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## **DEPARTMENT OF AIML**

# **PROBLEM SOLVING AND C PROGRAMMING**

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**TOPIC 1 – Introduction to Problem Solving Techniques**

**TOPIC 4 – Building Blocks of Algorithm**

and as a sequence of instructions that describe a solving a problem.

It is a step by step procedure for solving a

It should be written in simple English

and every instruction should be precise and unambiguous.

Instructions in an algorithm should not be repeated

The algorithm should conclude after a finite number of

It should have an end point

The desired results should be obtained only after the algorithm terminates.



Problem: Add

- Step 1: Start
- Step 2: Read
- Step 3: Calculate
- Step 4: Print
- Step 5: Stop

**Example: V**  
**add**

- Start
- Step 1: Get n
- Step 2: Get m
- Step 3: Sum
- Step 4: Display
- Stop

Following are the primary factors that are often used to judge the quality of an algorithm.

- To execute a program, the computer system takes some amount of time. The less time required, the better is the algorithm.

- To execute a program, computer system takes some amount of memory. The less memory required, the better is the algorithm.

- Multiple algorithms may provide suitable or correct solutions to a problem. These may **provide more** accurate results than others, and such algorithms are preferred.

### Example

Write an algorithm to print „Good Morning”

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Print “Good Morning”

Step 3: Stop

gorithm is a part of the blue-print or plan of a computer program.

Algorithm is constructed using following blocks

Statements

States

Control flow

Function

are **simple sentences** written in algorithm for use.

may consists of assignment statements, **statements**, comment statements

might include some of the following actions  
information given to the program  
to perform operation on a given input  
to produce processed result

value of 'a' // This is input statement

c=a+b // This is assignment statement

value of c // This is output statement

statements are given after // symbol, which is the purpose of the line.

**Problem: Add two**

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Read A, B

Step 3: C=A+B

Step 4: Print C

Step 5: Stop

Algorithm is deterministic **automation** for accomplishing a goal which starts from an initial state, will terminate in a defined end-state.

In other words, **Transition from one process to another process under a certain condition with in a time is called state.**

Every algorithm will definitely have **start state and end state**



Problem: Add two numbers

- Step 1: Start
- Step 2: Read A, B
- Step 3:  $C=A+B$
- Step 4: Print C
- Step 5: Stop

flow which is also stated as flow of control, determines the order of code to run in program at a given time.

There are three types of flows, they are

1. Sequential control flow

2. Selection or Conditional control flow

3. Looping, iteration or repetition control flow

al control structure is used to perform the **action one after**  
e **step** is executed once.

is **top to bottom** approach.

ion: To find the sum of two numbers.

1. Start
2. Read the value of 'a'
3. Read the value of 'b'
4. Calculate  $\text{sum} = a + b$
5. Print the sum of two number
6. Stop



allows the program to make “choice” between two alternate paths based on condition and as **decision structure**.

is **TRUE** then

some action

CONDITION is **FALSE** then

some action

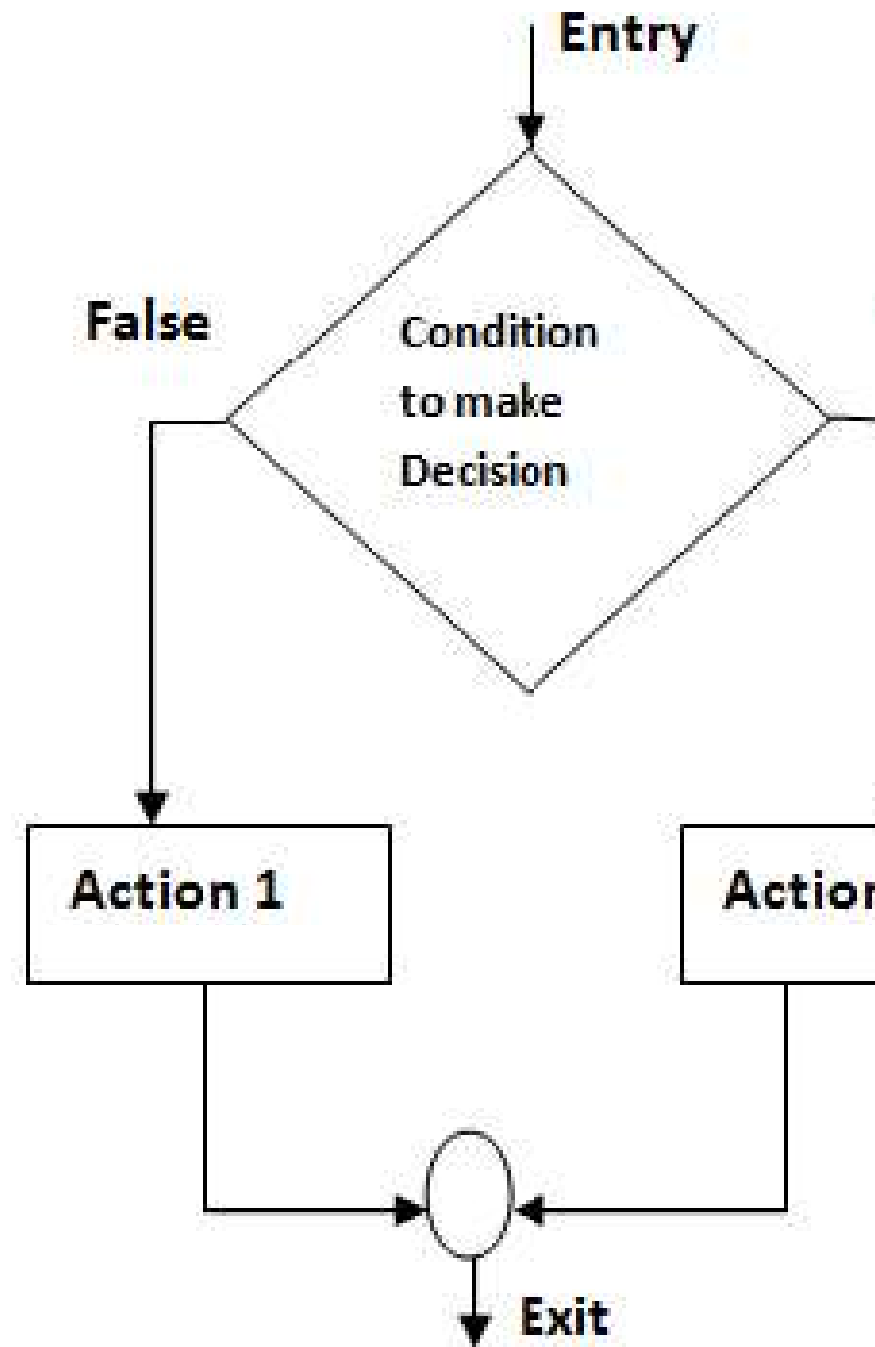
finding the greater number

then

1. Print a is greater

else

2. Print b is greater



Control flow means that **one or more steps are performed repeatedly** until some **condition** is met. This is used for producing “**loops**” in program logic when one or more instructions may need to be repeated depending on condition.

**CONDITION** is true

do

print the values from 1 to n

get the value of ‘n’

initialize i as 1

while i <= n

do  
1. Print i

a **block** of organized, reusable code  
perform a single, related action.

o named as methods, sub-routines.

problems, the problem is been divided  
**and simpler tasks** during algorithm

Functions

on in line of code

use

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ion hiding

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Algorithm for addition of two numbers using

Main function()

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Call the function add()

Step 3: Stop

sub function add()

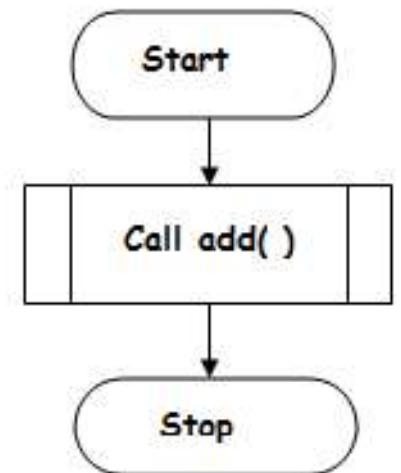
Step 1: Function start

Step 2: Get a,b Values

Step 3: add  $c=a+b$

Step 4: Print c

Step 5: Stop



Circle of radius r.

algorithm:

Radius r of the Circle.

Input:

Radius of the Circle

Radius r of the Circle

// calculation of area

Problem2:

Write an algorithm to read two numbers

Inputs to the algorithm:

First num1.

Second num2.

Expected output:

Sum of the two numbers.

Algorithm:

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Read\input the first num1.

Step 3: Read\input the second num2.

Step 4:  $Sum = num1 + num2$  // calculation

Step 5: Print Sum

Step 6: Stop

Convert Fahrenheit to Celsius

Algorithm:

Temperature in Fahrenheit

Input:

Temperature in Celsius

Temperature in Fahrenheit F

(32)

Temperature in Celsius: C

Problem 4:

Find the largest number between A and B

Inputs to the algorithm:

A, B

Expected output:

Largest A or B

Algorithm:

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Read A, B

Step 3: If A is less than B, then

Big=B

Small=A

Print A is largest

Else

Big=A

Small = B

Step 4: Write (Display) BIG, SMALL

Step 5: Stop

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successful or fail.

erm and final  
id-term + final)/2  
< 60) then  
FAIL”

SUCCESS”

## Problem 6:

A algorithm to find the largest value of any

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Read/input A,B and C

Step 3: If  $(A \geq B)$  and  $(A \geq C)$  then  $Max = A$

Step 4: If  $(B \geq A)$  and  $(B \geq C)$  then  $Max = B$

Step 5: If  $(C \geq A)$  and  $(C \geq B)$  then  $Max = C$

Step 6: Print Max

Step 7: End