Program Development Life Cycle

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Objectives:

At the end of the lesson, students should be able to:

- Explain the process of problem solving;
- Define an algorithm, and a flowchart;
- Design a good algorithm;
- Use flowcharting symbols to represent an algorithm.

Program Development Life Cycle

- Basic steps in trying to solve a problem on the computer:
 - Problem Definition
 - 2. Problem Analysis
 - Algorithm design and representation (Pseudocode or flowchart)
 - Coding and debugging

1. Problem Definition

- A clearly defined problem is already half the solution.
- Computer programming requires us to define the problem first before we even try to create a solution.

2. Problem Analysis

- After the problem has been adequately defined, the simplest and yet the most efficient and effective approach to solve the problem must be formulated.
- Usually, this step involves breaking up the problem into smaller and simpler subproblems.

3. Algorithm Design and representation

Algorithm

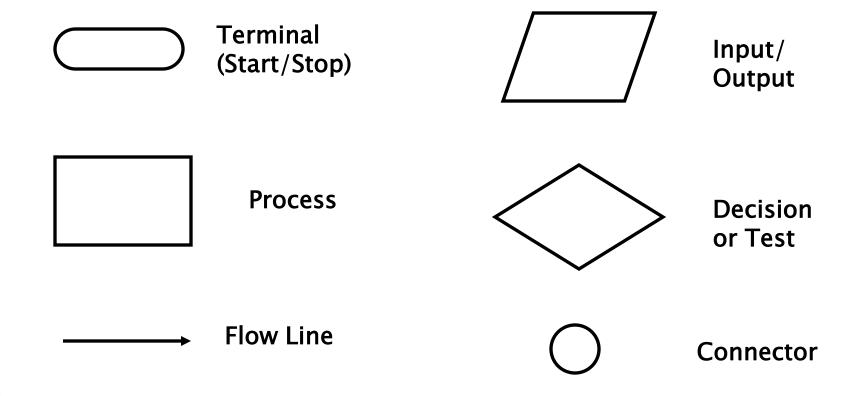
- a clear and unambiguous specification of the steps needed to solve a problem.
- It may be expressed in either :
 - Human language (English, Tagalog)
 - Graphical representation like a flowchart
 - Pseudocode which is a cross between human language and a programming language

The Flowchart

A Flowchart

- shows logic of an algorithm
- emphasizes individual steps and their interconnections
- e.g. control flow from one action to the next

Flowchart Symbols



4. Coding and Debugging

 After constructing the algorithm, it is now possible to create the source code. Using the algorithm as basis, the source code can now be written using the chosen programming language.

Debugging

The process of fixing some errors (bugs) in your program

Problem Definition:

The radius of a circle is equal to one unit.

Compute the corresponding area of a circle and print out the value of the radius and the area.

Problem Analysis:

Input: radius, pi

Process: area = radius*radius*pi

Output: area

Algorithm (Human Language):

- 1. Define the value of radius (R) and PI (3.1416)
- 2. Calculate the area of the circle, area=R*R*PI
- 3. Print out the radius and the computed area.

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Coding:
public class ComputeArea
  public static void main(String []args)
     int r=1;
     double PI=3.1416, area=0;
     area = r*r*PI;
     System.out.print(area+" "+r);
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Problem Definition:

Given three numbers A, B, and C. Compute and print out the sum, average and product of these values.

Problem Definition:

The ABC Manufacturing Company plans to give a year-end bonus to each of its employees. Compute the bonus of an employee. Consider the following criteria: if the employee's monthly salary is less than PhP1000, the bonus is 50% of the salary; for employees with salaries greater than PhP1000, the bonus is PhP1000. Print the name and the bonus of the employee.

Problem Definition:

Given two numbers x and y. Determine the difference between x and y. If the difference is negative, compute the sum of x and y and store to R; if the difference is zero, compute the sum of twice x and twice y and store to R; and if the difference is positive, compute the product of x and y and store to R. Print out the values of x, y and R.

Loops

- Counters
- Accumulator

Steps in Loop Control

- Initialization
- Test for Limit Conditions
- Incrementation

Problem Definition:

The initial value of the radius of a circle is equal to one unit and each succeeding radius is one unit greater than the value before it. Compute the area of the circle starting with r=1 up to r=5, then print each radius and the corresponding area.

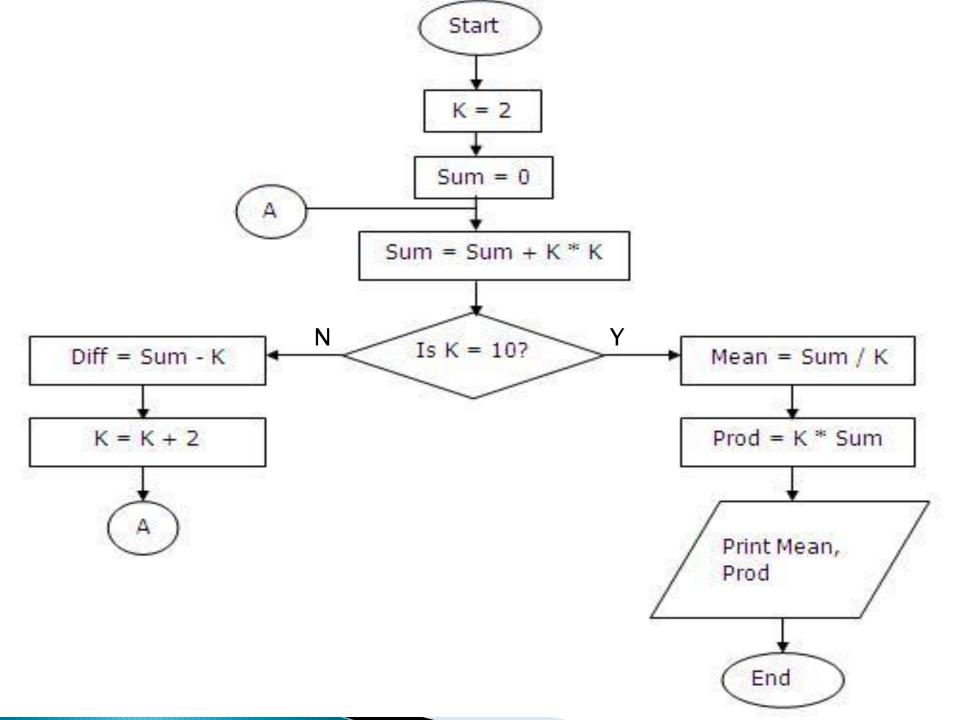
Problem Definition:

Draw a flowchart that reads and prints the names and individual scores of 100 students for a particular examination. Further, determine the average score and print it out.

Problem Definition:

Draw a flowchart that prints the sum of positive integers from 1 to 5.

Flowchart Tracing



- What is the final value of K?
- What is the final value of Sum?
- What is the final value of Diff?
- What is the final value of Mean?
- What is the final value of Prod?