FE Review

Computer Terms

Computers sizes

- **Supercomputers**
- **Mainframe – centralized, large memory, large peripherals**
- **Mini-computers – Less memory, smaller**
- **Microcomputers – smaller still few peripherals, slower than all, can be used as standalone devices**

Architecture

- Input
- Output
- Memory
- CPU

The Microprocessor

- CPU on a single chip
  - » Control Unit
  - » Logic Unit
  - » Accumulators
  - » Specialized and non-specialized registers

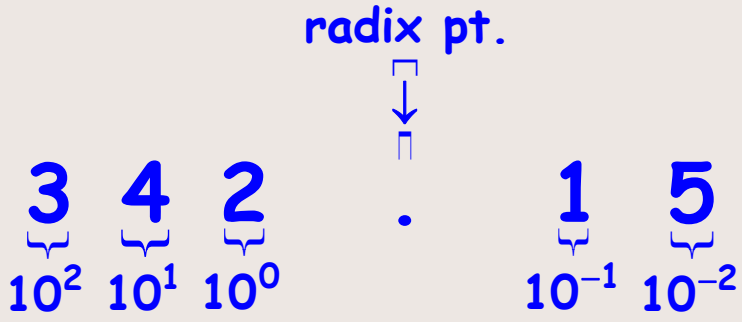
Special registers

- **Accumulators:** Hold data and instructions while they are being worked on and for future use. The accumulator is a special case register. More is better!
- **Program Counter (PC):** Special register which holds the address of the NEXT instruction to be executed

Special Registers (continued)

- **Stacks:** temporary storage of data or address in sequential order
  - FIFO => First in First Out
  - LIFO =>Last in First Out
  - Sometimes called a "Push-down register"
- **Flag Register:** Holds individual indicators that specific actions have taken place (usually within the accumulators)
- **Instruction Register (IR):** holds current instruction being executed.

Base 10 number system reviewed



We can represent this number by the polynomial

$$(3*10^2)+(4*10^1)+(2*10^0)$$
$$+(1*10^{-1})+(5*10^{-2})=\boxed{342.15_{10}}$$

Base 2 (binary system)

Computers use a number system known as binary which is a base 2 system. Since it is a base 2 system, the highest number in the system is a 1.

$$\underbrace{1}_{2^4} \; 0 \; 0 \; \underbrace{1}_{2^1} \; \underbrace{1}_{2^0}$$

$$(1 * 2^4) + (1 * 2^1) + (1 * 2^0)$$

$$16 + 2 + 1 = 19$$

Base 10 to Base 2 Conversion

Convert 42_{10} to Binary (Base 2)

powers of two ⇒

need 42

remainder ⇒

32	16	8	4	2	1
1	0	1	0	1	0_2
42	10	10	2	2	0

$= 42_{10}$

bit	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
#	273	17	17	17	17	1	1	1	1
power	256	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
273	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1_2

Base 8 (octal system)

Convert 1750_8 to base$_{10}$

1	*	8^3	=	1 *	512		512
7	*	8^2	=	7 *	64		448
5	*	8^1	=	5 *	8		40
0	*	8^0	=	0 *	1		0
							$1,000_{10}$

Base 10 to Octal conversion

800	288	32	0	.
512	64	8	1	.
1	4	4	0	.

Binary to Octal Conversion

Convert 10110111_2 to Octal

Start from the radix point and group into groups of three. Feel free to pad the left most group to make a group of three.

$\underbrace{0\ 1\ 0}_{2}\ \underbrace{1\ 1\ 0}_{6}\ \underbrace{1\ 1\ 1}_{7}{}_2. \Rightarrow 267_8$

Octal to Binary Conversion

Convert 52_8 to Binary

$\underbrace{5}_{101}\ \underbrace{2}_{010}{}_8 \Rightarrow 101010_2$

Base 16 (hex system)

Convert $AD85_{16}$ to base$_{10}$

A	*	16^3	=	10	*	4,096	40,960
D	*	16^2	=	13	*	256	3,328
8	*	16^1	=	8	*	16	128
5	*	16^0	=	5	*	1	5
							$44,421_{10}$

Base 10 to Base 16 Conversion

Convert 2748 to Hex.

As with the other systems, we will use the "Sum of Weights" method.

256	16	1
A	B	C
2748	188	12

So the answer is ABC_{16} ⇐

Binary to Base 16 Conversion

Convert 101101_2 to Base 16

$$101101 = \underbrace{10}_{2}\,\underbrace{1101_2}_{D} \Rightarrow 2D_{16}$$

Base 16 to Binary Conversion

Convert $5AC_{16}$ $\Rightarrow$ Base 2

$\underbrace{5}_{0101}$ $\underbrace{A}_{1010}$ $\underbrace{C_{16}}_{1100}$ $\Rightarrow$ 101101011100_2

Data Sizes

The smallest changeable unit of data is known as the BIT.

The letters stand for Binary digiT.

$1\ 0\ 0\ 1_2 = 9_{10} \Rightarrow$ 4 bits = 1 nibble

The next data size up is the Nibble which is 4 bits long.

Data Sizes (continued)

- Byte = 8 Bits
- Word = 16 Bits = 2 Bytes
- Long Word = 32 Bits = 4 bytes
- Double Word = 64 Bits = 4 Words

Data Types

- Character data – ASCII
  - American Standard Code for Information Interchange
- Numerical data – Binary
  - Commonly used by mini- and micro- computers
  - Allows a maximum of 128 different characters.
- EBCDIC
  - Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code
  - Used extensively by mainframes
  - Allows a maximum of 256 characters

Parity System

This is an extremely simple way of making sure that single errors in data interchange does not occur. There are two basic types of parity:

Even or Odd.

A bit position is reserved somewhere in the data Word (or larger data structure). Then the number of 1's in the word are counted. If Even Parity is desired, then the total number of ones Needs to be EVEN. If it isn't, then the Parity bit is set to a 1 which makes the total even. Otherwise, it is set to a 0. The same process applies to Odd parity.

Memory Size

Memory size uses prefixes such as K, M, and G

1k x 8 of ram is 2^{10} x 8 bits wide of data.
2^{10} x 8 = 1,024 * 8 = 8,192 bits. Note that The K here did not mean 1000 exactly. Nor Will a Gig (G) actually mean 10^9 exactly.

Memory Types

- **Volatile memory** (Lost when power is lost)
  - Random Access Memory (RAM)
- **Non-volatile memory**
  - Read Only Memory (ROM)
  - Programmable ROM (PROM)
  - Erasable PROM (EPROM)
  - Hard Drives, CD/DVD ROMS, Floppies, etc.

Example Question

Which of the following types of memory is lost when a computer's power is interrupted?

(A)	RAM
(B)	ROM
(C)	PROM
(D)	EPROM

Bus'

- **Address Bus** – Carries address locations
- **Control Bus** – Transfers control and and status information
- **Data Bus** – Carries the actual data
  - Series or parallel

Example Question

A 256k-word memory uses 16 bit-words. How many parallel data lines are required to pass data to the CPU for processing?

(A)	2
(B)	8
(C)	9
(D)	16

The key word here is "Parallel". All bits in a word are passed in parallel to the CPU. There is one data line per bit in the word.

Command Sets

- Complex Instruction Set (CISC)
- Reduced Instruction Set (RISC)
  - Used to increase speed. Fewer, but more powerful instructions.

Operating System

Sometimes referred to as the **OS**, this manages everything that the computer does with regards to memory, processor operation scheduling, access to/form peripherals, I/O, resolves any conflicts with resources. The OS is often also referred to as the **BIOS** or "**Basic input/output System**".

Multi-Tasking

Main memory is allocated between several users with different applications running at the same time. It is also known as **Multi-Programming**. If the term **USER** is literally different people, then it can also be called a **Multi-User system**.

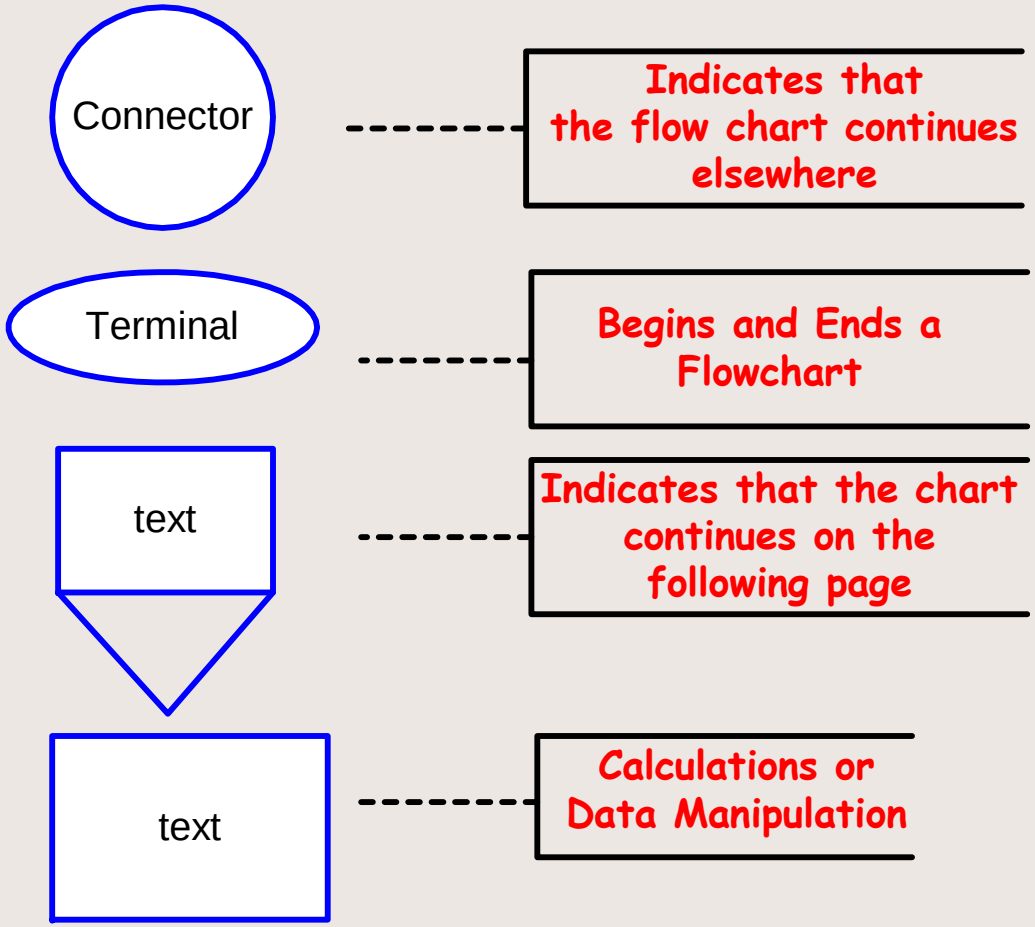
Time Sharing

Also known as swapping, (not that type of swapping!!. Lets keep this out of the gutter, OK?!!). This is a technique where each user takes a turn using the OS for a specific period of time, (less than one second). At the end of the users time, the active memory is stored in a private area (assigned to the user), and then the next users private memory area is loaded into active memory.

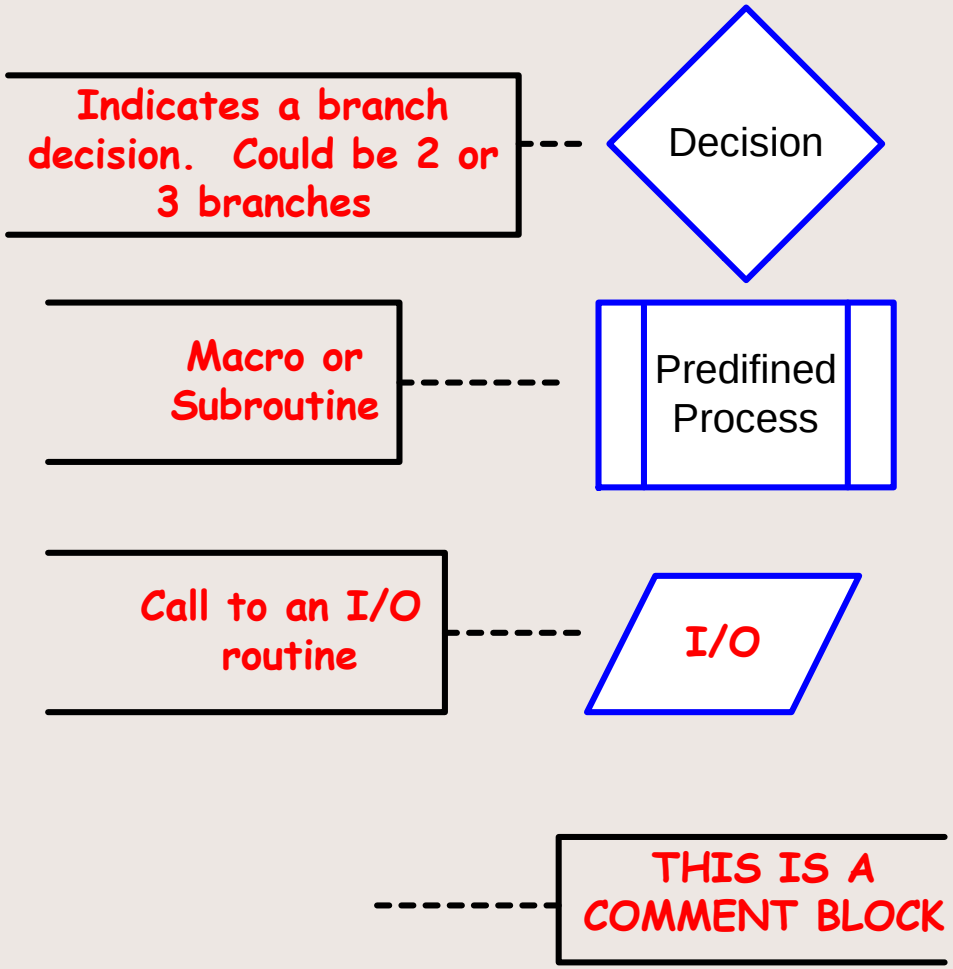
Run Modes

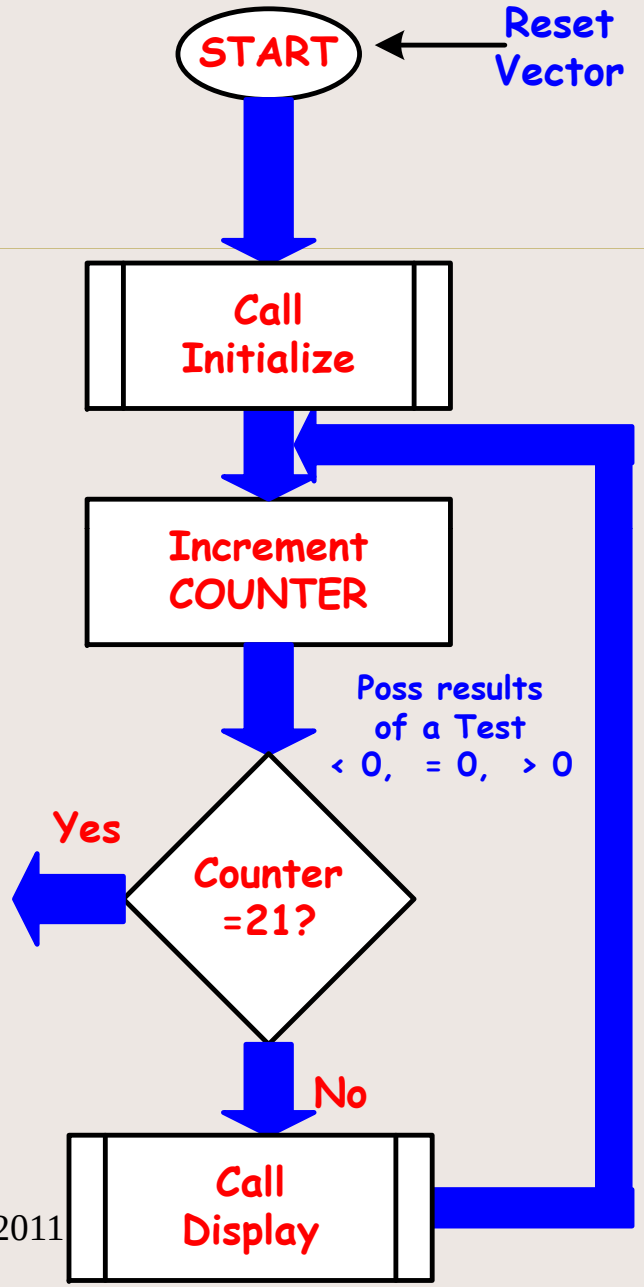
- Batch Mode
- Real-time mode (also known as interactive mode.

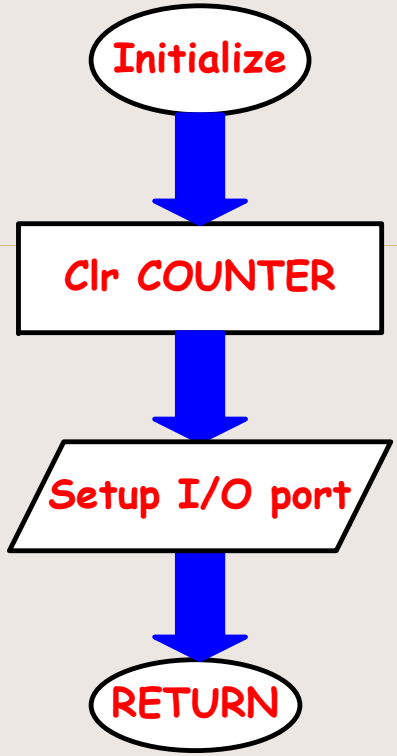
Structured Programming

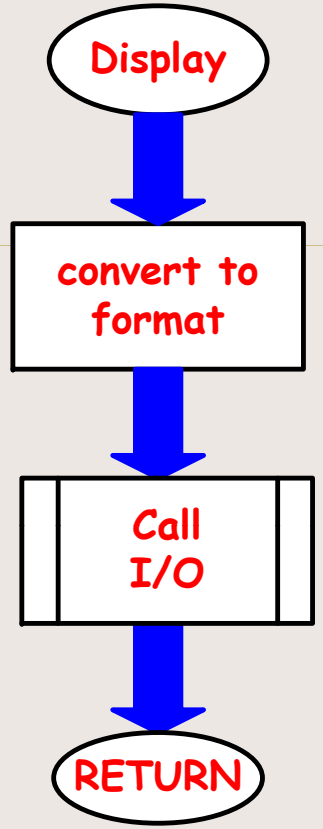


Structured Programming (cont)

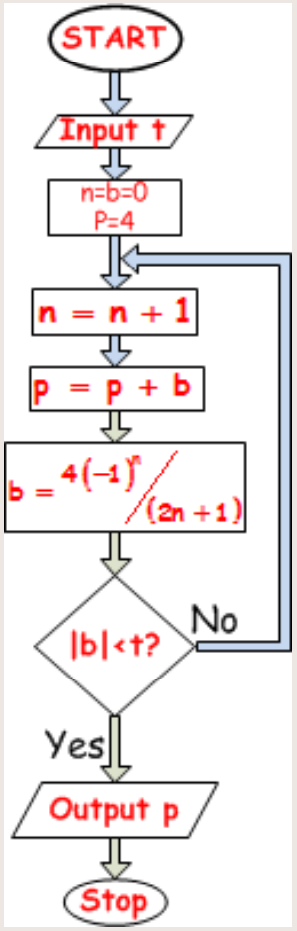



START
Reset Vector
Call Initialize
Increment COUNTER
Poss results of a Test
< 0, = 0, > 0
Yes
Counter =21?
No
Call Display


Initialize
Clr COUNTER
Setup I/O port
RETURN


Display
convert to format
Call I/O
RETURN

Example Question



The variable t in the flowchart below has an initial value of 0.5. What is the value of the variable p at the conclusion of the routine?

(A)	2.9
(B)	3.334
(C)	4.0
(D)	4.44

iteration	n	p	b	| b | < t ?
1	1	4.00	$-4/3$	no
2	2	2.67	$4/5$	no
3	3	3.47	$-4/7$	no
4	4	2.9	$4/9$	yes

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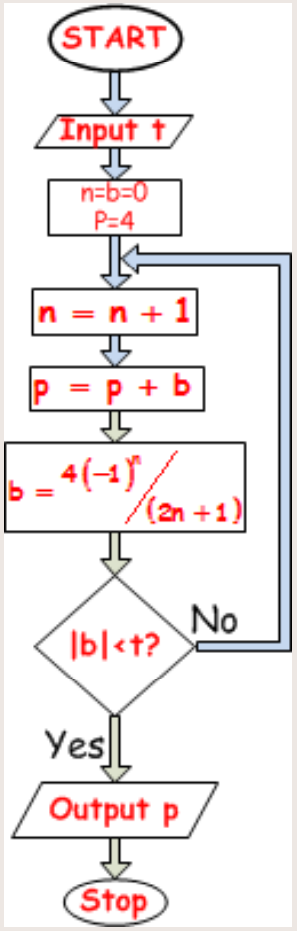

The key here is to come up with some equations and then complete a grid!

$$p = p + b_{n-1}$$

$$b_n = \frac{4(-1)^n}{2n+1}$$

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Algorithms

Language independent

IF-THEN-single statement

Algorithm	IF – condition – THEN
	single statement
	END IF

Fortran	IF (condition) statement

IF-THEN-multiple statements

Algorithm

```
IF – condition – THEN
   Multiple statements
END IF
```

Fortran

```
IF (not – condition) GO TO 10
   statements
10  CONTINUE
```

IF-THEN-ELSE

Algorithm

```
IF – condition – THEN
   statements
ELSE
   statements
END IF
```

Fortran

```
      IF (not – condition) GO TO 5
         statements
      GO TO 6
5     CONTINUE
         statements
6     CONTINUE
```

DO WHILE

Algorithm

```
DO WHILE – condition
    statements
END DO
```

Fortran

```
5  IF (not – condition) GO TO 6
     statements
   GO TO 5
6  CONTINUE
```

DO UNTIL

Algorithm

```
DO UNTIL – condition
    statements
END DO
```

Fortran

```
5  CONTINUE
    statements
IF (not – condition) GO TO 5
```

DO FOR

Algorithm

```
DO FOR I ← L TO M BY N
    statements
END DO
```

Fortran

```
DO 10 I = L,M,N
    statements
10 CONTINUE
```

(,N can be omitted in which case ,1 is assumed)

Multi-way selection ELSE-IF Algorithm

```
IF   condition(1)        THEN
     statements
ELSE IF condition(2) THEN
     statements
ELSE IF condition(3) THEN
     statements
ELSE  condition(4)
     statements
END IF
```

Multi-way selection ELSE-IF Fortran

```
      IF  (not – condition(1))  GO TO 10
          statements
      GO TO 20
10    IF  (not – condition(2))  GO TO 11
          statements
      GO TO 20
11    IF  (not – condition(3))  GO TO 12
          statements
      GO TO 20
12 CONTINUE
          statements
20 CONTINUE
```

Multi-way selection CASE Algorithm

```
CASE variable OF
1:
    statements
2:
    statements
3:
    statements
ELSE
    statements
END CASE
```

ELSE is optional

Multi-way selection CASE Fortran

```
IF (variable .LT. 1) GO TO 20
IF (variable .GT. 3) GO TO 20
GO TO (11,12,13), variable
11  CONTINUE
        statements
    GO TO 30
12  CONTINUE
        statements
    GO TO 30
13  CONTINUE
        statements
    GO TO 30
30  CONTINUE
```

Function

Algorithm

```
FUNCTION  function-name  (param-1,...,param-n)
      statements
RETURN expression
END function-name
```

Fortran

```
data type FUNCTION  function-name  (param-1,...,param-n)
      statements
      function-name = expression
      RETURN
END
```

Subroutine

Algorithm

```
SUBROUTINE subroutine-name (param-1,...,param-n)
    statements
    RETURN
END subroutine-name
```

Fortran

```
SUBROUTINE subroutine-name (param-1,...,param-n)
    statements
    RETURN
END
```

Global Reference

Algorithm

GLOBAL REFERENCE

GLOBAL variable(1), ... , variable(n)

Fortran

COMMON variable(1), ... , variable(n)