

# Unit 3

## Practice II

Algorithms

**Goal of the practice**

Become familiar with the writing of algorithms in pseudo code, expressions, operands, operators, assignments, conditionals and the elementary logic required to program.

- 1) What is the difference between the contents of a variable and its name?
- 2) What is the difference between a variable, a constant and a literal? What do they have in common?
- 3) What is an expression?
- 4) What are the elements in an assignment?
- 5) Debug the following assignments, writing the value that the variable gets in each assignment.

```
X ← 0
X ← X + 4
X ← X + X - X * X
X ← X mod 4
X ← (x + 4) div 2
```

- 6) Determine the operands (specifying which type of operand is), and operators (specifying their name) of the following expressions. Group with parentheses to clarify which operations are performed first.

```
var Number: x, y, a, n
const Number: PI = 3,1416
const Number: COFACTOR = 1
```

```
PI + x / 2
y
x + y - a
n mod 2 == 0
COFACTOR * x > 20
COFACTOR
```

Assuming that  $x \leftarrow 10$ ,  $y \leftarrow 10$ ,  $n \leftarrow 4$  and  $a \leftarrow 1$

Calculate the expressions and write the results.

- 7) Write an algorithm to read a number by keyboard and say if it is positive or negative.
- 8) Perform an algorithm to read a number and report if it is greater, equal or less than zero.
- 9) Write an algorithm that determines if a number is even.
- 10) Make an algorithm to read two real numbers and print the largest of them.
- 11) Given the radius of a circle, make an algorithm to calculate the value of the area.
- 12) Write an algorithm that determines if an "N" number is divisible by another "M".
- 13) Write an algorithm to translate a time expressed in days, hours, minutes and seconds to time expressed in seconds.
- 14) We are being informed of three environmental temperature values, and we are asked to develop an algorithm to calculate and report the sum and average of these values.
- 15) For our brave ones: translate a time expressed in seconds to a time expressed in days, hours, minutes and seconds.