

# Information Science

## 3: Conditions, Repetitions, Arrays

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- **Class on 26 Dec. will be cancelled**
- Planning to have a Q&A session on
  - **13 Jan, Friday, P2**
    - No lectures
    - No need to attend if you have no question

# Today's contents

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## ➤ Review of last week

- Defining functions
- Local variables

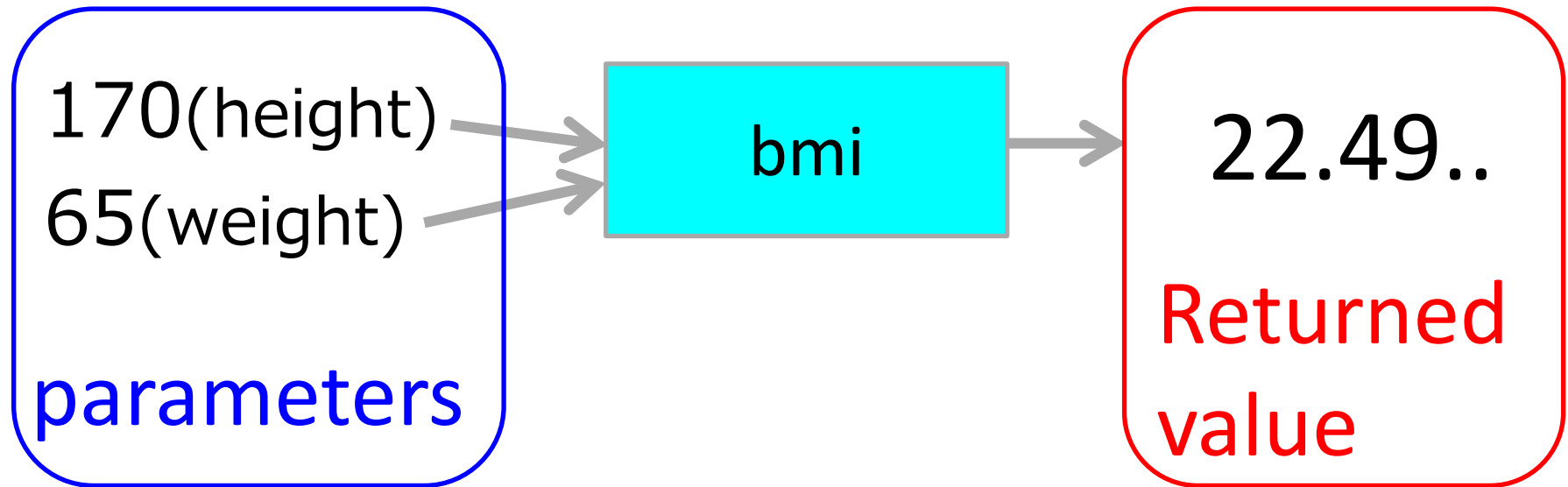
## ➤ Today and Next week

- Fundamental components in programs
  - IF, FOR, WHILE
  - Arrays (next week)

# Functions

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- Give a name to some action, and do not see inside



Ex. **b**ody-**m**ass **i**ndex

- ▣ a measure for human body shape
- Body mass[kg] ÷ (height[m] \* height[m])
  - ▣ ratio btw weight and height: implying fat or slim

# Review: Two Ways of Defining Functions

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## 1. Typing in directly in irb

- Easy to define, but necessary to write every time

```
irb(main):003:0> def bmi(height , weight)
irb(main):004:1>   weight / (height/100.0) ** 2
irb(main):005:1> end
```

```
def [Func Name](parameters)
...   the details
end
```

# Review: Two Ways of Defining Functions

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## 2. Loading from a file

recommended

- prepare another file containing functions

```
# BMI of a person with height (cm) and weight (kg)
def bmi(height , weight )
  weight / ( height /100.0) ** 2
end
```

Better to have a blank for visibility

bmi.rb

```
irb(main):001:0> load("./bmi.rb")
```

\* Need to move to the directory having the file

# Local Variable: Variables in a Function

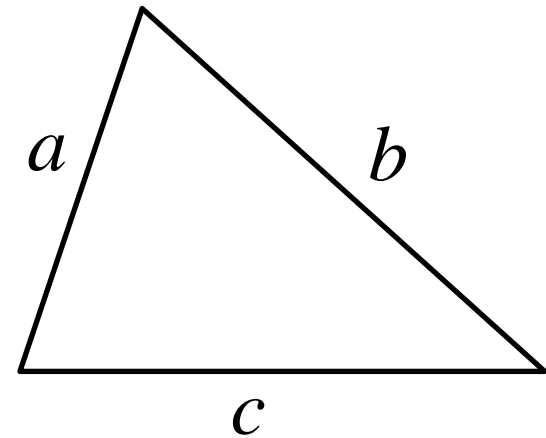
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Ex. A function that computes the area of a triangle whose sides have lengths  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .

➤ Use Heron's formula

$$\text{Area} = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$$

$$s = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$$



Cf) Why does the formula hold?

Useful to use the variable  $s$  to express computation

To increase readability of the expression

# Local Variable

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Ex. A function that computes the area of a triangle whose sides have lengths  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .

Parameters  $a, b, c$  are also local variables.  
→ We cannot invoke  $a, b, c$  outside

```
def heron(a, b, c)
  s = 0.5*(a+b+c)
  sqrt(s * (s-a) * (s-b) * (s-c))
end
```

$s$  is called a local variable

heron.rb

A local variable is valid only inside the function

Place "include(Math)" outside of def...end



# Note: How to Change Directory in **irb**

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## ➤ When using irb

- `pwd = Dir.pwd()`
- `cd = Dir.chdir()`
  - ▣ `Dir.chdir("Desktop")`
  - ▣ `Dir.chdir("Desktop/allcode")`
- `ls = Dir.entries(".')`

```
irb(main):084:0> Dir.pwd  
"/home01/000000000000"
```

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- Branching procedure according to a condition

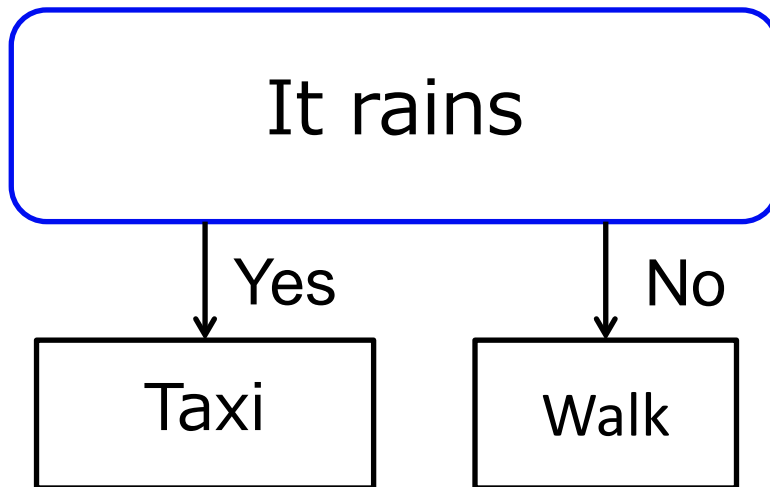
if "condition"

    "do something when the cond is satisfied"

else

    "do something when the cond is not satisfied"

end



if "it rains"

    "take a taxi"

else

    "walk"

end

# Conditional Processing in Ruby Programs <sup>11</sup>

Function max(x,y)  
returning the max of x and y

```
irb(main):003:0> load("./ max.rb")
```

```
=> true
```

```
irb(main):004:0> max(123, 456)
```

```
=> 456
```

```
irb(main):005:0> max(max(12, 34), max(56, 78))
```

```
=> 78
```

```
def max(x,y)
  if y < x
    x
  else
    y
  end
end
max.rb
```

# Branching into Three Cases: Program 1

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Function `sgn(x)`, that returns the sign of a given num `x`

```
def sgn(x)
  if x < 0
    -1
  else
    if 0 < x
      1
    else
      0
    end
  end
end
```

i.e., `x` is nonnegative

# `not(x<0)` and `0<x`

# `not(x<0)` and `not(0<x)`

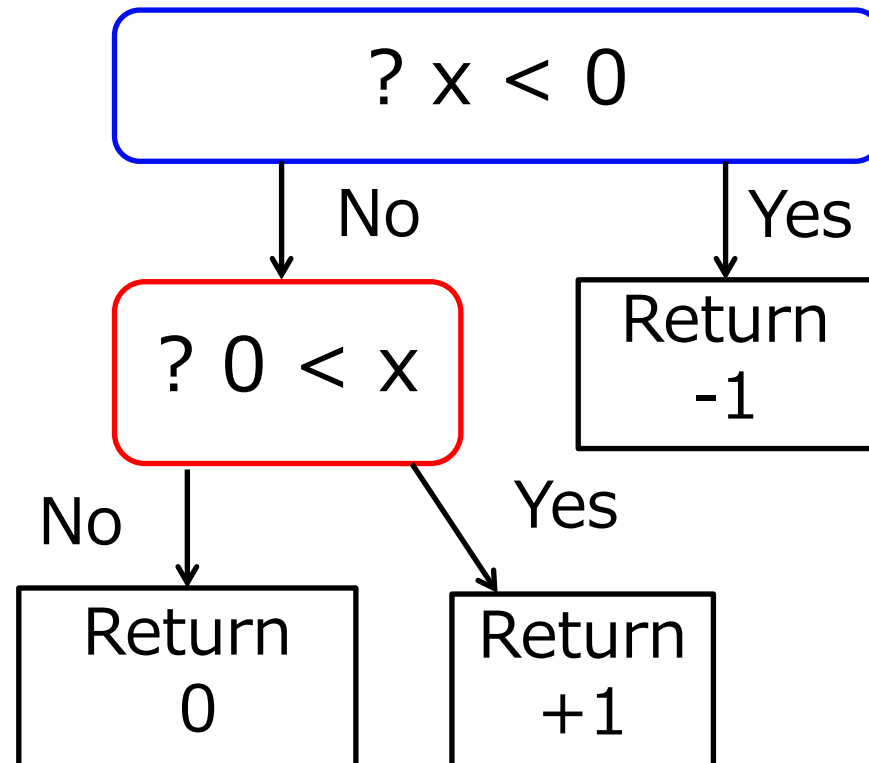
sign.rb

# Branching into Three Cases: Program 1

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Function  $\text{sgn}(x)$ , that returns the sign of a given num  $x$

```
def sgn(x)
  if x < 0
    -1
  else
    if 0 < x
      1
    else
      0
    end
  end
end
```



sign.rb

# Branching into Three Cases: Program 2

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Function  $\text{sgn}(x)$ , that returns the sign of a given num  $x$

```
def sgn(x)
```

```
  if  $x < 0$ 
```

```
    -1
```

```
  elif  $0 < x$ 
```

```
    1
```

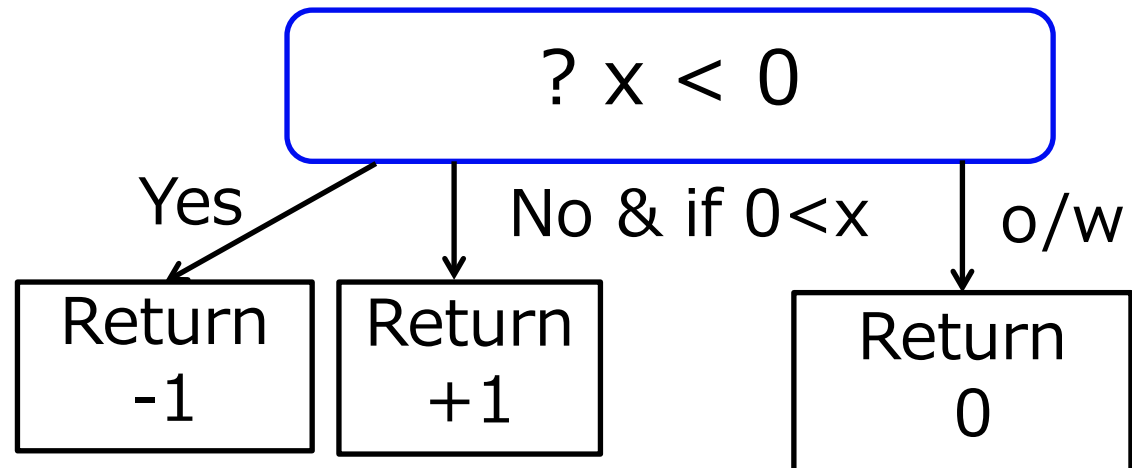
```
  else
```

```
    0
```

```
  end
```

```
end
```

We can use “**elif**”,  
which is the same as “else if”  
(Only one “end” is necessary)



# Cf) Bad Programs: Try to Execute It

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```
def max_error(x, y)
  if x > y
    x
  end
  if y >= x
    y
  end
end
```

(  $\geq$  means  $\geq$  )

max\_error(1,2) returns 2 correctly,  
but max\_error(2,1) returns nil

**Rem.** The returned value of a function is **the value computed at the end**

- In max\_error(2,1), the final computation is  $(y(=1) \geq x(=2))$  at the 2nd IF condition, which returns "nil"



## Cf) Bad Programs: Try to Execute It

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```
def max_error2(x, y)
  if x > y
    return x
  end
  if y >= x
    return y
  end
end
```

Add "return"  
to specify the returned value

**Rem.** The returned value of a function is **the value computed at the end**

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# Comparisons Returns True/False

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## ➤ Operators to compare two values

- It returns TRUE/FALSE

notation	Math	meaning
$x > y$	$>$	x is greater than y
$x \geq y$	$\geq$	x is equal to or greater than y
$x == y$	$=$	x is equal to y (NOT $x=y$ )
$x < y$	$<$	x is smaller than y
$x \leq y$	$\leq$	x is equal to or smaller than y
$x != y$	$\neq$	x is not equal to y

operators different from  
standard math expression

Testing equality is "=="  
"=" means "assignment"  
Ex.  $a=8$

# Logical Operation Giving True/False

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irb(main):005:0> **x = 3**

=> 3

Assigning a value  
(not returning true/false)

irb(main):003:0> **x == 2**

=> false

Decide if x is equal to 2

irb(main):004:0> **1 < x**

=> true

Decide if x is greater than 1

**"=" and "==" are different**

# Example: Testing Evenness

```
def is_even(x)
  x%2 == 0
end
```

- The equation returns False or True

```
irb(main):004:0> is_even(20)
```

```
=> true
```

```
irb(main):005:0> is_even(11)
```

```
=> false
```

notation	meaning
<code>x &gt; y    x == 0</code>	<code>x &gt; y</code> <u>or</u> <code>x == 0</code>
<code>x &lt; y &amp;&amp; y &lt; z</code>	<code>x &lt; y</code> <u>and</u> <code>y &lt; z</code>
<code>!(x &lt; y &amp;&amp; y &lt; z)</code>	<u>NOT</u> ( <code>x &lt; y</code> and <code>y &lt; z</code> )

# Example of &&

- Returns x if x is btwn -1~1, and 0 otherwise

```
def btwn(x)
  if -1 <= x && x <= 1
    x
  else
    0
  end
end
```

x is between -1 and 1

# Exercise: Which is True?

Supposing that x is 7, y is 5, and z is 3

1.  $x < y$
2.  $z == y$
3.  $z \leq x$

```
irb(main):003:0> x=7
```

```
irb(main):003:0> y=5
```

```
irb(main):003:0> z=3
```

```
irb(main):003:0> x<y
```

```
=> false
```



# Exercise: Which is True?

Supposing that x is 7, y is 5, and z is 3

1.  $x < y$   $\Rightarrow$  false
2.  $z == y$   $\Rightarrow$  false
3.  $z \leq x$   $\Rightarrow$  true

```
irb(main):003:0> x=7
```

```
irb(main):003:0> y=5
```

```
irb(main):003:0> z=3
```

```
irb(main):003:0> x<y
```

```
 $\Rightarrow$  false
```

## Exercise: Which is True? (On ITC-LMS)

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Supposing that x is 7, y is 5, and z is 3

1.  $x < y$
2.  $y \neq z$
3.  $z > x$
4.  $z == x$

Expect the output before using Ruby

## Exercise: Which is True? (On ITC-LMS)

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Supposing that x is 7, y is 5, and z is 3

1. `x > y && z == x`

2. `x > y || z == x`

3. `!(x > y)`

(continued)

Expect the output before using Ruby

1. `x(=7) > y(=5) and z(=3)==x(=7)`

true

false

=> false

## Exercise: Which is True? (On ITC-LMS)

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Supposing that x is 7, y is 5, and z is 3

4.  $x < y \ \&\& \ y \neq z$

5.  $x \leq y \ || \ y == z$

6.  $!(x < y \ \&\& \ y == z)$

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# Repetitive Processing: WHILE

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➤ “While ~, repeat the following”

- While the condition “~” holds, do the commands between “while” and “end”

```
while CONDITION  
    “COMMANDS”  
end
```

Easy to understand if  
we put an indent(space)  
at the head of line

```
x = 5  
while x >= 1  
    print x  
    print "hello!¥n"  
    x = x - 1  
end
```

OUTPUT:  
5 hello!  
4 hello!  
3 hello!  
2 hello!  
1 hello!

¥n means line break

# Repetitive Processing: FOR

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- For each *i* in some range, do the following

Ex. Repeat 100 times

```
for i in 1..100  
  "COMMANDS"  
end
```

*i* is a variable  
(OK to have another name)  
*i* changes from 1 to 100  
during the repetition

```
for j in 1..5  
  print j  
  print "hello!¥n"  
end
```

OUTPUT:

```
1 Hello!  
2 Hello!  
3 Hello!  
4 Hello!  
5 Hello!
```

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## ➤ Exercises specified in the subsequent slides

- Submit a **text file(.txt)** containing all of your Ruby codes
  - ▣ Through ITC-LMS (**Assignments**)
- A sample text file for attachment can be found in LMS
- You can write a question or comments if you have

```
Date:
Student ID:
Name:
=====
Ex)
2-1 (a)

def log_3(n)
  ....
end
=====
2-1 (b)
```

Separate each code  
with =, -, % etc

Copy&Paste your code  
(not results)

# Exercises for Conditions

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- Choose true statements in slides 24-26
- Solve **at least 5** problems out of the following.
  - You can solve all or other problems in addition
  - **3-1** Define a function *abs(x)* that computes the absolute value of a value x.
  - **3-3(a)** Define a function *divisible(x,y)* that decides if x is divisible by y.
  - **3-3(c)** Check a leap year
  - **3-5(a)(b)** Compute a quadratic function
  - **3-5(c)** Compute the median of the 3 numbers
  - **3-6** logic functions
  - **3-7** Triangle detection
  - **3-8** random number
  - **3-10** using `&&` and `||`

- Make a file `heron.rb`, and confirm it works
  - Try `heron(3,4,5)`, `heron(3,4,7)`, `heron(3,4,8)`, etc.
    - consider why we have sometimes an error
  - Check Problem 2-8 (Problem 8 in Section 2)
  
- **Solve for submission**
  - 2-2 logarithm
  - 2-4 computing the area of an equilateral triangle
  
  - If you have time
    - 2-3 (a)(b) and 2-7

- Some are required to submit in exercise session
  - I will specify some of them during the session
  
- For the other exercises, if you submit (a copy of) your file, then I will check it.
  - confirm it works well before submitting
  - It may be included in the final evaluation
  - But it is optional
  - NO sample answers

# Remarks on Previous Exercises

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## ➤ Before submission,

- check whether your program works correctly
  - By executing the program with specified parameters
    - Need careful writing
- Common mistakes
  - Ex.  $1/2$ , that would return 0
  - Ex.  $2x$ , that would return error
- Consider why it works or why it does not
  - Though you can discuss with your friends

➤ **10/26 (Wed) 23:59**

➤ Next session: 10/24

- Continuation of today's topic: Array