

Uvod v računalništvo

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Clear, precise, unambiguous...

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Rambling, unstructured, and hard-to-follow.
(Imagine 5, 10 or 100 pages of this?)

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Scanner inp = new Scanner(System.in);
int i, m, carry;
int[] a = new int[100];
int[] b = new int[100];
int[] c = new int[100];
m = inp.nextInt();
for (int j = 0; j <= m-1; j++) {
    a[j] = inp.nextInt();
    b[j] = inp.nextInt();
}
carry = 0;
i = 0;
while (i < m) {
    c[i] = a[i] + b[i] + carry;
    if (c[i] >= 10)
        .
        .
        .
}
```

When creating algorithms, a programmer should no more worry about semicolons and capitalization than a novelist should worry about typography and cover design when writing the first draft.

Pseudocode

A set of English language constructs designed to resemble programming language statements. Simple, highly readable, virtually no grammatical rules.

Sometimes called: “a programming language without details”.

Given: $m \geq 1$ and two positive numbers each containing m digits, $a_{m-1} a_{m-2} \dots a_0$ and $b_{m-1} b_{m-2} \dots b_0$

Wanted: $c_m c_{m-1} c_{m-2} \dots c_0$, where $c_m c_{m-1} c_{m-2} \dots c_0 = (a_{m-1} a_{m-2} \dots a_0) + (b_{m-1} b_{m-2} \dots b_0)$

Algorithm:

Step 1 Set the value of *carry* to 0

Step 2 Set the value of i to 0

Step 3 While the value of i is less than or equal to $m - 1$, repeat the instructions in Steps 4 through 6

Step 4 Add the two digits a_i and b_i to the current value of *carry* to get c_i

Step 5 If $c_i \geq 10$, then reset c_i to $(c_i - 10)$ and reset the value of *carry* to 1; otherwise, set the new value of *carry* to 0

Step 6 Add 1 to i , effectively moving one column to the left

Step 7 Set c_m to the value of *carry*

Step 8 Print out the final answer, $c_m c_{m-1} c_{m-2} \dots c_0$

Step 9 Stop

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Algorithm:

Step 1 Set the value of *carry* to 0

Step 2 Pseudocode is **not** a formal language

Step 3 While the value of *carry* is not 0, repeat the instructions in Steps 4 through 6

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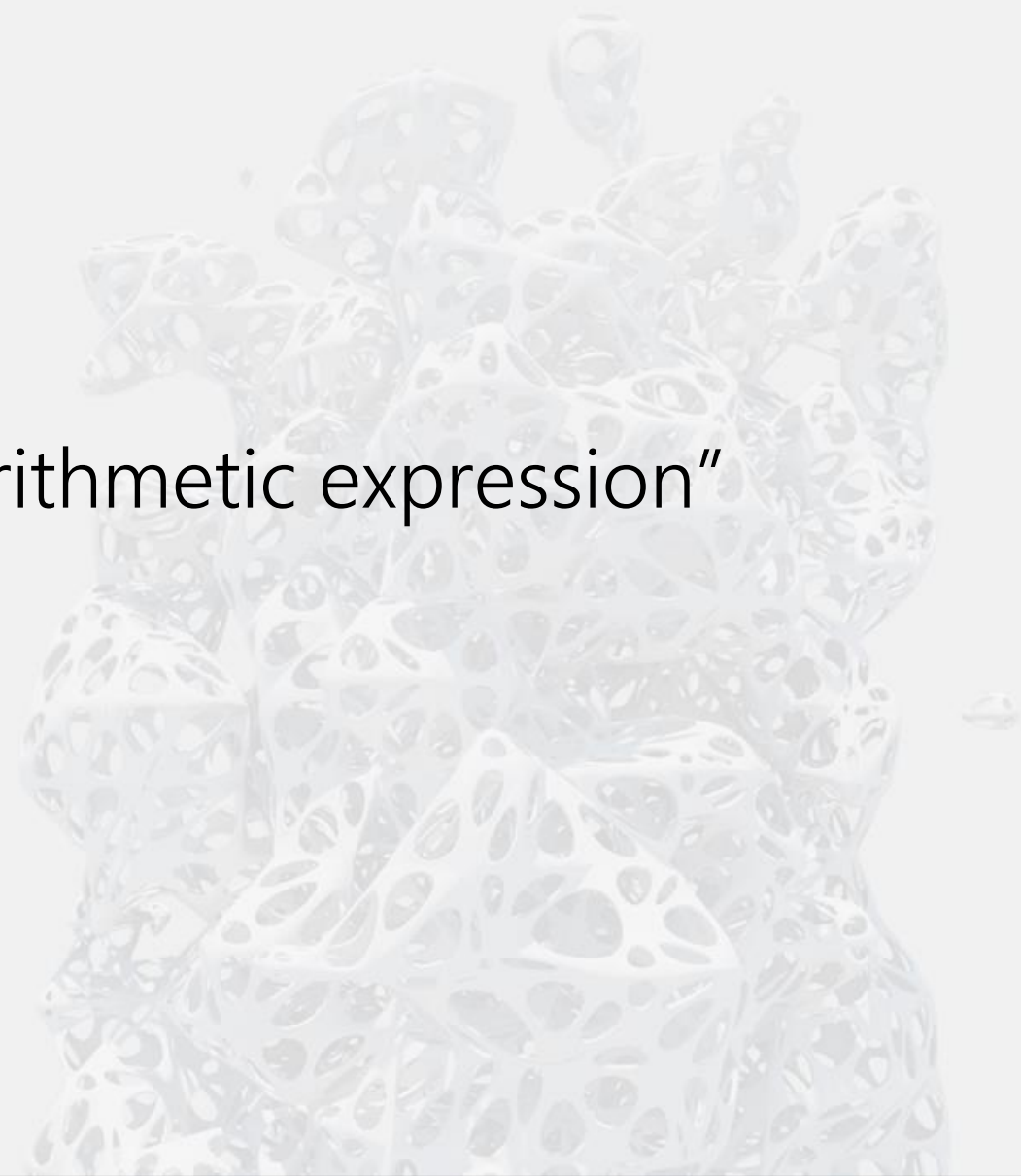
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- Sequential operations
- Conditional operations
- Iterative operations

Sequential operations need to take care of three basic things:
computation, input, and output.

Set the value of “variable” to “arithmetic expression”





INPUT> get values for "variable", "variable", ...

OUTPUT> print the values of "variable", "variable", ...

Get value for F



Set the value of C to $\frac{5}{9} * (F - 32)$



Print value of C

Control flow operations:
conditional and iterative operations.

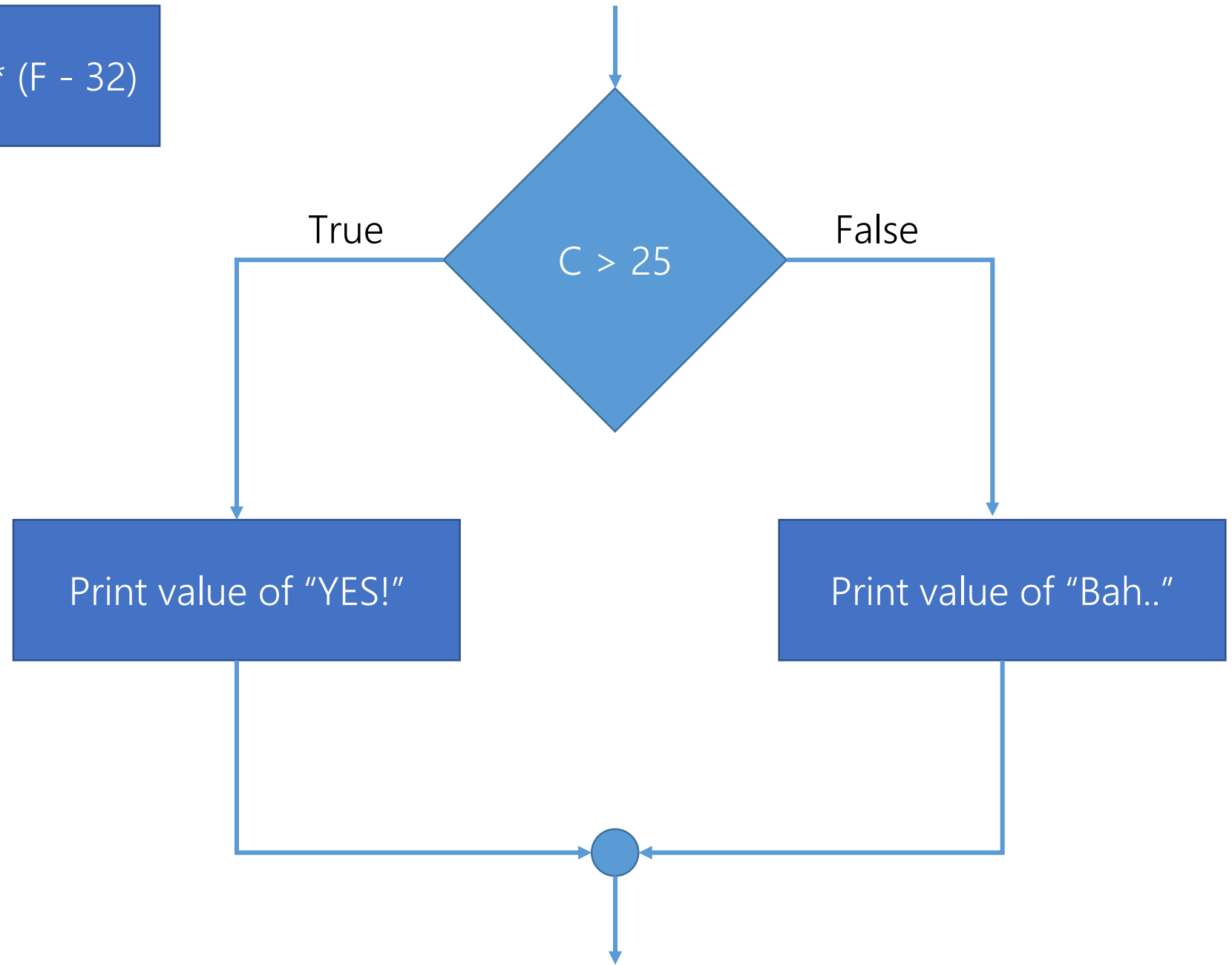
These two types of operations allow us to alter the normal sequential flow of control in an algorithm.

If "a true/false condition" is true then
 "first set of operations"

Else

 "second set of operations"

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The loop. The last operation needed.

“The real power of a computer comes not from doing a calculation once but from doing it many, many times.”

While ("a true/false condition") do

operation

operation

...

End of the loop

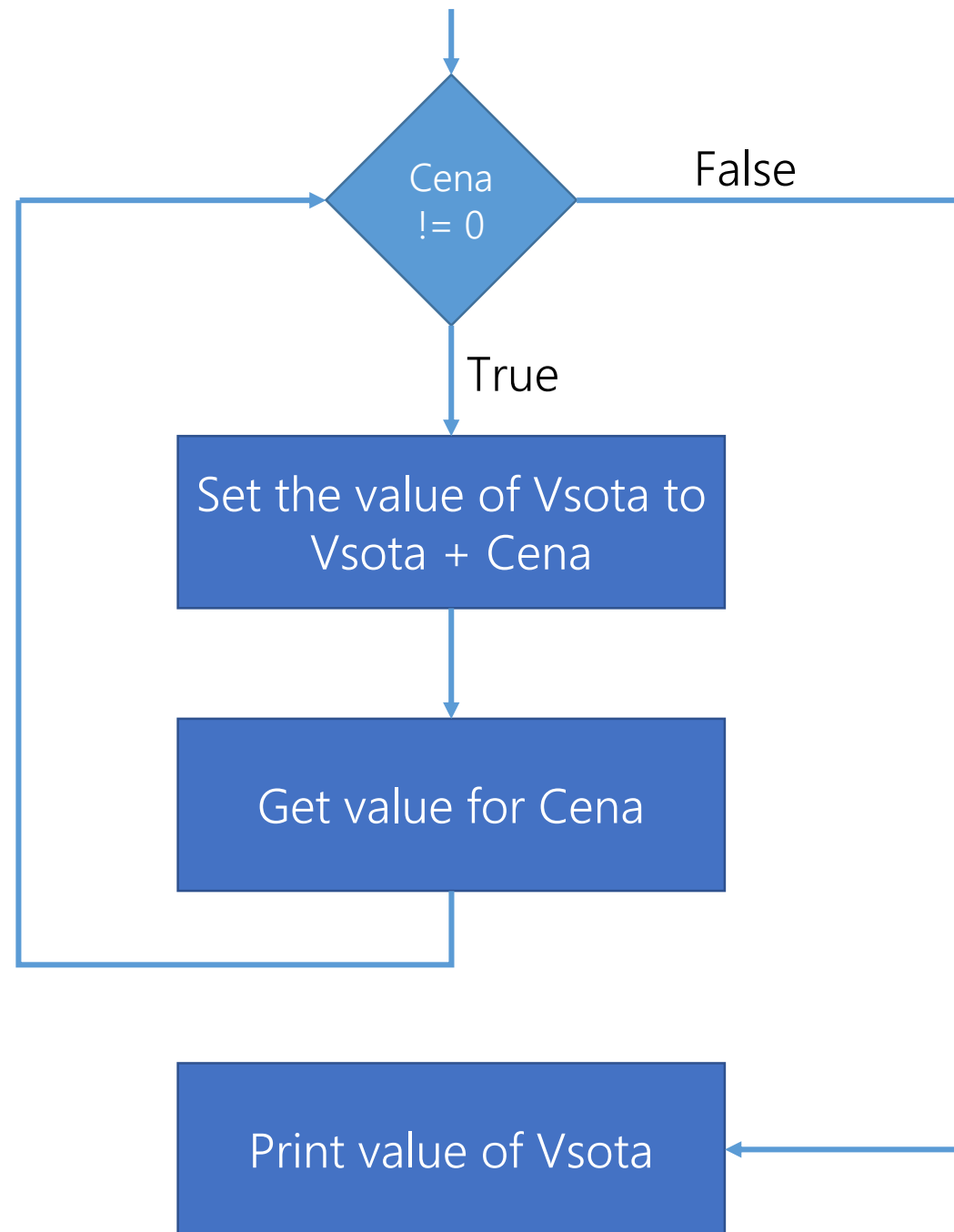
Do

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operation

...

While ("a true/false condition")



Properties of algorithms.

Ok, algorithms solve problems.

But, are some algorithms better than others?

Why?

Correctness.

Maintenance.

Efficiency.

We've seen rapid advancement of technology, but...
and it's a very big BUT ;)

How do we measure efficiency? In what terms?

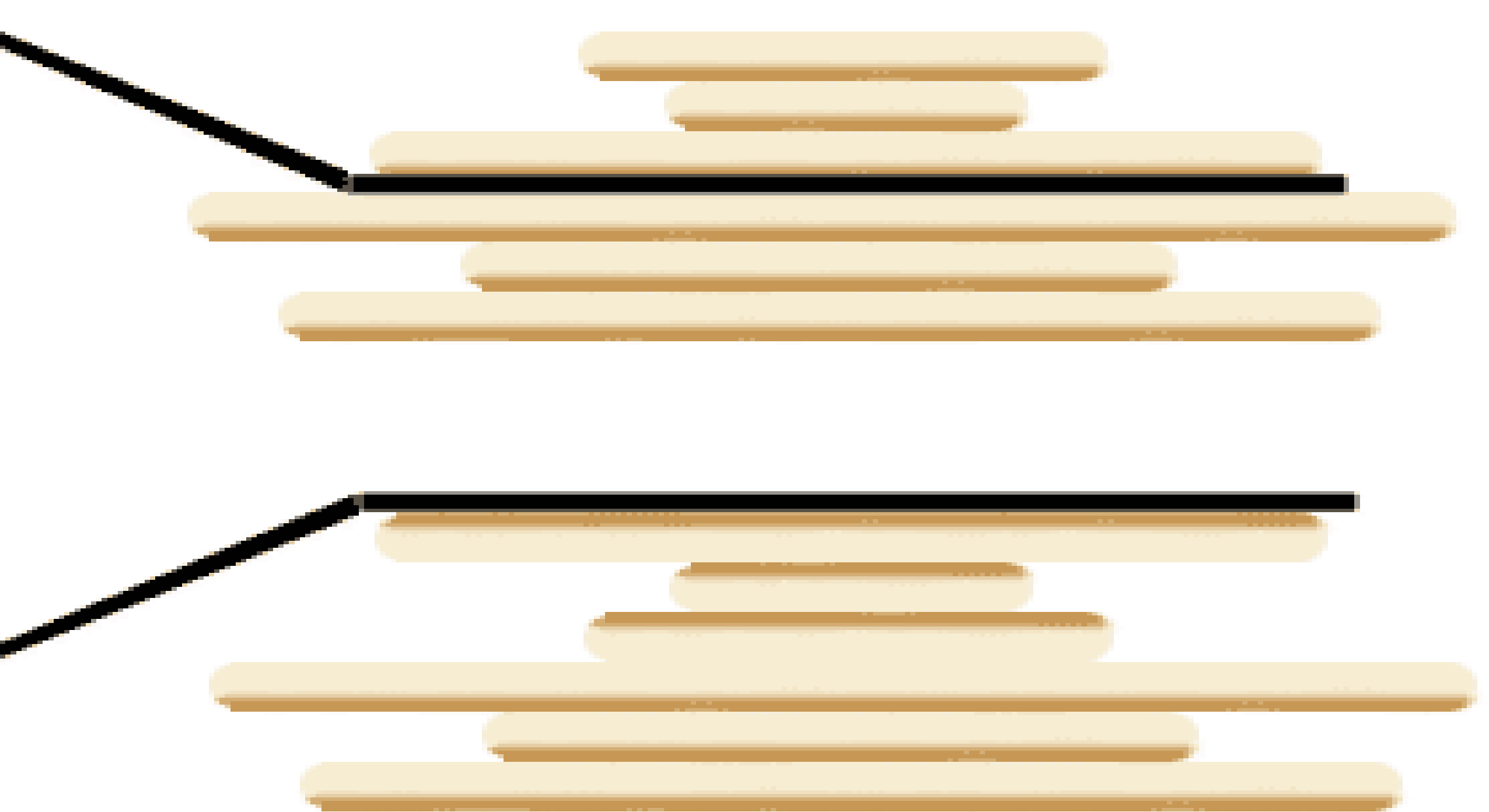
But how about time?

Simply timing the running of an algorithm is more likely to reflect machine speed or variations in input data than the efficiency of the algorithm.

The study of efficiency of algorithms
is called the analysis of algorithms,
and it is an important part of computer science.

... fundamental units of work...





Take away lesson #P3

Technology and the world changes rapidly these days.

But even so, efficiency of algorithms is important
as the computers will never be fast enough
or their memory big enough.

Remember: not all algorithms are made equal.