Lecture 4 Nesting Conditional Statements

Objectives

- After completing the lesson, the student will be able to:
 - **Explain** the syntax of the nested if statements.
 - ➤ Write programs using nested if statements and run the program.
 - Explain the syntax of the multi-way decision statements.
 - ➤ Write programs using if-elif-else statement and run the program.
- Describe the output of the programs with nested if statements.

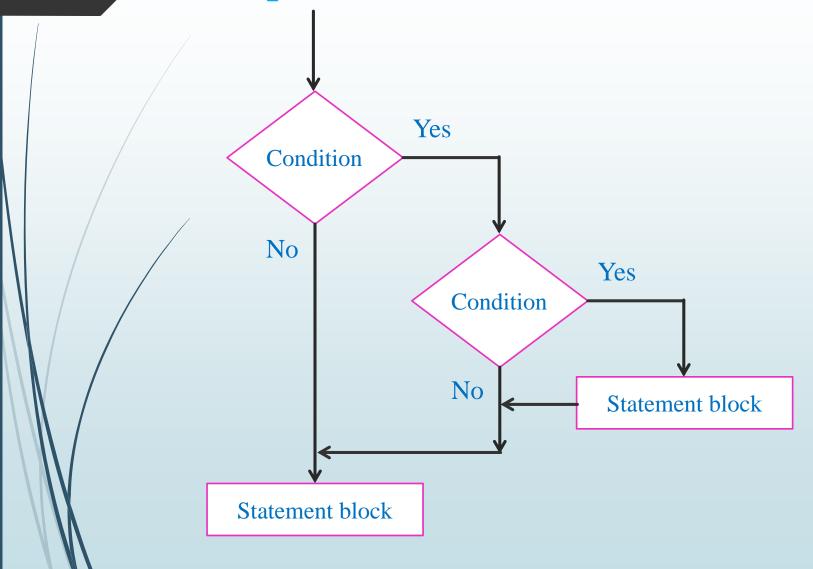
The form of the nested if statement is

```
if condition:
    if condition:
        Statements
    statements
```

Example:

```
a = 6
if a>0:
    if a \% 2 == 0:
        print(" It is positive and even ")
print("This is the rest of the program")
```

Nested Simple Decision Statement - Flowchart

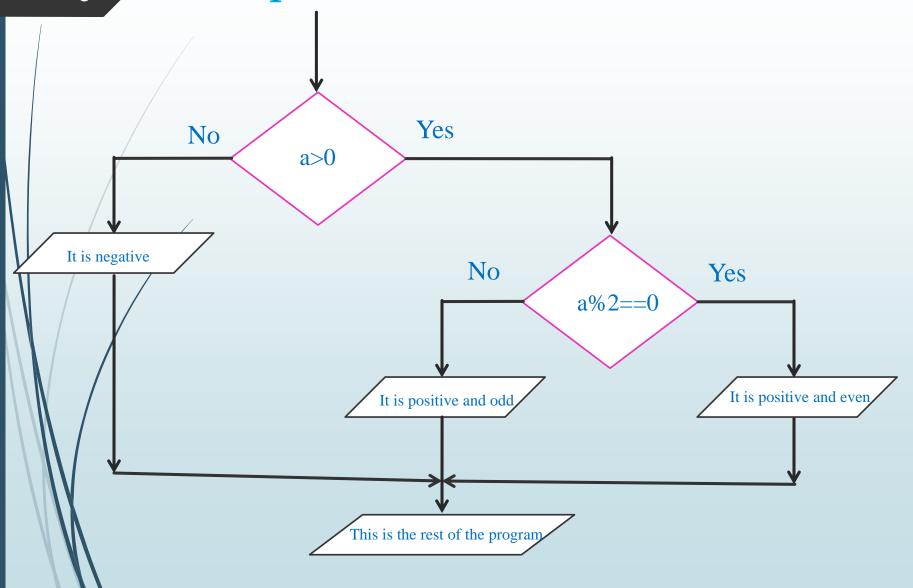


Nesting Simple Decision Statements

Example:

```
a = 6
if a>0:
    if a*2==0:
        print(" It is positive and even ")
    else:
        print(" It is positive and odd")
else:
        print(" It is negative ")
print("This is the rest of the program")
```

Nested Simple Decision Statement - Flowchart



Nesting Simple Decision Statements

- → In the above example, both the conditions should be true to print the message.
- If the value of a is 5, the first condition is true but the second condition is false.
- If the value of a is -5, the first condition is false and the control will not reach for the second condition.

8 Nested Simple Decision - Example

■ Run the program with -45, 34 and 0.

```
num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
if num >= 0:
    if num == 0:
        print("The input number is Zero")
    else:
        print("The input number is Positive")
else:
   print("The input number is Negative")
```

- Multi-way decision arise when there are multiple conditions and different statements are to be executed under each condition.
- The statement in the elif-clause of an if-elif block can be another if-elif structure.
- This allows us to make more complex selections.

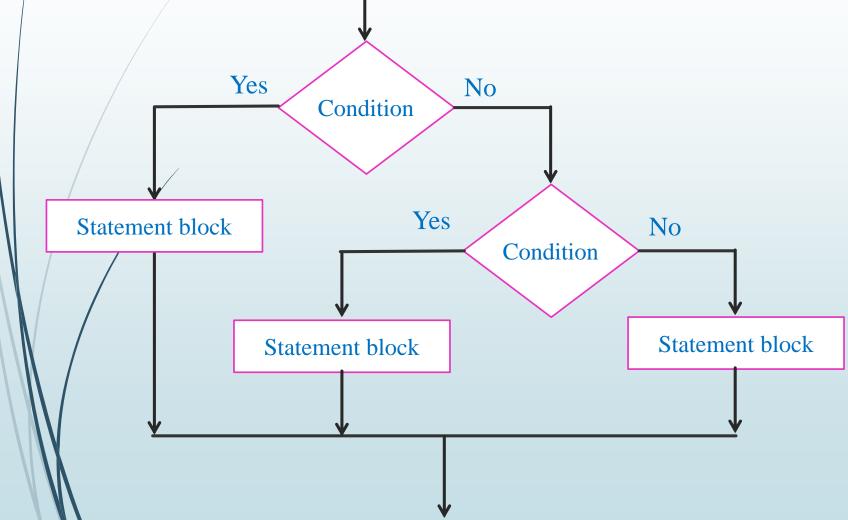
■ It takes the following form

```
if condition1:
    statements
elif condition2:
    statements
elif condition3:
    statements
else:
    default statements
```

- First it will check the condition after the if statement. If it is false, it will check the next condition and go on checking conditions until it finds a true condition.
- If it finds a true condition, it will execute the statements after that condition.
- If there is no true condition, it will execute the statements after the *else* clause.

Example: Print the grade of the student

```
mark = 86
if mark>85:
    print("Higher Distinction ")
elif mark>50:
    print("Pass ")
else:
    print("Fail ")
```



Multi-Way Decisions - Example

```
grade = int(input("Enter the grade of the student "))
if grade >= 90:
    print("Excellent!")
elif grade >= 80:
    print("Good job!")
elif grade >= 60:
    print("Study harder!")
else:
    print("Sorry, you failed.")
```

Conditions can be combined using logical operators (and).

```
x1,x2,x3 = 20,10,40
if x1 > x2 and x1 > x3:
    max = x1
elif x2 > x3:
    max = x2
else:
    max = x3
print("Maximum number is =", max)
```

► Nesting if-else statement

```
x1, x2, x3 = 20, 10, 40
if x1 >= x2:
    if x1 >= x3:
        max = x1
    else:
        max = x3
else:
    if x2 >= x3:
        max = x2
    else:
        max = x3
print("Maximum number is =", max)
```

Multi-Way Decisions - Example

```
people, cars, buses = 30, 40, 15
if cars > people:
        print("We should take the cars.")
elif cars < people:
        print("We should not take the cars.")
elif byses > cars:
        print("That's too many buses.")
elif buses < cars:
        print ("Maybe we could take the buses.")
elif people > buses:
       print("Alright, let's just take the buses.")
else:
        print("Fine, let's stay home then.")
```

Multi-Way Decisions - Example

```
people, cars, buses = 30, 10, 15
if cars > people:
    print("We should take the cars.")
elif cars < people:
    print("We should not take the cars.")
else:
   print("We can't decide.")
if buses > cars:
    print("That's too many buses.")
elif buses < cars:
    print ("Maybe we could take the buses.")
else:
    print("We still can't decide.")
```

Some Common Errors

- The condition inside the if-statement does not evaluate to a Boolean value.
- **Example:**

```
number = 0
if number:
    statements
```

Writing else if instead of elif.

Some Common Errors

- Using = instead of == for comparison.
- **Example:**

```
number = 0
if number = 0:
    some statements here
```

► This should be written as,

```
number = 0
if number == 0:
    some statements here
```