.)

EXAMPLE 4-12

The following statements show an example of a syntax error.

```
if (hours > 40.0);                                  //Line 1
    wages = 40.0 * rate +
            1.5 * rate * (hours - 40.0);            //Line 2
else                                                //Line 3
    wages = hours * rate;                           //Line 4
```

The semicolon at the end of the `if` statement (see Line 1) ends the `if` statement, so the statement in Line 2 separates the `else` clause from the `if` statement. That is, `else` is all by itself. Because there is no stand-alone `else` statement in C++, this code generates a syntax error. As shown in Example 4–10, in a one-way selection, the semicolon at the end of an `if` statement is a logical error, whereas as shown in this example, in a two-way selection, it is a syntax error.

Compound (Block of) Statements

- Compound statement (block of statements):

```
{
    statement1
    statement2
      .
      .
      .
    statementn
}
```

- A compound statement is a single statement

Compound (Block of) Statements (cont'd.)

```
if (age > 18)
{
    cout << "Eligible to vote." << endl;
    cout << "No longer a minor." << endl;
}
else
{
    cout << "Not eligible to vote." << endl;
    cout << "Still a minor." << endl;
}
```

Decision Making: Equality and Relational Operators

if structure

- Decision based on truth or false of condition
  - If condition met, body executed
  - Else, body not executed

Equality and relational operators

- Equality operators
  - Same level of precedence
- Relational operators
  - Same level of precedence
- Associate left to right

Decision Making: Equality and Relational Operators

Standard algebraic equality operator or relational operator	C++ equality or relational operator	Example of C++ condition	Meaning of C++ condition
Relational operators			
>	>	x > y	x is greater than y
<	<	x < y	x is less than y
≥	>=	x >= y	x is greater than or equal to y
≤	<=	x <= y	x is less than or equal to y
Equality operators			
=	==	x == y	x is equal to y
≠	!=	x != y	x is not equal to y

Relational Operators and Simple Data Types

Expression	Meaning	Value
`8 < 15`	8 is less than 15	`true`
`6 != 6`	6 is not equal to 6	`false`
`2.5 > 5.8`	2.5 is greater than 5.8	`false`
`5.9 <= 7.5`	5.9 is less than or equal to 7.5	`true`

Comparing Characters

- Expression with relational operators
  - Depends on machine's collating sequence
  - ASCII character set
- Logical (Boolean) expressions
  - Expressions such as 4 < 6 and 'R' > 'T'
  - Returns an integer value of 1 if the logical expression evaluates to true
  - Returns an integer value of 0 otherwise

Comparison of Characters

- For characters
  - Respective ASCIII values are compared
- 'R' > 'T' is false (82 > 84)
- '+' < '*' is false (43 < 42)
- 'A' <= 'a' is true (65<97)

Relational and Equality Operators (cont.)

- The relational operators have very low precedence and associate left-to-right
- The equality operators have very-very low precedence and associate left-to-right
- Some examples:

```
17 < x          foo == 3.14
age != 21       x+1 >= 4*y-z
```

Precedence

Operators	Precedence
()	highest (applied first)
* / %	
+ -	
< <= > >=	
== !=	
=	
	lowest (applied last)

Logical (Boolean) Operators and Logical Expressions

Operator	Description
!	NOT
&&	AND
||	OR

Expression	!(Expression)
`true` (nonzero)	`false` (0)
`false` (0)	`true` (1)

Conti...

Expression	Value	Explanation
`!('A' > 'B')`	`true`	Because `'A' > 'B'` is `false`, `!('A' > 'B')` is `true`.
`!(6 <= 7)`	`false`	Because `6 <= 7` is `true`, `!(6 <= 7)` is `false`.

- AND & OR operators work just like AND/OR-Gate as you studied in Physics in intermediate
- AND = True iff all conditions are TRUE
- OR = False iff all results are FASLE

Expression	Value	Explanation
`(14 >= 5) && ('A' < 'B')`	`true`	Because `(14 >= 5)` is `true`, `('A' < 'B')` is `true`, and `true && true` is `true`, the expression evaluates to `true`.
`(24 >= 35) && ('A' < 'B')`	`false`	Because `(24 >= 35)` is `false`, `('A' <'B')` is `true`, and `false && true` is `false`, the expression evaluates to `false`.

Order of precedence

Operators	Precedence
!, +, – (unary operators)	first
*, /, %	second
+, –	third
<, <=, >=, >	fourth
==, !=	fifth
&&	sixth
||	seventh
= (assignment operator)	last

Associativity for same level of precedence

Operators	Associativity
() ++ (postfix) -- (postfix)	left to right
+ *(unary)* - *(unary)*	right to left
++ *(prefix)* -- *(prefix)* * / %	left to right
+ -	left to right
< <= > >=	left to right
== !=	left to right
&&	left to right
||	left to right
?:	right to left
= + = - = * = / =	right to left
, (comma operator)	left to right

- Suppose you have the following declarations

```
bool found = true;
int age = 20;
double hours = 45.30;
double overtime = 15.00;
int count = 20;
char ch = 'B';
```

Expression	Value / Expression
!found	**false** Because found is **true**, !found is **false**
hours > 40.0	**true** Because hours is 45.3 and 45.3 > 40.0 is **true**, the expression hours > 40.0 evaluates to **true**
!age	**false** Age is 20, which is non zero so age is **true.** Therefore !age is **false**
!found && (age >=18)	**false** !found is **false;** age >= 18 is 20 >= 18 is **true.** Therefore !found && (age >=18) is **false** && **true**, which evaluates to **false**

```
bool found = true;
int age = 20;
double hours = 45.30;
double overtime = 15.00;
int count = 20;
char ch = 'B';
```

Expression	Value / Expression
hours + overTime <= 75.0	**true** hours + overTime is 45.30 + 15.00 = 60.30 and 60.30 <= 75.0 is true, it follows that hours + overtime <= 75 evaluates to **true**
(count >= 0) && (count <= 100)	**true** Now count is 20, Because 20 >= 0 is **true**, count >=0 is **true**. Also 20 <= 100 is **true**, count <=100 is **true**. Therefore (count >= 20) && (count <= 100) is **true** & **true**, which evaluates to **true**
('A' <= ch && ch <= 'Z')	**true** Here ch is 'B'. Because 'A' <= 'B' is **true**, 'A' <= ch evaluates to **true**. Also, because 'B' <= 'Z' is **true**, ch <= 'Z' evaluates to **true**. Therefore ('A' <= ch && ch <= 'Z') is **true** && **true** evaluates to **true**.

Relational Operators

- A condition is represented by a logical (Boolean) expression that can be **true** or **false**
- Relational operators:
  - Allow comparisons
  - Require two operands (binary)
  - Evaluate to true or false

Logical (Boolean) Operators and Logical Expressions (cont'd.)

TABLE 4-4 The && (And) Operator

Expression1	Expression2	Expression1 && Expression2
true (nonzero)	true (nonzero)	true (1)
true (nonzero)	false (0)	false (0)
false (0)	true (nonzero)	false (0)
false (0)	false (0)	false (0)

EXAMPLE 4-4

Expression	Value	Explanation
`(14 >= 5) && ('A' < 'B')`	true	Because `(14 >= 5)` is true, `('A' < 'B')` is true, and true && true is true, the expression evaluates to true.
`(24 >= 35) && ('A' < 'B')`	false	Because `(24 >= 35)` is false, `('A' <'B')` is true, and false && true is false, the expression evaluates to false.

Logical (Boolean) Operators and Logical Expressions (cont'd.)

TABLE 4-5 The || (Or) Operator

Expression1	Expression2	Expression1 || Expression2
true (nonzero)	true (nonzero)	true (1)
true (nonzero)	false (0)	true (1)
false (0)	true (nonzero)	true (1)
false (0)	false (0)	false (0)

EXAMPLE 4-5

Expression	Value	Explanation
`(14 >= 5) || ('A' > 'B')`	true	Because `(14 >= 5)` is true, `('A' > 'B')` is false, and true || false is true, the expression evaluates to true.
`(24 >= 35) || ('A' > 'B')`	false	Because `(24 >= 35)` is false, `('A' > 'B')` is false, and false || false is false, the expression evaluates to false.
`('A' <= 'a') || (7 != 7)`	true	Because `('A' <= 'a')` is true, `(7 != 7)` is false, and true || false is true, the expression evaluates to true.

Conditional Operator (?:)

- Conditional operator (?:) takes three arguments
  - **Ternary operator**
- Syntax for using the conditional operator:

  expression1 ? expression2 : expression3
- If **expression1** is true, the result of the conditional expression is **expression2**
- Otherwise, the result is **expression3**

Conditional Operator (?:)

Consider the following statement

```
if(x >= y)
    large = x;
else
    large = y;
```

You can use the conditional operator to simplify the writing of this **if…else** statement as follows:

```
large = (x >= y)? x: y ;
```

Multiple Selections: Nested if (cont'd.)

EXAMPLE 4-15

Suppose that `balance` and `interestRate` are variables of type `double`. The following statements determine the `interestRate` depending on the value of the `balance`.

```
if (balance > 50000.00)                    //Line 1
    interestRate = 0.07;                   //Line 2
else                                       //Line 3
    if (balance >= 25000.00)               //Line 4
        interestRate = 0.05;               //Line 5
    else                                   //Line 6
        if (balance >= 1000.00)            //Line 7
            interestRate = 0.03;           //Line 8
        else                               //Line 9
            interestRate = 0.00;           //Line 10
```

Multiple Selections: Nested if (cont'd.)

To avoid excessive indentation, the code in Example 4-15 can be rewritten as follows:

```
if (balance > 50000.00)                  //Line 1
    interestRate = 0.07;                 //Line 2
else if (balance >= 25000.00)            //Line 3
    interestRate = 0.05;                 //Line 4
else if (balance >= 1000.00)             //Line 5
    interestRate = 0.03;                 //Line 6
else                                     //Line 7
    interestRate = 0.00;                 //Line 8
```

Multiple Selections: Nested if (cont'd.)

EXAMPLE 4-16

Assume that `score` is a variable of type `int`. Based on the value of `score`, the following code outputs the grade.

```
if (score >= 90)
    cout << "The grade is A." << endl;
else if (score >= 80)
    cout << "The grade is B." << endl;
else if (score >= 70)
    cout << "The grade is C." << endl;
else if (score >= 60)
    cout << "The grade is D." << endl;
else
    cout << "The grade is F." << endl;
```

if-else **Pairing**

Assume that all the variables are properly declared and consider the following statements:

```
if(gender == 'M')                    //Line 1
        if(age < 21)                 //Line 2
                policyRate = 0.05;   //Line 3
        else                                 //Line 4
                policyRate = 0.035;  //Line 5
else if (gender == 'F')          //Line 6
        if(age < 21)                 //Line 7
                policyRate = 0.04;   //Line 8
else                                         //Line 9
                policyRate = 0.03;   //Line 10
```

In this code, the else in Line 4 is paired with the if in Line 2. Note that for the else in Line 4, the most recent incomplete if is the if in Line 2. The else in Line 6 is paired with the if in Line 1. The else in Line 9 is paired with the if in Line 7. Once again the indentation does not determine the pairing, but it communicates the pairing

Comparing if...else Statements with a Series of if Statements

a.

```
if (month == 1)                          //Line 1
    cout << "January" << endl;           //Line 2
else if (month == 2)                     //Line 3
    cout << "February" << endl;          //Line 4
else if (month == 3)                     //Line 5
    cout << "March" << endl;             //Line 6
else if (month == 4)                     //Line 7
    cout << "April" << endl;             //Line 8
else if (month == 5)                     //Line 9
    cout << "May" << endl;               //Line 10
else if (month == 6)                     //Line 11
    cout << "June" << endl;              //Line 12
```

b.

```
if (month == 1)
    cout << "January" << endl;
if (month == 2)
    cout << "February" << endl;
if (month == 3)
    cout << "March" << endl;
if (month == 4)
    cout << "April" << endl;
if (month == 5)
    cout << "May" << endl;
if (month == 6)
    cout << "June" << endl;
```

Short-Circuit Evaluation

- **Short-circuit evaluation:** evaluation of a logical expression stops as soon as the value of the expression is known
- **Example:**

Assume x = 21, y=5, z = 3, ch = ‘B’

```
(x >= 20) || ( y == 10) //Line 1

(ch == 'A') && (z < 7)  //Line 2
```

Short-Circuit Analysis

```
int a=10;
int b = 5;
```

1. `(a > 5 && b == 5 && a > 10 && (b = 15));`
2. `((a = 5) || b == 5 && a > 10 && (b = 15));`
3. `a = 10, b = 5;`
4. `(a > 5 && b == 5 || a > 10 && (b = 15));`
5. `(a > 5 && b == 5 && a > 10 || (b = 15));`
6. `(a = 5 || b == 5 && a > 10 && (b = 5));`

Comparing Floating-Point Numbers for Equality: A Precaution

- Comparison of floating-point numbers for equality may not behave as you would expect
- **Example:**
  - 1.0 == 3.0/7.0 + 2.0/7.0 + 2.0/7.0 evaluates to false
  - Why? 3.0/7.0 + 2.0/7.0 + 2.0/7.0 = 0.9999999999999989
- **Solution:** use a tolerance value
  - Example: fabs(x – y) < 0.000001

```
#include<iostream>
#include <iomanip>
#include<cmath>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    double x = 1.0;
    double y = 3.0 / 7.0 + 2.0 / 7.0 + 2.0 / 7.0;
    cout << fixed << showpoint << setprecision(17);
    cout << "3.0 / 7.0 + 2.0 / 7.0 + 2.0 / 7.0 = "
        << 3.0 / 7.0 + 2.0 / 7.0 + 2.0 / 7.0 << endl;
    cout << "x = " << x << endl << "y = " << y << endl;
    if (x == y)
        cout << "x and y are same" << endl;
    else
        cout << "x and y are not same" << endl;
    if (fabs(x - y)<0.000001)
        cout << "x and y are same within the tolerance 0.000001" << endl;
    else
        cout << "x and y are not same within the tolerance 0.000001" <<endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Sample Run:

```
3.0 / 7.0 + 2.0 / 7.0 + 2.0 / 7.0 = 0.99999999999999989
x = 1.00000000000000000
y = 0.99999999999999989
x and y are not the same.
x and y are the same within the tolerance 0.000001.
```

Associativity of Relational Operators: A Precaution

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    int x;
    cout << "Enter and integer =  ";
    cin >> x;
    cout << endl;

    if (0 <= x <= 10)
        cout << x << " is within 0 and 10" << endl;
    else
        cout << x << " is not within 0 and 10" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Associativity of Relational Operators: A Precaution (cont'd.)

- x = 7

0 <= x <= 10	= 0 <= 7 <= 10	
	= (0 <=7) <= 10	Because relationship operators are evaluated from left to right
	= 1 <= 10	Because 0<=7 is true, 0<=7 evaluates to 1
	= 1 (true)	

- x = 30

0 <= x <= 10	= 0 <= 30 <= 10	
	= (0 <=30) <= 10	Because relationship operators are evaluated from left to right
	= 1 <= 10	Because 0<=30 is true, 0<=30 evaluates to 1
	= 1 (true)	

Solution:
0 <= x && x <= 10

Input Failure and the if Statement

- If input stream enters a fail state
  - All subsequent input statements associated with that stream are **ignored**
  - Program continues to execute
  - May produce **erroneous results**
- Can use **if** statements to check status of input stream
- If stream enters the fail state, include instructions that **stop program execution**

```
if(cin)
```

Confusion Between the Equality (==) and Assignment (=) Operators

- C++ allows you to use any expression that can be evaluated to either true or false as an expression in the if statement:

```
if (x = 5)
    cout << "The value is five." << endl;
```

- The appearance of = in place of == resembles a silent killer
  - It is not a syntax error
  - It is a logical error

Program Style and Form (Revisited): Indentation

- If your program is properly indented
  - Spot and fix errors quickly
  - Show the natural grouping of statements
- Insert a **blank line between statements** that are naturally separate
- Two commonly used styles for placing braces
  - **On a line** by themselves
  - Or left brace is placed after the expression, and the right brace is on a line by itself

Using Pseudocode to Develop, Test, and Debug a Program

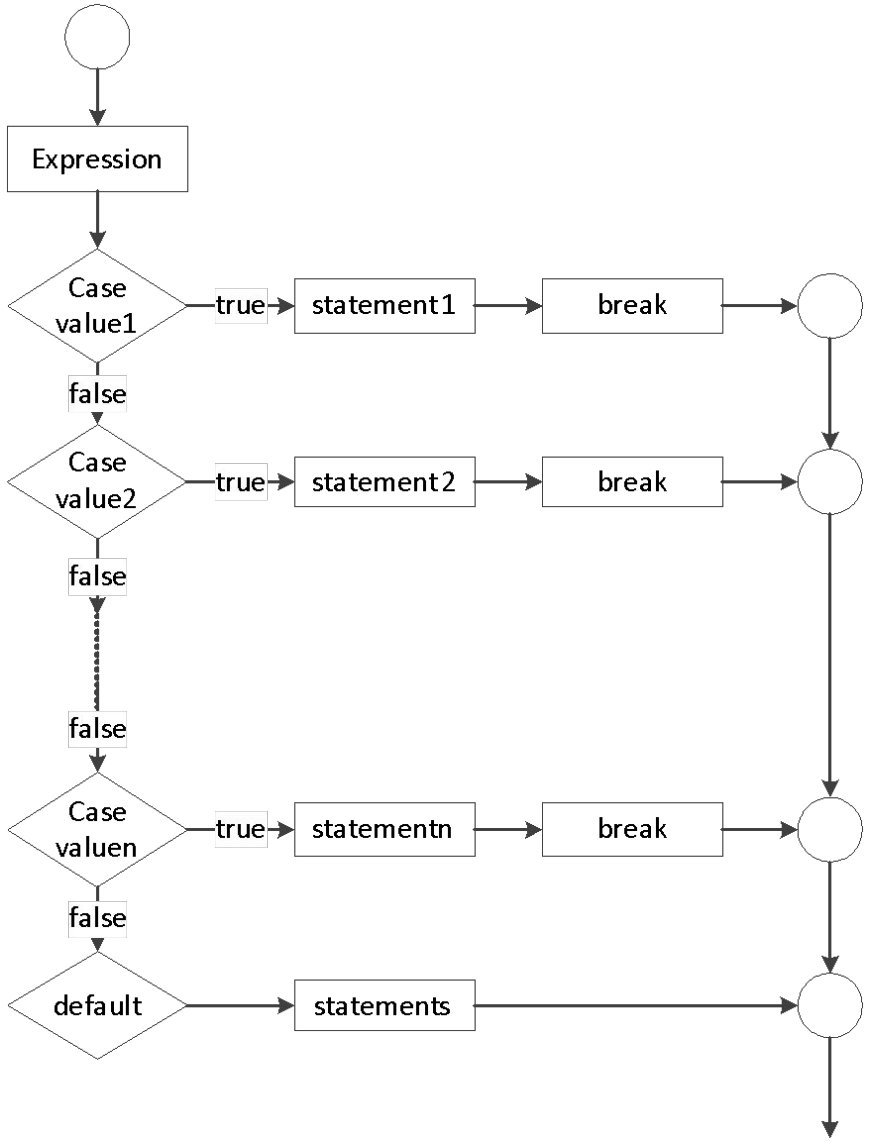
- Pseudocode, or just pseudo
- Informal mixture of C++ and **ordinary language**
- Helps you quickly **develop the correct structure** of the program and avoid making common errors
- Use a **wide range of values** in a walk-through to evaluate the program

switch Structures

- **switch structure:** Alternate to **if-else**
- switch **(integral)** expression is evaluated first
- Value of the expression determines which corresponding action is taken
- Expression is sometimes called the selector

```
switch (expression)
{
case value1:
    statements1
    break;
case value2:
    statements2
    break;
    .
    .
    .
case valuen:
    statementsn
    break;
default:
    statements
}
```

switch **Structures (cont'd.)**



switch **Structures (cont'd.)**

- One or more statements may follow a case label
- **Braces are not needed to turn multiple** statements into a single compound statement
- The break statement may or may not appear after each statement
- **switch**, **case**, **break**, and **default** are reserved words

EXAMPLE 4-21

Consider the following statements, in which grade is a variable of type char.

```
switch (grade)
{
case 'A':
    cout << "The grade point is 4.0.";
    break;
case 'B':
    cout << "The grade point is 3.0.";
    break;
case 'C':
    cout << "The grade point is 2.0.";
    break;
case 'D':
    cout << "The grade point is 1.0.";
    break;
case 'F':
    cout << "The grade point is 0.0.";
    break;
default:
    cout << "The grade is invalid.";
}
```

In this example, the expression in the switch statement is a variable identifier. The variable grade is of type char, which is an integral type. The possible values of grade are 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', and 'F'. Each case label specifies a different action to take, depending on the value of grade. If the value of grade is 'A', the output is:

```
The grade point is 4.0.
```

```
int main()                                                  //Line 3
{                                                           //Line 4
     int testscore;                                         //Line 5

     std::cout << "Enter the test score: ";                 //Line 6
     std::cin >> testscore;                                 //Line 7
     std::cout << std::endl;                                //Line 8
     switch (testscore / 10)                                //Line 9
     {                                                      //Line 10
     case 0:                                                //Line 11
     case 1:                                                //Line 12
     case 2:                                                //Line 13
     case 3:                                                //Line 14
     case 4:                                                //Line 15
     case 5:                                                //Line 16
          std::cout << "The grade is F." << std::endl;      //Line 17
          break;                                            //Line 18
     case 6:                                                //Line 19
          std::cout << "The grade is D." << std::endl;      //Line 20
          break;                                            //Line 21
     case 7:                                                //Line 22
          std::cout << "The grade is C." << std::endl;      //Line 23
          break;                                            //Line 24
     case 8:                                                //Line 25
          std::cout << "The grade is B." << std::endl;      //Line 26
          break;                                            //Line 27
     case 9:                                                //Line 28
     case 10:                                               //Line 29
          std::cout << "The grade is A." << std::endl;      //Line 30
          break;                                            //Line 31
     default:                                               //Line 32
          std::cout << “Incorrect marks" << std::endl;      //Line 33
     }                                                      //Line 34
     return 0;                                              //Line 35
}                                                           //Line 36
```

Output = ?

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
	int number;
	cout << "Enter a number in the range 0 - 7 : ";
	cin >> number;
	cout << "The number you entered is = " << number << endl;
	switch (number) {
	case 0:
	case 1:
		cout << "Learning to use ";
	case 2:
		cout << "C++'s ";
	case 3:
		cout << "switch structure." << endl;
		break;
	case 4:
		break;
	case 5:
		cout << "This program shows the effect ";
	case 6:
	case 7:
		cout << "of break statement." << endl;
		break;
	default:
		cout << "The number is out of range." << endl;
	}
	cout << "Out of the switch structure" << endl;
	return 0;
}
```

0
2
4
5
7
8

Avoiding Bugs by Avoiding Partially Understood Concepts and Techniques: Revisited

- To output results correctly
- The **switch** structure must include a **break** statement after each **cout** statement

Terminating a Program with the assert Function

- Certain types of errors that are very difficult to catch can occur in a program
  - **Example:** Division by zero can be difficult to catch using any of the programming techniques examined so far
- The predefined function, **assert**, is useful in stopping program execution when certain elusive errors occur

The assert Function (cont'd.)

- **Syntax:**

```
assert(expression);
```

- **expression** is any logical expression
- If **expression** evaluates to **true**, the next statement executes
- If **expression** evaluates to **false**, the program terminates and indicates where in the program the error occurred
- To use **assert**, include **cassert** header file

The assert Function (cont'd.)

- **assert** is useful for enforcing programming constraints during program development
- After developing and testing a program, remove or disable assert statements
- The preprocessor directive **#define NDEBUG** must be placed before the directive **#include <cassert>** to disable the assert statement

assert example

```
#include <iostream>
//#define NDEBUG
#include <cassert>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int den, num;
    cout << "Enter two integers" << endl;
    cin >> num >> den;
    assert(den != 0);
    cout << "Moving forward" << endl;
    cout << "num / den = " << num / den << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Questions