# CS101 Lecture 5 Iteration

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#### **Iterative Statements**

A very important type of statement iterating or repeating a set of operations

- a very common requirement in algorithms

C offers three iterative constructs

the **for** construct

the while ... construct

the do ... while construct

# Programming problems

- Write a program to check if a given number is prime. (can this be done without using a logical decision?)
- Write a program to count the number of digits in a given number. Your answer should contain two parts, number of digits before and after the decimal. (can you do this only with assignments to variables, and decisions?)

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#### The while construct

#### General form:

```
while ( <expr> ) <statement>
```

#### Semantics:

repeat: Evaluate the "expr".

If the "expr" is true

execute the "statement"

else exit the loop.

"expr" *must be* modified in the loop or we have an *infinite* loop!

# Repetition Structure - While

```
Syntax - while (condition){ statement}
```

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# Program using while

```
count = 0;
value = 1;
printf("current value is %d \n", value);
while (count <= n)
    {
      value = 2 * value;
      printf("value is %d \n", value);
      count++;
    }
}</pre>
```

Exercise: try this program and identify problems

# Testing the program

- Choose test cases:
  - A few *normal* values: n = 2, 5, 8, 11
  - Boundary values: n = 0, 1
  - *Invalid* values: n = -1
- Hand simulate the execution of the program
  - On paper, draw a box for each variable and fill in the initial values (if any)
  - Simulate execution of the program one statement at a time
  - For any assignment, write the new value of the variable in the LHS
  - Check if the output is as expected in each test case

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# More on Loops

- Two kinds counter-controlled and sentinel-controlled.
- Counter runs until counter reaches a limit Eg: for each of 117 students in a class Use when the number of repetitions is known
- **Sentinel** runs until a certain condition is encountered.

Eg: '\n' (newline) is encountered in the input. Use when the number of repetitions is a property of the input and not known *a priori* 

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# For loops

Counter controlled iteration needs –

- Initial value,
- modification of counter: +i, -i, any other arithmetic modification depending on the problem
- Final value

**for** iteration structure provides for the programmer to specify all these

Everything that is provided by for can be achieved using while

Use of for helps make the program error-free

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# The for construct

#### General form:

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

#### Semantics:

```
evaluate "expr1" - initialization operation(s)
repeat - evaluate expression "expr2" and
if "expr2" is true
execute "statement" and "expr3"
else stop and exit the loop
```

# Example

Replace our previous program by the following

Observe: a mistake in the earlier program is gone.

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# Simple example of *for* statement

Compute the sum of the first 20 odd numbers

Note: in for, expr<sub>1</sub>, expr<sub>2</sub>, expr<sub>3</sub>

-- should involve the loop control variable only

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# Calculating compound interest

# Example for while construct

Print the reverse of a given integer:

$$234 \rightarrow 432$$

Method: Till the number becomes zero, extract the last digit

- number modulo 10 make it the next digit of the result
- multiply the current result by 10 and add the new digit

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# An Example

```
x is the given number
```

y is the number being computed

$$y = 0$$
  $x = 56342$   
 $y = 0*10 + 2 = 2$   $x = 5634$   
 $y = 2*10 + 4 = 24$   $x = 563$   
 $y = 24*10 + 3 = 243$   $x = 56$   
 $y = 243*10 + 6 = 2436$   $x = 5$   
 $y = 2436*10 + 5 = 24365$   $x = 0$ 

Termnation condition: Stop when x becomes zero

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# Reversing a number

```
main()
{
    // Bug: handles only positive numbers
    int x = 0; int y = 0;
    printf("input an integer:\n");
    scanf("%d", &x);
    while(x > 0)
    {
        y = 10*y + (x % 10);
        x = (x / 10);
        integer division
        truncates the quotient
    }
    printf("The reversed number is %d \n", y);
}
```

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#### Perfect number detection

Perfect number: sum of proper divisors add up to the number

```
Consider 4: 1 + 2 = 3 \rightarrow not perfect
Consider 6: 1 + 2 + 3 = 6 \rightarrow perfect
Insight: smaller proper divisor is 1
largest proper divisor is \left|\frac{n}{2}\right|
```

#### Method:

```
For each integer between 1 and \lfloor n/2 \rfloor
If it is a divisor of n, add to sum
At the end, if sum == n, n is perfect
```

#### Perfect number detection

#### The do while construct

for and while check termination condition before each evaluation of the loop body

Sometimes - execute the statement and check for condition

General form:

do statement while (expr)

Semantics:

execute the *statement* and check *expr* if *expr* is true, re-execute *statement* else exit

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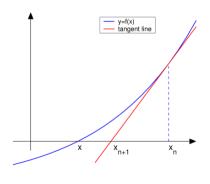
#### Square Root: Newton-Raphson method

$$f'(x_n) = \frac{0 - f(x_n)}{(x_{n+1} - x_n)}$$

f' denotes the derivative of the function f.

By simple algebra we can derive:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newton's method

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# Square root of a number

```
int main()

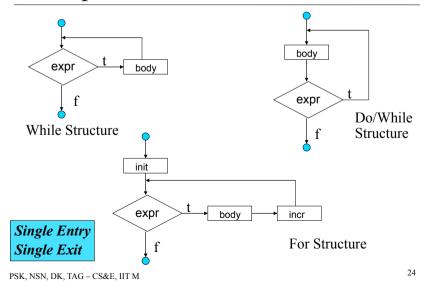
{
    int k;
    float prevGuess, currGuess, error, sqRoot;
    scanf("%d", &k);
    currGuess = (float) k/2; error = 0.0001;

    do
    {
        prevGuess = currGuess;
        currGuess = (prevGuess + k/prevGuess)/2;
        } while (fabs(prevGuess-currGuess) >error);

    sqRoot = currGuess;
    printf("%f\n", sqRoot);
    }

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```

# Repetition Structures



# **Structured Programming**

#### To produce program that are

- easier to develop, understand, test, modify
- easier to get correctness proof



#### Rules

- 1 Begin with the "simplest flowchart".
- 2 Any action box can be replaced by two action boxes in sequence.
- 3 Any action box can be replaced by any elementary structures (sequence, if, if/else, switch, while, do/while or for ).
- 4 Rules 2 and 3 can be applied as many times as required and in any order. Stepwise refinement

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# Write a program that reads in the entries of a 3 by 3 matrix, and prints it out in the form of a matrix. The entries could be floating point too.

Write a program that reads in orders of two matrices and decides whether two such matrices can be multiplied. Print out the decision.

Write a program that reads in two matrices, and multiplies them. Your output should be the two matrices and the resulting product matrix.

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Exercises

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# Spaghetti programming

- 1. First line
- 2. IF (condition1) Goto 13
- 3. Third line  $\leftarrow$
- 4. If (condition 2) go to 7
- 5 Fourth line
- 6. Fifth line
- 7. Go to 3 -
- 8. Sixth line
- 9. If (condition 3) go to 12
- 10. Go to 8
- 11. Line number 11
- 12. Line 12
- 13. If (condition 4) go to 1
- 14. Print ("I'm done finally!")
- 15. End

# An Array

- A data structure containing items of *same* type
- int marks[7] =  $\{22,15,75,56,10,33,45\}$ ;
- a contiguous group of memory locations named "marks" for holding 7 integer items
- One name for many memory locations
- elements/components variables marks[0], marks[1], ..., marks[i] i - index or subscript (0 ≤ i ≤ 6)
- the value of marks[2] is 75
- new values can be assigned to elements marks[3] = 36;

marks	
22	(
15	
75	,
56	
10	4
33	:
45	(

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# Example using arrays

```
Read ten numbers into an array and compute their average
#include <stdio.h>
#define STZE 10
main(){
  int numbers[SIZE], sum = 0, i;
  float avg:
  for (i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
    scanf("%d", &numbers[i]);
  for (i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
                                       Typecast
    sum += numbers[i];
  avg = (float) sum/SIZE:
  printf("The average is: %f\n",avg);
  return 0:
                                Good practice to
                                always use return
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```

# Switch Selection Structure

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```
In place of the else if for a multiway selection

Syntax – if (condition_1){execute these}
else if (condition_2) {execute these}
else if (condition_3) {execute these}
and so on.....

Switch replaces else if for a very special case
Syntax – switch(expression){
case const-expr: statements
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```

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# Counting digits in text (Kernighan & Ritchie, p.59)

# ... Counting digits

#### **Break and Continue**

**break** breaks out of the innermost loop or switch statement in which it occurs

*continue* starts the next iteration of the loop in which it occurs

More on this later

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# Polynomial Evaluation

#### Evaluate

$$p(x) = (a_n x^n) + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$
 for a given x value.

Computing each term and summing up

(n+(n-1)+(n-2)+...+1+0=n(n+1)/2 multiplications and n additions

#### Improved Method:

$$p(x) = a_0 + x(a_1 + x(a_2 + x(a_3 + ... + x(a_{n-1} + xa_n))))$$
  
for instance,  $p(x) = 10x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x + 2$   
 $= 2 + x(5 + x(4 + 10x))$ 

 $n \ multiplications \ and \ n \ additions - will \ run \ faster!$ 

### ... Polynomial Evaluation

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# More Exercises

- 1. Sort an array of numbers into ascending order.
  - a) Write the output into another array
  - b) Assuming that arrays are expensive, use only one array: read in the values into an array, sort *in place*, and print out the array.
- 2. *Matrix Sorting* The input is a matrix. Identify a sequence of column interchanges such that in the resulting matrix the rows are all sorted in ascending order. Can every matrix be sorted?