

SUGGESTED SKILL

2.A

Apply the meaning of specific operators.



AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Practice-It!: BJP4 Chapter 4: Conditional Execution—Self-Check 4.2

TOPIC 3.1

Boolean Expressions

Required Course Content

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

CON-1

The way variables and operators are sequenced and combined in an expression determines the computed result.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

CON-1.E

Evaluate Boolean expressions that use relational operators in program code.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

CON-1.E.1

Primitive values and reference values can be compared using relational operators (i.e., == and !=).

CON-1.E.2

Arithmetic expression values can be compared using relational operators (i.e., <, >, <=, >=).

CON-1.E.3

An expression involving relational operators evaluates to a Boolean value.

TOPIC 3.2

if Statements and Control Flow

Required Course Content

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

CON-2

Programmers incorporate iteration and selection into code as a way of providing instructions for the computer to process each of the many possible input values.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

CON-2.A

Represent branching logical processes by using conditional statements.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

CON-2.A.1

Conditional statements interrupt the sequential execution of statements.

CON-2.A.2

`if` statements affect the flow of control by executing different statements based on the value of a Boolean expression.

CON-2.A.3

A one-way selection (`if` statement) is written when there is a set of statements to execute under a certain condition. In this case, the body is executed only when the Boolean condition is `true`.

SUGGESTED SKILLS

2.B

Determine the result or output based on statement execution order in a code segment without method calls (other than output).

3.C

Write program code to satisfy method specifications using expressions, conditional statements, and iterative statements.



AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- [Runestone Academy: AP CSA—Java Review: 5.1—Conditionals](#)
- [Practice-It!: BJP4 Chapter 4: Conditional Execution—Self-Check 4.3; Exercises 4.2 and 4.3](#)
- [The Exam > 2017 AP Computer Science A Exam Free-Response Question #1, Part A \(Phrase\)](#)

SUGGESTED SKILLS

3.C

Write program code to satisfy method specifications using expressions, conditional statements, and iterative statements.

4.A

Use test-cases to find errors or validate results.



AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Runestone Academy: AP CSA—Java Review: 5.1—Conditionals
- Practice-It!: BJP4 Chapter 4: Conditional Execution—Self-Check 4.5–4.6, 4.10–4.12

TOPIC 3.3

if-else Statements**Required Course Content****ENDURING UNDERSTANDING****CON-2**

Programmers incorporate iteration and selection into code as a way of providing instructions for the computer to process each of the many possible input values.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE**CON-2.A**

Represent branching logical processes by using conditional statements.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE**CON-2.A.4**

A two-way selection is written when there are two sets of statements—one to be executed when the Boolean condition is `true`, and another set for when the Boolean condition is `false`. In this case, the body of the “if” is executed when the Boolean condition is `true`, and the body of the “else” is executed when the Boolean condition is `false`.

TOPIC 3.4

else if Statements**Required Course Content****ENDURING UNDERSTANDING****CON-2**

Programmers incorporate iteration and selection into code as a way of providing instructions for the computer to process each of the many possible input values.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE**CON-2.A**

Represent branching logical processes by using conditional statements.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE**CON-2.A.5**

A multi-way selection is written when there are a series of conditions with different statements for each condition. Multi-way selection is performed using `if-else-if` statements such that exactly one section of code is executed based on the first condition that evaluates to true.

SUGGESTED SKILLS**3.C**

Write program code to satisfy method specifications using expressions, conditional statements, and iterative statements.

4.C

Determine if two or more code segments yield equivalent results.

**AVAILABLE RESOURCES**

- [Runestone Academy: AP CSA—Java Review: 5.2—Three or More Options](#)

SUGGESTED SKILLS

2.B

Determine the result or output based on statement execution order in a code segment without method calls (other than output).

3.C

Write program code to satisfy method specifications using expressions, conditional statements, and iterative statements.



AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Runestone Academy: AP CSA—Java Review: 5.3—Complex Conditionals
- Practice-It!: BJP4 Chapter 4: Conditional Execution—Exercise 4.12

TOPIC 3.5

Compound Boolean Expressions

Required Course Content

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

CON-2

Programmers incorporate iteration and selection into code as a way of providing instructions for the computer to process each of the many possible input values.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

CON-2.B

Represent branching logical processes by using nested conditional statements.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

CON-2.B.1

Nested `if` statements consist of `if` statements within `if` statements.

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

CON-1

The way variables and operators are sequenced and combined in an expression determines the computed result.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

CON-1.F

Evaluate compound Boolean expressions in program code.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

CON-1.F.1

Logical operators `!` (not), `&&` (and), and `||` (or) are used with Boolean values. This represents the order these operators will be evaluated.

CON-1.F.2

An expression involving logical operators evaluates to a Boolean value.

CON-1.F.3

When the result of a logical expression using `&&` or `||` can be determined by evaluating only the first Boolean operand, the second is not evaluated. This is known as short-circuited evaluation.

TOPIC 3.6

Equivalent Boolean Expressions

Required Course Content

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

CON-1

The way variables and operators are sequenced and combined in an expression determines the computed result.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

CON-1.G

Compare and contrast equivalent Boolean expressions.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

CON-1.G.1

De Morgan's Laws can be applied to Boolean expressions.

CON-1.G.2

Truth tables can be used to prove Boolean identities.

CON-1.G.3

Equivalent Boolean expressions will evaluate to the same value in all cases.

SUGGESTED SKILL

4.C

Determine if two or more code segments yield equivalent results.



AVAILABLE RESOURCE

- Runestone Academy: AP CSA—Java Review: 5.5—De Morgan's Laws

SUGGESTED SKILLS

2.C

Determine the result or output based on the statement execution order in a code segment containing method calls.

3.A

Write program code to create objects of a class and call methods.

TOPIC 3.7

Comparing Objects

Required Course Content

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

CON-1

The way variables and operators are sequenced and combined in an expression determines the computed result.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

CON-1.H

Compare object references using Boolean expressions in program code.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

CON-1.H.1

Two object references are considered aliases when they both reference the same object.

CON-1.H.2

Object reference values can be compared, using `==` and `!=`, to identify aliases.

CON-1.H.3

A reference value can be compared with `null`, using `==` or `!=`, to determine if the reference actually references an object.

CON-1.H.4

Often classes have their own `equals` method, which can be used to determine whether two objects of the class are equivalent.