

Data Structures

CSE207

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What is Data Structure?

- A Data Structure can be defined informally as an **organized collection of values and a set of operations on them.**
- In computer science, a data structure is a **particular way of organizing data** in a computer so that it can be used efficiently.

Data Structure Operation

- Four Operations:
 - ▣ *Traversing*: Accessing Each record exactly once
 - ▣ *Searching*: Finding the location of data/record
 - ▣ *Inserting*: Adding a new data/record
 - ▣ *Deleting*: Removing a data/record

Pseudo-Code

- Not computer programs, but are more structured than usual prose.
- Facilitate the high level analysis of a data structure or algorithm.
- Pseudo code is for human reader, not for a computer.
- To communicate high-level ideas, not low level implementation details.

An example of a Pseudo-code

Procedure ArrayMax(A, n):

Input: An array A storing $n \geq 1$ integers

Output: The **maximum** element in A

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currentMax ← A[1]
for i ← 2 to n do
    if currentMax < A[i] then
        currentMax ← A[i]
return currentMax
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Algorithm

- A procedure for solving a problem in terms of
 - the actions to be executed, and
 - the order in which these actions are to be executed
- is called an algorithm.
- Correctly specifying the order in which the actions are to be executed is important.

Algorithm

- Consider the “rise-and-shine algorithm” followed by one junior executive for getting out of bed and going to work
- Consider the “rise-and-shine algorithm”
 - (1) Get out of bed,
 - (2) take a shower,
 - (3) get dressed,
 - (4) eat breakfast,
 - (5) carpool to work.
- This routine gets the executive to work well prepared to make critical decisions.

Algorithm

- Suppose that the same steps are performed in a slightly different order:
 - ❑ (1) Get out of bed,
 - ❑ (2) get dressed,
 - ❑ (3) take a shower,
 - ❑ (4) eat breakfast,
 - ❑ (5) carpool to work.
- In this case, our junior executive shows up for work soaking wet.
- Specifying the order in which statements are to be executed in a computer program is **called program control**.

Algorithm

- An algorithm is a finite step-by-step list of well-defined instruction for solving a particular problem.
 - Identifying number
 - Step
 - Control
 - Exit
 - Comments
 - Variable Name
 - Assignment State
 - Input / output

Example

Identifying number

variable

Step

Comments

Control

Assignment

Algorithm 2.1: (Largest Element in Array) A nonempty array DATA with N numerical values is given. This algorithm finds the location LOC and the value MAX of the largest element of DATA. The variable K is used as a counter.

Step 1. [Initialize.] Set $K := 1$, $LOC := 1$ and $MAX := DATA[1]$.

Step 2. [Increment counter.] Set $K := K + 1$.

Step 3. [Test counter.] If $K > N$, then:
Write: LOC, MAX, and Exit.

Step 4. [Compare and update.] If $MAX \leftarrow DATA[K]$, then:
Set $LOC := K$ and $MAX := DATA[K]$.

Step 5. [Repeat loop.] Go to Step 2.

Control structure

- Three types of logic/control logic:
 - ▣ *Sequential logic or sequential flow*
 - ▣ *Selection logic or conditional flow*
 - ▣ *Iteration logic or repetitive flow*

Control structure

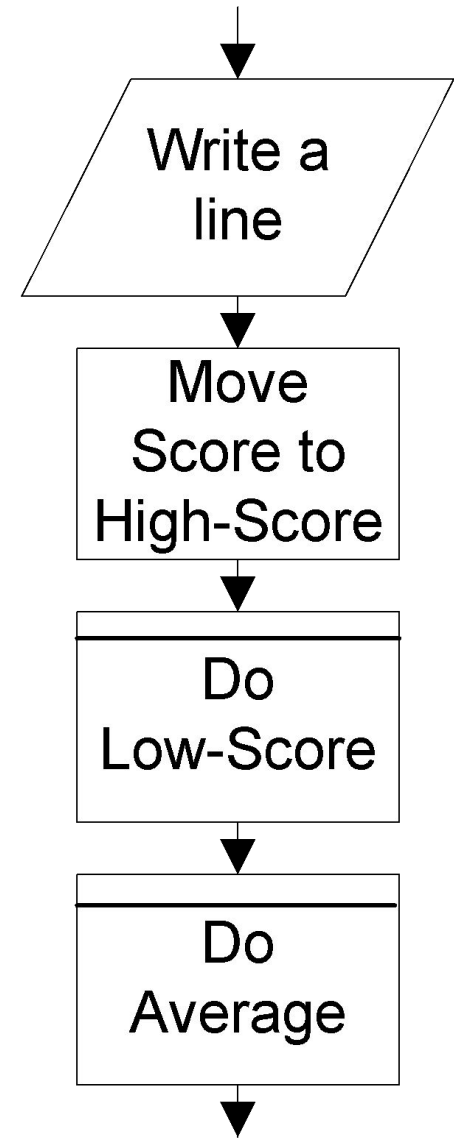
3 basic structures

- Sequence
- Decision (selection)
- Repetition (looping or iteration)



Sequence Structure

- Can contain any symbol except for the decision symbol
- Steps are executed in sequence with no instruction changing the order



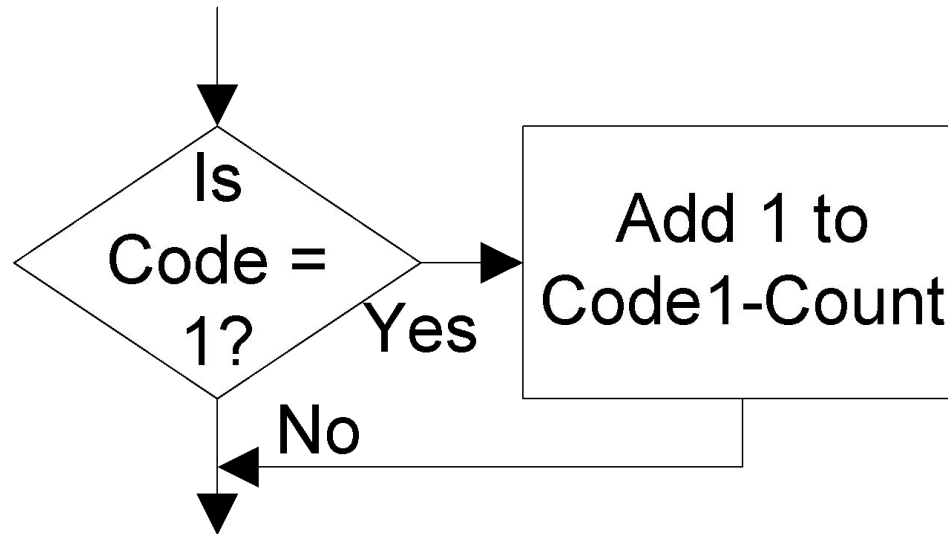
Decision Structures

If...Then

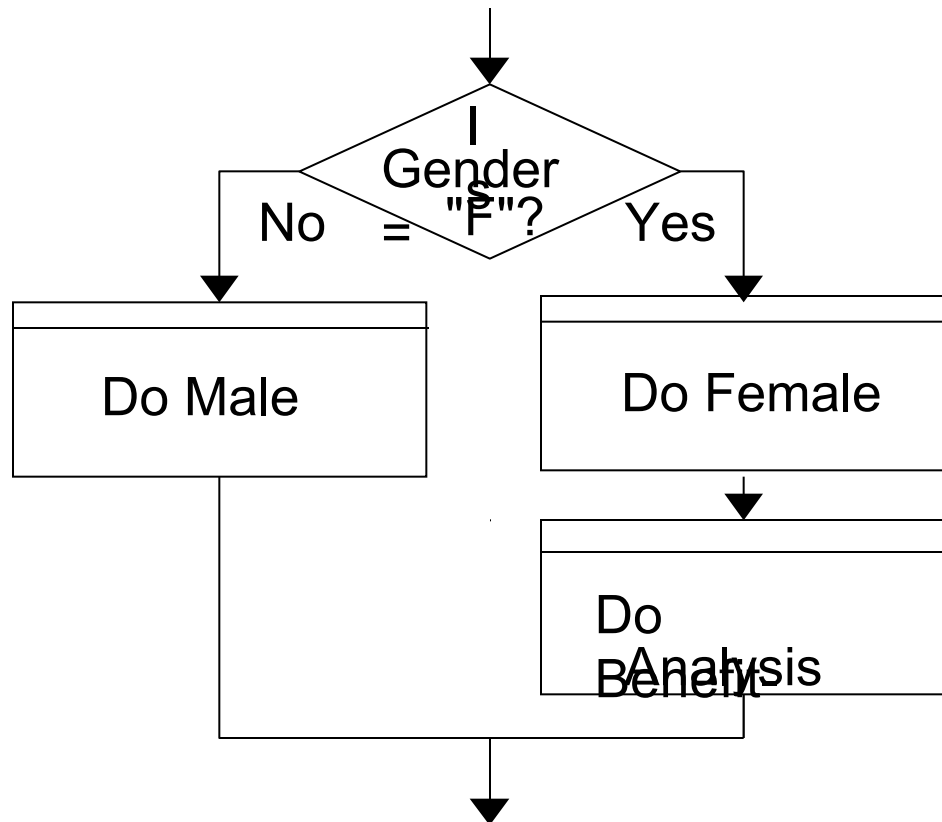
If...Then...Else



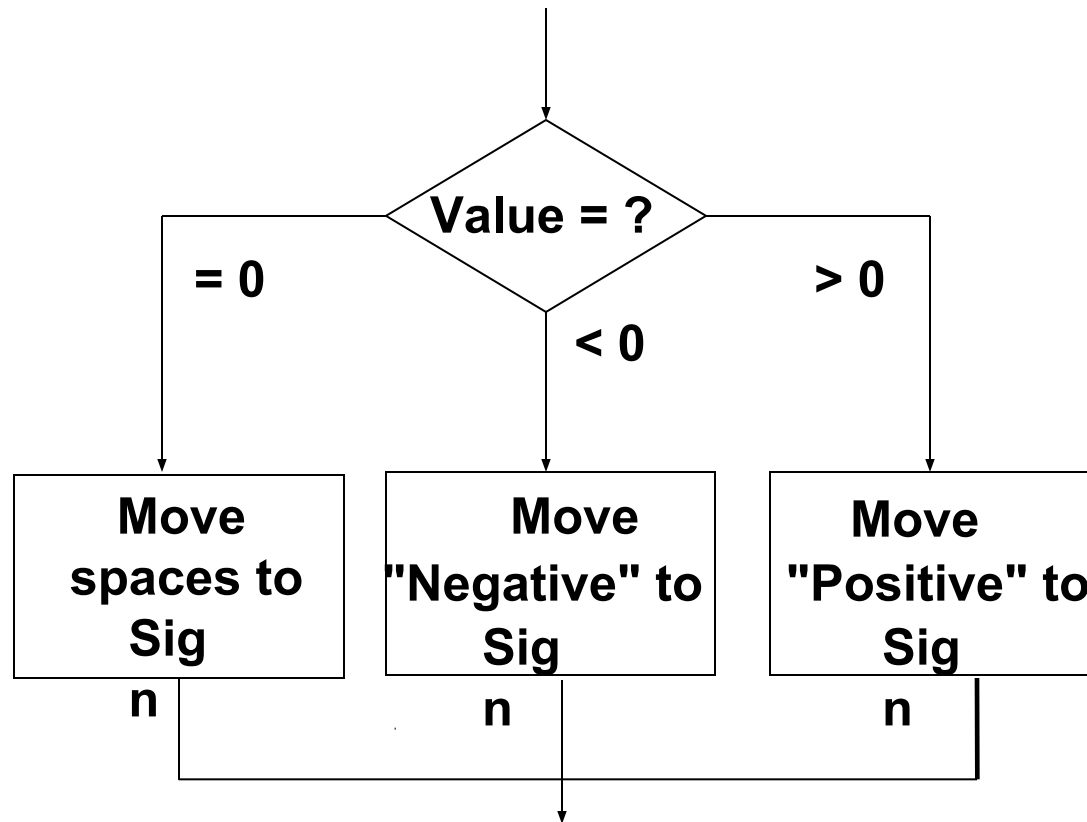
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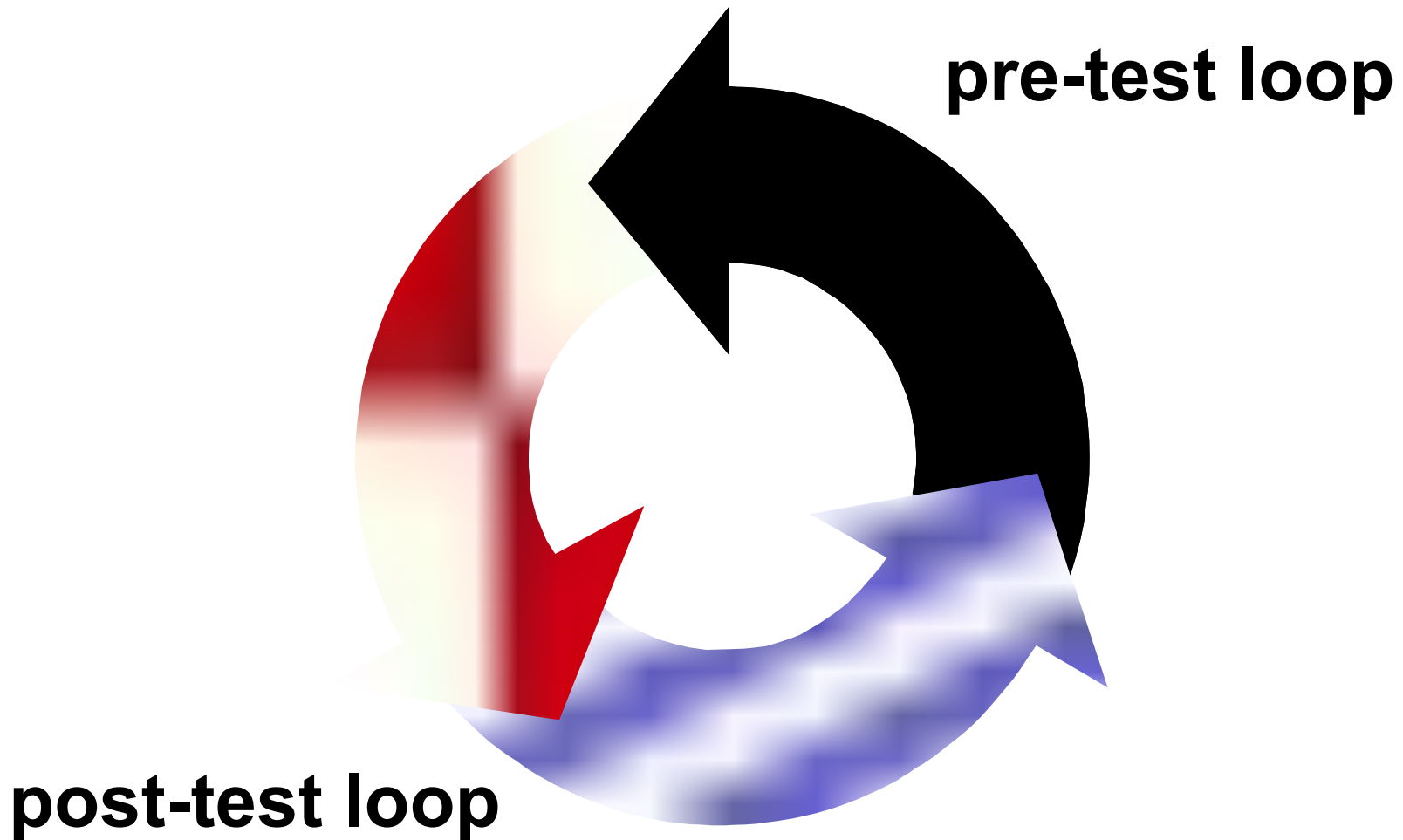
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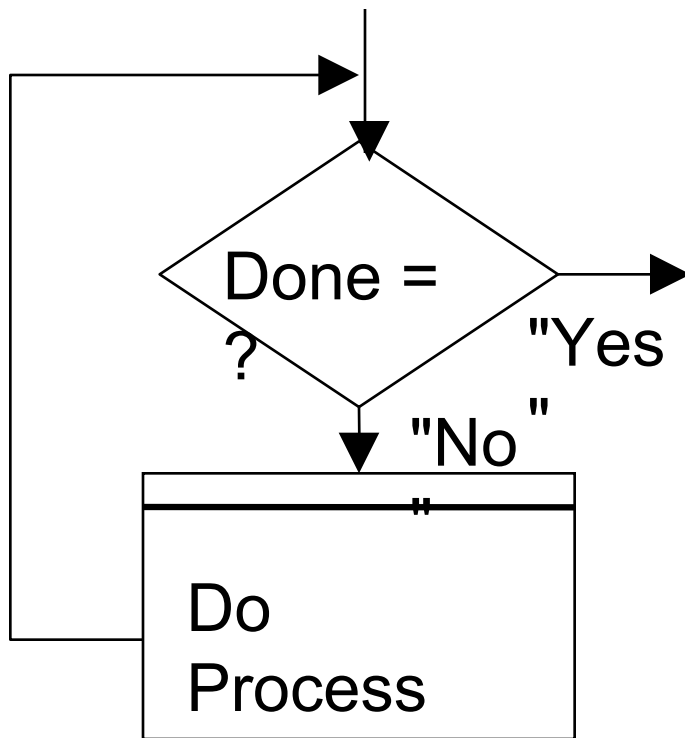
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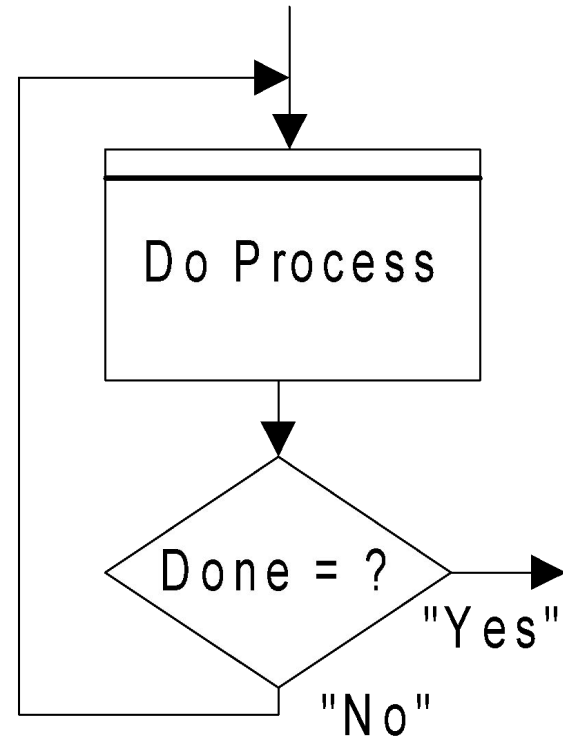
Repetition (Looping or Iteration)



How Many Times is Each of the Following Loops Executed?



Pre test



Post test



Any Question?