

Pseudocode

1. Review

2. Pseudocode Conventions:

- Algorithm Header // Name, Parameters
- Purpose, Pre and Post
- Statement Constructs // Sequence, Selection, Loop
- Variables
- Operators // C/C++ operators

Pseudocode is one of the popular ways to represent algorithms:

- easy to read
- easy to write
- focus on the logic
- omit details

There is no standard Pseudocode.

It may vary in style

- from “formatted prose” // English like

Add 1 to num.

- to “code oriented”

num = num + 1

- C/C++ style

num += 1

num++

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Post: **return** true or false

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i = 0
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Purpose, Pre and Post Conditions

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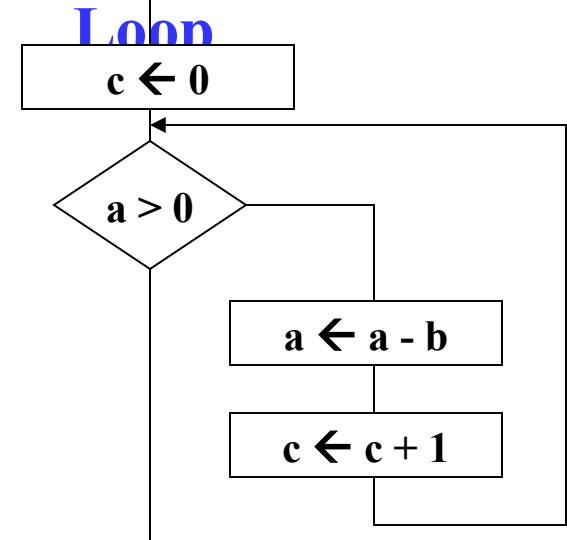
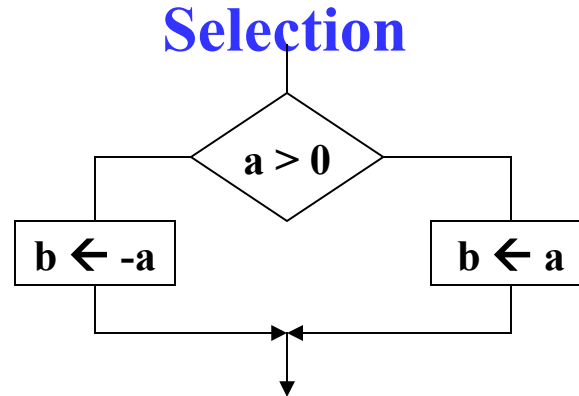
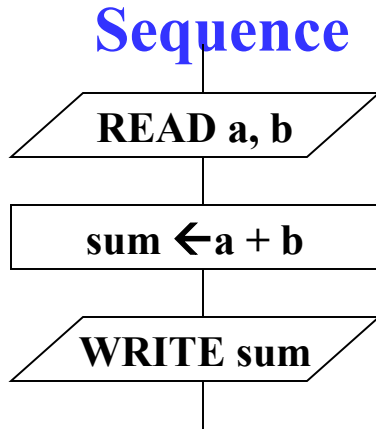
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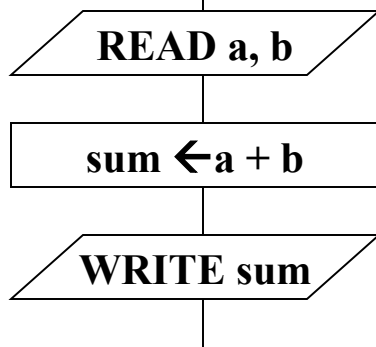
This theorem (known as the Structured Program Theorem) was demonstrated by two mathematicians: Corrado Bohm and Giuseppe Jacopini, in 1966.

In 1968 Edsger Dijkstra wrote the article "Go To Statement Considered Harmful" that emphasized on the importance of structured programming.

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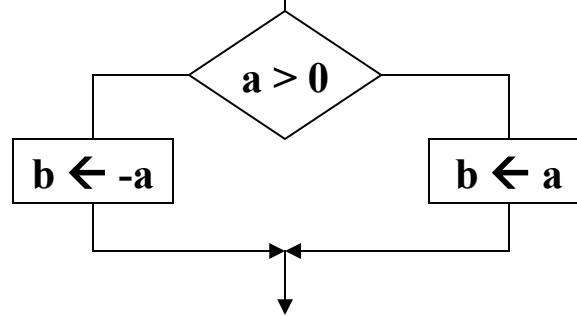
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Sequence



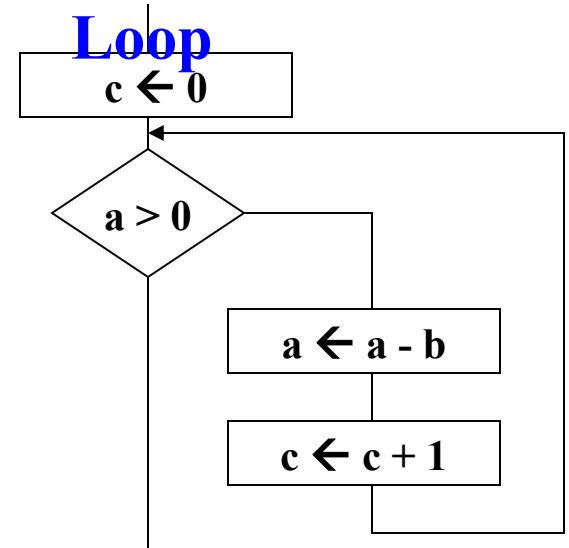
```
read( a, b )  
sum = a + b  
write( sum )
```

Selection



```
if( a > 0 )  
    b = a  
else  
    b = -a  
end if
```

Loop



```
c = 0  
loop( a > 0 )  
    a = a - b  
    c = c + 1  
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    i++ // ++ increment
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