Introduction to Computing

MCS1101B

Lecture 3

Recap

- Expressions
 - Arithmetic
 - Assignment
 - Logical
- Special operators
 - SizeOf
 - AddressOf(&)

- Typecasting
- Statements
 - Declaration
 - Assignment
 - Control
 - Branching
 - Looping
 - Input /Output

Statements in a C Program

- Parts of C program that tell the computer what to do
- Types of statements
 - Declaration statements Declares variables etc.
 - Assignment statement Assignment expression, followed by a ';'
 - Control statements For branching and looping
 - Branching if-else, switch
 - Looping for, while, do while
 - Input/Output Read/print, like printf/scanf

Statements (contd.)

- Compound statements
 - A sequence of statements enclosed within { and }
 - Each statement can be an assignment statement, control statement, input/output statement, or another compound statement
 - We will also call it block of statements sometimes informally

Conditional Statements

 Allow different sets of instructions to be executed depending on truth or falsity of a logical condition

aka. Branching

How do we specify conditions?

- Using expressions
 - non-zero value means the condition is true
 - zero value means the condition is false
- Usually logical expressions, but can be any expression
 - The value of the expression will be used

The **if** Statement

```
if (expression)
    if (expression)
                                                 compound statement;
        statement;
                                            if (expression)
The condition to be tested is any
                                                 statement 1:
expression enclosed in
parentheses. The expression is
                                                 statement n:
evaluated, and if its value is non-
zero, the statement is executed.
```

if else Statement

```
if (expression)
                                      if (expression)
    statement/compound statement;
                                          statement/compound statement;
                                      else if (expression)
else
    statement/compound statement;
                                          statement/compound statement;
                                      else
                                          statement/compound statement;
Example:
Grade Computation
Find the larger of two numbers
Find the largest of three numbers
```

Nested if else

- It is not necessary for all if statements to have an else part
- Every else gets matched to the closest preceding unmatched if statement
- It's very easy to create confusion while writing a nested if-else
- So it is always a good idea to use parentheses to avoid any ambiguity

Ambiguous statement

if (expression)
if (expression)
 statement;
else
 statement;

The **conditional** operator **?:**

```
Another way of writing if else statement
```

```
<condition> ? <expression1> :
<expression2>;
```

- If condition is true then expression1 is executed
- If condition is false then expression2 is executed

```
...used for convenience
```

```
int x = 10, y = 20, max;

if (x > y)

max = x;
else

max = y;
```

Using conditional operator...

$$max = (x > y) ? x : y;$$

The **switch** statement

- This statement can be used instead of writing lot of if else statement
- You can provide statements for different cases
- switch statement will match the value of expression with the case number and execute statements from that point onwards

i.e. All statements below a matched case is executed

```
switch (<expression>)
    case <const-expr> : <statements>
    case <const-expr> : <statements>
    case <const-expr> : <statements>
    default: <statements>
```

Example: Evaluation of expressions

The **break** statement

- The break statement takes the sequence of execution out of the block
 - Works with looping as well
- switch-case does not work
 exactly like a if else if else if...
- We use break statements to mimic the behaviour

```
switch (<integer_value>)
     case <integer> : <statements>
                      break:
    case <integer> : <statements>
                      break:
     case <integer> : <statements>
                      break;
     default:
                     <statements>
```

Looping Statements

- Group of statements that are executed repeatedly while some condition remains true
- Each execution of the group of statements is called an iteration of the loop

Examples:

- Read 5 integers and display their sum
- Find the smallest number among 100 integers
- Grade computation for entire class
- Calculate factorial of a number

The **while** statement

- The condition to be tested is any expression enclosed in parentheses
- The expression is evaluated, and if its value is non-zero, the statement is executed
- Then the expression is evaluated again and the same thing repeats
- The loop terminates when the expression evaluates to 0

while (expression)

statement;

while (expression)

<Compound statement>

The **while** statement (contd.)

Examples

- Sum of the first N natural numbers
- Sum of the squares of the first N natural numbers
- Compute GCD of two numbers
- Calculate maximum of many positive numbers
- Compute the sum of digits of a number

The **for** statement

```
for ( expr1; expr2; expr3)
    statement;
```

- for (expr1; expr2; expr3)
 - <Compound statement>

- expr1 (init): initialize parameter(s)
- expr2 (test): test condition, loop continues if expression is nonzero
- expr3 (update): used to alter the value of the parameter(s) after each iteration
- statement (body): body of loop

The **for** statement (contd.)

```
Example: Computing Factorial
                                           for (expr1; expr2; expr3)
                                              <statement(s)>
int i, n=10, result;
for(i=1, result=1; i <= n; i++)
    result *= i:
                                           expr1;
printf("%d", result);
                                           while (expr2)
Try for yourself → Sum of N
natural numbers
                                              <statement(s)>
Equivalence of for and while ⇒
                                              expr3;
```

The **do while** statement

- Another way of doing looping
- Used for convenience

Example:

Decimal to binary conversion ⇒

```
do {
statement/compound statement;
}while (expression);
int decimal=10, binary=0, rem, i=1;
do {
rem = decimal%2:
binary = (rem * i) + binary;
decimal = decimal/2;
i = i*10;
} while (decimal != 0);
```

Illustrative Example



Infinite loops and the break statement

```
while (1)
{ statements }
for (; ;)
{ statements }
do
{ statements } while (1);
```

- Use break statement to come out of the loop body
 - can be used with while, do while, for, switch
 - does not work with if, else
 - Causes immediate exit from a while, do/while, for or switch structure
 - Program execution continues with the first statement after the structure

The **continue** statement

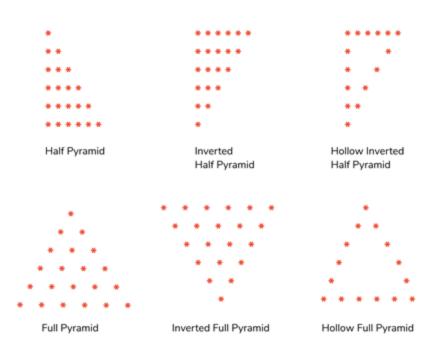
- Skips the remaining statements in the body of a while, for or do/while structure
 - Proceeds with the next iteration of the loop
- while and do/while loop
 - Loop-continuation test is evaluated immediately after the continue statement is executed
- for loop
 - expr3 is evaluated, then expr2 is evaluated

Nested Loops: Printing a 2-D Figure

How would you print the following diagram?

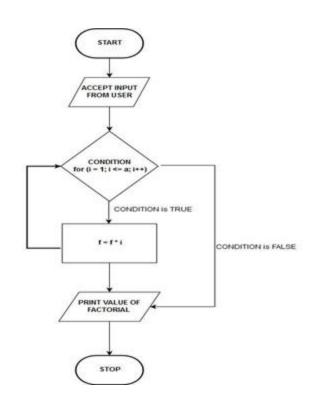
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- Nested Loops
 - break and continue with nested loops



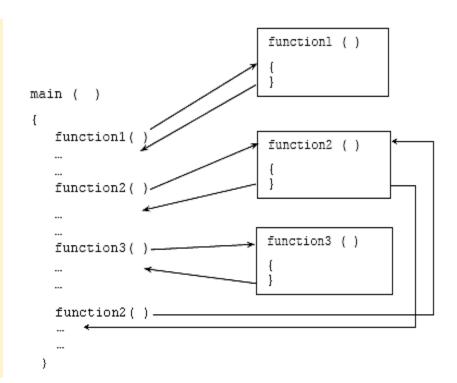
Sequence of Execution

- The flow of a program i.e. the steps and branches can be represented in graphically
- Represented using Flow chart
 - Example: a for loop ⇒
 - Let's understand this on the board



Functions

- A program segment that carries out some specific, well-defined task
- Example
 - A function to add two numbers
 - A function to find the largest of n numbers
- A function will carry out its intended task whenever it is called or invoked
 - Can be called multiple times



Functions (contd.)

- Examples
 - Print a banner
 - Factorial computation
 - Gcd computation

- A function definition has two parts:
 - The first line, called header
 - The body of the function
 - May or may not have a return value

```
return-value-type function-name (parameter-list)
{
    declarations and statements
}
```

In The Next Class...

- You will learn about array and pointers
- You will learn more about functions