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**Assignment Number 01:** Foundations of Computer Science & Computational Thinking

**Assignment Title:** *Design and Simulate a Real-World Process Using Flowcharts and Pseudocode*

# ATM Withdrawal Process

The ATM (Automated Teller Machine) withdrawal process is a real-world example of computational thinking. It involves authentication, transaction selection, balance checking, and record updating—each representing clear input, processing, and output stages.

## **Input, Process, and Output:**

Stage	Description
<b>Input</b>	Card details, PIN number, withdrawal amount
<b>Process</b>	Verify PIN → Check balance → Validate amount → Dispense cash → Update account
<b>Output</b>	Cash dispensed, updated balance, transaction receipt

## Problem Analysis

### **1. Abstraction:**

Essential steps include inserting the card, verifying PIN, entering amount, checking balance, dispensing cash, and updating the account. Irrelevant details like hardware or network latency are ignored.

### **2. Decomposition**

The ATM withdrawal process can be divided into the following sub-tasks:

#### **1. Insert Card & Enter PIN**

→ Capture user card and read data.

#### **2. PIN Verification**

→ Compare entered PIN with stored PIN.

#### **3. Amount Input & Validation**

→ Ask for amount and ensure it's within daily limit and balance.

#### **4. Transaction Processing**

→ Deduct amount from balance and update account records.

#### **5. Cash Dispensing**

→ Dispense the requested amount.

#### **6. Receipt Generation & Exit**

→ Print transaction receipt and eject card.

### 3. Pattern Recognition

The process of **input → validation → processing → output** appears in many systems:

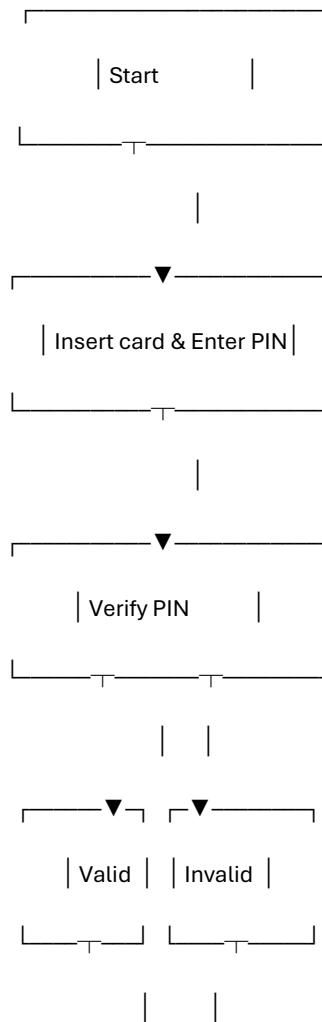
- Online shopping payments
- Mobile banking transfers
- Railway ticket booking

### Solution Design

#### (a) Flowchart

**Flowchart Description:**

**Start → Insert Card → Enter PIN → Verify PIN → Valid? → Enter Amount → Check Balance → Sufficient?**  
→ Dispense Cash → Update Account → Print Receipt → End



| Display error

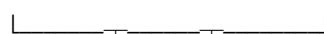
| & Retry



| Enter withdrawal amt.



| Check balance & limit



| Sufficient | Insufficient



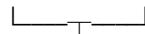
Dispense cash | Display "Low Balance"

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| Update |

| account |



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Print receipt & eject card

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| End |



### (b) Pseudocode

```
BEGIN  
    DISPLAY "Welcome to ATM"  
    INSERT card  
    ENTER pin  
    IF pin == stored_pin THEN  
        DISPLAY "PIN Verified"  
        ENTER amount  
        IF amount <= balance THEN  
            balance = balance - amount  
            DISPENSE cash  
            PRINT "Transaction Successful"  
            PRINT "Remaining Balance:", balance  
        ELSE  
            PRINT "Insufficient Balance"  
        ENDIF  
    ELSE  
        PRINT "Invalid PIN. Please Try Again."  
    ENDIF  
    EJECT card  
    DISPLAY "Thank You for Using ATM"  
END
```

### Implementation (Python Code)

```
#ATM Withdrawal Simulation  
#Author: Varun Gaur  
#Purpose: Simulate ATM withdrawal process
```

```

#Stored account details (for simulation)

stored_pin = 1234

balance = 5000 # Initial balance

#Step 1: Input

print("Welcome to the ATM Machine") entered_pin = int(input("Enter your 4-digit PIN: "))

#Step 2: PIN Verification

if entered_pin == stored_pin: print("PIN Verified ✓") amount = int(input("Enter withdrawal amount: ₹"))

# Step 3: Check balance and process
if amount <= balance and amount > 0:
    balance -= amount
    print(f"Please collect your cash: ₹{amount}")
    print(f"Remaining Balance: ₹{balance}")
    print("Transaction Successful ✓")
else:
    print("✗ Insufficient Balance or Invalid Amount")

else: print("✗ Invalid PIN. Please Try Again.")

print("Card Ejected. Thank You for Using ATM ✈")

```

### Code Explanation:

- The program stores a predefined **PIN** and **balance**.
  - It asks the user for a PIN and verifies it.
- If valid, it proceeds to **withdrawal and balance check**.
- If the transaction is successful, it updates and displays the new balance.
- Error messages are displayed for invalid PIN or insufficient balance.

### Reflection

### Challenges Faced:

- Structuring the pseudocode and ensuring logical flow.
  - Managing conditions for invalid inputs.
  - Ensuring user-friendly messages for each step.

## Insights Gained:

- Learned how **computational thinking** simplifies complex real-world processes.
  - Understood how abstraction and decomposition improve program clarity.

## Potential Improvements:

- Add support for multiple transactions.
- Include deposit and balance inquiry options.
- Implement security features like limited PIN attempts.

## Conclusion

The ATM withdrawal process is a perfect demonstration of computational thinking in action. By breaking the process into smaller steps, identifying patterns, and using abstraction, we can design an efficient and reliable solution — from flowchart to working Python code.