

CSEN 102  
Introduction to Computer Science  
Lecture 3:  
Algorithmic Problem Solving  
Conditional Operations

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## 1 Synopsis

### 1.1 Sequential operations

#### Synopsis

- What is computer science?
- What is an algorithm?

**Definition 1** (Algorithm). An algorithm is a *well-ordered* collection of *unambiguous* and *effectively computable operations* that, when executed, *produces a result* and *halts in a finite amount of time*.

- Why python?
- What are the necessary elements for sequential algorithms?
  - Input (e. g., “`A = eval(input())`”)
  - Output (e. g., “`print(A)`”, or “`print("text")`”)
  - Calculation, manipulation (e. g., “`A = B + C`”)

#### Sequential operations

*Example 2* (See last lecture). For a given number of eggs, find out how many dozen eggs we have and how many extra eggs are left over.

```

1 eggs = eval(input())
2 dozens = int(eggs / 12)
3 extras = eggs - (dozens * 12)
4 print("Your_number_of_eggs_is_")
5 print(dozens)
6 print("_dozen(s)_and_")
7 print(extras)
8 print("_extra(s) ")

```

- Let the input be 27
- What is the output?

Where the function `int` rounds down the result to an integer. For example `int(10/3) = 3`.

### How to construct an algorithm

- Identify the *input* of the algorithm
- Introduce *variables* for
  - *Input*
  - (intermediate) *results*
- Analyze the task into *sequential steps*
- Provide for detailed *output*

## 2 Conditional operations

### 2.1 Introduction

#### Objectives

By the end of this lecture, you should be able to:

- *Design algorithms using conditional operations*

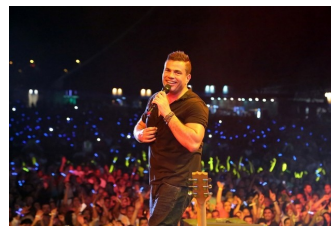
#### Algorithms: operations

Algorithms can be constructed by the following operations:

- Sequential Operation
- *Conditional Operation*
- *Iterative Operation*

### 2.2 Concepts

#### Conditional operation – idea



## Decision

```
1 nameOfSinger = input()
2 if nameOfSinger == 'Mohamed Mounir':
3     print('I will go home')
4 else:
5     print('I will stay at the GUC')
```

## Conditional operation – principle

- Rationale

- Determines whether or not a condition is true; and based on whether or not it is true; *selects the next step* to do

- Notation

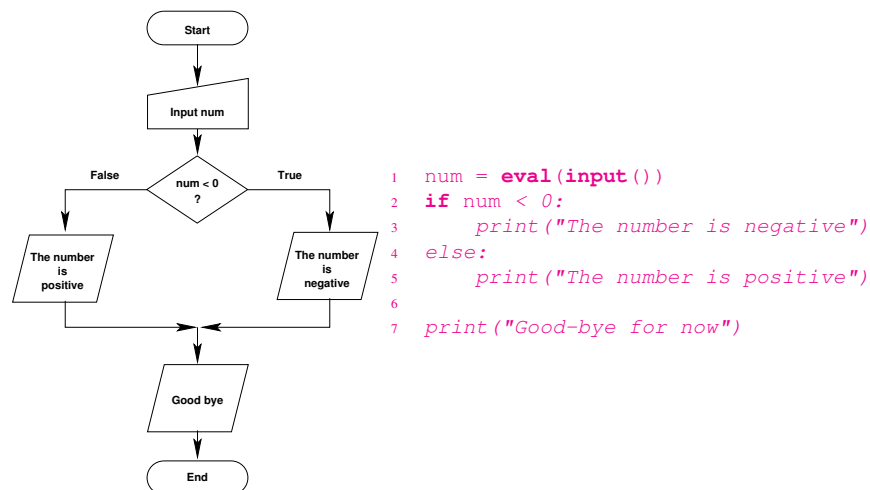
- Use the same primitives as before plus the following:

```
1 if condition:
2     # <operations for the if-part>
3 else:
4     # <operations for the else-part>
```

- Execution

- Evaluate *<condition>* expression to see whether it is true or false.
- If true, then execute operations in **if**-part
- Otherwise, execute operations in **else**-part

## Conditional operation – diagram



## 2.3 General examples

### Conditional operation – examples

*Example 1:*

Write an algorithm to compute the absolute value of a given number.

```
1 Number = int(input())
2
3 if (Number >= 0):
4     Value = Number
5 else:
6     Value = (-1) * Number
7
8 print(Value)
```

### Conditional operation – examples

*Example 2:*

Give the user a choice of seeing the area or the circumference of a circle given its radius.

```
1 radius = eval(input())
2 response = input("Type A for area or C for circumference")
3 if (response == "A"):
4     area = (radius * radius * 3.14)
5     print(area)
6 else:
7     circumference = (2 * radius * 3.14)
8     print(circumference)
```

### Conditional Operation – examples

*Example 3:*

Write an algorithm to convert Euro (EUR, €) to Egyptian Pound (EGP, £E) and Egyptian Pound to Euro. The inputs to your algorithm are the following:

- Amount of money to be converted
- Conversion Type (*i. e.*, 1 for EUR to EGP and 2 for EGP to EUR)
- Exchange Rate (*i. e.*, the EGP equivalent for 1 EUR)

```
1 amount, type, rate = eval(input()), eval(input()), eval(input())
2 if type == 1:
3     amount = amount * rate
4 else:
5     amount = amount / rate
6 print(amount)
```

## 2.4 Compounded conditions

### Compounded conditions

Conditions may be *compounded* using AND, OR and NOT.

- E1 or E2: true if at least one of them is true; false otherwise.
- E1 and E2: true if both are true; false otherwise.
- not E: true if E is false and false if E is true.

*Find the sum of three positive numbers*

```
1 A, B, C = int(input()), int(input()), int(input())
2 if (A > 0) and (B > 0) and (C > 0):
3     Sum = (A+B+C)
4     print(Sum)
```

## 2.5 Nested conditions

### Conditional algorithms with more than two choices

*Nested if-statement*

```
1 if first_condition:
2     # <do first thing>
3 else:
4     if second_condition:
5         # <do second thing>
6     else:
7         # <do something else>
```

## 2.6 Examples for nested conditions

### Nested if-statement – examples

*Example 1*

Algorithm to find the largest of three numbers.

```
1 A, B, C = eval(input()), eval(input()), eval(input())
2 if A >= B:
3     if A >= C:
4         print(A)
5     else:
6         print(C)
7 else:
8     if B >= C:
9         print(B)
10    else:
11        print(C)
```

## Nested if-statement – examples

### Example 2

Write an algorithm that reads each student's marks, print either a grade or an error message. Students marks in a class are graded on the following policy:

- A: 85-100
- B: 74-85
- C: 60-74
- D: 50-60
- F: <50

## Nested if-statement – examples

Solution with if and else

```
1 Mark = eval(input())
2 if(Mark >=0):
3     if (Mark >100):
4         print("invalid_mark")
5     else:
6         if (Mark <50):
7             print("grade is F")
8         else:
9             if (Mark <60):
10                print("grade is D")
11            else:
12                if (Mark <74):
13                    print("grade is C")
14                else:
15                    if (Mark <85):
16                        print("grade is B")
17                    else:
18                        print("grade is A")
```

## Nested if-statement – examples

Solution with if and elif

```
1 Mark = eval(input())
2 if(Mark >=0):
3     if (Mark >100):
4         print("invalid_mark")
5     elif (Mark <50):
6         print("grade is F")
7     elif (Mark <60):
8         print("grade is D")
9     elif (Mark <74):
10        print("grade is C")
11    elif (Mark <85):
12        print("grade is B")
13    else:
14        print("grade is A")
```

### Nested if-statement – examples

#### Example 3

Given an employee's eligible medical expenses for a calendar year, write an algorithm which computes the amount of reimbursement from group medical insurance.

- The insurance does not cover the first 100 LE of medical expenses.
- It pays 90% of the remaining amount in the first 2000 LE of expenses and 100% of any additional expenses.

### Nested if-statement – examples

```
1 LL = 100
2 UL = 2000
3 Expense = int(input())
4
5 if (Expense < LL):
6     Refund = 0
7 else:
8     if (Expense < UL):
9         Refund = 0.9 * (Expense-LL)
10        else:
11            Refund = 0.90 * (UL-LL) + (Expense - UL)
12
13 print (Refund)
```