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PROGRAMMING FOR PROBLEM SOLVING

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Unit 1 – Introduction to Problem Solving Techniques

Topics: Problem Solving Techniques [pseudo code, flow chart, and programming language]

can be expressed in many different notations, including Natural Language, flowcharts and programming languages.

Natural language tends to be verbose and ambiguous.

Flowcharts and flowcharts are represented through structured human language.

Flowchart is a system of characters, expressions, graphics or symbols designed

to be used in problem solving to represent technical facts, created to facilitate

the development of a program

Flowchart words Notations collectively represents the following:

Flowchart to code

Flowchart charts

Flowchart programming languages.

is an informal high-level description of the operating principle of the algorithm.

has the basic structure of a normal programming language, but is intended for human rather than machine reading.

is used as a detail design tool.

means 'false' and code refers to 'instructions' written in programming language. It cannot be compiled nor executed, and there are no real forms.

Pseudocode is written in normal English language which cannot be used for execution.

Code: To find sum of two numbers

```
READ num1,num2
```

```
sum=num1+num2
```

```
PRINT sum
```

ent per line.

represents single action is written on same line.

e to read the input, all the inputs must be read

statement.

al keywords

ds should be written in capital letters.

WRITE, IF, ELSE, ENDIF, WHILE, REPEAT

ierarchy

is a process of showing the boundaries of the

tructures

re must be ended properly, which provides more

language independent.

must never written or use any syntax of any

g language.

Example: 01

Pseudocode: Find the
subjects

READ name, mark1, m

Total=mark1+mark2+n

Average=Total/3

WRITE name, mark1, 1

Example: 02

Pseudocode: Find great

READ a, b

IF a>b then

 PRINT a is great

ELSE

 PRINT b is great

ENDIF

Advantages of Pseudocode

Can be done easily on a word processor

Can be modified

Expresses structured concepts well

Can be written easily

Can be read and understood easily

Translating pseudocode to programming language is easy as compared to

chart

Disadvantages of Pseudocode

Not visual

There is no standardized style or format

keyword used to represent a comment.

END: Begin is the first statement and end is the last statement.

INPUT, READ: The keyword is used to inputting data.

PROCESS, CALCULATE: used for calculation of the result.

ADD, SUBTRACT, INITIALIZE: used for addition, subtraction and initialization.

PRINT, DISPLAY: It is used to display the output of the program.

ENDIF: used to make decision.

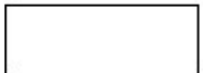





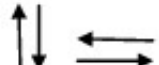
ENDWHILE: used for iterative statements.











DOFOR: Another iterative incremented/decremented tested.

al representation of an algorithm.

s is a diagram made up of boxes, diamonds, and other shapes, co

e represents a step in process and arrows show the order in which

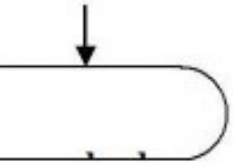
Symbol	Name	Function
	Process	Indicates any type of internal operation inside the Processor or Memory
	input/output	Used for any Input / Output (I/O) operation. Indicates that the computer is to obtain data or output results
	Decision	Used to ask a question that can be answered in a binary format (Yes/No, True/False)
	Connector	Allows the flowchart to be drawn without intersecting lines or without a reverse flow.
	Predefined Process	Used to invoke a subroutine or an Interrupt program.
	Terminal	Indicates the starting or ending of the program, process, or interrupt program
	Flow Lines	Shows direction of flow.

Name	Symbol	Description
Process		Process or action step
Flow line		Direction of process flow
Start/ terminator		Start or end point of process flow
Decision		Represents a decision making point
Connector		Inspection point
Inventory		Raw material storage
Inventory		Finished goods storage
Preparation		Initial setup and other preparation steps before start of process flow
Alternate process		Shows a flow which is an alternative to normal flow
Flow line(dashed)		Alternate flow direction of information flow

per flowchart, all necessary requirements should be listed out in logical order. It should be clear, neat and easy to follow. There should not be any room for ambiguity in understanding the flow of a procedure or system is from left to right or top to bottom. A flow line should come out from a process symbol.

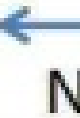
A flow line should enter a decision symbol, but two or three flow lines, one for each possible outcome.

A connector symbol is used in conjunction with terminal symbol.



When a flowchart becomes complex, it is better to use connector symbols to reduce the number of lines.

A flowchart has logical start and stop.



Flowchart:

Flowcharts are a better way of communicating the logic of the system.

is

With the help of flowchart, a problem can be analyzed in a more effective way.

Application

Flowcharts are used for good program documentation, which is needed for various purposes.

Flowcharts act as a guide or blue print during the system analysis and program development.

Testing and Debugging

Flowchart helps in testing and debugging the program.

Program Maintenance

Maintenance of operating program becomes easy with the help of flowchart.

It enables the programmer to put efforts more efficiently on that part.

Advantages of Flowchart

When the program logic is quite complicated, the flowchart becomes complex and difficult to modify.

Modification:

When changes are required, the flowchart may require redrawing completely.

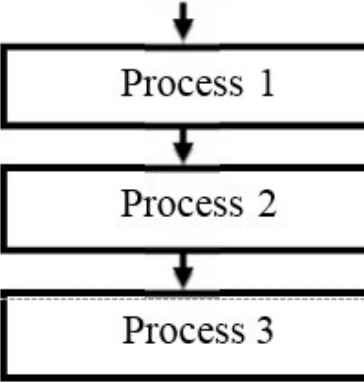
Since the flowchart symbols cannot be typed, reproduction becomes problematic.

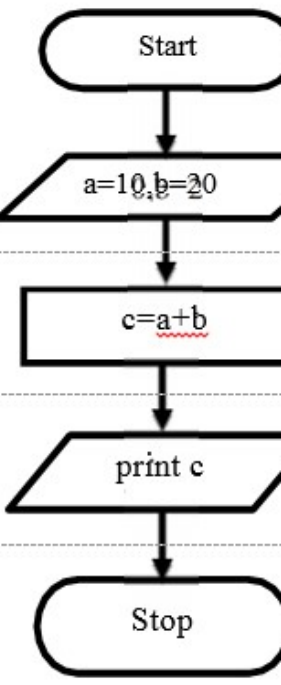
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Structure

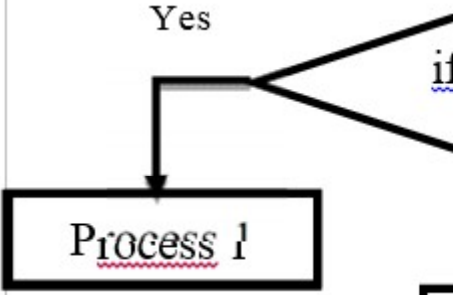
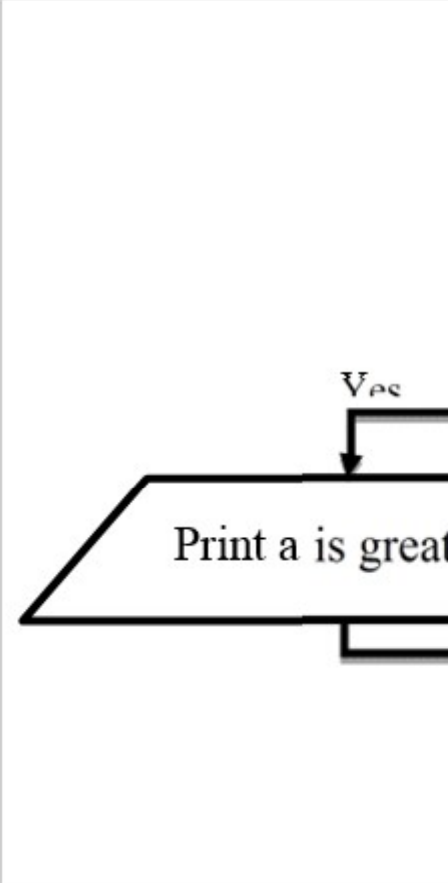
a series of steps that take
one another.

represented here by a new line

<u>Pseudocode</u>	Flow Chart
General Structure	
Process 1 Process 2 ... Process 3	
Example	

READ a READ b Result $c=a+b$ PRINT c	

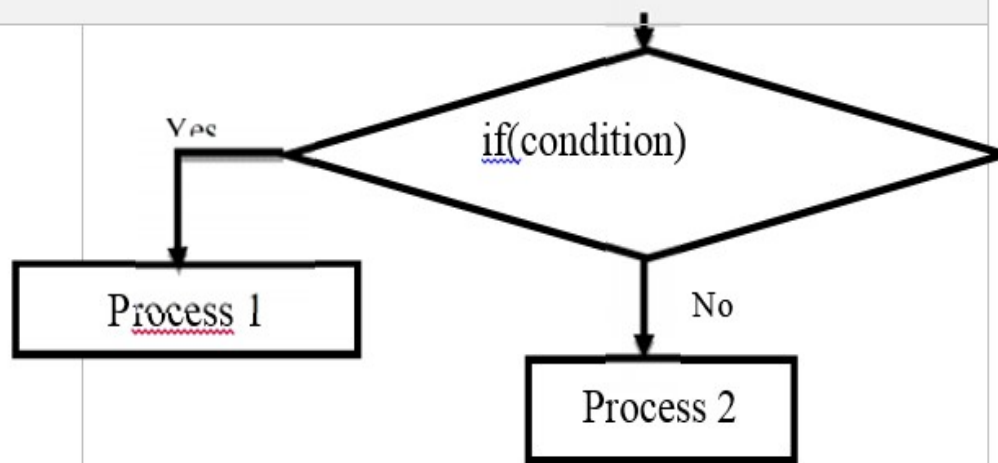
is used to check the condition.
outputs only (True or False)
are the conditional structures used.

<u>Pseudocode</u>	Flow Chart
General Structure	
IF condition THEN Process 1 ENDIF	 <pre>graph TD; A{if} -- Yes --> B[Process 1];</pre>
Example	
READ a READ b IF a>b THEN PRINT a is greater	 <pre>graph TD; A{Yes} -- Yes --> B[/Print a is greater/];</pre>

is the structure used to specify, if
e, then execute Process1, else, that
then execute Process2

```
READ a
READ b
IF a>b THEN
PRINT a is greater
```

Flow Chart



Print a

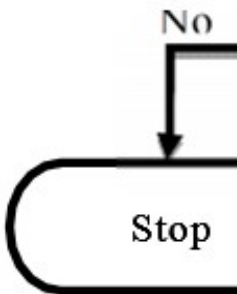
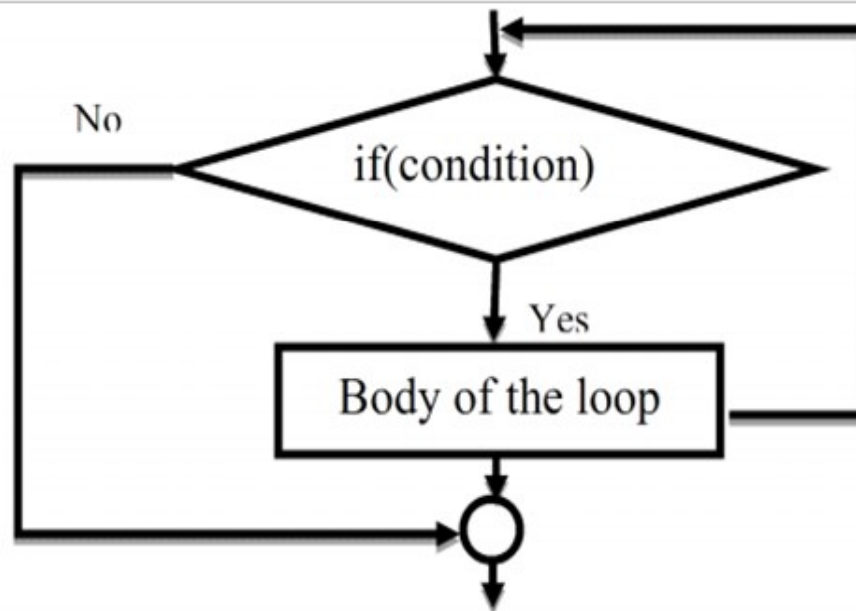
rally used with WHILE or FOR loop.

R is **entry checked loop**.

exit checked loop, so the executed at least once.

```
INITIALIZE a=1
WHILE a<10 THEN
    PRINT a
    a=a+1
ENDWHILE
```

Flow Chart



	Flowchart	Pseudo code
is a sequence used to	It is a graphical representation of algorithm	It is a language representation of algorithm.
knowledge to	not need knowledge of program to draw or understand flowchart	Not need know program language to understand pseudo code

Programming language is a vocabulary and set of grammatical rules for a computing device to perform specific tasks.

And it is set of instructions for the computer to solve the problem. Programming Language is a formal language with set of instruction, to solve a problem.

Programmer will accept the data to perform computation.

Programmers have to follow all the specified rules before writing a program in a programming language.

Programmer has to communicate with the computer using language which is understood by the computer.

Program = Algorithm + Data

Programming Languages

Programming languages are also used to organize the computation. For every programming language we can solve different problems. We can also improve the efficiency of the programs.

Programming Language

Programming languages are classified into three types. They are:

– level or Machine Language

– level or Assembly Language

– level Programming language

ge:

language is the lowest-level programming language.

languages are the only languages understood by computers.

called as low level language.

Example code:100110011

» 111001100

ee:

language is the only language which the computer understands.

ing any program written in any programming language, the conversion to machine language

am written in machine language can be executed directly on computer.

e any conversion process is not required.

ne language program is translation free.

conversion time is saved, the execution of machine language program is extremely fast.

o find errors in a program written in the machine language.

rogram in machine language is a time consuming process.

language:

overcome the issues in programming language and make the programming language easier for people to read, write and understand.

Assembly language is symbolic representation of machine language.

Assembly languages are symbolic programming language that uses symbols to represent machine language instructions.

They are called low level language because they are so closely related to machine language. Assembly language contains the same instructions as a machine language. Instructions and variables have names instead of being just numbers.

Assembly language consists of mnemonics, mnemonics that correspond to machine instruction.

Example code: start

» Add x,y

» Sub x,v

the program which translates assembly language instruction into a machine language that the computer can understand and use.

It is used by the programmer to locate and correct errors.

dependent:

An assembly language program which can be executed on the machine depends on the hardware of the computer.

It is machine dependent, so the programmer should have the hardware knowledge to write an assembly language program.

The development time of an assembly language program is more than that of a machine language program. An assembler is needed to convert from assembly language to machine language.

language:

High level language contains English words and symbols.

Specific rules are to be followed while writing program in high level language.

Interpreter or compilers are used for converting these programs into machine language.

High level language (HLL) is a programming language such as C, FORTRAN, or

Fortran programmer to write programs that are more or less independent of a particular type of computer.

These languages are considered high-level because they are closer to human language.

These are high-level languages.

Highly, programs written in a high-level language must be translated into machine language.

Compiler or interpreter.

Example code: `print("Hello World!")`

High level language to machine language:

Programs that translate high level language into machine language are called

compiler.

Compiler is a program which translates the source code written in a high level language into machine language program.

Compiler reads the whole program written in high level language and translates it to machine language. If any error is found it displays error message on the screen.

Interpreter translates the high level language program in line by line manner.

The interpreter translates a high level language statement in a source program to a machine language statement immediately before translating the next statement.

When an error is found the execution of the program is halted and error message is displayed.

Readability:

High level language is closer to natural language so they are easier to learn and understand.

Machine independent:

High level language programs have the advantage of being portable between machines.

Easy debugging:

Easy to find and correct errors in high level language.

Drawbacks:

Less efficient:

The translation process increases the execution time of the program.

Programs in high level language require more memory and take more execution time to run.

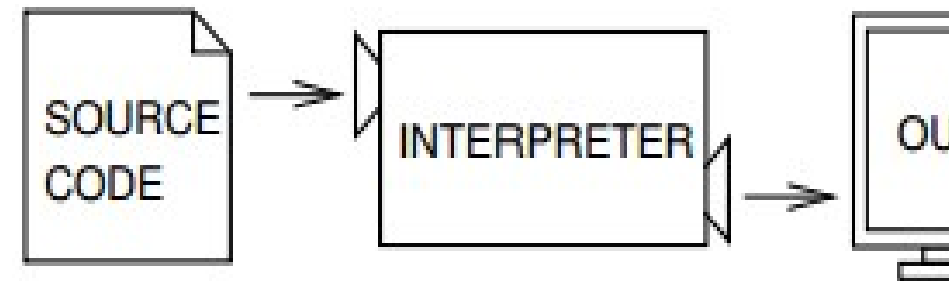
Programming languages are further divided and shown in the Table.

Type	Example
Programming Language	Python, BASIC, Lisp
Programming Language	Clean, Curry, F#
Programming Language	C++, Java, Ada, ALGOL
Programming Language	<u>C</u> , Matlab, <u>CList</u>
Programming Language	<u>PHP</u> , Apple Script, <u>Javascript</u>
Programming Language	HTML, SGML, XML
Programming Language	Prolog, <u>Fril</u>
Programming Language	ABCL, Concurrent PASCAL
Compiled Programming Language	C++, Ada, Java, Python

Programming Language:

Interpreter is a program that executes instructions written in a high-level programming language. The interpreter reads the source code one instruction or one line at a time, translates it into machine code and executes it.

Examples: Java, Python

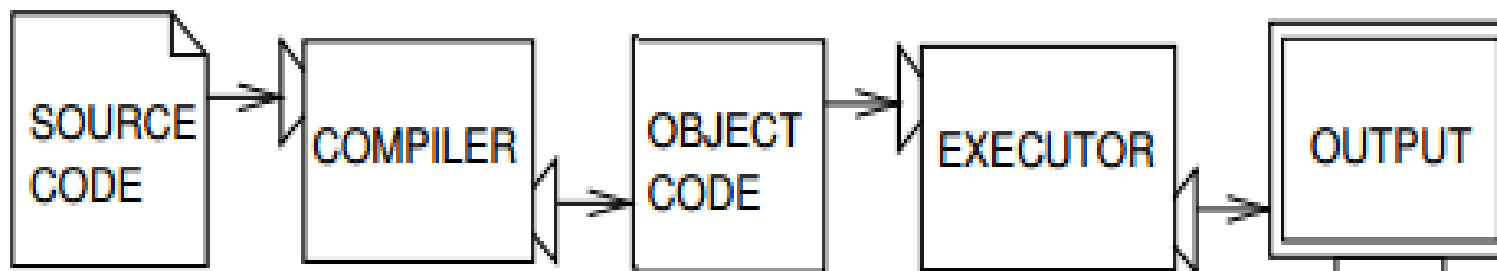


Programming Language:

Compilation is to transform a program written in a high-level programming language into object code.

This can be done by using a tool called compiler.

The compiler reads the whole source code and translates it into a complete program to perform the required tasks which is output as a new file. Ex: C



Programming Language	Compile Programming Language
Execute statement at a time	Scans entire program and translates into machine code
Small amount of time to analyze the code but the overall execution time is	It takes large amount of time to analyze source code but the overall execution is comparatively faster
Intermediate object code is generated, memory efficient	Generates intermediate object code, further requires linking, hence requires more memory
Translating the program until first error in which case it stops. Hence debugging is easy.	It generates the error message only after scanning the whole program. Hence debugging is comparatively hard.
Ruby	Eg: C, C++, Java