

# Designing and Analysis of Algorithms

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- **Lecture 3**

# Standard Notations and common functions

## 1. Monotonicity

\* A function  $f(n)$  is monotonically increasing if  $m \leq n$  implies  $f(m) \leq f(n)$ .  
Example:  $\lfloor 5/2 \rfloor + \lceil 5/2 \rceil = 3 + 2 = 5$

\* Similarly, it is monotonically decreasing if  $m \leq n$  implies  $f(m) \geq f(n)$ .  
Example:  $\lceil 5/2 \rceil - \lfloor 5/2 \rfloor = 2 - 3 = -1$

\* A function  $f(n)$  is strictly increasing if  $m < n$  implies  $f(m) < f(n)$ .  
Example:  $\lfloor 3/2 \rfloor = 1 < \lfloor 4/2 \rfloor = 2$

\* Strictly decreasing if  $m < n$  implies  $f(m) > f(n)$ .  
Example:  $\lceil 3/2 \rceil = 2 > \lceil 4/2 \rceil = 2$

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## 2. Floor and Ceiling Functions

\* For any real number  $x$ , we denote the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$  by  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  (read "the floor of  $x$ ")  $\Rightarrow$  "greatest integer that does not exceed  $x$ "  $\lfloor \rfloor$  floor value

\* The least integer greater than or equal to  $x$  by  $\lceil x \rceil$  (read "the ceiling of  $x$ ")  $\lceil \rceil$  ceiling value  
 $\Rightarrow$  "least integer that is not less than  $x$ "

\* For any real  $x$  decimal

i)  $x-1 < \lfloor x \rfloor \leq x \leq \lceil x \rceil < x+1$  e.g;  $3.14-1 < \lfloor 3.14 \rfloor \leq 3.14 \leq \lceil 3.14 \rceil < 3.14+1$   
 $\Rightarrow 2.14 < 3 \leq 3.14 < 4$

\* For any integer  $n$

ii)  $\lceil n/2 \rceil + \lfloor n/2 \rfloor = n$  e.g;  $n=5$   
 $\lceil 2.5 \rceil + \lfloor 2.5 \rfloor = 3 + 2 = 5$

For any real numbers  $x \geq 0$  and integers  $a, b > 0$ ,

(a)  $\left\lceil \frac{\lceil x/a \rceil}{b} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{x}{ab} \right\rceil$  e.g;  $x=7.32, a=3, b=2$

$$\left\lceil \frac{\lceil 7.32/3 \rceil}{2} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{\lceil 2.44 \rceil}{2} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{3}{2} \right\rceil = 2 \text{ L.H.S}$$

$$\left\lceil \frac{7.32}{6} \right\rceil = \left\lceil 1.22 \right\rceil = 2 \text{ R.H.S} \quad \text{proved}$$

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(b)  $\left\lfloor \frac{\lfloor x/a \rfloor}{b} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{x}{ab} \right\rfloor$ ; Do by your self

Consider an example & prove it.

(c)  $\left\lceil \frac{a}{b} \right\rceil \leq \frac{a+(b-1)}{b}$ ; - " -

(d)  $\left\lfloor \frac{a}{b} \right\rfloor \geq \frac{a-(b-1)}{b}$ ; - " -

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\* The floor function  $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$  is monotonically increasing, as is the ceiling function  $f(x) = \lceil x \rceil$ .

$$\lfloor 3.14 \rfloor =$$

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$$\lfloor \sqrt{5} \rfloor =$$

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$$\lfloor -8.5 \rfloor =$$

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$$\lfloor 7 \rfloor =$$

$$\lceil 7 \rceil =$$



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## 3. Modular function & Arithmetic

\* For any integer  $a$  and any positive integer  $n$ , the value  $a \bmod n$  is the remainder (or residue) of the quotient  $a/n$ .  
read as: " $a$  modulo  $n$ "

\* More exactly  $k \bmod m$  is the unique integer  $r$  such that

$$k = mq + r \quad \text{where } 0 \leq r < m.$$

\* When  $k$  is positive, simply divide  $k$  by  $m$  to obtain remainder  $r$ . Thus,

$$25 \bmod 7 = 4, \quad 25 \bmod 5 = 0, \quad 35 \bmod 11 = 2, \quad 3 \bmod 8 = 3$$

\* ▶ IF  $(a \bmod n) = (b \bmod n)$ , we write  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and say that  $a$  is equivalent to  $b$ , modulo  $n$ .  
\*  $\Rightarrow$  Congruent  $\rightarrow$

\* The mathematical Congruence relation is defined as follows:  
 $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  if and only if  $m$  divides  $b - a$ .

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- \* In other words,  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if  $a$  and  $b$  have the same remainder when divided by  $n$ .
- \* Equivalently,  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , if and only if  $n$  is a divisor of  $b-a$ .
- \*  $a \not\equiv b \pmod{n}$  if  $a$  is not equivalent to  $b$ , modulo  $n$ .

## 4. Integer and Absolute value Functions

- \* Let  $x$  be any real number. The integer value of  $x$ , written  $\text{INT}(x)$ , converts  $x$  into an integer by deleting (truncating) the fractional part of the number.

$$\text{INT}(3.14) = 3, \text{INT}(\sqrt{5}) = 2, \text{INT}(-8.5) = -8, \text{INT}(7) = 7$$

$$\text{INT}(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor \text{ when } x \text{ is positive}$$

$$\text{INT}(x) = \lceil x \rceil \text{ when } x \text{ is negative.}$$

- \* Similarly, absolute value gives a positive integer.

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## 5. Exponentials:

For all real  $a > 0$ ,  $m$ , and  $n$ , we have following identities:

$$a^0 = 1,$$

$$a^1 = a,$$

$$a^{-1} = 1/a$$

$$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

$$(a^m)^n = (a^n)^m$$

$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

For all  $n$  and  $a > 1$ , the function  $a^n$  is monotonically increasing in  $n$ .



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## 6. Factorial Function

$$n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (n-2)(n-1)n.$$

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=0 \\ n \cdot (n-1)! & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

thus,  $n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots n$

$$f^{(i)}(n) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } i=0 \\ f(f^{(i-1)}(n)) & \text{if } i > 0 \end{cases}$$

For example, if  $f(n) = 2n$ , then  $2^i n$ .

## 7. Fibonacci numbers

$$F_0 = 0,$$

$$F_1 = 1,$$

$$F_i = F_{i-1} + F_{i-2} \quad \text{for } i \geq 2$$

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ...

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## 8. Polynomials

Given a nonnegative integer  $d$ , a polynomial  $p(n)$  of degree  $d$ , is a function  $p(n)$  of the form

$$p(n) = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i n^i \quad ; \quad \boxed{\text{sometimes } n \text{ is } x.}$$

Where the constants  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_d$  are the coefficients of the polynomial and  $\boxed{a_d \neq 0.}$

- \* A polynomial is asymptotically positive if and only if  $a_d > 0$
- \* For an asymptotically positive polynomial  $p(n)$  of degree  $d$ , we have  $p(n) = \Theta(n^d)$
- \* For any real constant  $a > 0$ , the function  $n^a$  is monotonically increasing
- \* For any real constant  $a \leq 0$ , the function  $n^a$  is monotonically decreasing.
- \* A function  $f(n)$  is polynomially bounded if  $f(n) = O(n^k)$  for some constant  $k$ .



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## 9. Logarithms

$$\underline{\lg} n = \log_2 n \quad (\text{binary logarithm})$$

$$\underline{\ln} n = \log_e n \quad (\text{natural logarithm})$$

$$\underline{\lg^k} n = (\lg n)^k \quad (\text{exponentiation})$$

$$\underline{\lg \lg} n = \lg(\lg n) \quad (\text{composition})$$

An important notational convention we shall adopt is that logarithm functions will apply one to the next term in the formula, so that  $\lg n + k$  will mean  $(\lg n) + k$  and not  $\lg(n+k)$  ~~x~~. If we base  $b > 1$  constant, then for  $n > 0$ , the function  $\log_b n$  is strictly increasing.

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For all real  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $c > 0$ , and  $n$

$$* a = b^{\log_b a},$$

$$* \log_c a \cdot b = \log_c a + \log_c b,$$

$$* \log_b a^n = n \log_b a,$$

$$* \log_b a = \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b},$$

$$* \log_b (1/a) = -\log_b a,$$

$$* \log_b a = \frac{1}{\log_a b}$$

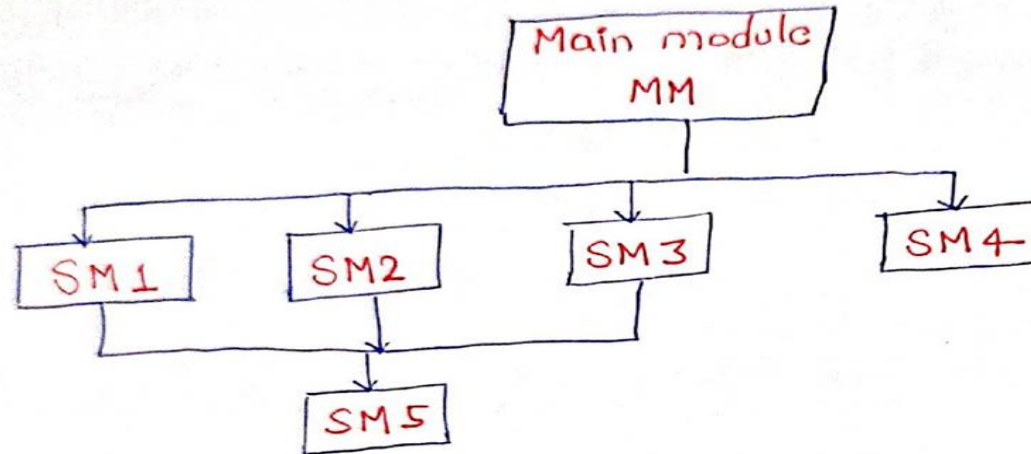
$$* a^{\log_b c} = c^{\log_b a}$$



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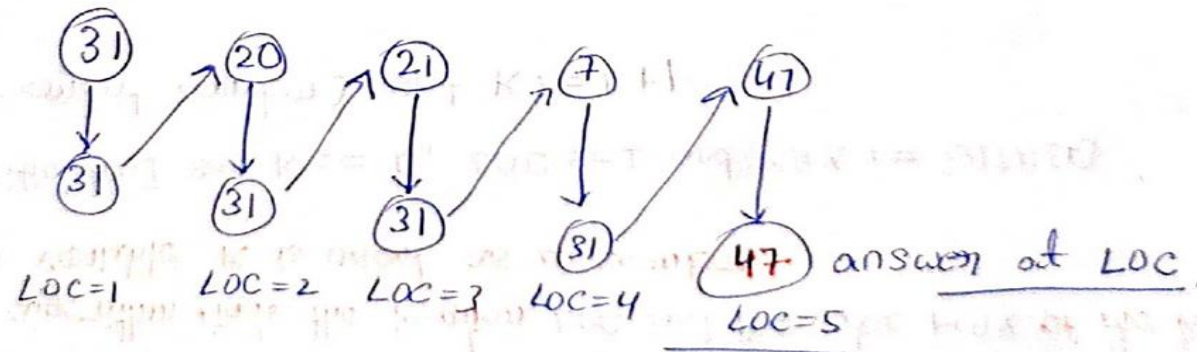
- \* An algorithm, intuitively speaking, is a finite step-by-step list of well-defined instructions for solving a particular problem.
- \* **Simplified one:** "An Algorithm is a sequence of instructions for solving a problem"
- \* Algorithms are implemented using programs.
- \* An efficient program is organized into modules
  - \* > Main Module
  - \* > Sub Module
- \* **Main module:** General description of the algorithm. (MM)
- \* **Sub module:** Detailed and specific information. (SM)

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Example — An array DATA of numerical values is in memory. We want to find the location LOC and the value MAX of the largest element of DATA.

eg: [31, 20, 21, 7, 47]



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Algorithm : (Largest Element in Array) A non empty 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  $MAX < DATA[K]$ , then:

Set  $LOC := K$  and  $MAX := DATA[K]$ .

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



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## Steps, Control, Exit

- \* The steps of the algorithm are executed one after the other, beginning with step 1, unless indicated otherwise.
- \* Control may be transferred to step  $n$  of the algorithm by the statement "Go to step  $n$ "  
eg. step 5.
- \* We can eliminate Go by using certain control statements.
- \* If several statements appear in the same step, e.g., — step: 4  
They are executed from left to right.
- \* Exit completion



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## Comments

Each step may contain a comment in brackets which indicates the main purpose of the step. Usually appear at the beginning or the end of the step.

## Variable Names

- \* Variables names will use capital letters, as MAX and DATA → interpreted as
- \* Single - letter names of variables used as counters or subscript will also be capitalized in algorithms.
- \* Lower case can be used

## Assignment statement

all are used as per language.

$\left. \begin{array}{l} := \\ \leftarrow \\ = \end{array} \right\}$  Pascal

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## Input and output

Input: Read variables names (scanf)

Output: Write messages and/or variable names (printf)

## Procedures

→ Used for an independent algorithmic module which solves a particular problem.

Procedures / modules / Algorithms <sup>Broad.</sup> → Interchangeable  
specific

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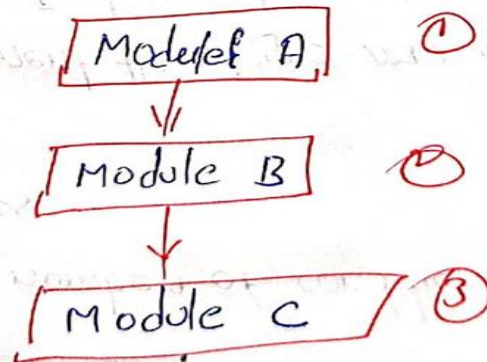
## Control structures

Three types of logic, or flow of control, called

- i) Sequence logic, or sequential flow
- ii) Selection logic, or conditional flow
- iii) Iteration logic, or repetitive flow

→ Sequence logic discussed in previous algorithmic example →

→ Unless instructions are given to the contrary, the modules are executed in the obvious sequence.





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## Selection Logic (Conditional Flow)

\* selection logic employs a number of conditions which lead to a selection of one out of several alternative modules.

\* The structures which implement this logic are called **conditional structure** or IF statement.

e.g.: End of such a structure by the statement →  
[End of IF structure]

1) Single Alternative

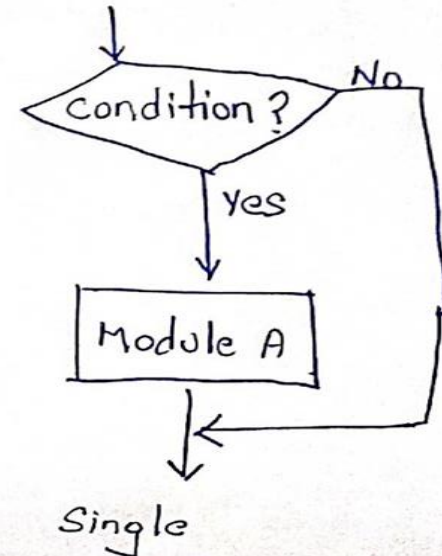
2) Double Alternatives

3) Multiple Alternatives

IF condition, then:

[Module A]

[End of IF structure]





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## Double Alternatives

This structure has the form

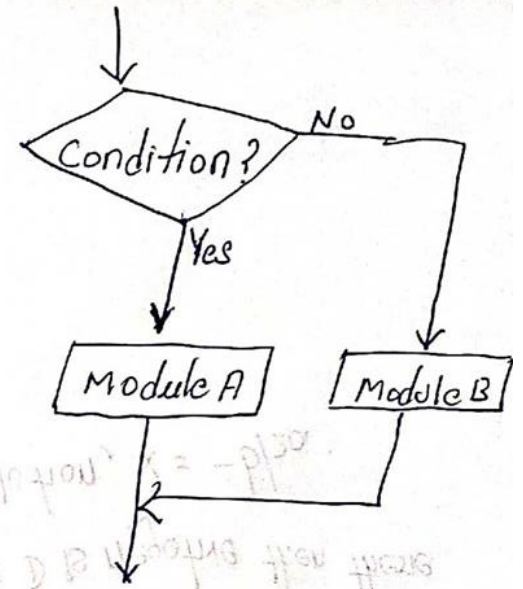
IF condition; then:

[Module A]

Else:

[Module B]

[End of IF structure]



## Multiple Alternatives

This structure has the form

IF condition(1), then:

[Module A<sub>1</sub>]

Else if condition(2), then:

[Module A<sub>2</sub>]

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Else if condition(m), then:

[Module A<sub>m</sub>]

Else:

[Module B]

[End of IF structure]

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**To be done by the student once...**

Write a procedure: (class Assignment)

The solution of the quadratic equation

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

where  $a \neq 0$ , are given by the quadratic formula

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

\* The quantity  $D = b^2 - 4ac$  is called discriminant of the equation. IF  $D$  is negative then there are no real solution. IF  $D = 0$ , then there only one (double) real solution,  $x = -b/2a$ .

\* IF  $D$  is positive, the formula gives the two distinct real solutions.