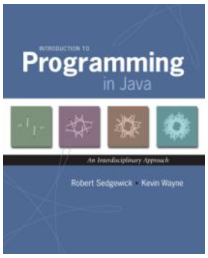
1.3 Conditionals and Loops



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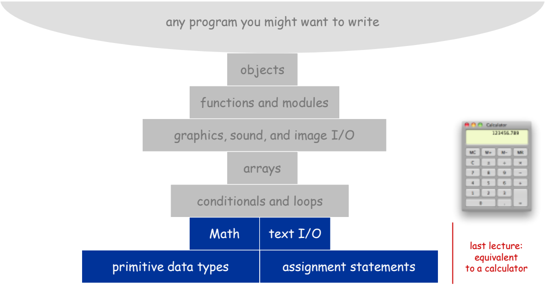

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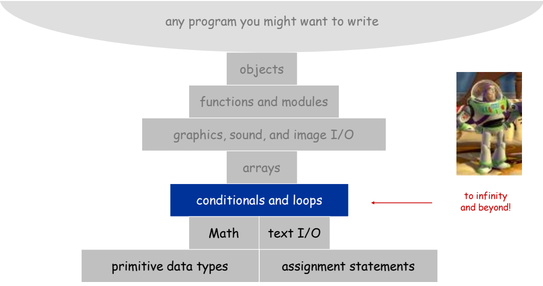

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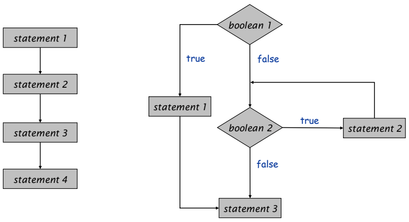


straight-line control flow

control flow with conditionals and loops

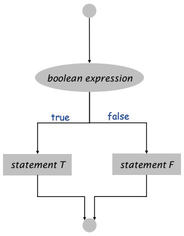
Conditionals

If Statement

The `if` statement A common branching structure

- Evaluate a `boolean` expression
- If `true`, execute some statements
- If `false`, execute other statements

```
if  (boolean expression)  {
    statement T;
}                              can be any sequence
else  {                        of statements
    statement F;
}
```



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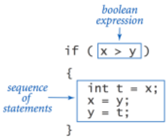
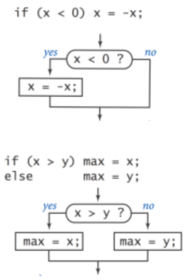


```
if ( x > y )
{
   int t = x;
   x = y;
   y = t;
}
```



If Statement

Ex. Take different action depending on value of variable.

```
public class Flip {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      if (Math.random() < 0.5) System.out.println("Heads");
      else                     System.out.println("Tails");
   }
}
```

```
% java Flip
Heads

% java Flip
Heads

% java Flip
Tails

% java Flip
Heads
```

If Statement Examples

absolute value	`if (x < 0) x = -x;`

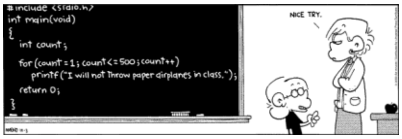
put x and y into sorted order	`if (x > y)`
	`{`
	`   int t = x;`
	`   x = y;`
	`   y = t;`
	`}`

maximum of x and y	`if (x > y) max = x;`
	`else       max = y;`

error check for division operation	`if (den == 0) System.out.println("Division by zero");`
	`else          System.out.println("Quotient = " + num/den);`

error check for quadratic formula	`double discriminant = b*b - 4.0*c;`
	`if (discriminant < 0.0)`
	`{`
	`   System.out.println("No real roots");`
	`}`
	`else`
	`{`
	`   System.out.println((-b + Math.sqrt(discriminant))/2.0);`
	`   System.out.println((-b - Math.sqrt(discriminant))/2.0);`
	`}`

The For Loop



#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
int count;
for (count = 1; count <= 500; count++)
printf("I will not Throw paper airplanes in class.");
return 0;
}
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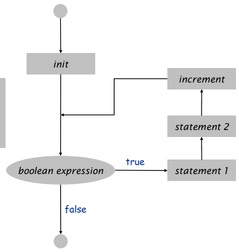
For Loops

The `for` loop A common repetition structure
- Execute initialization statement
- Evaluate a `boolean` expression
- If `true`, execute some statements
- And then the increment statement
- Repeat

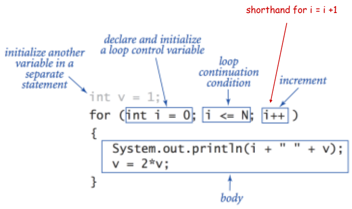
loop continuation condition

```
for (init; boolean expression; increment) {
   statement 1;
   statement 2;
}
```

body



Anatomy of a For Loop



shorthand for i = i +1
initialize another variable in a separate statement
declare and initialize a loop control variable
loop continuation condition
increment
body

```
int v = 1;
for (int i = 0; i <= N; i++)
{
   System.out.println(i + " " + v);
   v = 2*v;
}
```

Q. What does it print?
A.

For Loop: Powers of Two

Ex. Print powers of 2 that are ≤ 2^N
- Increment `i` from `0` to `N`
- Double `v` each time

```
int v = 1;
for (int i = 0; i <= N; i++) {
   System.out.println(i + " " + v);
   v = 2 * v;
}
```

i	v	i <= N
0	1	true
1	2	true
2	4	true
3	8	true
4	16	true
5	32	true
6	64	true
7	128	false

```
0 1
1 2
2 4
3 8
4 16
5 32
6 64
```

N = 6

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For Loops: Subdivisions of a Ruler

Create subdivision of a ruler
- Initialize `ruler` to `" "`
- For each value `i` from `1` to `N`:
  sandwich two copies of `ruler` on either side of `i`

```
public class RulerN {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      int N = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
      String ruler = " ";
      for (int i = 1; i <= N; i++) {
         ruler = ruler + i + ruler;
      }
      System.out.println(ruler);
   }
}
```

i	ruler
	" "
1	" 1 "
2	" 1 2 1 "
3	" 1 2 1 3 1 2 1 "

For Loops: Subdivisions of a Ruler

```
% java RulerN 1
 1

% java RulerN 2
 1 2 1

% java RulerN 3
 1 2 1 3 1 2 1

% java RulerN 4
 1 2 1 3 1 2 1 4 1 2 1 3 1 2 1

% java RulerN 5
 1 2 1 3 1 2 1 4 1 2 1 3 1 2 1 5 1 2 1 3 1 2 1 4 1 2 1 3 1 2 1

% java RulerN 100
Exception in thread "main"
java.lang.OutOfMemoryError
```

Observation Loops can produce a huge amount of output!

The While Loop

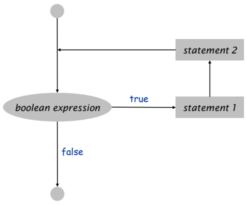
While Loop

The `while` loop. Another common repetition structure
- Evaluate a `boolean` expression
- If `true`, execute some statements
- Repeat

loop continuation condition

```
while (boolean expression) {
   statement 1;
   statement 2;
}
```

loop body



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```
int i = 0;
int v = 1;
while (i <= N) {
   System.out.println(i + " " + v);
   i++;
   v = 2 * v;
}
```

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Powers of Two

```
public class PowersOfTwo {
   public static void main(String[] args) {

      // last power of two to print
      int N = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);

      int i = 0;  // loop control counter
      int v = 1;  // current power of two
      while (i <= N) {
         System.out.println(i + " " + v);
         i = i + 1;
         v = 2 * v;
      }
   }
}
```

print i and ith power of two

```
% java PowersOfTwo 3
0 1
1 2
2 4
3 8

% java PowersOfTwo 6
0 1
1 2
2 4
3 8
4 16
5 32
6 64
```

While Loop Challenge

Q. Anything wrong with the following code for printing powers of 2?

```
int i = 0;
int v = 1;
while (i <= N)
   System.out.println(i + " " + v);
   i = i + 1;
   v = 2 * v;
```

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   i = i + 1;
   v = 2 * v;
```

A. Need curly braces around statements in while loop; otherwise it enters an infinite loop, printing "0 1".

Moment of panic. How to stop infinite loop?

While Loops: Square Root

Goal. Implement `Math.sqrt()`

```
% java Sqrt 2.0
1.414213562373095
```

15 decimal digits of accuracy in 5 iterations

Newton-Raphson method to compute the square root of c:

- Initialize t_0 = c
- Repeat until t_i = c / t_i, up to desired precision: set t_{i+1} to be the average of t_i and c / t_i

$$\begin{aligned}
t_0 & & &= 2.0\\
t_1 &= \tfrac{1}{2}(t_0 + \tfrac{2}{t_0}) &&= 1.5\\
t_2 &= \tfrac{1}{2}(t_1 + \tfrac{2}{t_1}) &&= 1.416666666666665\\
t_3 &= \tfrac{1}{2}(t_2 + \tfrac{2}{t_2}) &&= 1.4142156862745097\\
t_4 &= \tfrac{1}{2}(t_3 + \tfrac{2}{t_3}) &&= 1.4142135623746899\\
t_5 &= \tfrac{1}{2}(t_4 + \tfrac{2}{t_4}) &&= 1.414213562373095
\end{aligned}$$

computing the square root of 2

"A wonderful square root. Let's hope it can be used for the good of mankind."

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```
public class Sqrt {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      double epsilon = 1e-15;
      double c = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);
      double t = c;
      while (Math.abs(t - c/t) > t*epsilon) {
         t = (c/t + t) / 2.0;
      }
      System.out.println(t);
   }
}
```

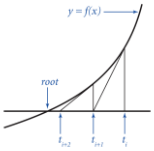
relative error tolerance

Newton-Raphson Method

Square root method explained

- Goal: find root of any function f(x)
- Start with estimate t_0
- Draw line tangent to curve at x= t_i
- Set t_{i+1} to be x-coordinate where line hits x-axis
- Repeat until desired precision

f(x) = x^2 - c to compute √c



$$t_{i+1} = t_i - \frac{f(t_i)}{f'(t_i)}$$

Technical conditions. f(x) is smooth; t_0 is good estimate

Loop Examples

print largest power of two less than or equal to N

```
int v = 1;
while (v <= N/2)
   v = 2*v;
System.out.println(v);
```

compute a finite sum (1 + 2 + . . . + N)

```
int sum = 0;
for (int i = 1; i <= N; i++)
   sum += i;
System.out.println(sum);
```

compute a finite product (N! = 1 × 2 × . . . × N)

```
int product = 1;
for (int i = 1; i <= N; i++)
   product *= i;
System.out.println(product);
```

print a table of function values

```
for (int i = 0; i <= N; i++)
   System.out.println(i + " " + 2*Math.PI*i/N);
```

Nesting

Nested If Statements

Ex. Pay a certain tax rate depending on income level

Income	Rate
0 - 47,450	22%
47,450 - 114,650	25%
114,650 - 174,700	28%
174,700 - 311,950	33%
311,950 -	35%

5 mutually exclusive alternatives

```
double rate;
if      (income <  47450) rate = 0.22;
else if (income < 114650) rate = 0.25;
else if (income < 174700) rate = 0.28;
else if (income < 311950) rate = 0.33;
else                      rate = 0.35;
```

graduated income tax calculation

Nested If Statements

Use nested `if` statements to handle multiple alternatives

```
if (income <  47450) rate = 0.22;
else {
   if (income < 114650) rate = 0.25;
   else {
      if (income < 174700) rate = 0.28;
      else {
         if (income < 311950) rate = 0.33;
         else rate = 0.35;
      }
   }
}
```

Nested If Statements

Need all those braces? Not always

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is shorthand for

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   }
}
```

but be careful when nesting if-else statements. [See Q+A on p. 75.]

Nested If Statement Challenge

Q. What's wrong with the following for income tax calculation?

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double rate = 0.35;
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if (income < 311950) rate = 0.33;
```

wrong graduated income tax calculation

Monte Carlo Simulation

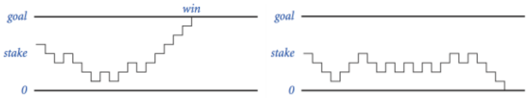
Gambler's Ruin

Gambler's ruin Gambler starts with $stake and places $1 fair bets until going broke or reaching $goal

- What are the chances of winning?
- How many bets will it take?

One approach Monte Carlo simulation

- Flip digital coins and see what happens
- Repeat and compute statistics



Gambler's Ruin

```
public class Gambler {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      int stake  = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
      int goal   = Integer.parseInt(args[1]);
      int T      = Integer.parseInt(args[2]);
      int wins   = 0;
      // repeat experiment T times
      for (int t = 0; t < T; t++) {
         // do one gambler's ruin experiment
         int cash = stake;
         while (cash > 0 && cash < goal) {
            // flip coin and update
            if (Math.random() < 0.5) cash++;
            else                     cash--;
         }
         if (cash == goal) wins++;
      }
      System.out.println(wins + " wins of " + T);
   }
}
```

Digression: Simulation and Analysis

```
                   stake goal  T
% java Gambler 5 25 1000
191 wins of 1000

% java Gambler 5 25 1000
203 wins of 1000

% java Gambler 500 2500 1000
197 wins of 1000
```

after a substantial wait….

Fact Probability of winning = stake ÷ goal

Fact Expected number of bets = stake × desired gain

Ex. 20% chance of turning $500 into $2500, but expect to make one million $1 bets

500/2500 = 20%

500 * (2500 - 500) = 1 million

Remark Both facts can be proved mathematically; for more complex scenarios, computer simulation is often the best (only) plan of attack

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conditionals	certain statements are executed depending on the values of certain variables	`if` `if-else`

loops	certain statements are executed repeatedly until certain conditions are met	`while`
		`for`
		`do-while`