

# 19CSE100 Problem Solving and Algorithmic Thinking

Sequence , Selection and Looping

# Algorithmic Thinking

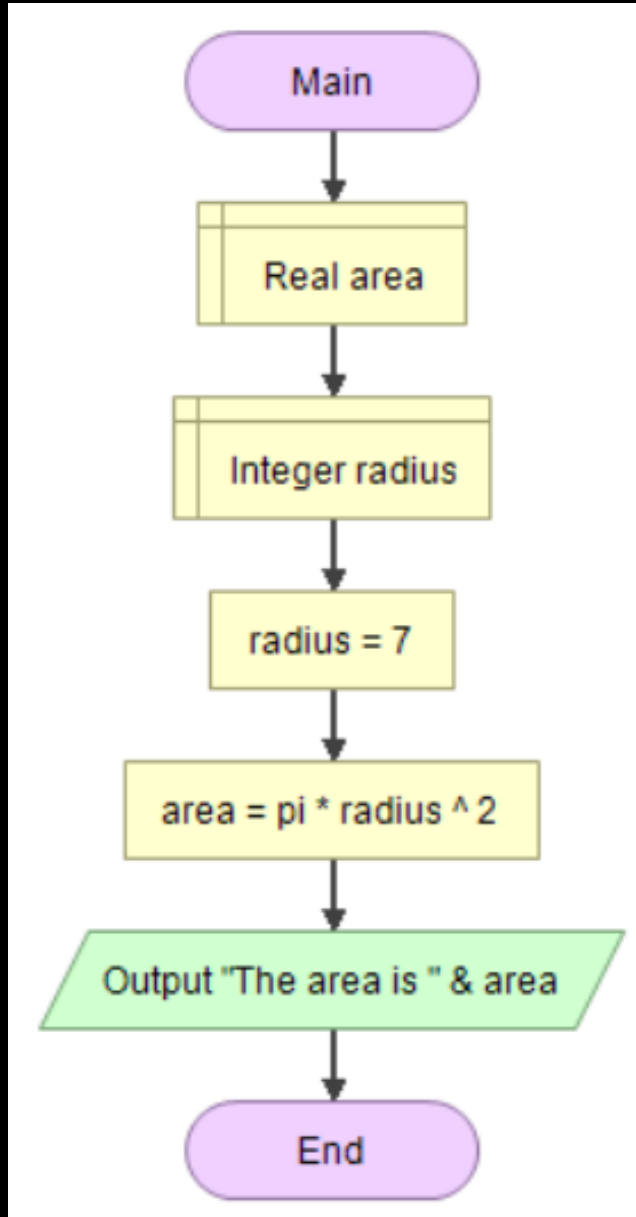
Designing Algorithms  
*is*  
problem solving

# Why Algorithms?

Algorithms express solutions to  
solvable problems

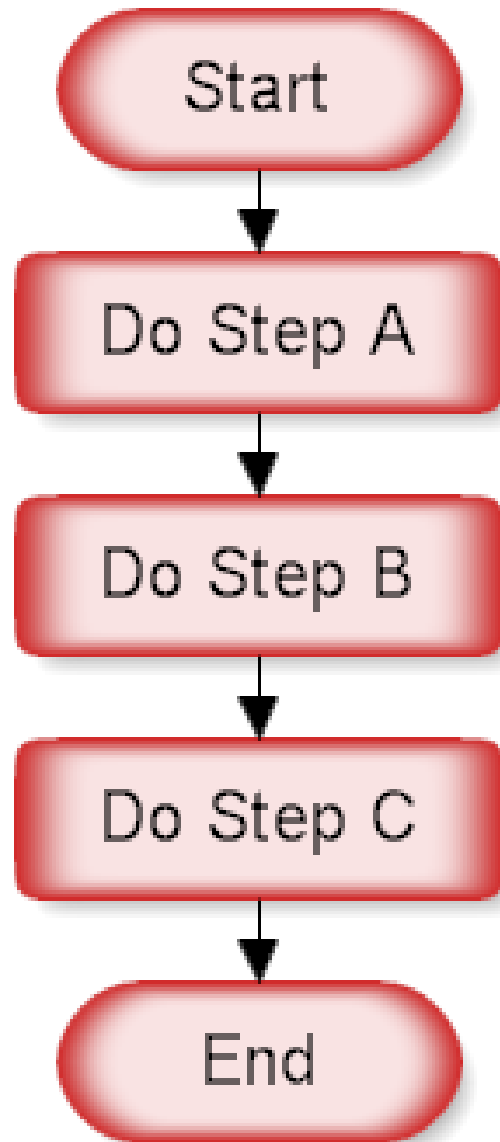
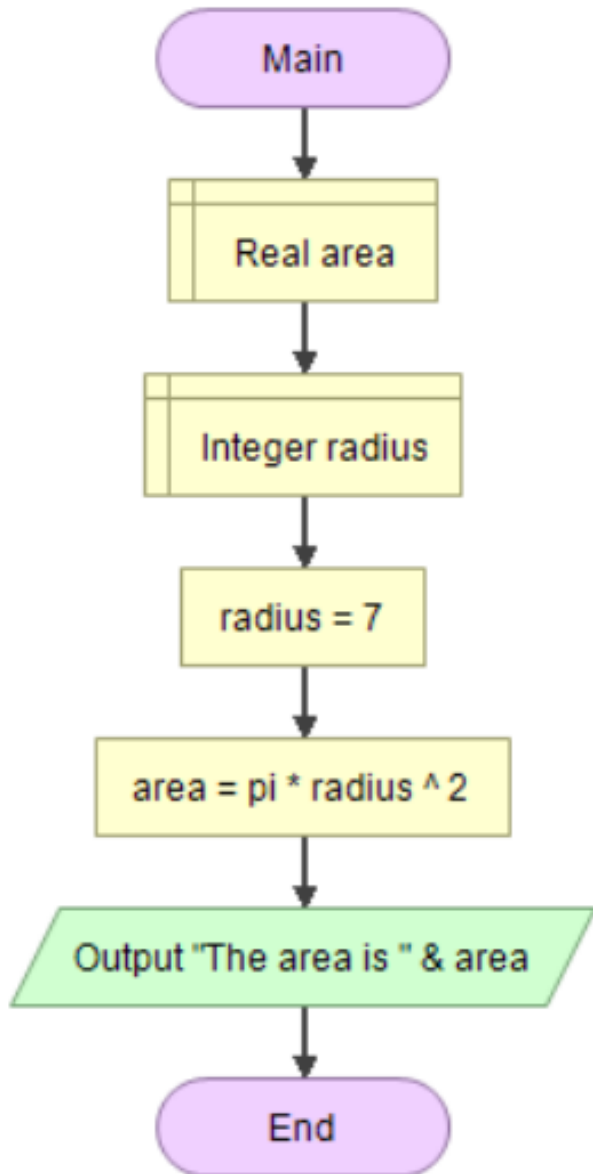
SEQUENCE

# A Simple Sequence Algorithm



Observe the flow of the algorithm

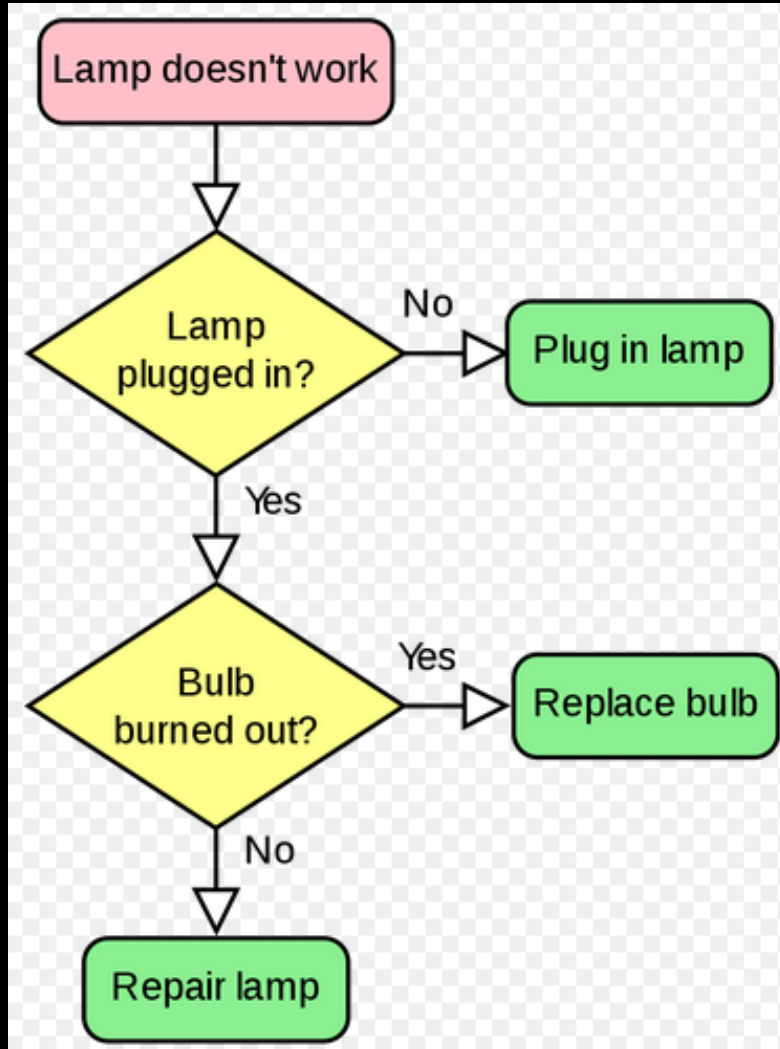
# Flow of Algorithm



flow of the algorithm  
is sequential

SELECTION

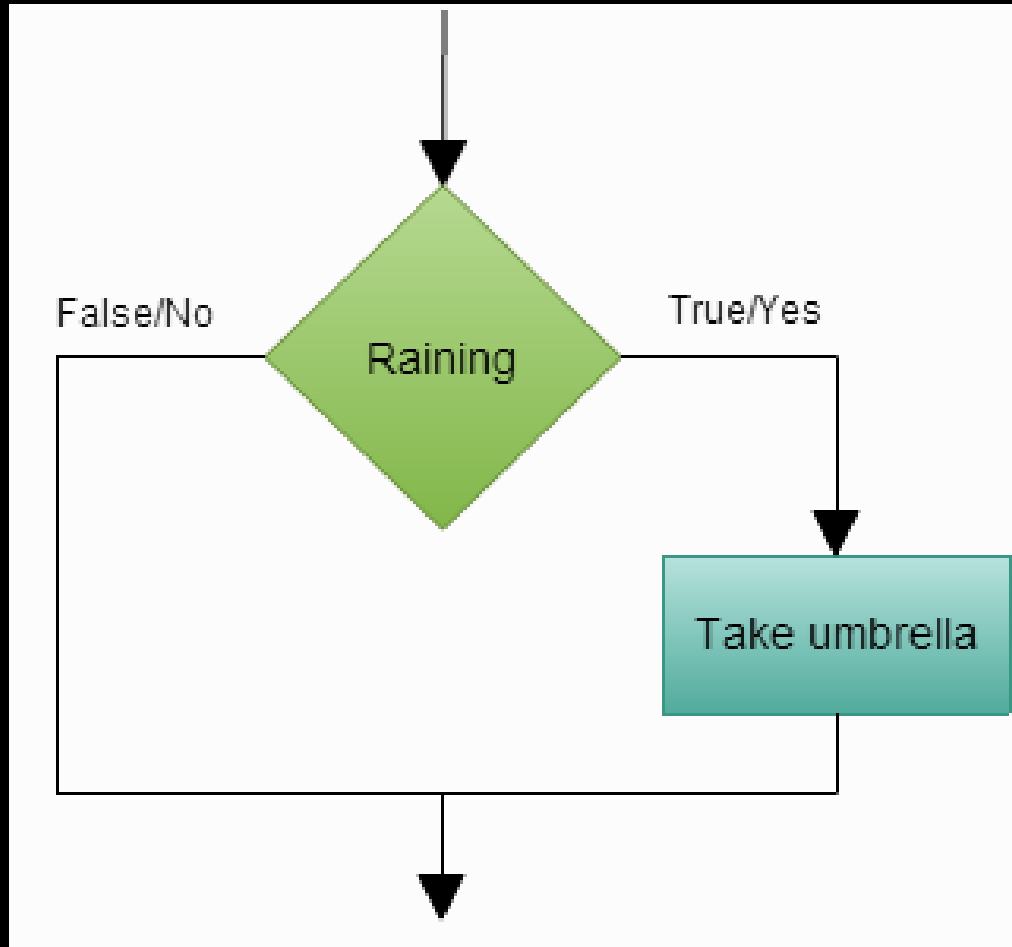
# Representing Selection Algorithms



1. Lamp doesn't work
2. If lamp not plugged in  
Then plug in lamp  
Else if the bulb burned out  
Then replace bulb  
Else repair lamp

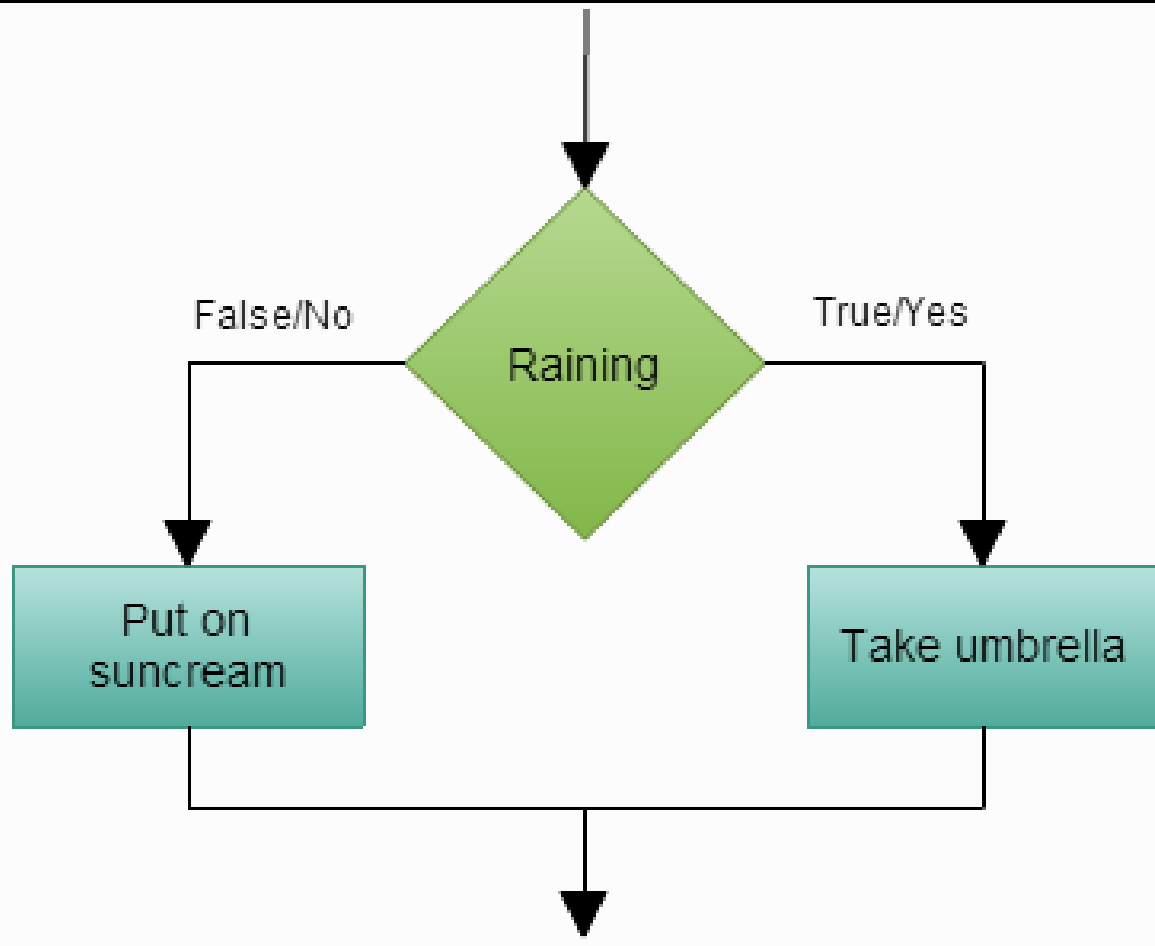


# One-way Selection



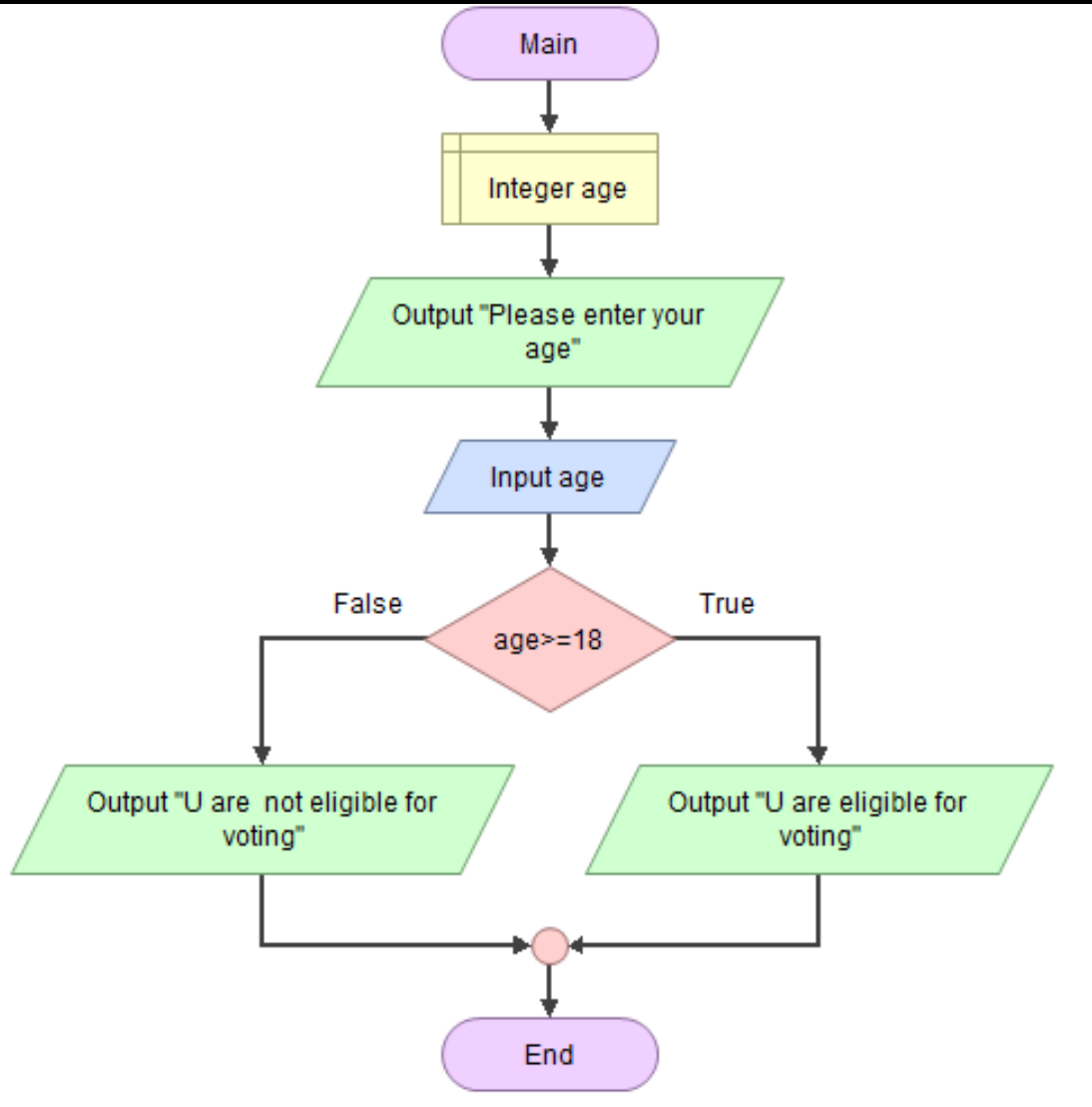
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    statements  
END IF
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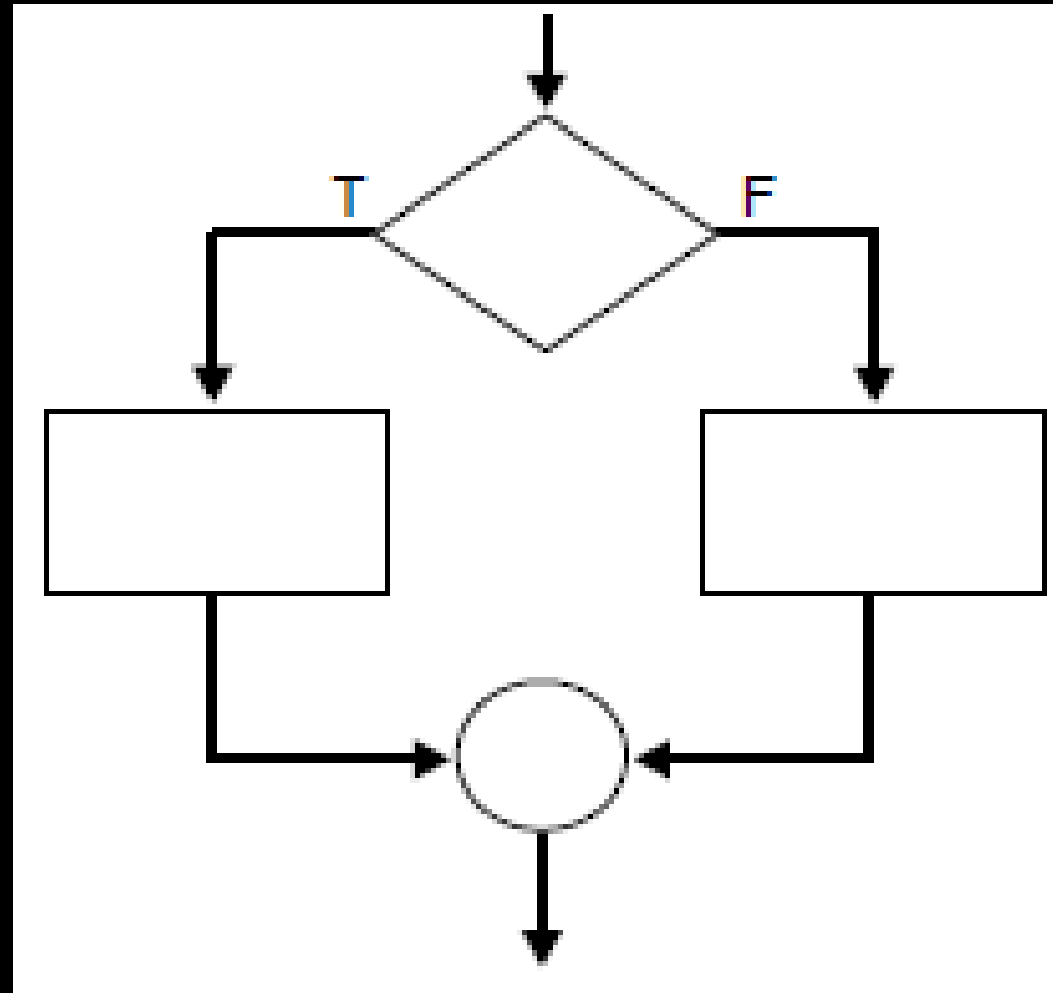
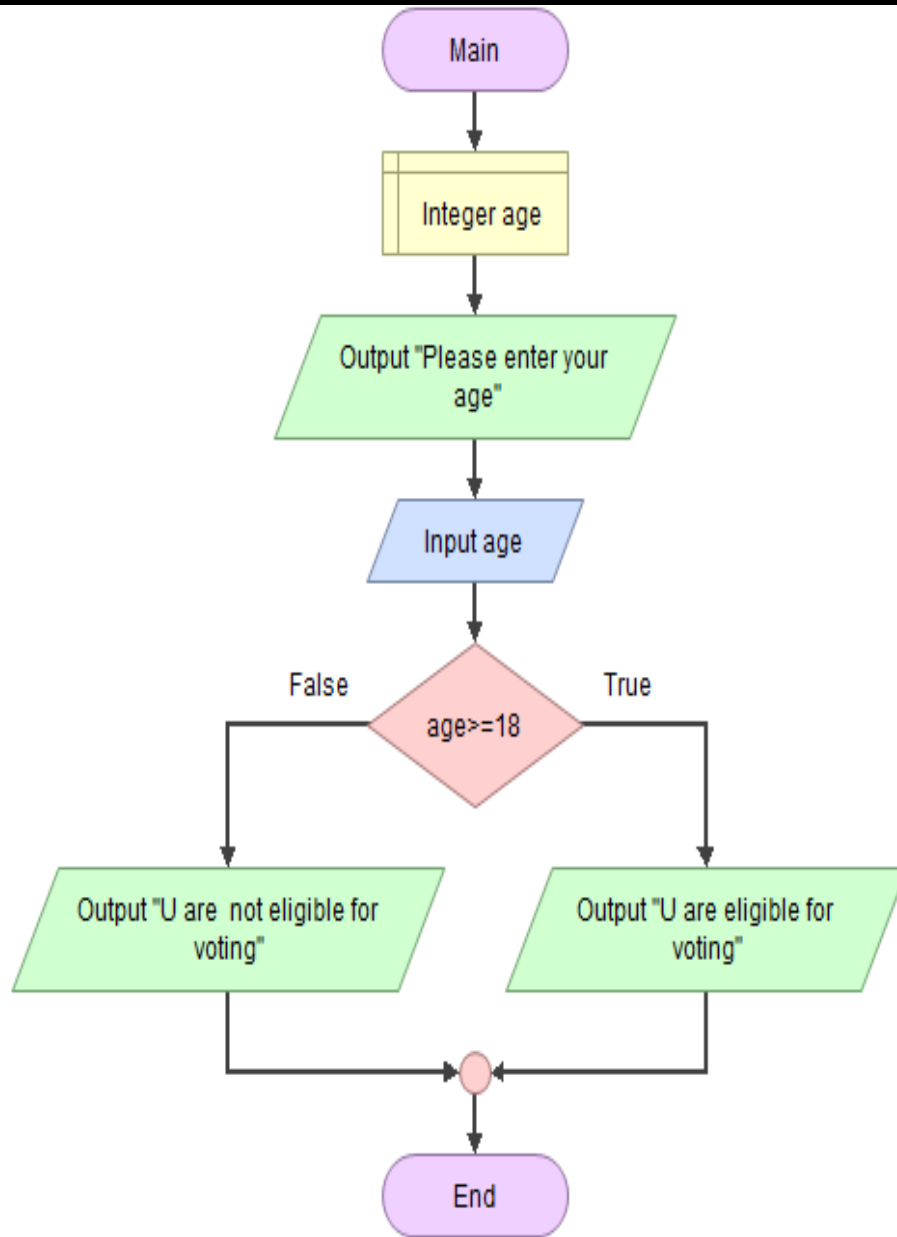
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IF (condition) THEN  
    statements1  
ELSE  
    statements2  
END IF
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# A Simple Algorithm

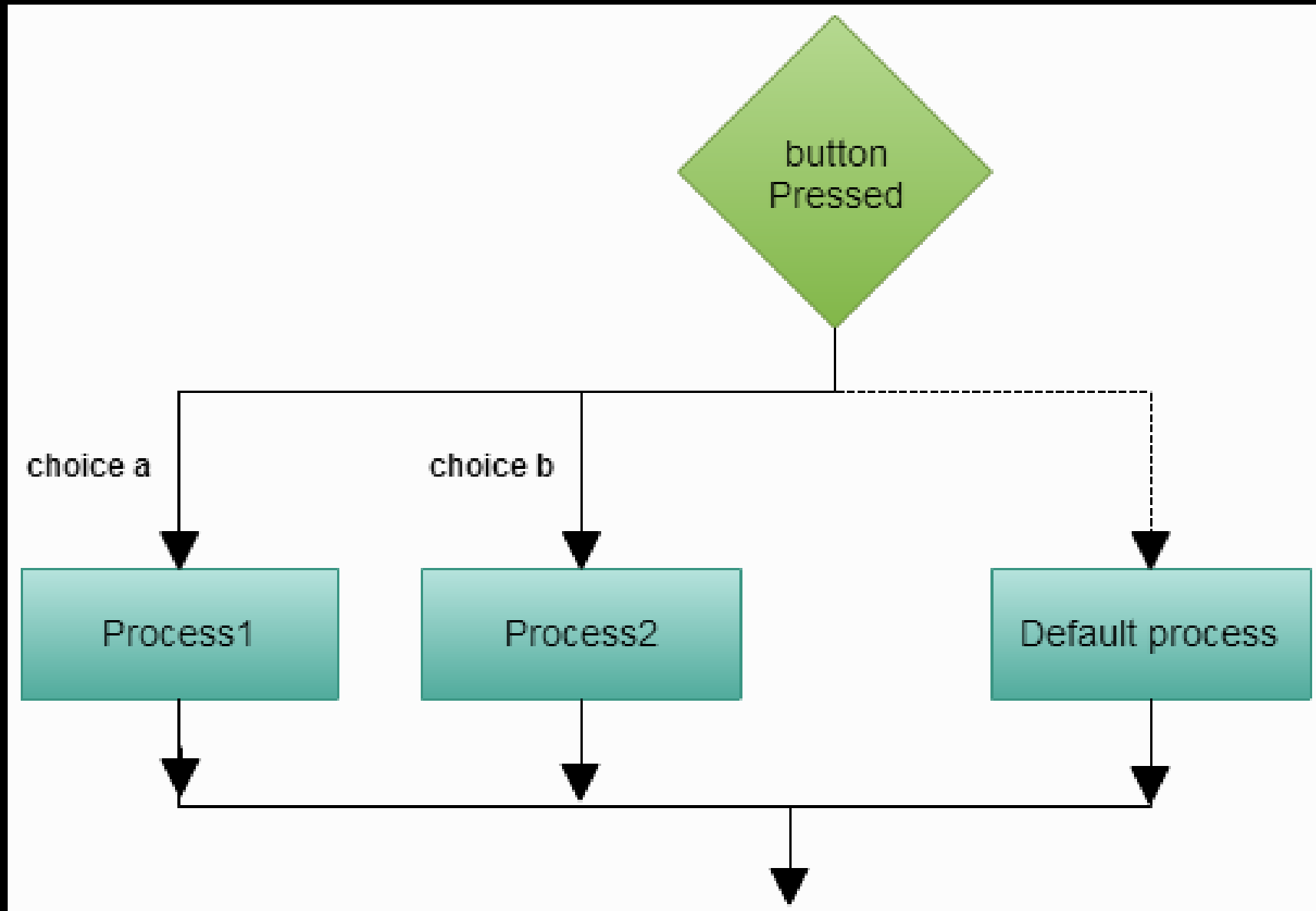


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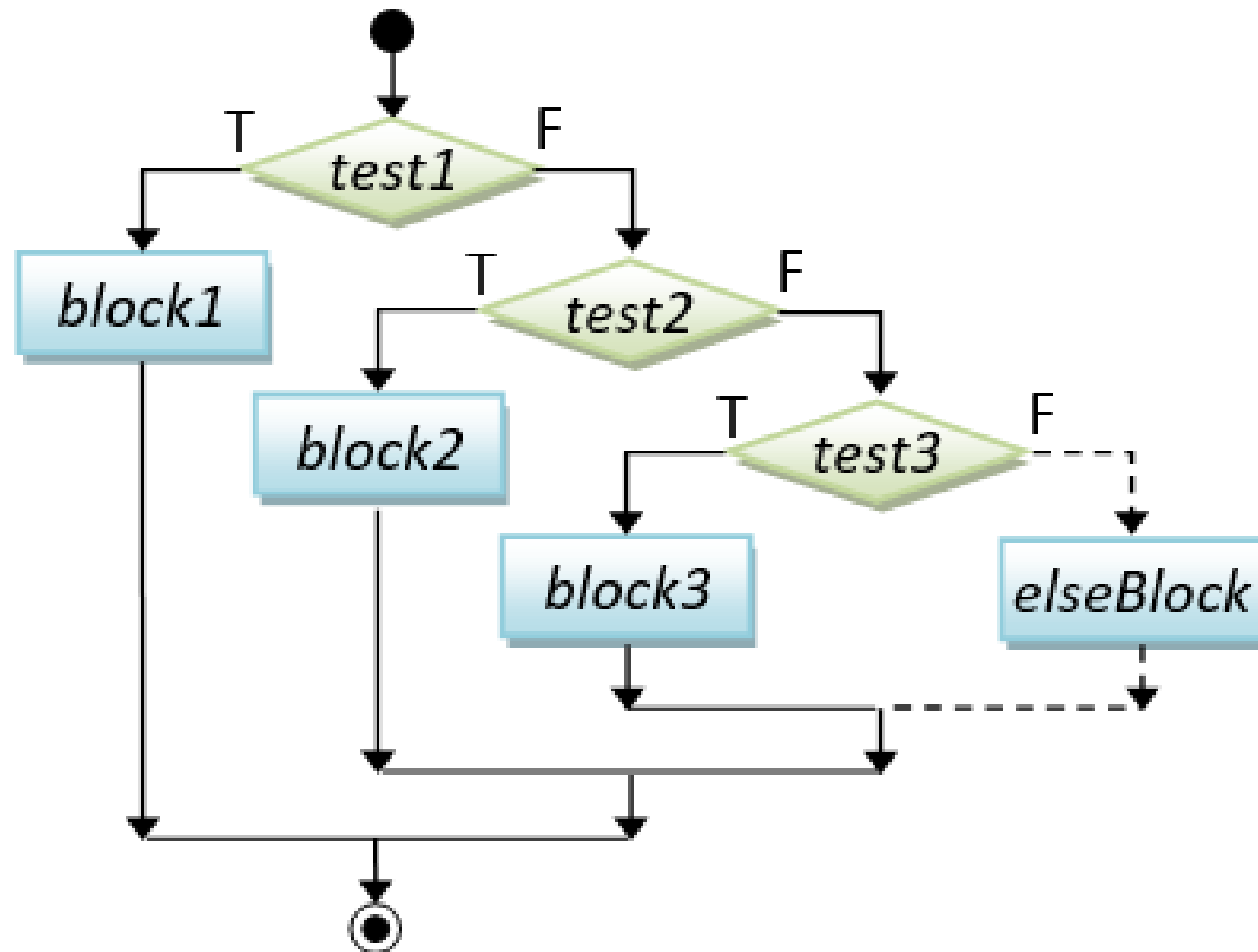
# Selection



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**IF** (*condition1*) **THEN**

*Statements1*

**ELSE IF** (*condition2*) **THEN**

*Statements2*

**ELSE IF** (*Condition3*) **THEN**

*Statements3*

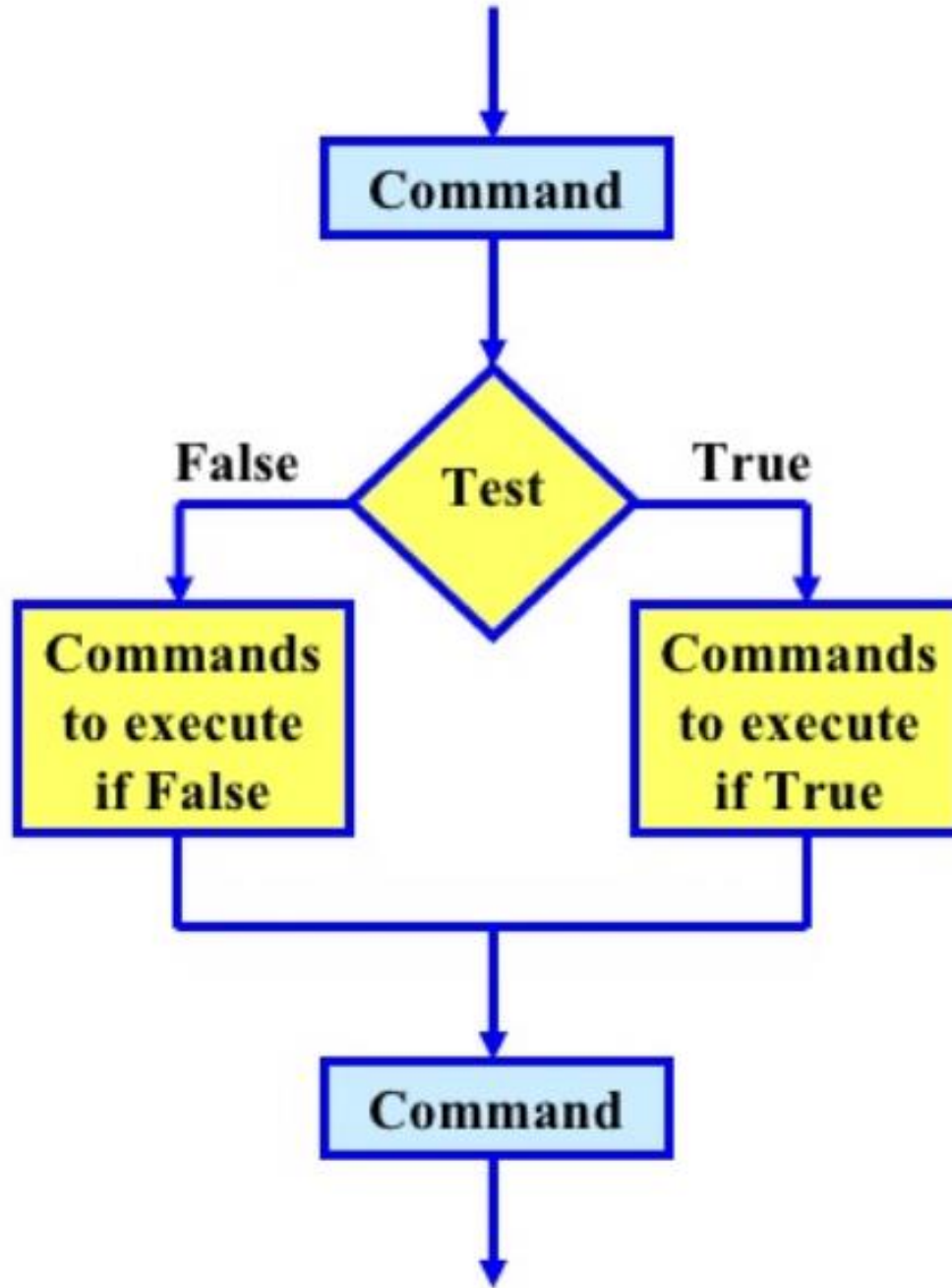
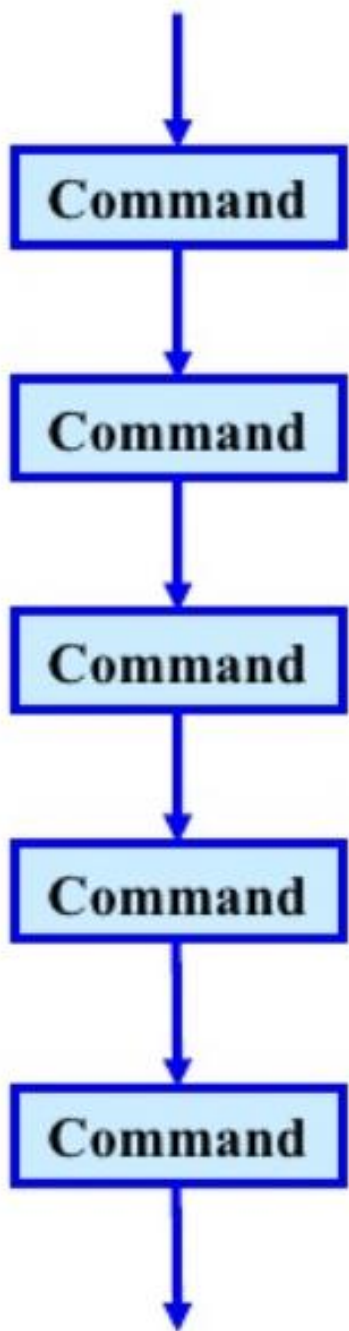
**ELSE IF** (*Condition4*) **THEN**

*Statements4*

**END IF**

**END IF**

**END IF**

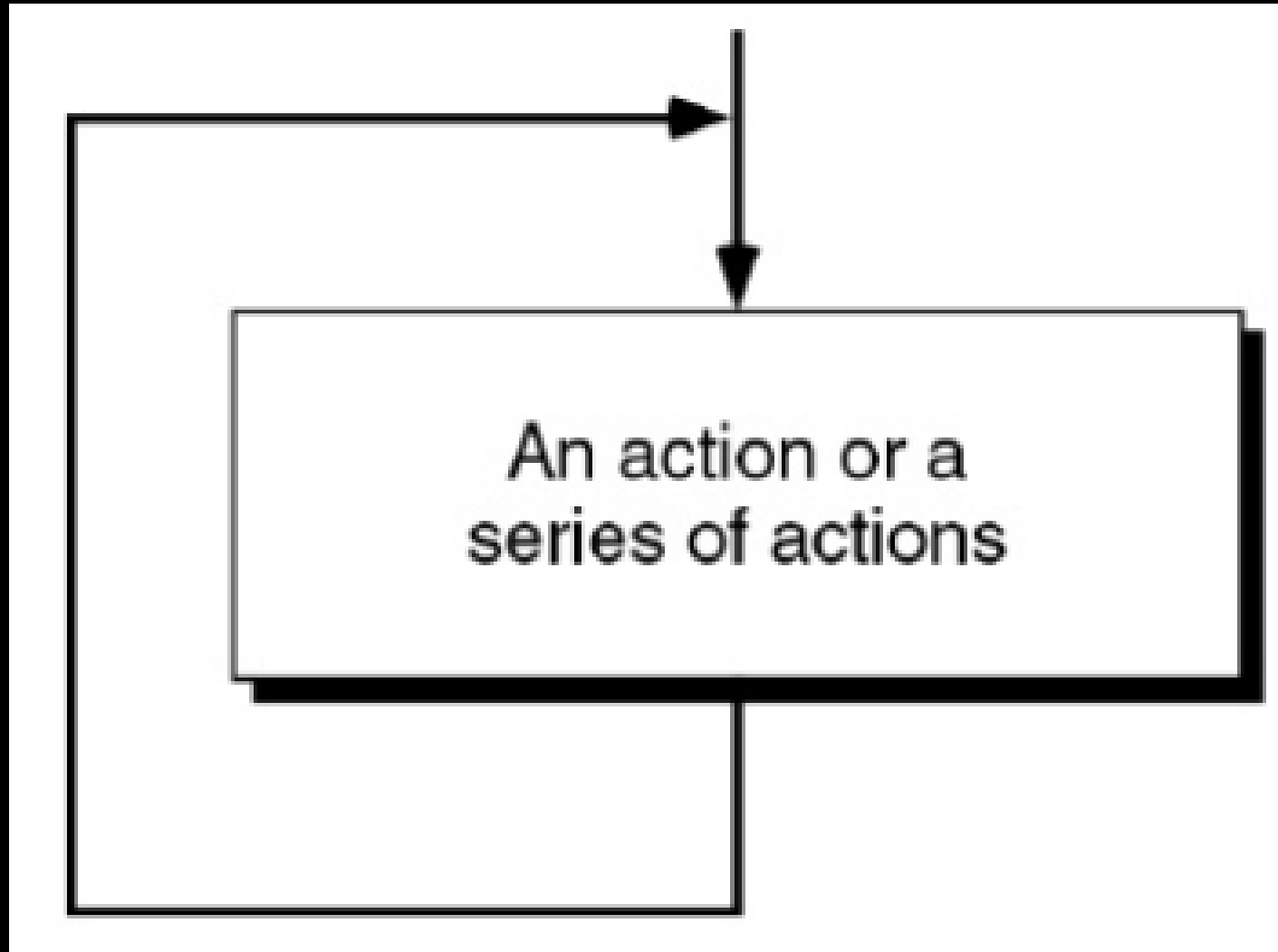


# Sequence and Selection

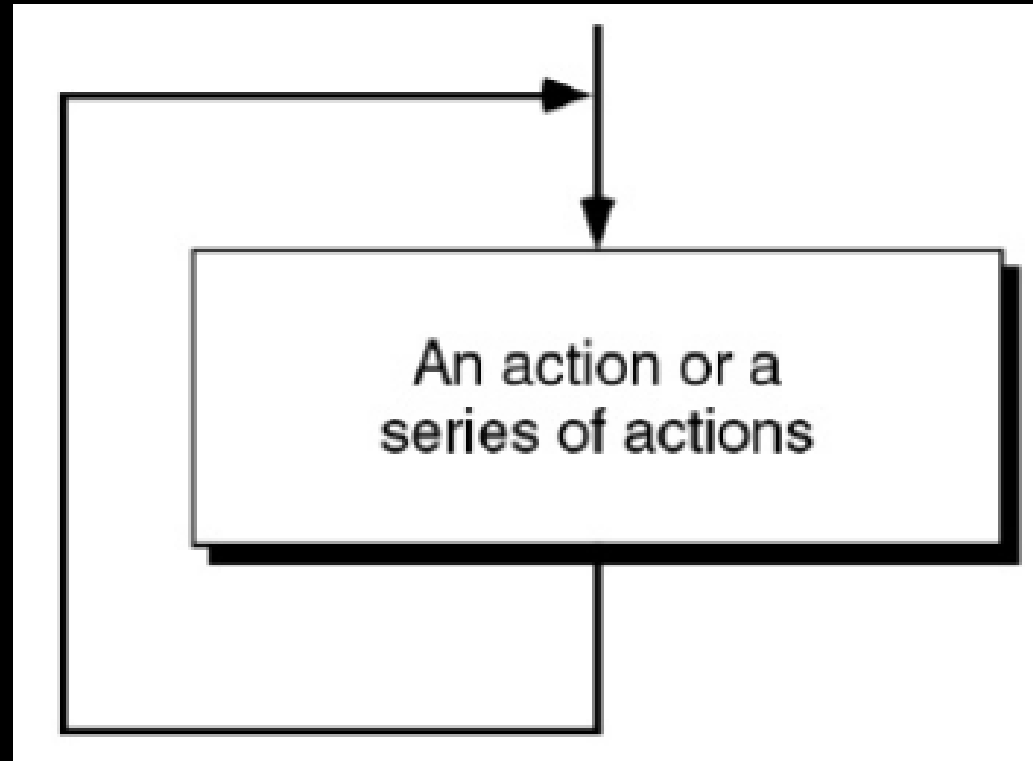


REPETITION or LOOPING

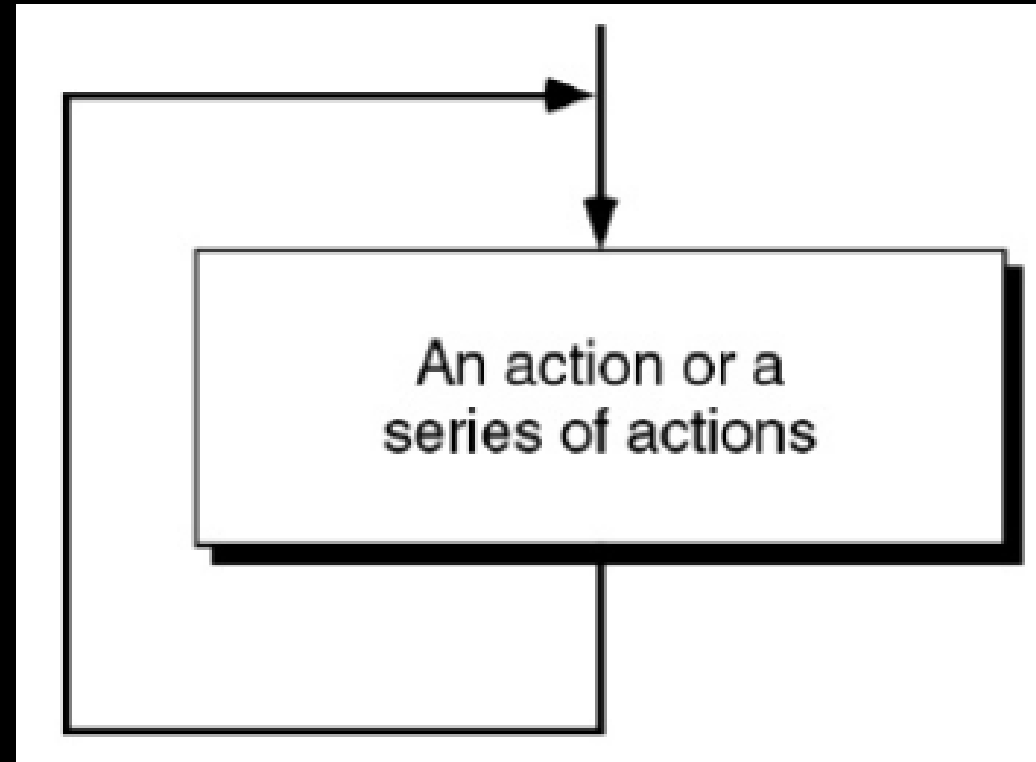
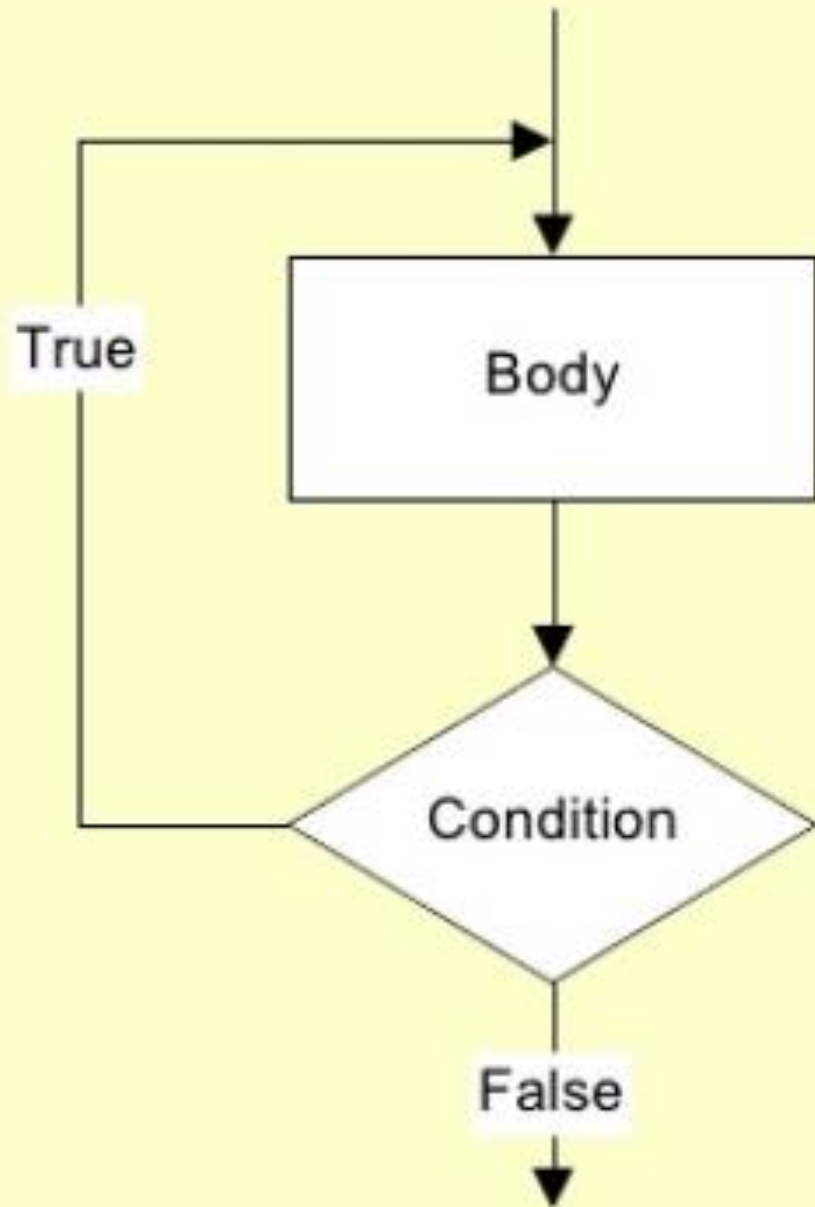
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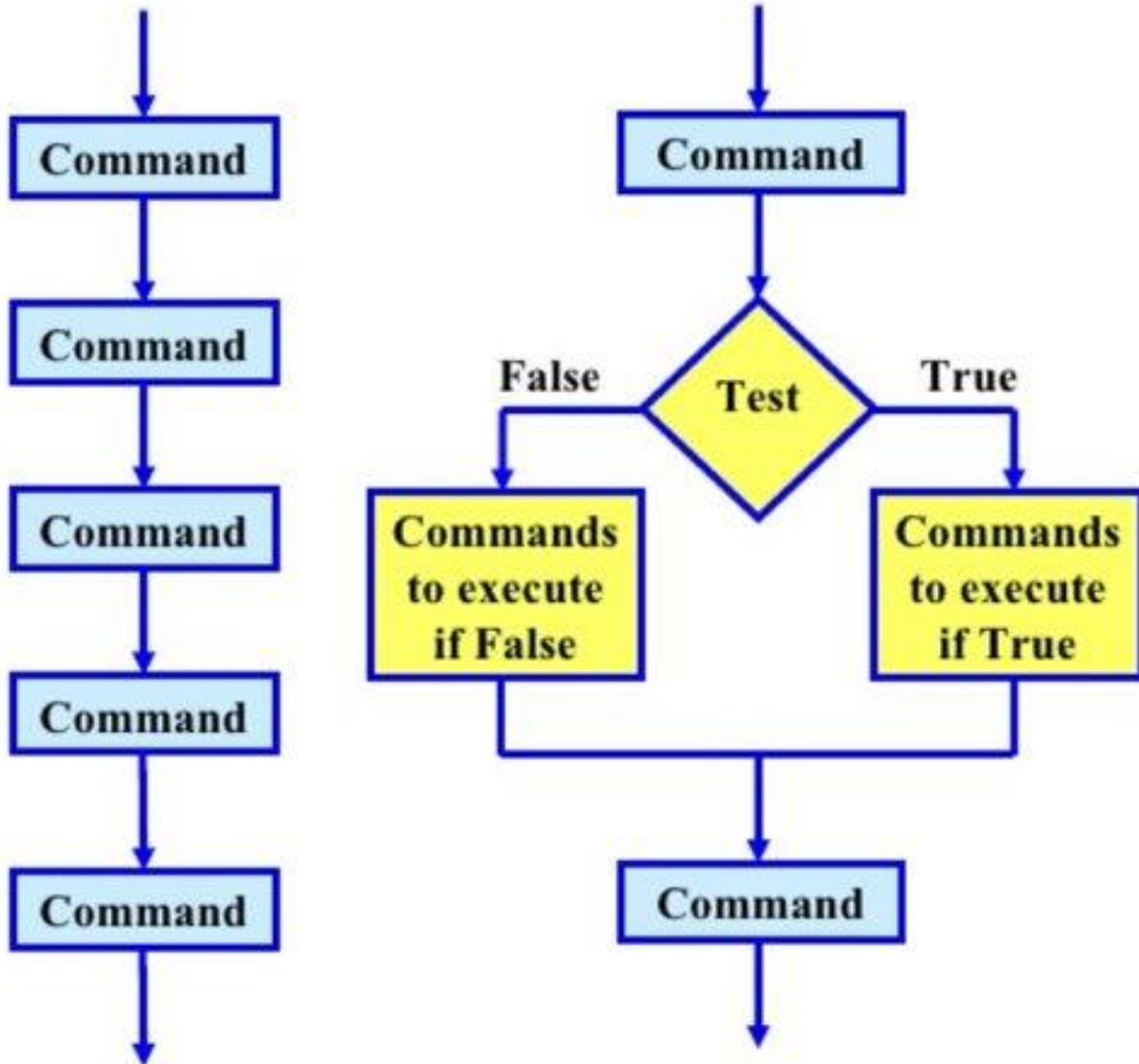


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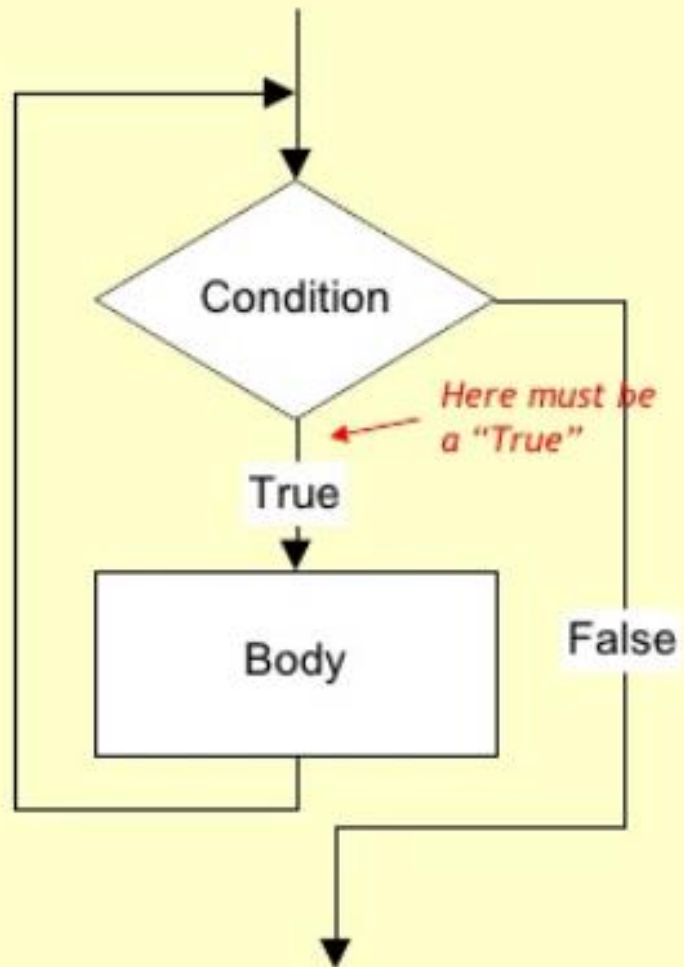




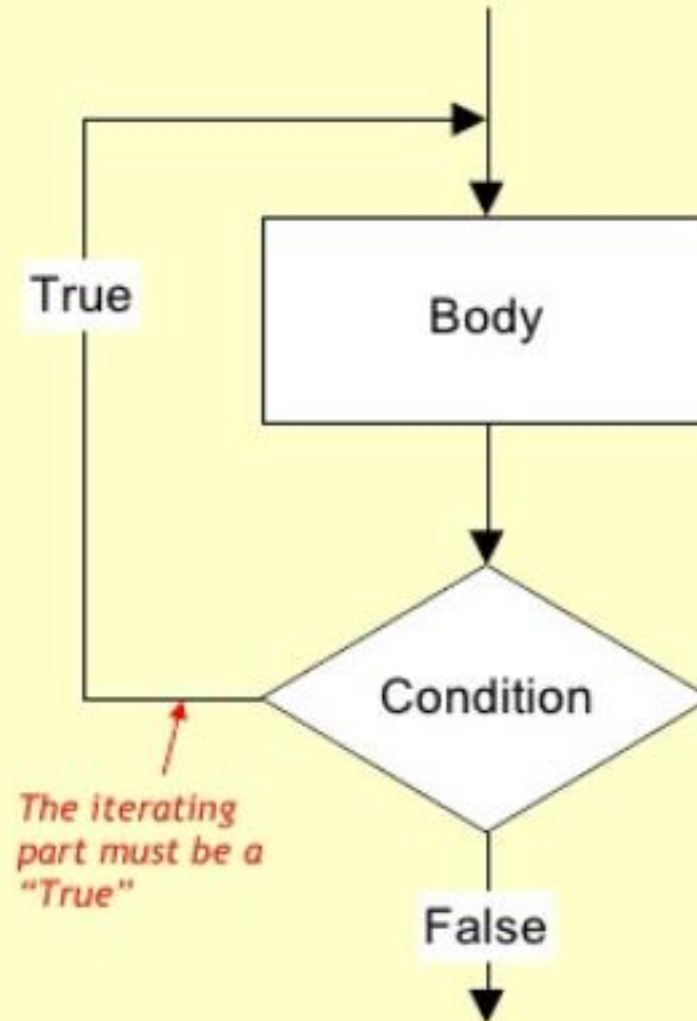
Repetition  
Can you realize  
with these control  
structures?

# Types of Loops

*Pretest loop*

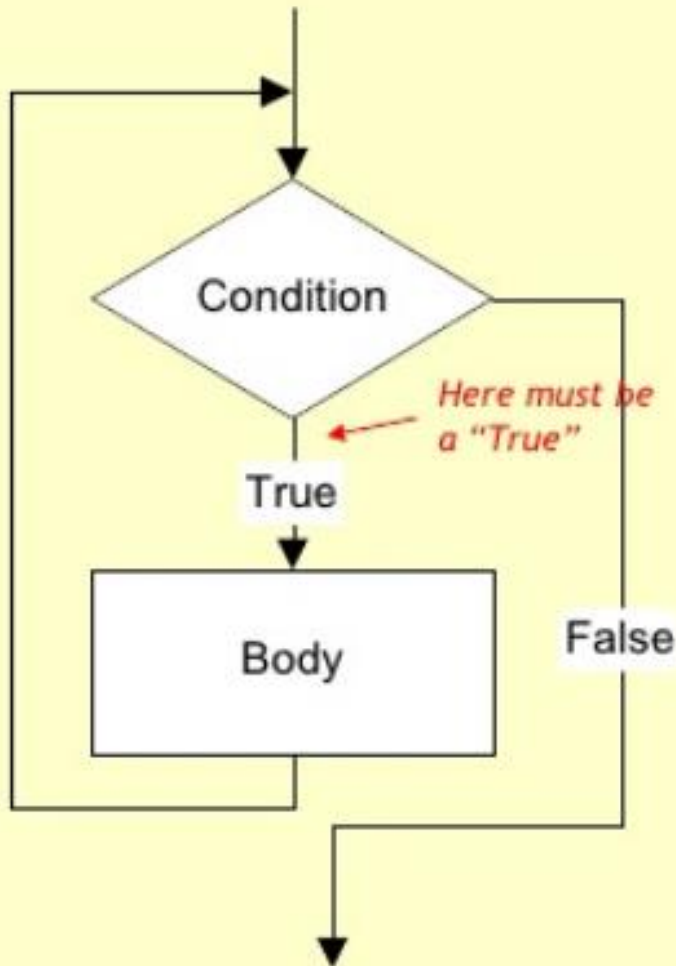


*Post-test loop*

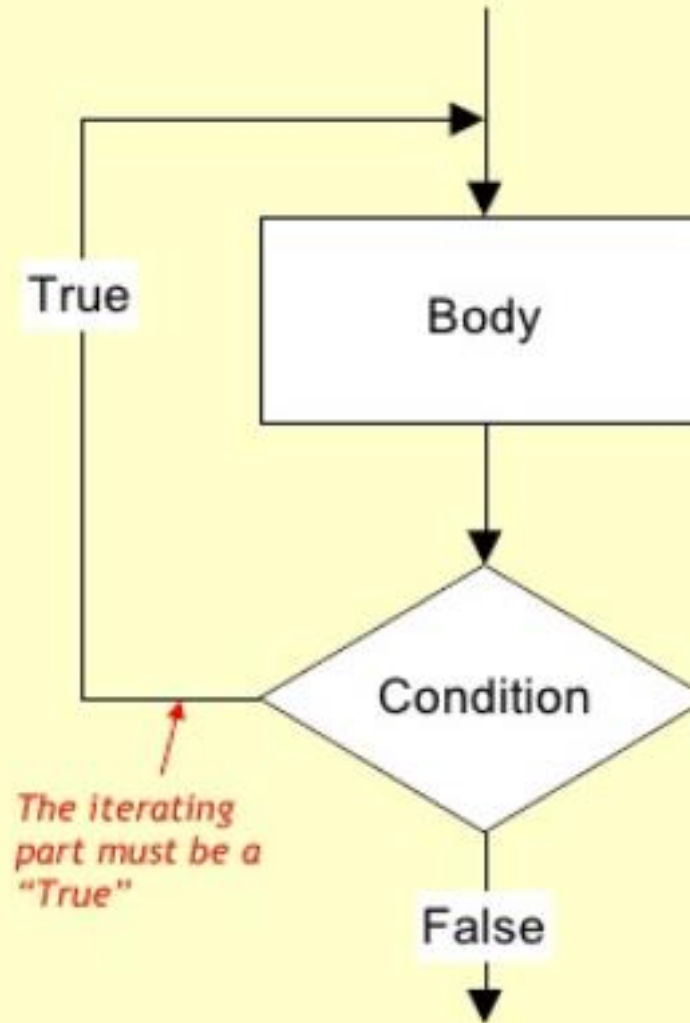


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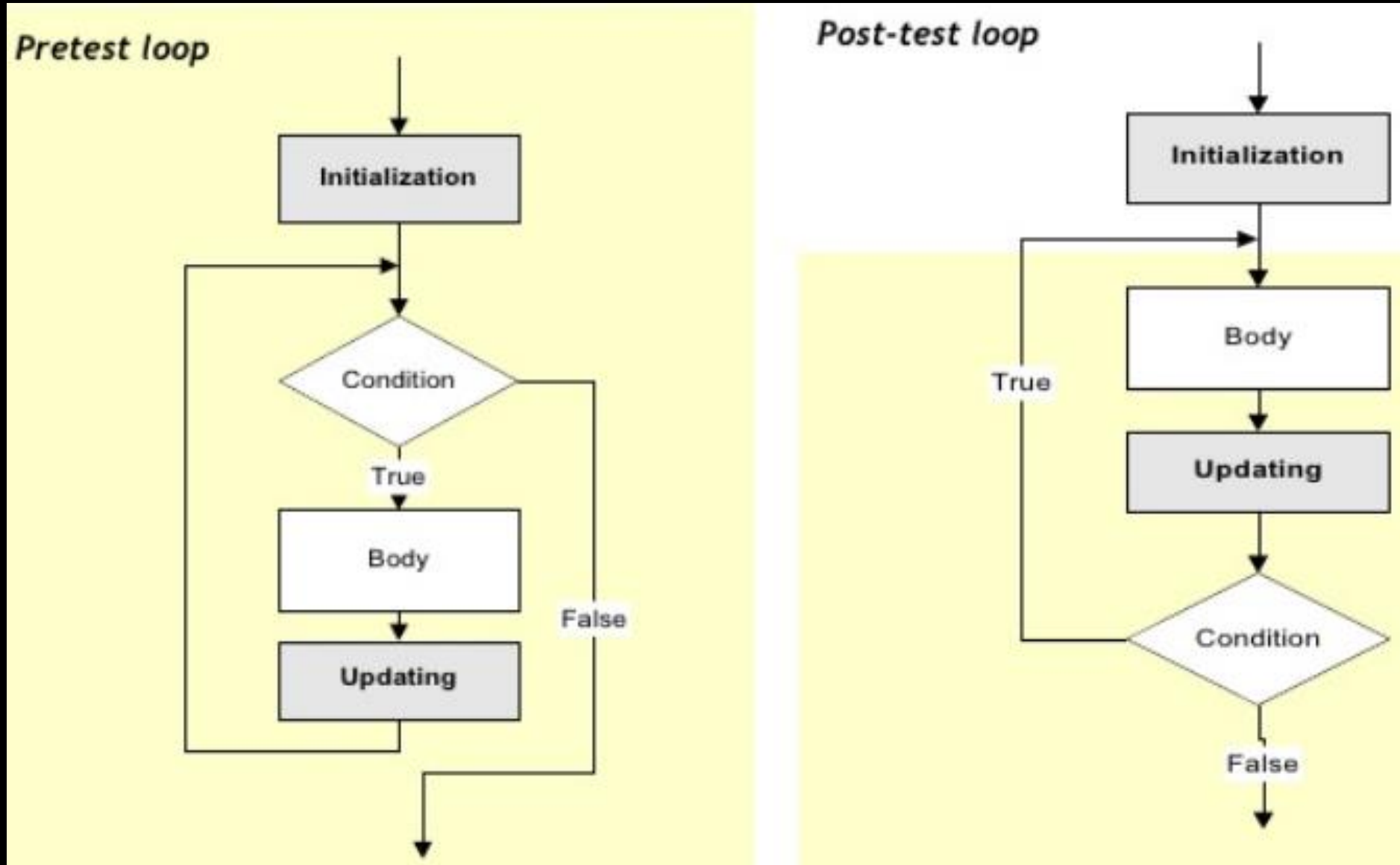


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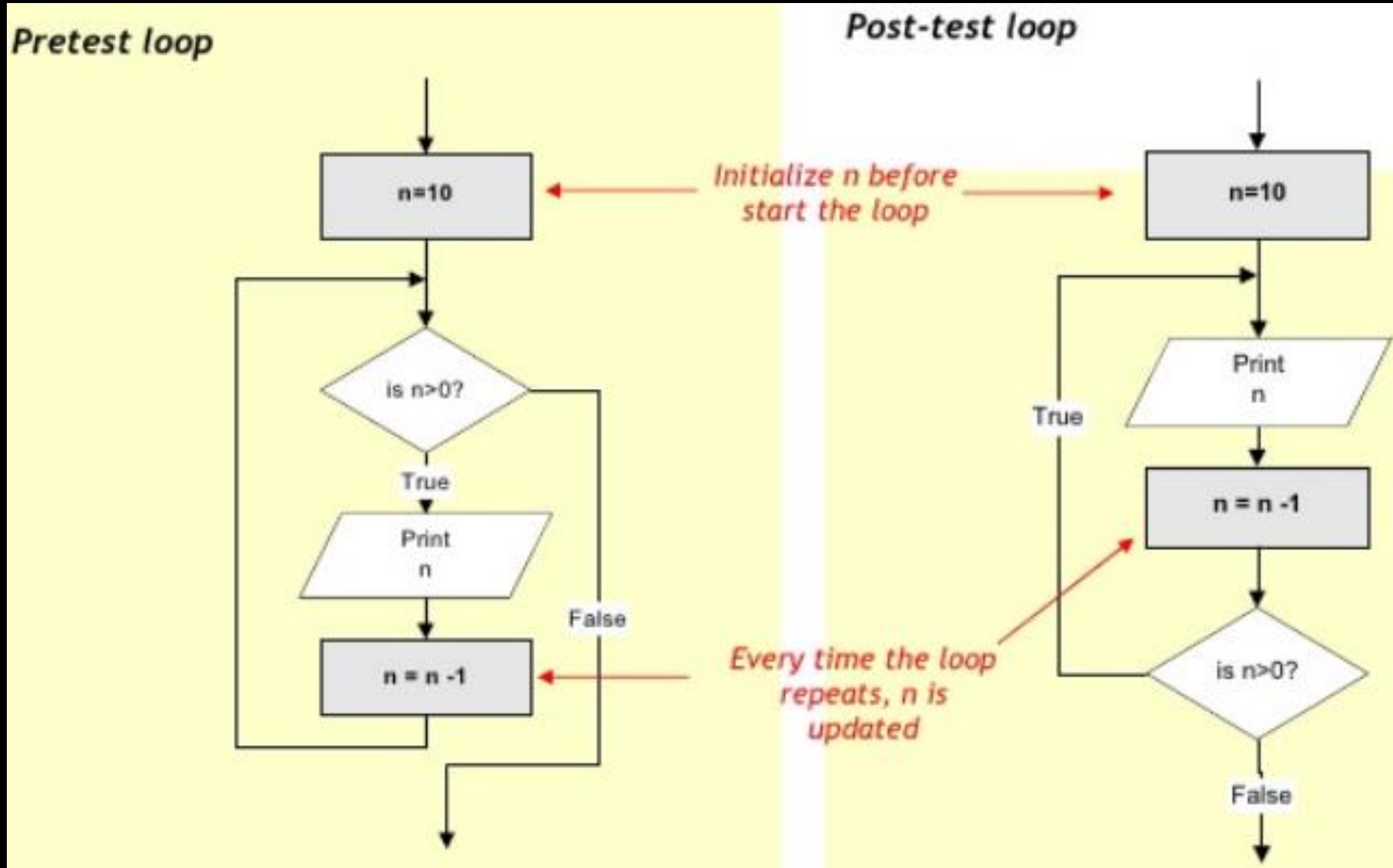
Does a  
condition  
guarantee  
finiteness?!

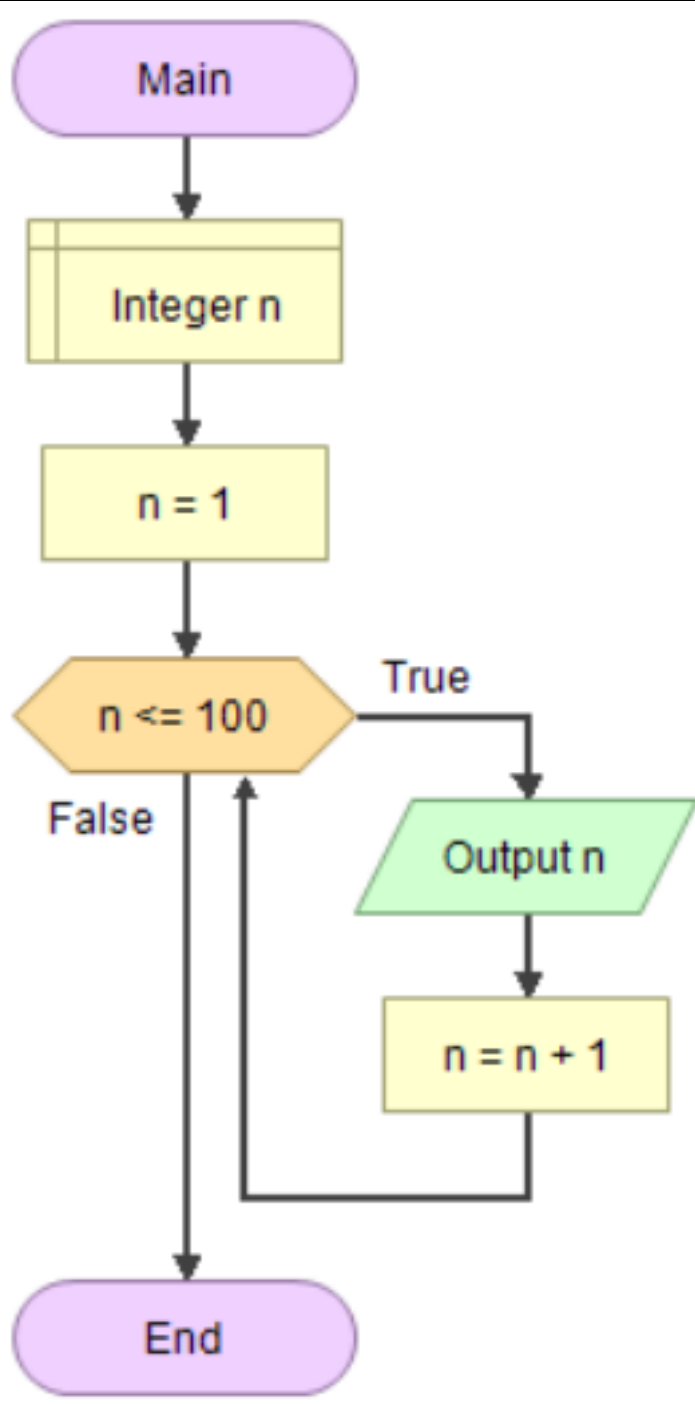
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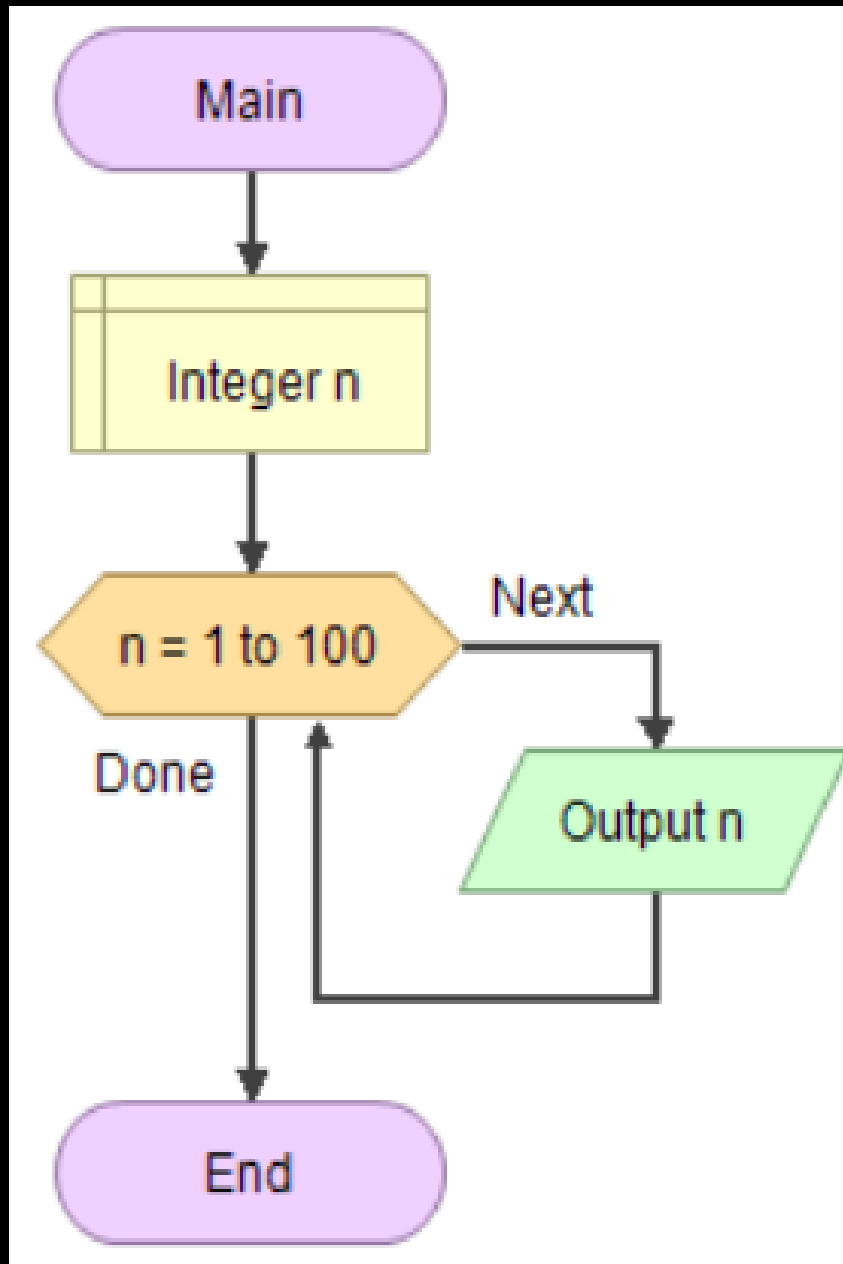
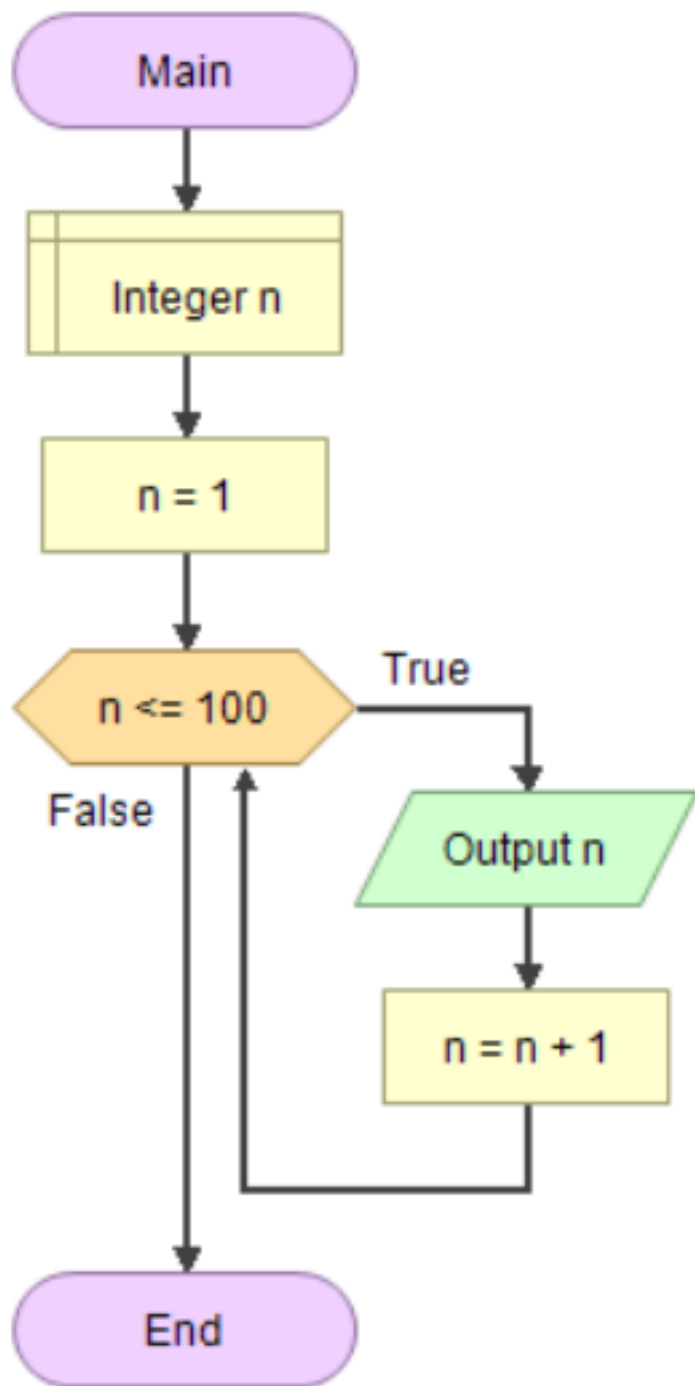


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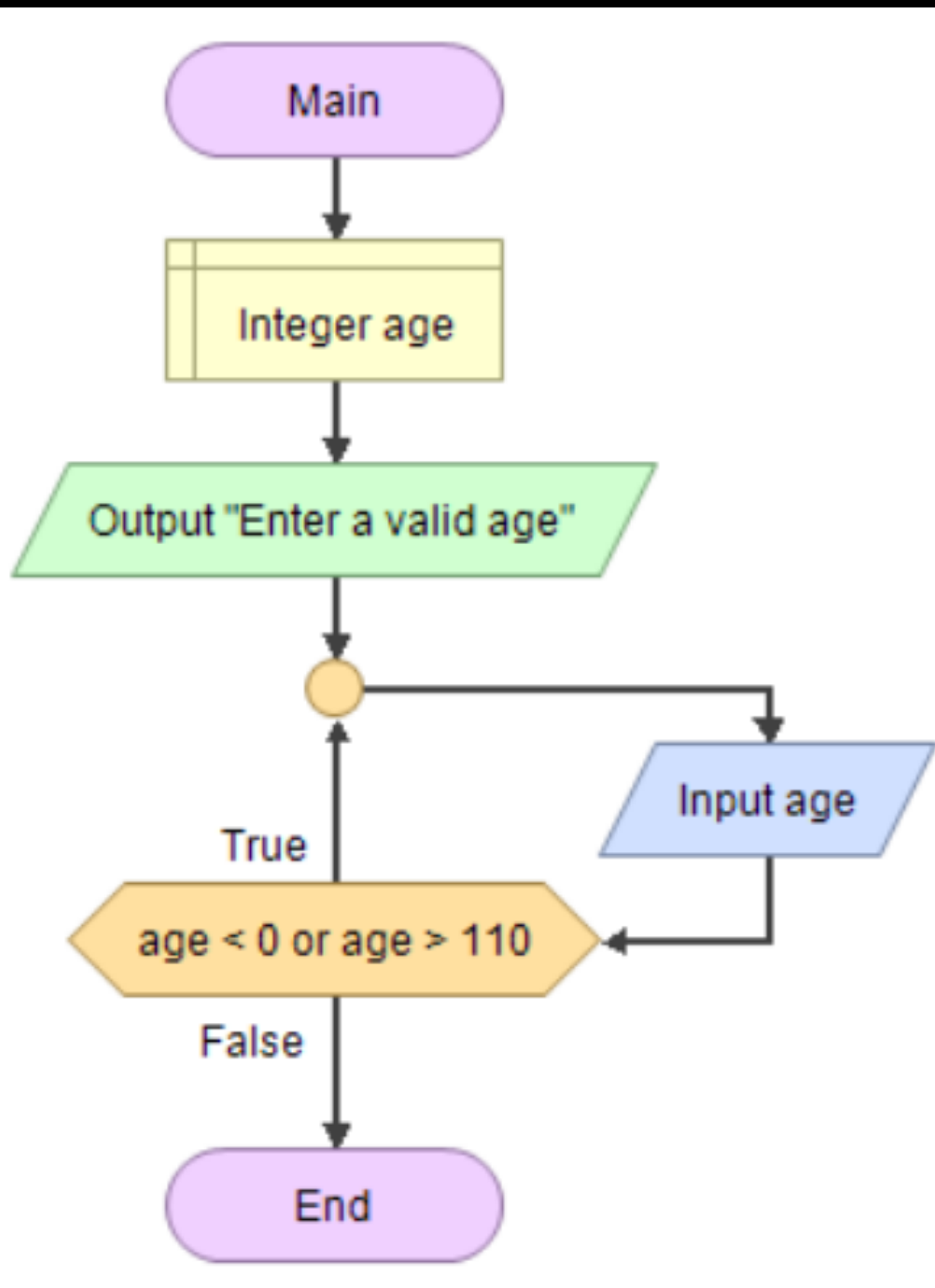




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# Example – Sequential

Develop an algorithm that will calculate an hourly employee's weekly pay

Step 1 : Understand the problem

Input : pay rate and number of hours

Process:  $\text{pay} = \text{rate} * \text{hours}$

Output: pay

# Algorithm – Calculate pay

## Plain English

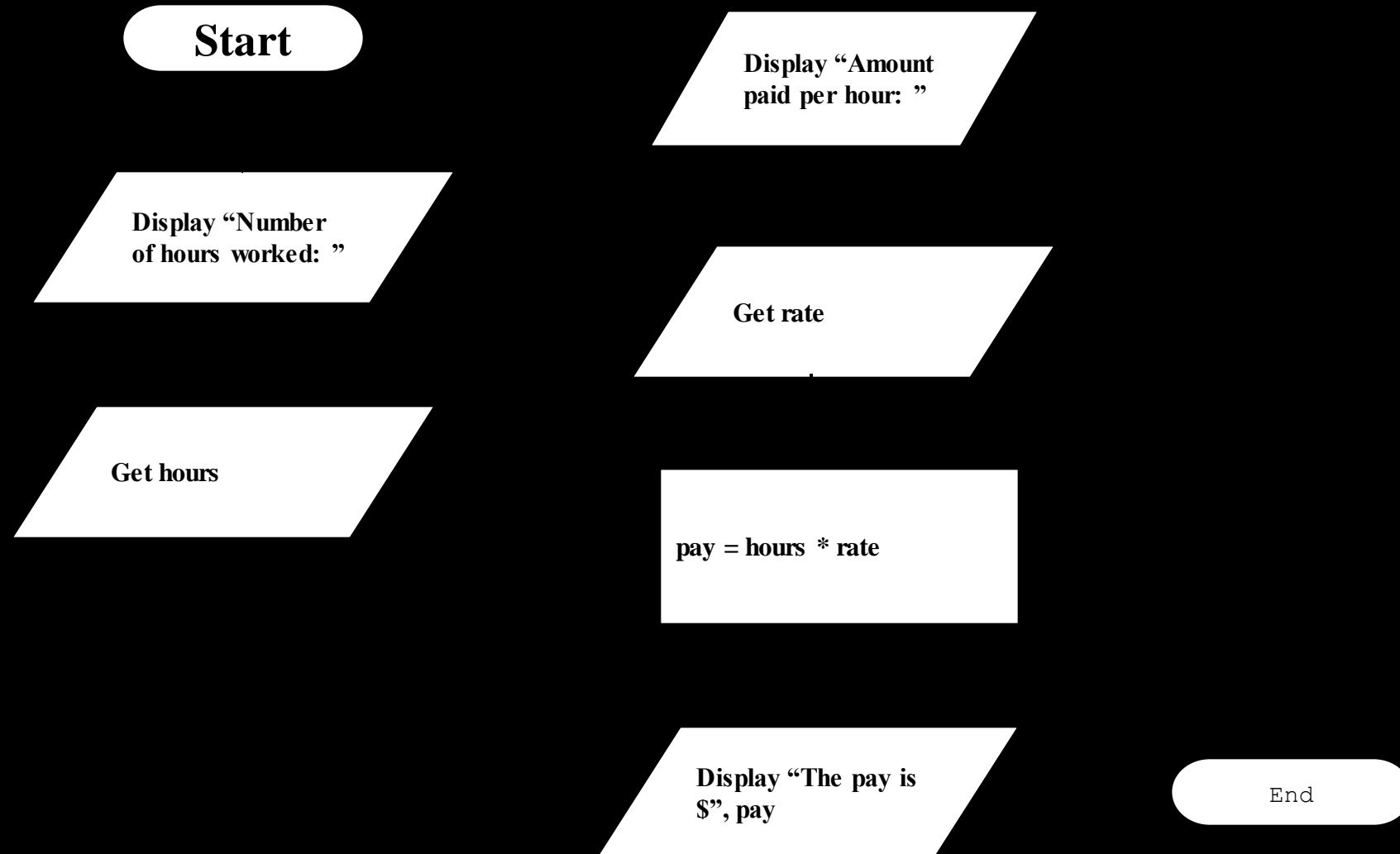
Ask for the pay rate and the number of hours worked. Multiply the pay rate by the number of hours. The result is the pay

Pseudocode - looks like code, but not a real language

1. Variables: hours, rate, pay
2. Display “Number of hours worked: ”
3. Get hours
4. Display “Amount paid per hour: ”
5. Get rate
6.  $\text{pay} = \text{hours} * \text{rate}$
7. Display “The pay is \$” , pay

Notice the importance of order and lack of ambiguity

# Example - Flowchart



# Example – Decision Making

Develop an algorithm that will figure out if a number is positive

Step 1 : Understand the problem

Input : The number

Process: Is it greater than zero?

Output: Message that number is positive or non-positive



# Algorithm

## Plain English

Ask for the number. Check if it is greater than zero. If it is, it is a positive number. If not (i.e. else), it is not positive

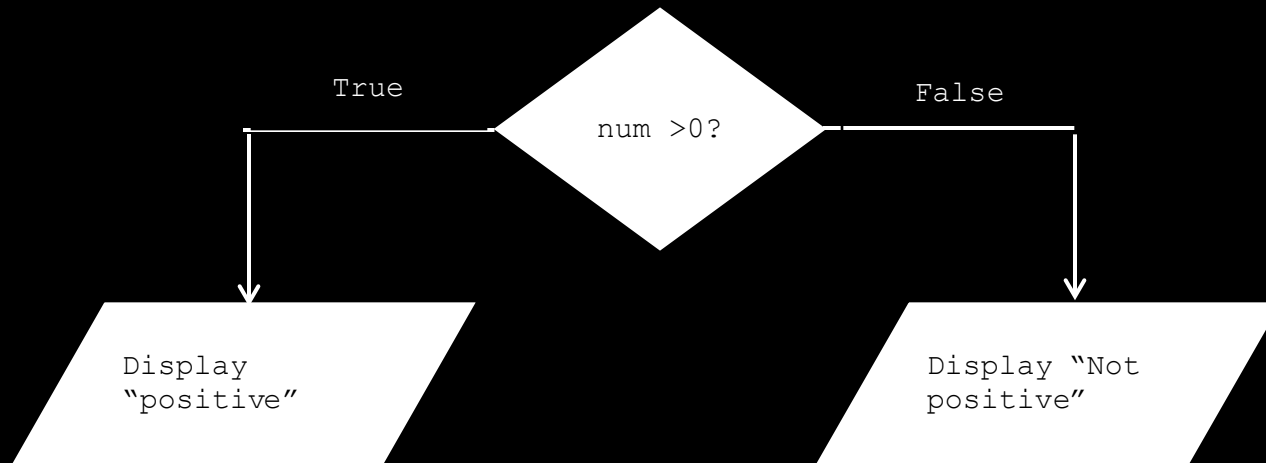
## Pseudocode -

1. Variable: num
2. Display “Enter the number: ”
3. Get num
4.   if  $\text{num} > 0$
5.     Display “It is positive”
6.   Else
7.     Display “It is not positive”

# Flowcharts-Decision Making Example

If  $\text{num} > 0$  display “Positive”

Else (that means 0 or negative) display “Not Positive”



# Looping

- Develop an algorithm that will add the numbers from 1 to 10. That is  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 10 = 55$

Step 1 : Understand the problem

Input : None needed

Process: Add 0 to 1 to get a new sum. Add 2 to the old sum to get a new sum. Add 3 to the old sum to get a new sum.....Add 10 to the old sum to get a new sum

Output: The new sum after 10 iterations

# Algorithm

## Plain English

Start count at 1.

Add to the sum (originally zero) to get a new sum.

Increment the count.

Repeat the last two steps 10 times

## Pseudocode -

### While\_Example

1. Numeric Variables: counter = 1, sum = 0
2. While counter <= 10:
3.       sum = sum + counter
4.       counter = counter + 1
5. EndWhile
6. Display “ The sum is”, sum

THANK YOU