

C Programming

Lecture 4: Loop Control

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Outline

1 Loops

- while loop
- do-while loop
- for loop
- Examples of Loops

2 Miscellaneous

3 How to Debug

An opening example

- Calculate $S = \sum_{x=1}^5 \frac{1}{x^2}$
- Based on what we learn, we do it in following way

```
1 int main()
2 {
3     int x = 1;
4     double S = 0;
5     S += 1.0/(x*x);
6     x += 1;
7     S += 1.0/(x*x);
8     x += 1;
9     S += 1.0/(x*x);
10    x += 1;
11    S += 1.0/(x*x);
12    x += 1;
13    S += 1.0/(x*x);
14    printf("S=%f\n", S);
15    return 0;
16 }
```

- It is okay when the number of terms is small
- How about 1000 terms ...
- Share the story

Motivation of loops

- In the above example
- Following statement repeated for 5 times, only x changes each time

```
1 x += 1;  
2 S += 1.0/(x*x);
```

- We can put it inside a loop
- Tell the loop that how many times we want to repeat

```
1 x = 0;  
2 while(x <= 4)  
3 {  
4     x += 1;  
5     S += 1.0/(x*x);  
6 }
```

Loops

- To repeat statements as long as a certain condition is **true** (non-zero)
- C offers 3 different loops
- We can replace one with another
- Different loop offers different convenience

```
while( condition )
    statement;
```

```
do
    statement;
while( condition );
```

```
for(initialization; condition; statement)
    statement;
```

For multiple statements again, use **braces**.

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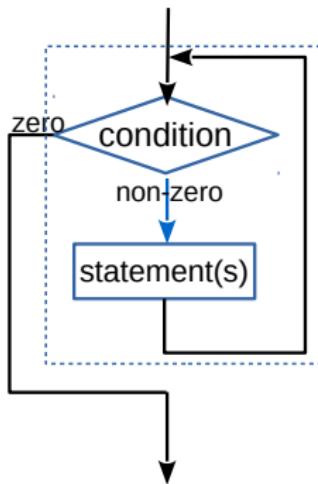
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Check Prime Number (1)

- Check whether an integer number if a prime number
- Prime number: number that is only dividable by 1 and itself
- 81 is not a prime number; 173 is prime number
- Any idea to solve this problem??

5 minutes to think about this problem ...

Check Prime Number (2)

- ① Start from 2 to N
- ② Check whether N is dividable by any number in this range

```
1 int i = 2, N = 177;
2 int _PRIME_ = 1;
3 while(i < N)
4 {
5     if(N%i == 0)
6     {
7         _PRIME_ = 0;
8     }
9 }
10 if(_PRIME_)
11     printf("%d is a prime number\n", N);
12 else
13     printf("%d is not a prime number\n", N);
```

- Do we miss anything?

Check Prime Number (3)

- ① Start from 2 to N
- ② Check whether N is dividable by any number in this range

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3 while( i < N)
4 {
5     if(N%i == 0)
6     {
7         _PRIME_ = 0;
8     }
9     i++;
10 }
11 if(_PRIME_)
12     printf("%d is a prime number\n" , N);
13 else
14     printf("%d is not a prime number\n" , N);
```

Check Prime Number (4)

- ① In the above example, we no need to all the numbers in $[2 \dots N-1]$
- ② N is not dividable by numbers after $\lceil \sqrt{N} \rceil$

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <math.h>
3 int main()
4 {
5     int i = 2, N = 177;
6     int _PRIME_ = 1, bnd = (int)ceil(sqrt(N));
7     while(i <= bnd)
8     {
9         if(N%i == 0)
10        {
11            _PRIME_ = 0;
12        }
13        i++;
14    }
15    if(_PRIME_)
16        printf("%d is a prime number\n", N);
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do...while (1)

- do...while executes the statement(s) first
- Checks the condition after each run

```
1 int i = 3;  
2 do  
3 {  
4     —i;  
5     printf(" i=%d\n" , i );  
6 } while ( i > 1);
```

```
1 int i = 3;  
2 while( i > 1)  
3 {  
4     —i;  
5     printf(" i=%d\n" , i );  
6 }
```

- What is the output??

do...while (2)

- `do...while` executes the statement(s) first
- Checks the condition after each run

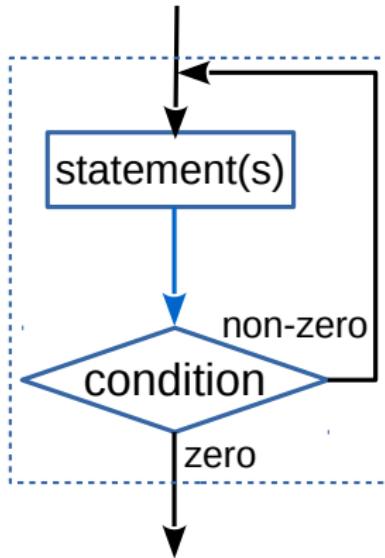
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- $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(x_n + \frac{a}{x_n})$
- Loop until error less than 10^{-5} in consecutive iterations
- Hints: x_1 is an arbitrary positive value

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- ① We need a loop ([while?](#) [do-while](#) or [for?](#))
 - ② We need to keep two results from consecutive iterations
 - ③ Anything else??
 - ④ Let's do it!

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```
1 float a = 5, x0 = 3.1, xn = 0, err = 0;
2 do
3 {
4     xn = 0.5*(xn+a/xn);
5     err = abs(xn - x0);
6 }while(err >= 0.00001)
7 printf("sqrt(a)=%f\n", xn);
```

- Anything wrong??

Example 1 (4)

- Calculate $x = \sqrt{a}$
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```
1 float a = 5, xk = 0, xn = 3.1, err = 0;
2 int i = 0;
3 do
4 {
5     xk = xn;
6     xn = 0.5*(xk+a/xk);
7     //printf("%f\t%f\t%f\n", xk, xn, err);
8     err = fabs(xn - xk);
9     i++;
10 } while(err >= 0.00001);
11 printf("iters = %d, sqrt(a)=%f\n", i, xn);
```

- Use “`fabs(.)`” instead of “`abs(.)`”

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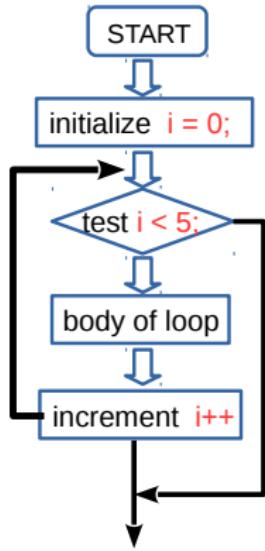
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for loop (1)

The For-Loop is comfortable for iterating. It takes three arguments.

- Initialization ($i=0;$)
- Condition ($i < 5;$)
- Iteration statement ($i+=1$)



for loop (2)

- Consider a program printing the numbers 1 to 10:

```
int i;  
for (i = 1; i <= 10; ++i)  
{  
    printf("%d\n", i);  
}
```

- i** starts from **1**
- Check if **i** is less than or equal to **10**
- Go into the loop if it is true (non-zero)
- Increment **i**, e.g., **i++** or **i+=2**

break

- Similar as `switch-case`
- `break` can be used inside a loop
- Jumping out from the loop as soon as it is called

```
int i, s = 0;
for (i = 1; i <= 10; ++i)
{
    s += 2*i;
    if (i%4 == 0)
        break;
}
printf(" s=%d\n", s);
```

continue

- Different from `break`
- `continue` can be **ONLY** used inside a loop
- Ignore statements followed, go to next round of loop

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Example 2 (1)

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- $\frac{2}{1}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{8}{5}, \frac{13}{8}, \frac{21}{13}, \dots$
- Work out the sum of first 20 terms

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- $\frac{2}{1}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{8}{5}, \frac{13}{8}, \frac{21}{13}, \dots$
- Work out the sum of first 20 terms
- We observe that numerator is the sum of the numerators of last two
- The denominator is the sum of the denominators of last two
- We have following things first

```
1 float n1 = 2, n2 = 3;
2 int d1 = 1, d2 = 2;
3 for (i = ?; i <= 20; ++i)
4 {
5     ....
6 }
```

Example 2 (3)

- Given following series of fraction
- $\frac{2}{1}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{8}{5}, \frac{13}{8}, \frac{21}{13}, \dots$
- Work out the sum of first 20 terms
- We need the variable to keep the result
- We need an iterator

```
1 float n1 = 2, n2 = 3;
2 int d1 = 1, d2 = 2, i = 0;
3 float s = n1/d1 + n2/d2;
4 for (i = ?; i <= 20; ++i)
5 {
6     ....
7 }
8 printf(" s=%f\n" , s );
```

Example 2 (4)

- Given following series of fraction
- $\frac{2}{1}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{8}{5}, \frac{13}{8}, \frac{21}{13}, \dots$
- Work out the sum of first 20 terms
- We need an iterator, start from where??
- How to work out $n1$ and $d1$

```
1 float n1 = 2, n2 = 3;
2 int d1 = 1, d2 = 2, i = 0;
3 float s = n1/d1 + n2/d2;
4 for( i = ?; i <= 20; ++i)
5 {
6     n1 = ?;
7     d1 = ?;
8     s += n1/d1;
9 }
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```

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- Work out the sum of first 20 terms
- The full story

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main()
3 {
4     float n1 = 2, n2 = 3;
5     int d1 = 1, d2 = 2, i = 0;
6     float s = n1/d1 + n2/d2;
7     for(i = 3; i <= 20; ++i)
8     {
9         n2 = n1 + n2;
10        d2 = d1 + d2;
11        s += n2/d2;
12        n1 = n2 - n1;
13        d1 = d2 - d1;
14    }
15 }
```

```
15     printf("s=%f\n", s);
16     return 0;
17 }
```

Example 3 (1)

- Output following figure

```
*  
***  
*****  
*****  
***  
*
```

Example 3 (2)

- On the 1st line, we print 3 blanks and 1 star
- On the 2nd line, we print 2 blanks and 3 stars
- On the 3rd line, we print 1 blanks and 5 stars
- On the 4th line, we print 0 blank and 7 stars
- Do the following in reverse...
- There should be a loop controls of printing blanks of one line
- There should be a loop controls of printing stars of one line
- There should be a loop controls of printing all the lines
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- ③ Loop print star(s)
- ④ End-Loop

- ① We need a bound for the number of stars
- ② We need a bound for the number of blanks

```
1 int n = 7, i = 0, j = 0;
2 int ns = 1, nb = n-1;
3 for(i = 0; i < n; i++)
4 {
5     ...
6 }
```

Example 3 (5)

① Print things to the bounds

```
int n = 5, i = 0, j = 0;  
int ns = 1, nb = n-1;  
for(i = 0; i < n; i++)  
{  
    for(j = 0; j < nb; j++)  
    {  
        printf(" ");  
    }  
    for(j = 0; j < ns; j++)  
    {  
        printf("*");  
    }  
    ns += 2;  
    nb--;  
    printf("\n");  
}
```

```
nb += 2; //<—why?  
ns -= 4; //<—why?  
for(i = 0; i < n; i++)  
{  
    for(j = 0; j < nb; j++)  
    {  
        printf(" ");  
    }  
    for(j = 0; j < ns; j++)  
    {  
        printf("*");  
    }  
    ns -= 2;  
    nb++;  
    printf("\n");  
}
```

Example 4 (1): solving by exhaustive search

- 30 people dine together, 50 cents are paid
- It takes 3 cents for a gentleman
- It takes 2 cents for a lady
- It takes 1 cent for a child
- How many gentlemen, ladies and children are there

$$\begin{cases} 3 * x + 2 * y + z = 50 \\ x + y + z = 30 \end{cases}$$

- We are actually trying to solve linear equations
- Notice that only integer solutions are valid

Example 4 (2): solving by exhaustive search

- Solution is, we enumerate all possible solution
- To see whether they satisfy all the equations

$$\begin{cases} 3 * x + 2 * y + z = 50 \\ x + y + z = 30 \end{cases}$$

- Enumerate x from 1 to 30
- Enumerate y from 1 to 30
- Enumerate z from 1 to 30
- Now let's do it!

Example 4 (3): solving by exhaustive search

- Enumerate x from 1 to 30
- Enumerate y from 1 to 30
- Enumerate z from 1 to 30

$$\begin{cases} 3 * x + 2 * y + z = 50 \\ x + y + z = 30 \end{cases}$$

```
for(x = 0; x <= 30; x++)
{
    for(y = 0; y <= 30; y++)
    {
        for(z = 0; z <= 30; z++)
        {
            ...
        }
    }
}
```

Example 4 (4): solving by exhaustive search

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main()
3 {
4     int x = 0, y = 0, z = 0, c1 = 0, c2 = 0;
5     for(x = 0; x <= 30; x++)
6     { for(y = 0; y <= 30; y++)
7         { for(z = 0; z <= 30; z++)
8             {
9                 c1 = 3*x+2*y+z;
10                c2 = x+y+z;
11                if(c1 == 50 && c2 == 30)
12                {
13                    printf("x=%d, y=%d, z=%d\n", x, y, z);
14                }
15            } //for(z)
16        } //for(y)
17    } //for(x)
18 }
```

Example 4 (5): solving by exhaustive search

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main()
3 {
4     int x = 0, y = 0, z = 0, c1 = 0, c2 = 0;
5     for(x = 0; x < 17; x++) //← why??
6     { for(y = 0; y <= 25; y++) //← why??
7         { for(z = 0; z <= 30; z++)
8             {
9                 c1 = 3*x+2*y+z;
10                c2 = x+y+z;
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Try to avoid following case

- Be careful, this

```
1 while (1 > 0)
2     printf("Did you miss me?\n");
```

- Runs till the end of all days
- ∞ loops are common mistakes, and you will experience many of them
- Check for conditions that are always true
- By the way,

Do not be evil!

Valid variants of for-loop (1)

- The arguments for the `for` loop are optional
- If you already have defined your iterating variable

```
int i = 1;  
for (; i <= 10; ++i)  
    printf("%d\n", i);
```

- Or if you have the iteration statement in your loop body

```
for (i = 1; i <= 10;)  
    printf("%d\n", ++i);      /* seems more like a while loop  
*/
```

Valid variants of for-loop (2)

- If you're not passing anything, it runs **forever**

```
for (;;)
    printf("I'm still here\n");
```

Note: the semicolons are still there.

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Story behind Bug



Overview about Programming Bugs (1)

- It happens!
- Two types of bugs
 - ① Grammar mistakes
 - ② Logic bugs

```
1 int main()
2 {
3     int i = 0, s = 0;
4     for(i = 0; i < 5; i++)
5     {
6         s += i;
7     }
8     return 0;
9 }
```

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Overview about Programming Bugs (2)

- From my humble point of view
- Two types of bugs
 - ① Non-memory leakage bugs
 - ② Memory leakage bugs
- Grammar mistakes are not bug!!

```
1 int main()
2 {
3     int i = 0, s = 0;
4     for(i = 0; i < 5; i--);
5     {
6         s += i;
7         if(i % 2 == 1);
8             continue;
9     }
10    return 0;
11 }
```

```
1 int main()
2 {
3     int i = 0;
4     int *p = NULL;
5     for(i = 0; i < 5; i++)
6     {
7         p = NULL;
8         p = (int*)malloc(
9             sizeof(int));
10    }
11    return 0;
12 }
```

Debug by “printf()”

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```
1 int main()
2 {
3     int i = 0, s = 0;
4     printf("bug_1.0\n");
5     for(i = 0; i < 5; i--);
6     {
7         s += i;
8         printf("bug_1.1_%d_%d\n", i, s);
9         if(i % 2 == 1);
10            continue;
11    }
12    printf("bug_2.0\n");
13    return 0;
14 }
```