CSC-110 COMPUTING FUNDAMENTALS COMPUTER PROGRAMMING FUNDAMENTALS

INTRODUCTION

- Computer is an electronic device that accepts data, processes it, and generates the relevant output. It can perform both simple and complex tasks with very high speed and accuracy.
- Computers need to be instructed about "how" the task is to be performed. The set of instructions that instruct the computer about the way the task is to be performed is called a program.
- A program is required for processing all kind of tasks simple tasks like addition of two numbers, and complex tasks like gaming etc.

- A program is needed to instruct the computer about the way a task is to be performed. The instructions in a program have three essential parts:
- 1. Instructions to accept the input data that needs to be processed,
- 2. Instructions that will act upon the input data and process it, and
- 3. Instructions to provide the output to user.

- Steps of a program development cycle:
- Program Analysis
- Understand the problem
- Have multiple solutions
- Select a solution

Program Design

- Write Algorithm
- Write Flowchart
- Write Pseudo code

Program Development

- Choose a programming language
- Write the program by converting the pseudo code, and then using the programming language.
- Compile the program and remove syntax errors, if any
- Execute the program.
- Test the program. Check the output results with different inputs. If the output is incorrect, modify the program to get correct results.
- Install the tested program on the user's computer.

Program Documentation and maintenance

- Document the program, for later use.
- Maintain the program for updating, removing errors, changing requirements etc.

- Algorithm is an ordered sequence of finite, well defined, unambiguous instructions for completing a task. Algorithm is an English-like representation of the logic which is used to solve the problem.
- It is a step- by-step procedure for solving a task or a problem. The steps must be ordered, unambiguous and finite in number.

Algorithm Properties

An algorithm possesses the following properties:

- It must be <u>correct</u>.
- It must be composed of a series of concrete steps.
- There can be <u>no ambiguity</u> as to which step will be performed next.
- It must be composed of a <u>finite</u> number of steps.
- It must terminate.
- It takes zero or more inputs
- It should be efficient and flexible
- It should use less memory space as much as possible
- It results in one or more outputs

What is a Computer Algorithm?

To make a <u>computer</u> do anything, you have to write a <u>computer program</u>. To write a computer program, you have to tell the computer, step by step, exactly what you want it to do. The computer then "executes" the program, following each step mechanically, to accomplish the end goal.

When you are telling the computer *what* to do, you also get to choose *how* it's going to do it. That's where **computer algorithms** come in. The algorithm is the basic technique used to get the job done. Let's follow an example to help get an understanding of the algorithm concept.

EXAMPLE

Let's say that you have a friend arriving at the <u>airport</u>, and your friend needs to get from the airport to your house. Here are four different algorithms that you might give your friend for getting to your home:

The taxi algorithm:

Go to the taxi stand.

Get in a taxi.

Give the driver my address.

The call-me algorithm:

When your <u>plane</u> arrives, call my <u>cell phone</u>.

Meet me outside baggage claim.

CONT.

EXAMPLE

The rent-a-car algorithm:

Take the shuttle to the rental car place.

Rent a car.

Follow the directions to get to my house.

The bus algorithm:

Outside baggage claim, catch bus number 70.

Transfer to bus 14 on Main Street.

Get off on Elm street.

Walk two blocks north to my house.



EXAMPLE

All four of these algorithms accomplish exactly the same goal, but each algorithm does it in completely different way. Each algorithm also has a different cost and a different travel time. Taking a taxi, for example, is probably the fastest way, but also the most expensive. Taking the bus is definitely less expensive, but a whole lot slower. You choose the algorithm based on the circumstances.

Algorithm

For example, calculating the average of three numbers.

Step 01: Start

Step 02: Input number1, number2 and number3 from the user

Step 03: Calculate average as: average = (number1 + number2 + number3)/3

Step 04: Print average

Step 05: End

Algorithm to find the greatest among three numbers—

ALGORITHM 1.

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Read the three numbers A, B, C

Step 3: Compare A and B. If A is greater perform step 4 else perform step 5.

Step 4: Compare A and C. If A is greater, output "A is greatest" else output "C is greatest". Perform step 6.

Step 5: Compare B and C. If B is greater, output "B is greatest" else output "C is greatest".

Step 6: Stop

ALGORITHM 2.

Step 7: Start

Step 8: Read the three numbers A, B, C

Step 9: Compare A and B. If A is greater, store A in MAX, else store B in MAX.

Step 10: Compare MAX and C. If MAX is greater, output "MAX is greatest" else output "C is greatest".

Step 11: Stop

oBoth the algorithms accomplish the same goal, but in different ways. The programmer selects the algorithm based on the advantages and disadvantages of each algorithm. For example, the first algorithm has more number of comparisons, whereas in the second algorithm an additional variable MAX is required.

CONTROL STRUCTURES

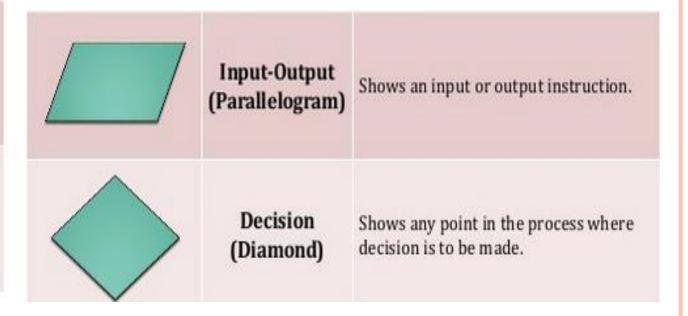
- The logic of a program may not always be a linear sequence of statements to be executed in that order. The logic of the program may require execution of a statement based on a decision. It may repetitively execute a set of statements unless some condition is met. Control structures specify the statements to be executed and the order of execution of statements.
- Flowchart and Pseudo code use control structures for representation.
 There are three kinds of control structures:
- Sequential—instructions are executed in linear order
- Selection (branch or conditional)—it asks a true/false question and then selects the next instruction based on the answer
- Iterative (loop)—it repeats the execution of a block of instructions.

Flow chart is the pictorial representation of a process or an algorithm.

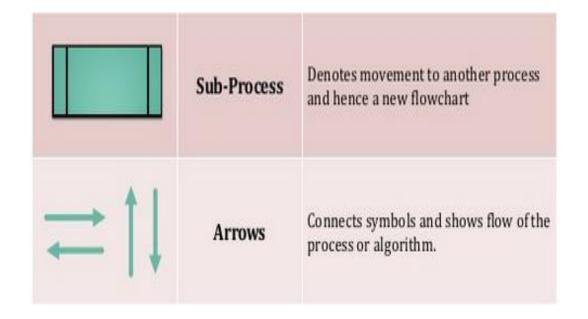
 It uses symbols (boxes of different shapes) to represent each step of an algorithm.

 All the symbols are then connected with arrows to show the flow of the process.

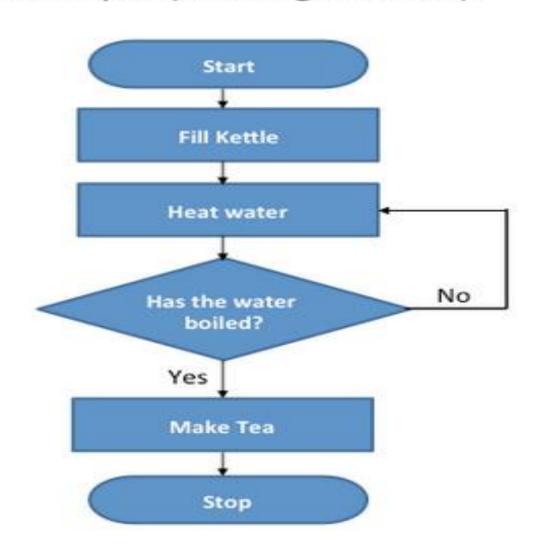
Symbol	Name	Meaning
	Terminal (Oval)	Indicates the beginning and end points of an algorithm.
	Process (Rectangle)	Shows an instruction other than input, output or selection.

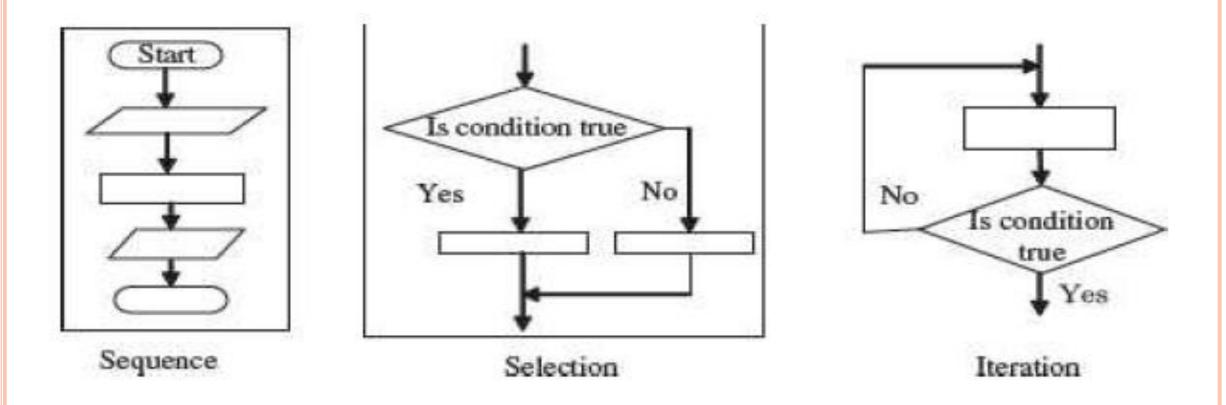


Symbol	Name	Meaning
	On-Page Connector	Continues and connects the flowchart on the same page.
	Off-Page Connector	Continues and connects the flowchart on another page.



Example (Making the Tea)





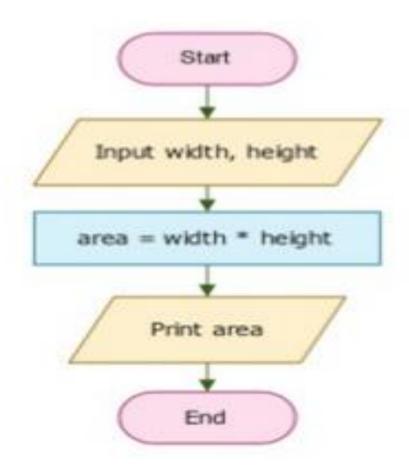
Control structures in flowchart.

Problem 01: Area of rectangle

Problem Statement: Write a program that accepts the width and the height of a rectangle from the user and prints the area of the rectangle.

Input	Processing	Output
Width of rectangle Height of rectangle	Processing Items: area = width * height Algorithm: Step 01: Start Step 02: Input width and height from the user Step 03: Calculate area as: area = width * height Step 04: Print area Step 05: End	Area of rectangle

Problem 01 - Flow Chart

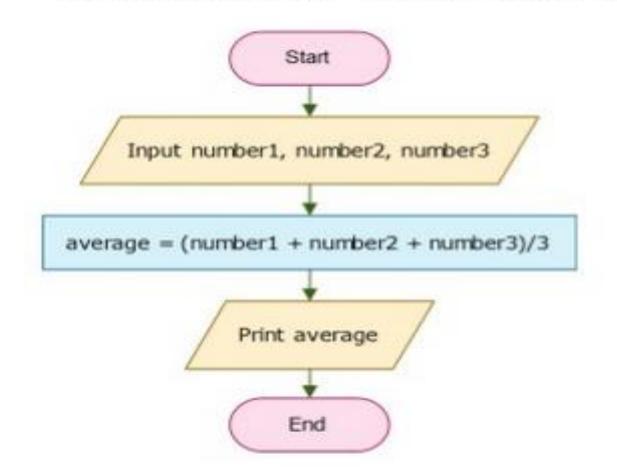


Problem 02: Average of three numbers

Problem Statement: Write a program that accepts three numbers from the user and displays the average of the numbers.

Input	Processing	Output
First number Second number Third number	Processing Items: average = (number1 + number2 + number3)/3 Algorithm: Step 01: Start Step 02: Input number1, number2 and number3 from the user Step 03: Calculate average as: average =	Average of numbers

Problem 02 - Flow Chart

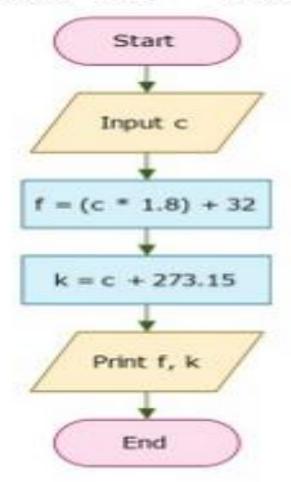


Problem 03: Temperature scale conversion

Problem Statement: Write a program that receives the temperature in Celsius from the user and displays the temperature in Fahrenheit and Kelvin.

Input	Processing	Output
Temperature in Celsius	Processing Items: F = C * 1.8 + 32 K = C + 273.15	 Temperature in Fahrenheit Temperature in Kelvin
	Algorithm: Step 01: Start Step 02: Input Celsius c from the user	
	Step 03: Calculate Fahrenheit temperature as: $f = (c * 1.8) + 32$	
	Step 04: Calculate Kevin temperature as: k = c + 273.15 Step 05: Print f and k	
	Step 06: End	

Problem 03 – Flow Chart

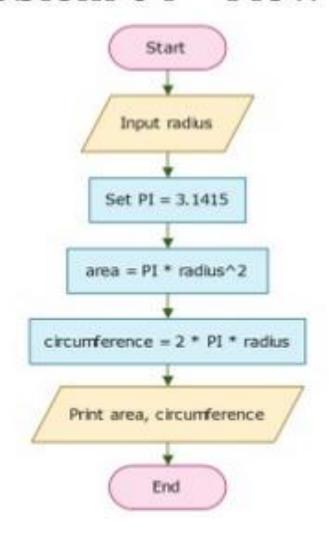


Problem 04 : Area and circumference of a circle

Problem Statement: Write a program that receives the radius of the circle from the user and displays the area and circumference of the circle.

Input	Processing	Output
Radius of circle	Processing Items: area = π * radius^2 circumference = 2 * π * radius Algorithm: Step 01: Start Step 02: Input radius from the user Step 03: set PI = 3.1415 Step 04: Calculate area as: area = PI * radius^2 Step 05: Calculate circumference as:	Area of circle Circumference of circle

Problem 04 – Flow Chart



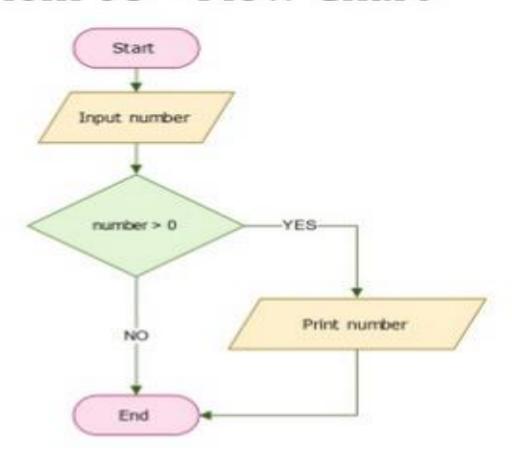
Problem 08: Positive numbers

Problem Statement: Write a program that receives an integer number from the user. If the number is positive then display that number.

Input	Processing	Output
Integer number	Processing Items: If (number > 0) then it is positive Algorithm: Step 01: Start Step 02: Input number from the user Step 03: if (number > 0) then GOTO Step 04 else GOTO Step 05 Step 04: Print number Step 05: End	Number if it is positive

FLOWCHART

Problem 08 - Flow Chart



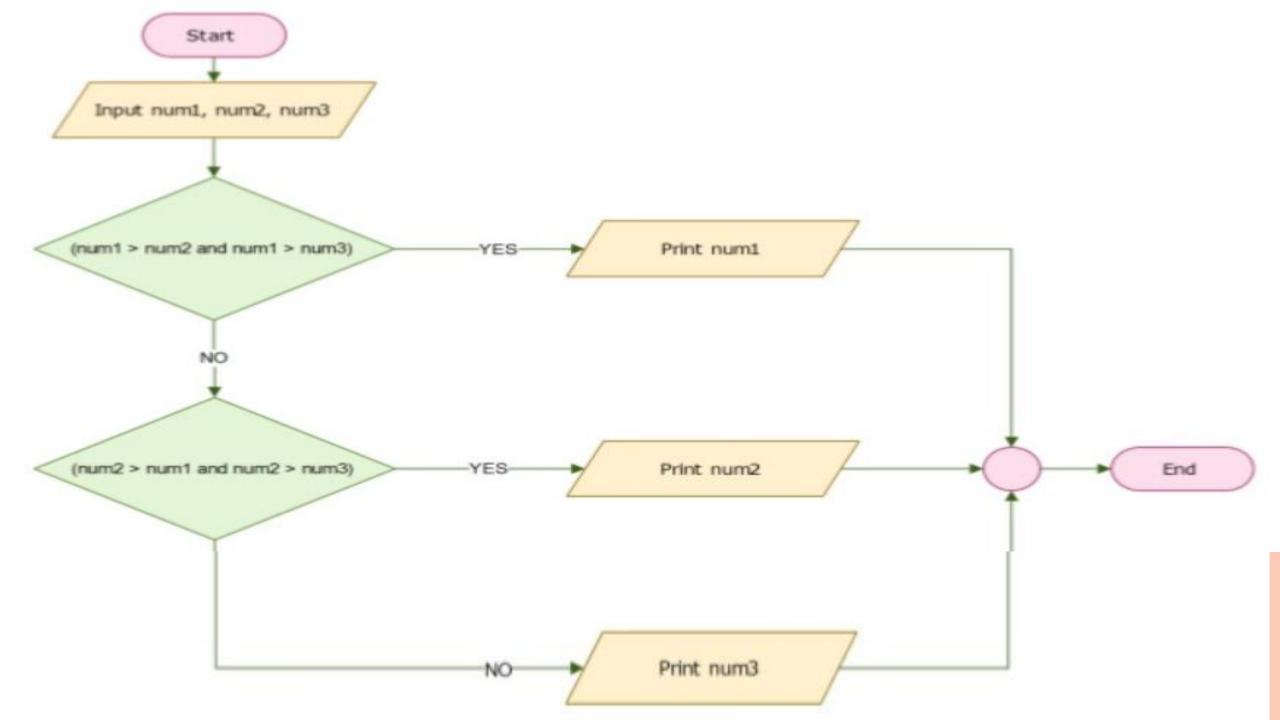
FLOWCHART

Problem 09: Largest number

Problem Statement: Write a program that receives three unique integer numbers from the user and displays the largest number.

FLOWCHART

Input	Processing	Output
First number Second number Third number	Processing Items: If (num1> num2 and num1 > num3) then num1 is largest If (num2> num1 and num2 > num3) then num2 is largest If (num3> num1 and num3 > num2) then num3 is largest Algorithm: Step 01: Start Step 02: Input num1, num2 and num3 from the user Step 03: if (num1> num2 and num1 > num3) then GOTO Step 05 Step 04: if (num2> num1 and num2 > num3) then GOTO Step 06 else GOTO Step 07	Largest number
	Step 05: Print num1 GOTO Step 08 Step 06: Print num2 GOTO Step 08 Step 07: Print num3 Step 08: End	



PSEUDO CODE

- Pseudo code consists of short, readable and formally-styled English language used for explaining an algorithm. Pseudo code does not include details like variable declarations, subroutines etc.
- Pseudo code is a short-hand way of describing a computer program.
- It is used to give a sketch of the structure of the program, before the actual coding. It uses the structured constructs of the programming language but is not machine-readable. Pseudo code cannot be compiled or executed. Thus, no standard for the syntax of pseudo code exists. For writing the pseudo code, the programmer is not required to know the programming language in which the pseudo code will be implemented later.

READ values of A and B
COMPUTE C by multiplying A with B
PRINT the result C
STOP

(i) Find product of any two numbers

INITIALIZE SUM to zero
INITIALIZE I to zero
DO WHILE (I less than 100)
INCREMENT I
ADD I to SUM and store in SUM
PRINT SUM
STOP

(iii) Find sum of first 100 integers

READ values of A, B, C

IF A is greater than B THEN

ASSIGN A to MAX

ELSE

ASSIGN B to MAX

IF MAX is greater than C THEN

PRINT MAX is greatest

ELSE

PRINT C is greatest

STOP

(ii) Find maximum of any three numbers

PSEUDO CODE

• A pseudo code is easily translated into a programming language. But, as there are no defined standards for writing a pseudo code, programmers may use their own style for writing the pseudo code, which can be easily understood. Generally, programmers prefer to write pseudo code instead of flowcharts.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ALGORITHM, FLOWCHART, AND PSEUDO CODE

 An algorithm is a sequence of instructions used to solve a particular problem. Flowchart and Pseudo code are tools to document and represent the algorithm. In other words, an algorithm can be represented using a flowchart or a pseudo code. Flowchart is a graphical representation of the algorithm. Pseudo code is a readable, formally styled English like language representation of the algorithm.

- There are three types of Programming Paradigms or styles/patterns of programming:
- 1- Procedural Programming
- 2- Functional Programming
- 3- Object Oriented Programming

- Procedural programming uses a list of instructions to tell the computer what to do step by step.
- Procedural programming is also referred to as imperative or structured programming.
- Examples of procedural languages that use the style of procedural programming include Fortran, COBOL and C, which have been around since the 1960s and 70s.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
   int a, b, c;
   cout << "Enter two numbers to add\n";
   cin >> a >> b:
   c = a + b;
   cout <<"Sum of entered numbers = " << c << endl;</pre>
   return 0;
```

EXAMPLE OF PROCEDURAL PROGRAMMING

- Functional programming is an approach to problem solving that treats every computation as a mathematical function.
- It is when functions are used as the fundamental building blocks of a program..
- Examples of functional programming languages include Erlang, Haskell, Lisp and Scala.

PROGRAMMING PARADIGMS- EXAMPLE

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
int Add(int output1, int output2)
        return output1 + output2;
int main()
        int answer, input1, input2;
        cout << "Give a integer number:";
        cin >> input1;
        cout << "Give another integer number:";
        cin >> input2;
        answer = Add(input1,input2);
        cout << input1 << " + " << input2 << " = " << answer;
        return 0;
```

- Object Oriented Programming: The fundamental idea behind object-oriented languages is to combine into a single unit both data and the functions that operate on that data.
- A computer language is object-oriented if they support the four specific object properties called abstraction, polymorphism, inheritance, and encapsulation.

- Abstraction allows dealing with the complexity of the object. Abstraction allows picking out the relevant details of the object, and ignoring the non-essential details.
- Encapsulation means information hiding.
- Polymorphism means, many forms. It refers to an entity changing its form depending on the circumstances.
- The Inheritance feature of object-oriented software allows a new class, called the derived class, to be derived from an already existing class known as the base class.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Add
                                // Class Declaration/Define a Class
private:
                              //Access - Specifier
                              //Class Data
     int num1;
     int num2;
     int sum;
public:
                    //Access - Specifier
   int addTwoNumbers(int num1,int num2)
                                               //Member Function to add the data
       return sum=num1+num2;
   void showAnswer()
                                               //Member Function to display the data
      cout<<"The answer is:"<<sum<<"\n"<<endl;</pre>
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