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Topic: Flowchart and Pseudocode

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- Refers to the logic of a program and a step-by-step description of how to arrive at the solution of a given problem
- In order to qualify as an algorithm, a sequence of instructions must have following characteristics:
 - Each and every instruction should be precise and unambiguous
 - Each instruction should be such that it can be performed in a finite time
 - One or more instructions should not be repeated infinitely. This ensures that the algorithm will ultimately terminate
 - After performing the instructions, that is after the algorithm terminates, the desired results must be obtained



Sample Algorithm (Example 1)

There are 50 students in a class who appeared in their final examination. Their mark sheets have been given to you.

The division column of the mark sheet contains the division (FIRST, SECOND, THIRD or FAIL) obtained by the student.

Write an algorithm to calculate and print the total number of students who passed in FIRST division.



Sample Algorithm (Example 1)

Step 1: Initialize Total_First_Division and Total_Marksheets_Checked to zero. (contd...)

- Step 2: Take the mark sheet of the next student.
- Step 3: Check the division column of the mark sheet to see if it is FIRST, if no, go to Step 5.
- Step 4: Add 1 to Total_First_Division.
- Step 5: Add 1 to Total_Marksheets_Checked.
- Step 6: Is Total_Marksheets_Checked = 50, if no, go to Step 2.
- Step 7: Print Total_First_Division.
- Step 8: Stop.



Sample Algorithm (Example 2

There are 100 employees in an organization. The organization wants to distribute annual bonus to the employees based on their performance. The performance of the employees is recorded in their annual appraisal forms.

Every employee's appraisal form contains his/her basic salary and the grade for his/her performance during the year. The grade is of three categories – 'A' for outstanding performance, 'B' for good performance, and 'C' for average performance.

It has been decided that the bonus of an employee will be 100% of the basic salary for outstanding performance, 70% of the basic salary for good performance, 40% of the basic salary for average performance, and zero for all other cases.

Write an algorithm to calculate and print the total bonus amount to be distributed by the organization.



Sample Algorithm (Example 2)

- Step 1: Initialize Total_Bonus and Total_Employees_Checked to zero.
- Step 2: Initialize Bonus and Basic_Salary to zero.
- Step 3: Take the appraisal form of the next employee.
- Step 4: Read the employee's Basic_Salary and Grade.
- Step 5: If Grade = A, then Bonus = Basic_Salary. Go to Step 8.
- Step 6: If Grade = B, then Bonus = Basic_Salary x 0.7. Go to Step 8.
- Step 7: If Grade = C, then Bonus = Basic_Salary x 0.4.
- Step 8: Add Bonus to Total_Bonus.
- Step 9: Add 1 to Total_Employees_Checked.
- Step 10: If Total_Employees_Checked < 100, then go to Step 2.
- Step 11: Print Total_Bonus.
- Step 12: Stop.



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Representation of Algorithms

- As programs
- As flowcharts
- As pseudocodes

When an algorithm is represented in the form of a programming language, it becomes a program

Thus, any program is an algorithm, although the reverse is not true



Flowchart

- *Flowchart* is a pictorial representation of an algorithm
- Uses symbols (boxes of different shapes) that have standardized meanings to denote different types of instructions
- Actual instructions are written within the boxes
- Boxes are connected by solid lines having arrow marks to indicate the exact sequence in which the instructions are to be executed
- Process of drawing a flowchart for an algorithm is called *flowcharting*



Basic Flowchart Symbols





Examples of Decision Symbol



A > B





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(c) A multiple-way branch decision.



Sample Flowchart (Example 3)

A student appears in an examination, which consists of total 10 subjects, each subject having maximum marks of 100.

- The roll number of the student, his/her name, and the marks obtained by him/her in various subjects are supplied as input data.
- Such a collection of related data items, which is treated as a unit is known as a record.
- Draw a flowchart for the algorithm to calculate the percentage marks obtained by the student in this examination and then to print it along with his/her roll number and name.



Sample Flowchart (Example 3)

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Sample Flowchart (Example 4)

50 students of a class appear in the examination of Example 3.

Draw a flowchart for the algorithm to calculate and print the percentage marks obtained by each student along with his/her roll number and name.









Sample Flowchart (Example 4)





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Sample Flowchart (Example 4)

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Sample Flowchart (Example 5)

For the examination of Example 3, we want to make a list of only those students who have passed (obtained 30% or more marks) in the examination.

In the end, we also want to print out the total number of students who have passed.

Assuming that the input data of all the students is terminated by a trailer record, which has sentinel value of 9999999 for Rollno, draw a flowchart for the algorithm to do this.







Sample Flowchart (Example 6)

- Suppose the input data of each student for the examination of Example 3 also contains information regarding the sex of the candidate in the field named *Sexcode* having values M (for male) or F (for female).
- We want to make a list of only those female students who have passed in second division (obtained 45% or more but less than 60% marks).
- In the end, we also want to print out the total number of such students.
- Assuming that the input data of all the students is terminated by a trailer record, which has a sentinel value of Z for Sexcode,

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Draw a flowchart for the algorithm to do this.

Sample Flowchart (Example-6)



Sample Flowchart (Example_6)







- A program planning tool where program logic is written in an ordinary natural language using a structure that resembles computer instructions
- Pseudo" means imitation or false and "Code" refers to the instructions written in a programming language. Hence, pseudocode is an imitation of actual computer instructions
- Because it emphasizes the design of the program, pseudocode is also called *Program Design Language* (PDL)



Basic Logic (Control) Structures

Any program logic can be expressed by using only following three simple logic structures:

- 1. Sequence logic,
- 2. Selection logic, and
- 3. Iteration (or looping) logic

Programs structured by using only these three logic structures are called **structured programs**, and the technique of writing such programs is known as **structured programming**





It is used for performing instructions one after another in sequence.







- Also known as decision logic, it is used for making decisions
- Three popularly used selection logic structures are
 - 1. IF...THEN...ELSE
 - 2. IF...THEN
 - 3. CASE



Selection Logic (IF...THEN...ELSE Structure)





Selection Logic (IF...THEN Structure)









Selection Logic (CASE Structure)



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Iteration (or Looping) Logic

- Used to produce loops in program logic when one or more instructions may be executed several times depending on some conditions
- Two popularly used iteration logic structures are
 - 1. DO...WHILE
 - 2. REPEAT...UNTIL



Iteration (or Looping) Logic (DO...WHILE Structure)





Iteration (or Looping) Logic (REPEAT...UNTIL Structure)





Sample Pseudocode (for Example 6)-

Set *Count* to zero Read first student record DO WHILE Sexcode is not equal to Z IF Sexcode = F THEN Calculate Percentage IF Percentage = > 45 THEN IF Percentage < 60 THEN Write output data Add 1 to Count ENDIF ENDIF ENDIF Read next student record ENDDO Write Count Stop

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