

Structured programs – Elements of C language

Basics of Programming 1



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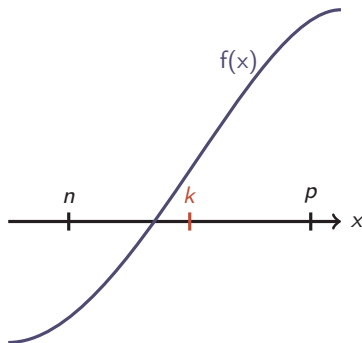
Chapter 1

Structured programming

Algorithms

Finding zeros of functions

We are searching the zeros of function $f(x)$, a monotonically increasing function, between points n and p , with ϵ accuracy.

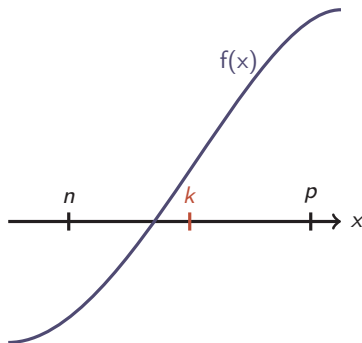


```
1  p-n < eps?  
2  IF TRUE, JUMP TO 10  
3  k ← (n+p) / 2  
4  f(k) < 0?  
5  IF TRUE, JUMP TO 8  
6  p ← k;  
7  JUMP TO 1  
8  n ← k;  
9  JUMP TO 1  
10 The zero is: n
```

Algorithms

Finding zeros – a different approach

We are searching the zeros of function $f(x)$, a monotonically increasing function, between points n and p , with ϵ accuracy.



```
1 WHILE p-n > eps, repeat
2   k ← (n+p) / 2
3   IF f(k) > 0
4     p ← k;
5   OTHERWISE
6     n ← k;
7 The zero is: n
```

Structured vs unstructured

■ Two programs of the same algorithm

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```

■ Structured program

- easy to maintain
- complex control
- higher level

■ Unstructured program

- spaghetti-code
- easy control
- "hardware-level"

Structured vs unstructured

- Hardware level languages
 - Lot of simple instructions
 - Easy control (JUMP; IF TRUE, JUMP)
 - Unstructured layout
 - The processor can interpret only this
- Higher level languages
 - Rather few, but complex instructions
 - More difficult control (WHILE...REPEAT...;
IF...THEN...ELSE...)
 - Structured layout
 - The processor is unable to interpret it.
- The compiler transforms a high level structured program into a hardware level program, that is equivalent to the original one.
- We create a high level structured program, we use the compiler to translate it, and we execute the hardware level code.

Elements of structured programs

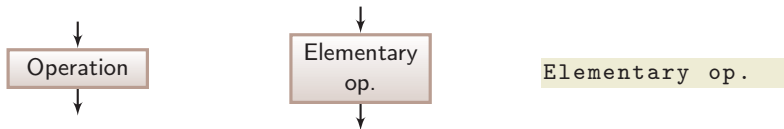


- All structured programs follow this simple scheme:
 - The structure of the program is determined by the **inner structure (layout)** of Operation.
 - Operation can be:
 - Elementary operation (action)
 - Sequence
 - Loop or repetition
 - Selection

Elements of structured programs

Elementary operation

that cannot be further expanded



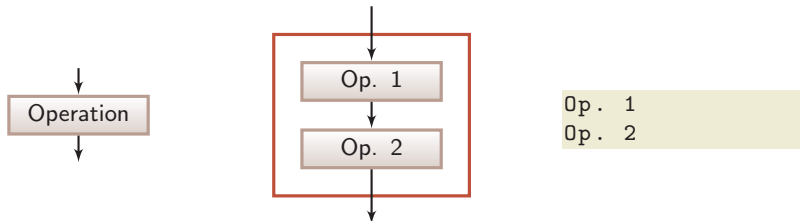
- The empty operation (don't do anything) is also an elementary operation



Elements of structured programs

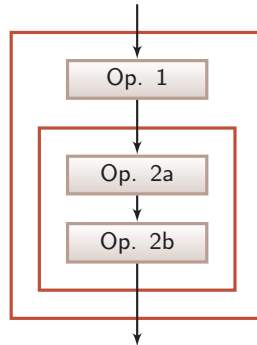
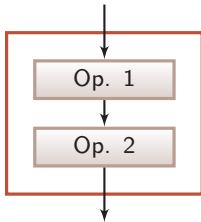
Sequence

Execution of two operations after each other, in the given order



Elements of structured programs

- Each element of the sequence itself is an operation, so they can be expanded into a sequence

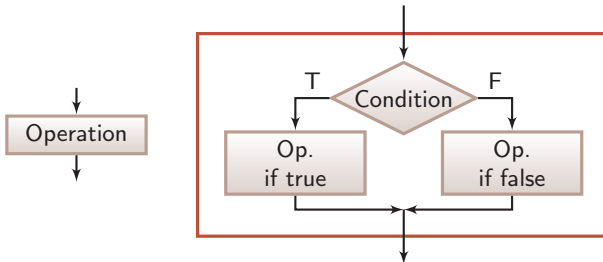


- The expansion can be continued, so a sequence can be an arbitrary long (finite) series of operations.

Elements of structured programs

Condition-based selection

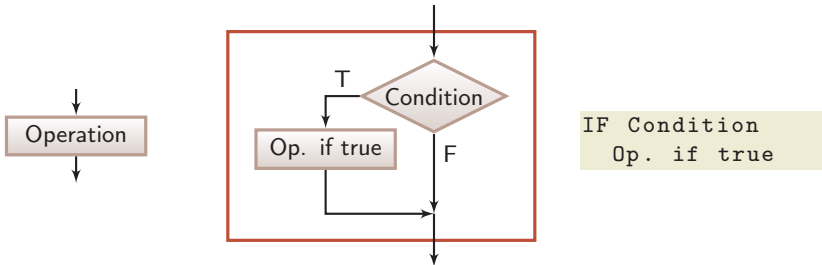
Execution of one of two operations, depending on the logical value of a condition (true or false)



```
IF Condition
  Op. if true
ELSE
  Op. if false
```

Elements of structured programs

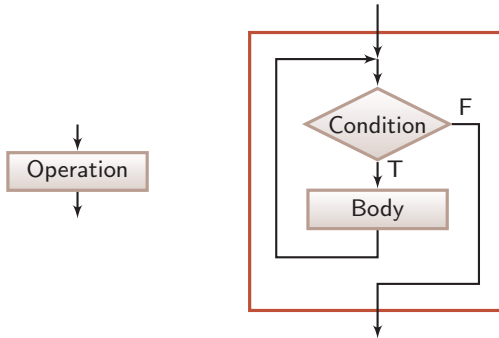
- One of the branches can also be empty.



Elements of structured programs

Top-test loop

Repetition of an operation as long as a condition is true.



```
WHILE Condition  
  Body of loop
```

Elements of structured programming

Theorem of structured programming

By using only

- elementary operation,
- sequence,
- selection, and
- loop

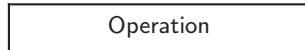
ALL algorithms can be constructed.

The structogram

- The flowchart
 - a tool for describing unstructured programs
 - can be translated (compiled) into an unstructured program immediately (IF TRUE, JUMP)
 - structured elements (esp. loops) are hard to recognize within it
- The structogram
 - a tool for representing structured programs
 - only a structured program can be represented by it
 - it is easily translated into a structured program

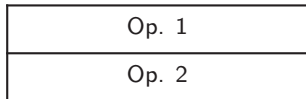
The structogram

- The program is a rectangle

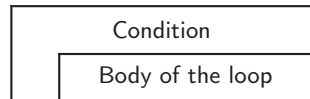


- it can be expanded into more rectangles with the elements below

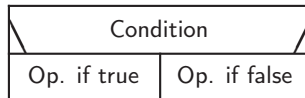
- Sequence



- Top-test loop

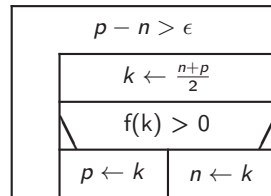
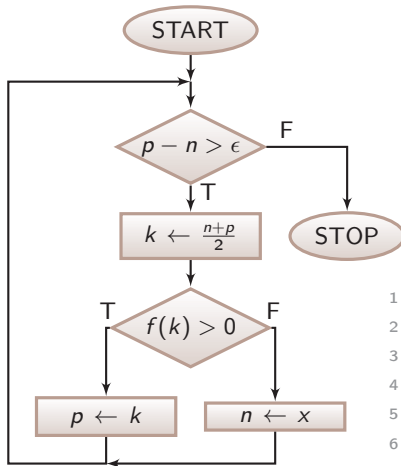


- Selection



The structogram

■ Finding zeros – flowchart, structogram, structured pseudo-code



```

1  WHILE p-n > eps, repeat
2      k ← (n+p) / 2
3      IF f(k) > 0
4          p ← k;
5      OTHERWISE
6          n ← k;
  
```

Chapter 2

Structured programming in C

Sequence in C

Forming a sequence is listing instructions one after each other

```
1  /* football.c -- football fans */
2  #include <stdio.h>
3  int main()
4  {
5      printf("Are you"); /* no new line here */
6      printf(" blind?\n"); /* here is new line */
7      printf("Go Bayern, go!");
8      return 0;
9  }
```

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```
Are you blind?
Go Bayern, go!
```

Selection control in C – the if statement

Let's write a program, that decides if the inputted integer number is small (< 10) or big (≥ 10)!

OUT: info	
IN: x	
x < 10	
OUT:small	OUT: big

```

Let x be an integer
OUT: info
IN: x
IF x < 10
    OUT: small
OTHERWISE
    OUT: big
  
```

```

1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      int x;
5      printf("Please enter a number: ");
6      scanf("%d", &x);
7      if (x < 10)
8          /* condition */
9          printf("small"); /*true branch*/
10         else
11             printf("big"); /*false branch*/
12         return 0;
13     }
  
```

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```

Please give an integer number: 5
small
  
```

Selection control – the if statement

Syntax of the if statement

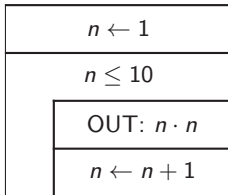
```
if (<condition expression>) <statement if true>  
[ else <statement if false> ]opt
```

```
1 if (x < 10)           /* condition */  
2   printf("small"); /* true branch */  
3 else  
4   printf("big");  /* false branch */
```

```
1 if (a < 0)           /* creating absolute value */  
2   a = -a;  
3 /* no false branch */
```

Top-test loop in C – the while statement

Let's print the square of the integer numbers between 1 and 10!



Let n be an integer

$n \leftarrow 1$

WHILE $n \leq 10$

OUT: $n \cdot n$

$n \leftarrow n + 1$

```

1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      int n;
5      n = 1; /* initialization */
6      while (n <= 10) /* condition */
7      {
8          printf("%d ", n*n); /* printing */
9          n = n+1;
10         /* increment */
11     }
12     return 0;

```

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1 4 9 16 25 36 49 64 81 100

Top-testing loop – the while statement

Syntax of the while statement

```
while (<condition expression>) <instruction>
```

- If <instruction> is a sequence, we enclose it in a {block}:

```
1 while (n <= 10)
2 {
3     printf("%d ", n*n);
4     n = n+1;
5 }
```

- In language C an instruction always can be replaced with a block.

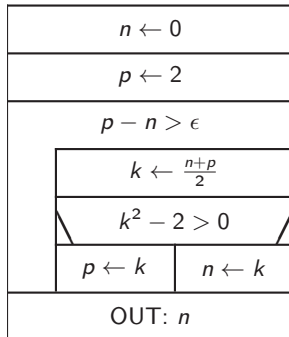
A complex application

- By using sequence, loop and selection, we can construct everything!
- We know enough to construct the algorithm of finding the zeros in C!
- A new element: a type for storing real numbers is called **double** type (to be learned later)

```
1 double a;           /* the real number */
2 a = 2.0;            /* assignement of value */
3 printf("%f", a);    /* printing */
```

Finding zero of a function

We are searching the zeros of function $f(x) = x^2 - 2$, between points $n = 0$ and $p = 2$, with $\epsilon = 0,001$ accuracy.



```

1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main()
4  {
5      double n = 0.0, p = 2.0;
6      while (p-n > 0.001)
7      {
8          double k = (n+p)/2.0;
9          if (k*k-2.0 > 0.0)
10             p = k;
11          else
12             n = k;
13      }
14      printf("The zero is: %f", n);
15
16      return 0;
17  }
```

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Chapter 3

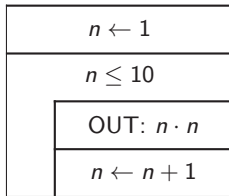
Other structured elements

Elements of structured programs

- We have seen that the structured elements we had learned so far are enough for everything.
- Only for a higher comfort, we introduce new elements, that of course origin from the earlier ones.

Top-test loop in C – the for statement

Let's print the square of the integer numbers between 1 and 10!



```
Let n be an integer
n ← 1
WHILE n <= 10
  OUT: n*n
  n ← n+1
```

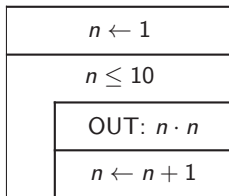
Because the structure of

- Initializations
- As long as Condition is TRUE
 - Operation
 - Increment

is very common in programming, we simplify its application with a new statement.

Top-test loop in C – the for statement

Let's print the square of the integer numbers between 1 and 10!



Let n be integer
from $n=1$, WHILE $n \leq 10$, one-by-one
OUT: $n \cdot n$

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main()
3 {
4     int n;
5     for (n = 1; n <= 10; n = n+1)
6         printf("%d ", n*n);
7     return 0;
8 }
```

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Top-test loop in C – the for statement

Syntax of the for statement

```
for (<init exp>; <cond exp>; <post-op exp>)  
<instruction>
```

```
1 for (n = 1; n <= 10; n = n+1)  
2   printf("%d ", n*n);
```

- Post-operation is performed after execution of the instruction.

n: 11

1 4 9 16 25 36 49 64 81 100

Multiplication table

Let's print the 10 · 10 multiplication table!

- We have to print 10 rows (row = 1, 2, 3, ...10)
- In every row
 - we print into 10 columns (col = 1, 2, 3, ...10)
 - In every column
 - We print the value of row*col
- After this we have to start a new line

```
1 int row;
2 for (row = 1; row <= 10; row=row+1)
3 {
4     int col;        /* declaration at beginning of block */
5     for (col = 1; col <= 10; col=col+1)
6         printf("%4d", row*col); /* printing with size 4 */
7     printf("\n"); /* this is not inside the for */
8 }
```

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Multiplication table

- It might be advantageous to enclose in a block even one single instruction, because it might make the code more understandable!

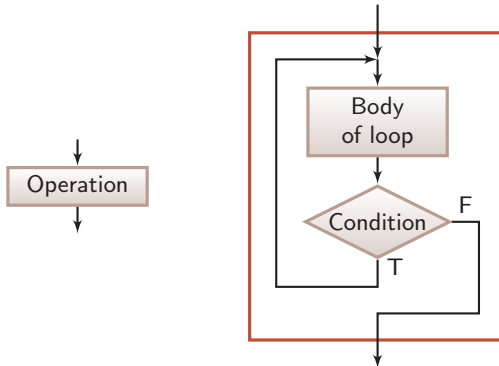
```
1  int row;  
2  for (row = 1; row <= 10; row=row+1)  
3  {  
4      int col;      /* declaration at beginning of block */  
5      for (col = 1; col <= 10; col=col+1)  
6      {  
7          printf("%4d", row*col); /* printing with size 4 */  
8      }  
9      printf("\n");  
10 }
```

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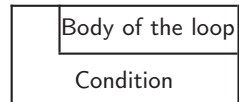
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Bottom-test loop

Repetition of an operation as long as a condition is true.

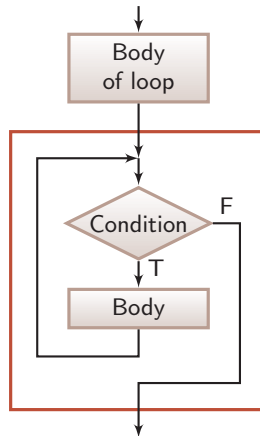
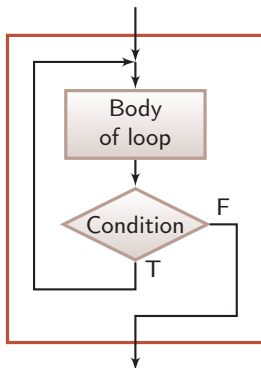


REPEAT
Body of loop
WHILE Condition



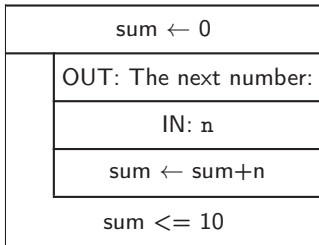
Elements of structured programs

- It can be traced back to sequence and a top-test loop



Bottom-test loop – the do statement

Let's read positive integer numbers! We stop if the sum of the numbers is larger than 10.



```

sum  $\leftarrow$  0
REPEAT
  OUT: Info
  IN: n
  sum  $\leftarrow$  sum+n
WHILE sum  $\leq$  10
  
```

```

1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main()
3  {
4      int sum = 0, n;
5      do
6      {
7          printf("The next number: ");
8          scanf("%d", &n);
9          sum = sum+n;
10     }
11     while (sum <= 10);
12     return 0;
13 }
  
```

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Bottom-test loop – the do statement

Syntax of the do statement

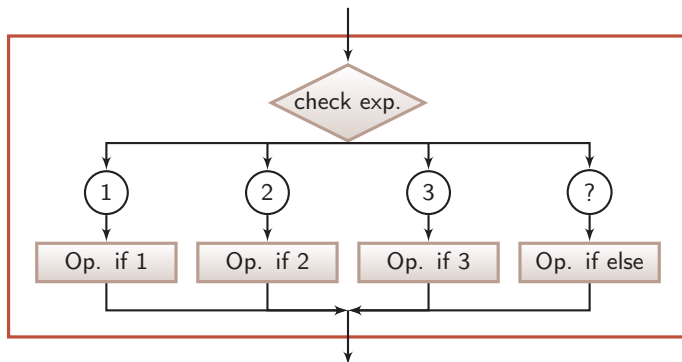
```
do <instruction> while (<condition expression>);
```

```
1 do
2 {
3     printf("The next number: ");
4     scanf("%d", &n);
5     sum = sum+n;
6 }
7 while (sum <= 10);
```

Elements of structured programs

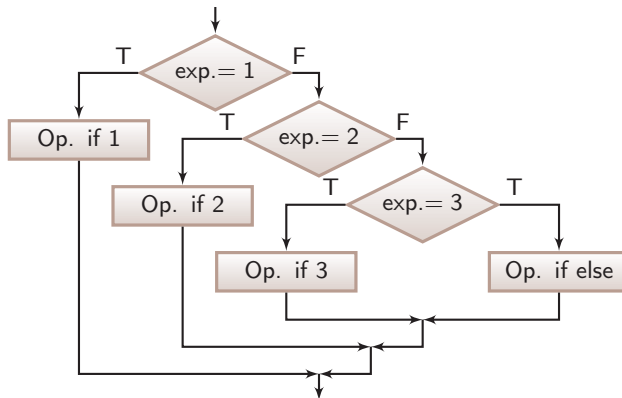
Integer-value based selection

Execution of operations depending on the value of an integer expression



Elements of structured programs

- It can be constructed as nested selections



Integer-value based selection – the switch statement

- Let's assign (connect) written evaluations to grades given in numbers!

OUT: info					
IN: n					
$n = ?$					
1	2	3	4	5	other
OUT: failed	OUT: poor	OUT: average	OUT: good	OUT: perfect	OUT: something wrong

Integer-value based selection – the switch statement

- Let's assign (connect) written evaluations to grades given in numbers!

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int n;
4     printf("Please enter the grade: ");
5     scanf("%d", &n);
6     switch (n)
7     {
8         case 1: printf("failed"); break;
9         case 2: printf("poor"); break;
10        case 3: printf("average"); break;
11        case 4: printf("good"); break;
12        case 5: printf("perfect"); break;
13        default: printf("something wrong");
14    }
15    return 0;
16 }
```

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Integer-value based selection – the switch statement

Syntax of the switch statement

```
switch(<integer expression>) {  
    case <constant exp1>: <instruction 1>  
    [case <constant exp2>: <instruction 2> ...]_opt  
    [default: <default instruction> ]_opt  
}
```

```
1 switch (n)  
2 {  
3     case 1: printf("failed"); break;  
4     case 2: printf("poor"); break;  
5     case 3: printf("average"); break;  
6     case 4: printf("good"); break;  
7     case 5: printf("perfect"); break;  
8     default: printf("something wrong");  
9 }
```

Integer-value based selection – the switch statement

- The `break` instructions are not part of the syntax. If we omit them, the `switch` will remain syntactically correct, but it will not provide the same result as before:

```
1 switch (n)
2 {
3     case 1: printf("failed");
4     case 2: printf("poor");
5     case 3: printf("average");
6     case 4: printf("good");
7     case 5: printf("perfect");
8     default: printf("something wrong");
9 }
```

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```
Please enter the grade: 2
pooraveragegoodperfectsomething wrong
```

Integer-value based selection – the switch statement

- The constant expressions are only entry points, and from this point on, all instructions are executed until the first **break** or until the end of the block:

```
1 switch (n)
2 {
3     case 1: printf("failed"); break;
4     case 2:
5     case 3:
6     case 4:
7     case 5: printf("passed"); break;
8     default: printf("something wrong");
9 }
```

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```
Please enter the grade: 2
passed
```

Thank you for your attention.