Fundamentos de Programação

António J. R. Neves João Rodrigues

Departamento de Electrónica, Telecomunicações e Informática Universidade de Aveiro

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!)</pre>
```

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
```

Properties

Remember these properties:

```
x == y  <=> not (x != y)  <=> y == x 
 x != y  <=> not (x == y)  <=> y != x 
 x > y  <=> not (x <= y)  <=> y < x 
 x <= y  <=> not (x > y)  <=> y >= x
```

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

Precedence rules

• Arithmetic > relational > not > and > or.

```
x <= 1 + 2 * y * * 3 or n! = 0 and not 1/n <= y 
 (\underline{x} <= 1 + 2 * y * * 3) or (\underline{n! = 0} and \underline{not} \ 1/\underline{n} <= \underline{y}) 
 (x <= (\underline{1 + 2 * y * * 3})) or ((\underline{n! = 0}) and (\underline{not} \ 1/\underline{n} <= \underline{y})) 
 (x <= (1 + (\underline{2 * y * * 3}))) or ((\underline{n! = 0}) and (\underline{not} \ (\underline{1/\underline{n}} <= \underline{y}))) 
 (x <= (1 + (2 * (\underline{y * * 3})))) or ((\underline{n! = 0}) and (\underline{not} \ ((\underline{1/\underline{n}}) <= \underline{y})))
```

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 # ZeroDivisionError if n==0

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

n==0 or 3/n<4 # True if n==0, 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.

C?

Block

• The simplest form is the if statement:

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

- The *condition* should be a boolean expression. (It may be of any type, and is implicitly converted to bool, but this is 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?

```
N = int(input("N? "))
if N > 10:
    print("A")

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

print("END")
```

Answer questions on:

https://forms.gle/cfjsNAHt8xov5VGP7

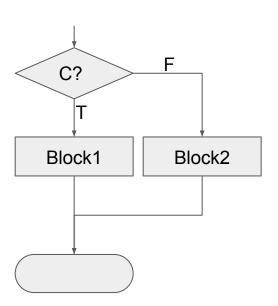


Edit Responses

Conditional execution 2: if - else

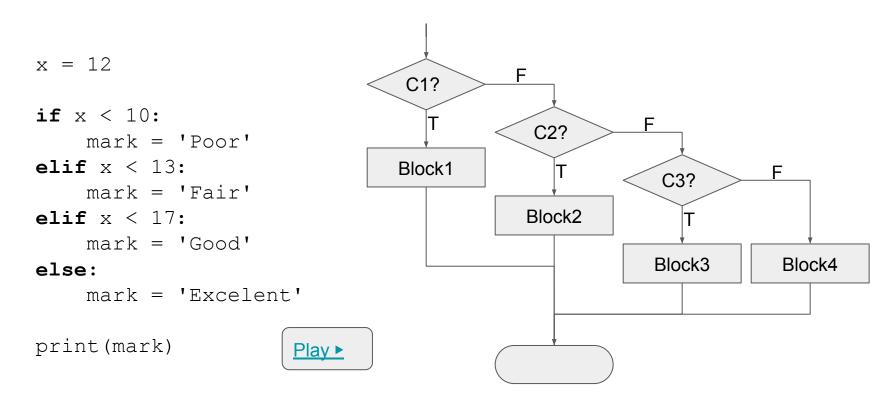
 A second form of the if statement is alternative execution, in which there are two alternative paths and the condition determines which one gets executed.

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



Conditional execution 3: if - elif - else

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



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 ¬C1ΛC2
elif C3:
    Block3 ← Block3 is executed iff ¬C1Λ¬C2ΛC3
else:
    Block4 ← Block4 is executed iff ¬C1Λ¬C2Λ¬C3
Rest ← is always executed
```

Nested conditional statements

Conditional statements may be nested within each other.

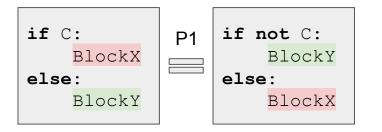
```
if y > 0:
    if x > 0:
        quadrant = 1
    else:
        quadrant = 2
else:
    if x < 0:
        quadrant = 3
    else:
        quadrant = 4</pre>
II I
IV

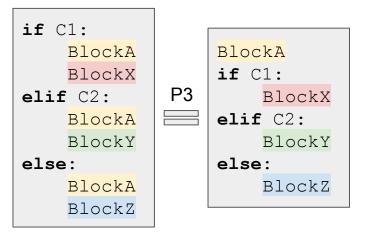
III IV
```

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

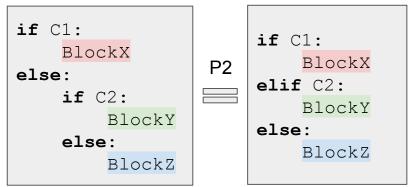
Program equivalence properties

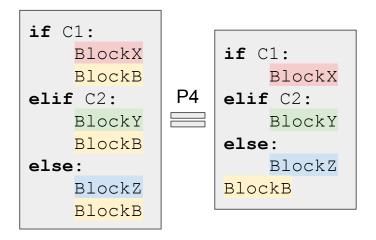
For well-behaved blocks of statements, the following properties apply.





(If C1, C2 have no side effects.)





(If C1, C2 have no side effects.)

Example: code simplification

Applying equivalence properties may simplify the code.

```
if a >= 10:
                            if a >= 10:
   if b < 3:
                                                        if a >= 10:
                               if b < 3:
     R = 2
                                                           if b < 3:
                                 R = 2
                                                            R = 2
     print(R)
                     P4
                               else:
                                                 P4
  else:
                                                          else:
                               R = 3
      R = 3
                                                              R = 3
                              print(R)
     print(R)
                                                        else:
                            else:
                                                         R = 1
else:
                              R = 1
  R = 1
                                                       print(R)
                              print(R)
  print(R)
                            if a < 10:
                                                        if a < 10:
                              R = 1
                                                         R = 1
                            else:
                     P1
                                                 P2
                                                        elif b < 3:
                               if b < 3:
                                                          R = 2
                                 R = 2
                                                        else:
                               else:
                                                           R = 3
                                  R = 3
                                                       print(R)
                            print(R)
```

Example: code simplification

Applying equivalence properties may simplify the code.

```
if a >= 10:
                            if a < 10:
   if b < 3:
                               R = 1
     R = 2
                               print(R)
     print(R)
                            else:
                     P1
                               if b < 3:
   else:
      R = 3
                                  R = 2
      print(R)
                                  print(R)
else:
                               else:
   R = 1
                                  R = 3
   print(R)
                                  print(R)
                                       -P2
                            if a < 10:
                                                        if a < 10:
                               R = 1
                               print(R)
                                                           R = 1
                            elif b < 3:
                                                 P4
                                                        elif b < 3:
                               R = 2
                                                           R = 2
                               print(R)
                                                        else:
                                                           R = 3
                            else:
                               R = 3
                                                        print(R)
                               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)
```