

Fundamentos de Programação

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Summary

- Boolean expressions
 - The bool type
 - Relational operators
 - Logical operators
 - Properties
- Conditional execution
 - If statement
 - If-else
 - If-elif-else
- Conditional expression

Boolean expressions

- A **boolean expression** is an expression that is either true or false.

```
>>> n = 5      # this IS NOT a boolean expression!
>>> n == 5     # this IS a boolean expression!
True
>>> 6 == n     # this is another boolean expression.
False
```

- True and False are special values that belong to the type bool.
- Boolean values may be stored in variables.

```
>>> isEven = n%2==0
```

- May be converted to string.

```
>>> str(isEven)
'False'
```

- Or to integer.

```
>>> int(False)  # 0
>>> int(True)   # 1
```

Null and empty values convert to False:

```
>>> bool(0)          # False
>>> bool(0.0)        # False
>>> bool('')         # False
>>> bool([])         # False
```

Other values convert to True:

```
>>> bool(1)          # True
>>> bool('False')    # True (surprise!)
>>> bool([False])    # True (surprise?)
```

Relational and logical operators

- **Relational operators** produce boolean results:

```
x == y      # x is equal to y
x != y      # x is not equal to y
x > y       # x is greater than y
x < y       # x is less than y
x >= y      # x is greater than or equal to y
x <= y      # x is less than or equal to y
x < y < z   # x is less than y and y is less than z (cool!)
```

- There are three **logical operators**: and, or, not.

```
x >= 0 and x < 10    # x is between 0 and 10 (exclusive)
0 <= x and x < 10    # same thing
x == 0 or not isEven and y/x > 1
```

- How do you check if X is greater than Y and Z?

- a) $X > Y \text{ and } Z$
- b) $X > Y \text{ and } X > Z$
- c) $Y < X > Z$

Properties

- Remember these properties:

$$\begin{array}{lllll} x == y & \Leftrightarrow & \text{not } (x != y) & \Leftrightarrow & y == x \\ x != y & \Leftrightarrow & \text{not } (x == y) & \Leftrightarrow & y != x \\ x > y & \Leftrightarrow & \text{not } (x \leq y) & \Leftrightarrow & y < x \\ x \leq y & \Leftrightarrow & \text{not } (x > y) & \Leftrightarrow & y \geq x \end{array}$$

- And these (where A, B, C are boolean):

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{not } (\text{not } A) & \Leftrightarrow & A \\ \text{not } (A \text{ and } B) & \Leftrightarrow & (\text{not } A) \text{ or } (\text{not } B) \\ \text{not } (A \text{ or } B) & \Leftrightarrow & (\text{not } A) \text{ and } (\text{not } B) \\ A \text{ or } B & \Leftrightarrow & B \text{ or } A \\ A \text{ and } B & \Leftrightarrow & B \text{ and } A \\ A \text{ or } (B \text{ and } C) & \Leftrightarrow & (A \text{ or } B) \text{ and } (A \text{ or } C) \\ A \text{ and } (B \text{ or } C) & \Leftrightarrow & (A \text{ and } B) \text{ or } (A \text{ and } C) \end{array}$$

Precedence rules

- Arithmetic > relational > not > and > or.

$x \leq 1 + 2 * y^{**} 3 \text{ or } n != 0 \text{ and not } 1/n \leq y$

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Short-circuit evaluation

- Operators **and** and **or** only evaluate the second operand if needed!

A and B # if A is false then A, otherwise B

A or B # if A is true then A, otherwise B

- This is called **short-circuit evaluation**.
- It can be very useful:

1/n>2 and n!=0 # if n==0, ZeroDivisionError

n!=0 and 1/n>2 # if n==0, False (1/n not evaluated)

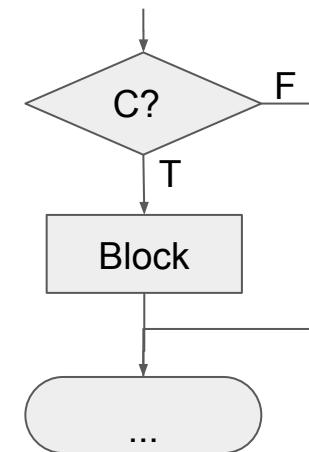
n==0 or 3/n<4 # if n==0: True (3/n not evaluated)

- But notice that the order of the operands is important!

Conditional execution 1: simple if

- **Conditional statements** allow the program to check conditions and change its behavior accordingly.
- The simplest form is the `if` statement:

```
if condition:  
    block_of_statements  
...
```



- The *condition* should be a boolean expression. (Actually, it may be of any type, as it is implicitly converted to `bool`, but this could be confusing and should be avoided.)
- The block must have one or more *indented statements*.
- The *condition* is evaluated. If true, the *block of statements* is executed. If not, execution continues after the block.

Example 1

- What is the output if N = 3?
- What if N = 4, N = 13 or N = 14?

Answer questions on:

<https://forms.gle/cfjsNAHt8xov5VGP7>

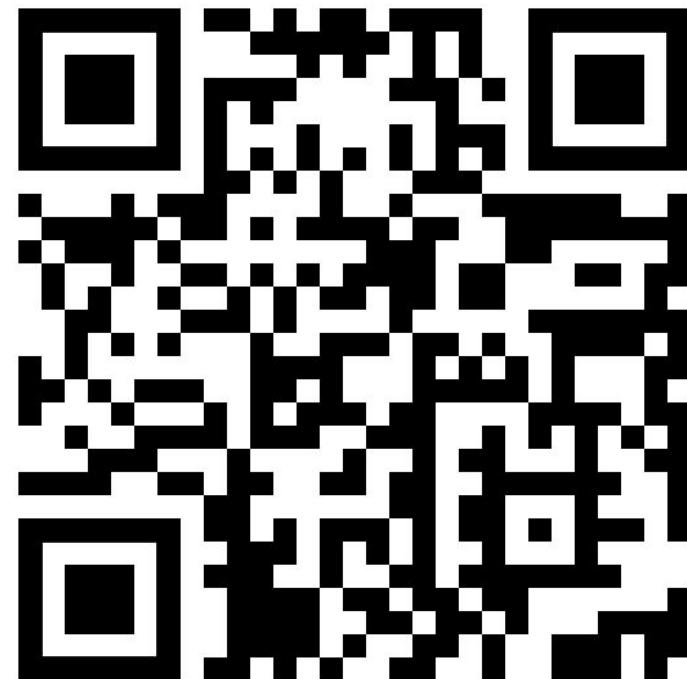
```
N = int(input("N? "))

if N > 10:
    print("A")

if N % 2 == 0:
    print("B")

print("END")
```

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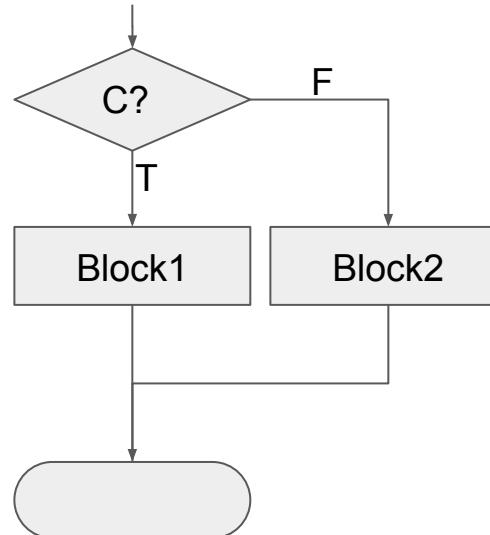
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Conditional execution 2: if - else

- A second form of the if statement allows selection between two alternative paths. The condition determines which one gets executed.

```
x = 3  
  
if x%2 == 0:  
    R = 'even'  
else:  
    R = 'odd'  
  
print(x, 'is', R)
```

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Conditional execution 3: if - elif - else

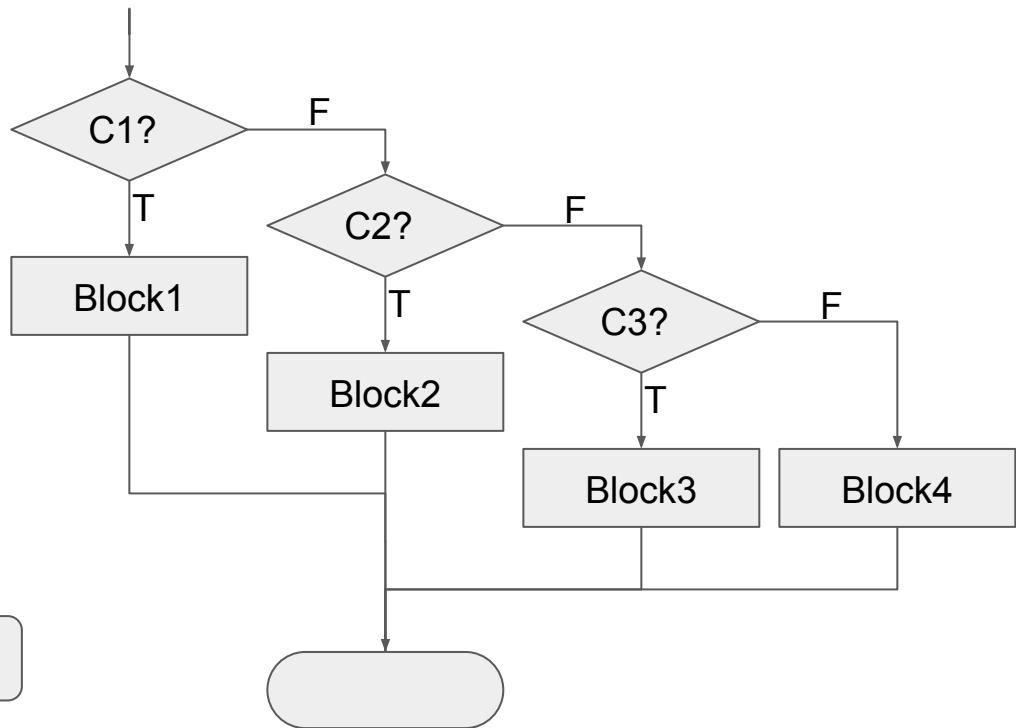
- Sometimes there are more than two alternatives and we need more than two branches (chained conditional).

```
x = 12

if x < 10:
    mark = 'Poor'
elif x < 13:
    mark = 'Fair'
elif x < 17:
    mark = 'Good'
else:
    mark = 'Excelent'

print(mark)
```

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Conditional statement semantics

- Which conditions select each block of statements?

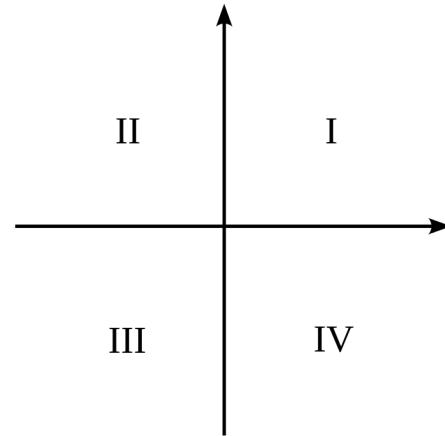
if C1:	
Block1	← Block1 is executed iff C1
elif C2:	
Block2	← Block2 is executed iff $\neg C1 \wedge C2$
elif C3:	
Block3	← Block3 is executed iff $\neg C1 \wedge \neg C2 \wedge C3$
else:	
Block4	← Block4 is executed iff $\neg C1 \wedge \neg C2 \wedge \neg C3$
Rest	← is always executed

Nested conditional statements

- Conditional statements may be nested within each other.

```
if y > 0:  
    if x > 0:  
        quadrant = 1  
    else:  
        quadrant = 2  
else:  
    if x < 0:  
        quadrant = 3  
    else:  
        quadrant = 4
```

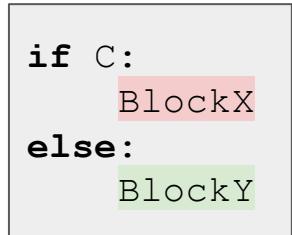
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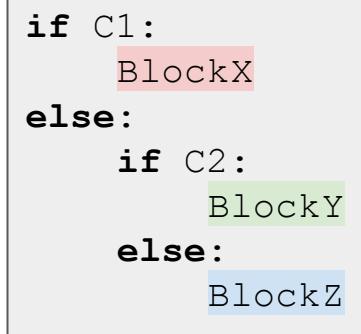
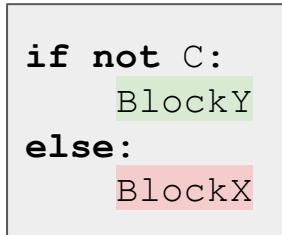
- Although the indentation makes the structure apparent, deeply nested conditionals become difficult to read.
- If possible, apply equivalence properties to simplify nested conditional statements.

Program equivalence properties

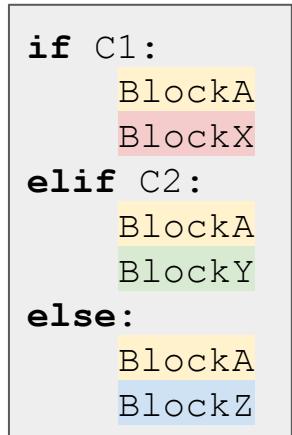
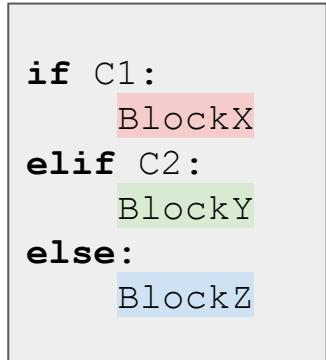
For *well-behaved* blocks of statements, the following properties apply.



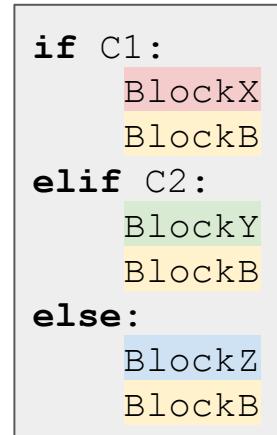
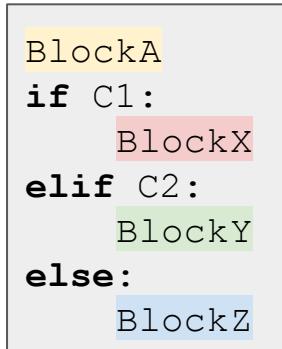
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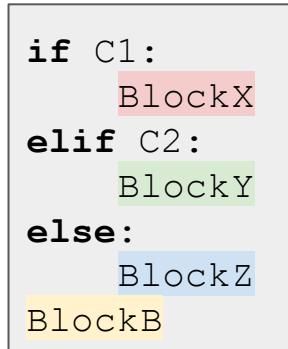
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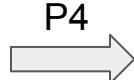
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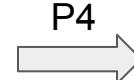
Example: code simplification

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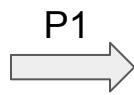
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    if b < 3:  
        R = 2  
        print(R)  
    else:  
        R = 3  
        print(R)  
else:  
    R = 1  
    print(R)
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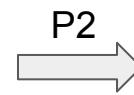
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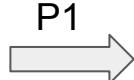


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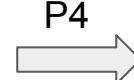
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    print(R)
```

Conditional expression

- Python also includes a **conditional expression**, based on a ternary operator:

```
expression1 if condition else expression2
```

- Uses keywords if and else, but it is an *expression!*
- The condition is evaluated first.
- If true, then expression1 is evaluated and is the result.
- If false, then expression2 is evaluated and is the result.

```
n = int(input("number? "))
msg = "odd" if n%2!=0 else "even"
print(n, "is", msg)
```

Exercises

- [Review exercises](#) (= aula02 ex 1)

