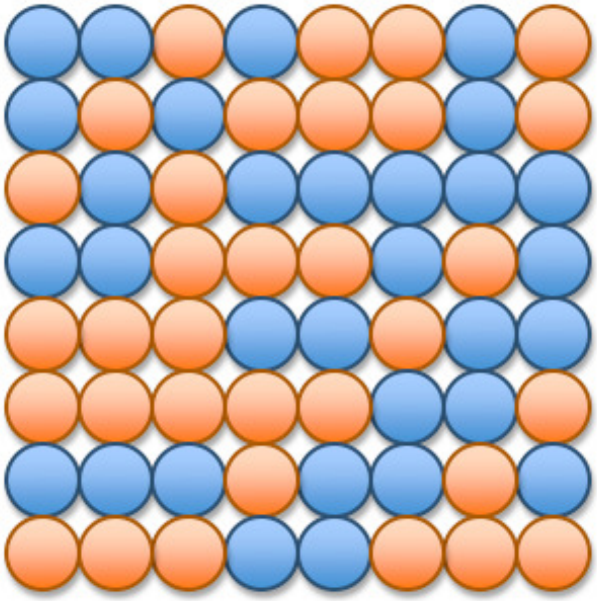


UNIT 3C
Algorithmic thinking continues

Announcements

- PS2 is due Today Friday Feb 1 in class.
- PA3 (2/5) and PS3 (2/8) are out now
  - Topics covered
    - conditionals
    - Iterations and use of \ and %
    - ASCII art – nested loops
    - Counting and while loops
    - Tracing code
    - From algorithm to code
    - Flow charts

Return Statement

- A return statement is just like a print statement TRUE/FALSE
- What is the purpose of having a return statement in a function?_____

- Can we have more than one return statement in a function?

Return Statement ctd..

- Can we return more than once from a function?

- Can we have a return statement inside a for or while loop?

Return statement

- How does it work?

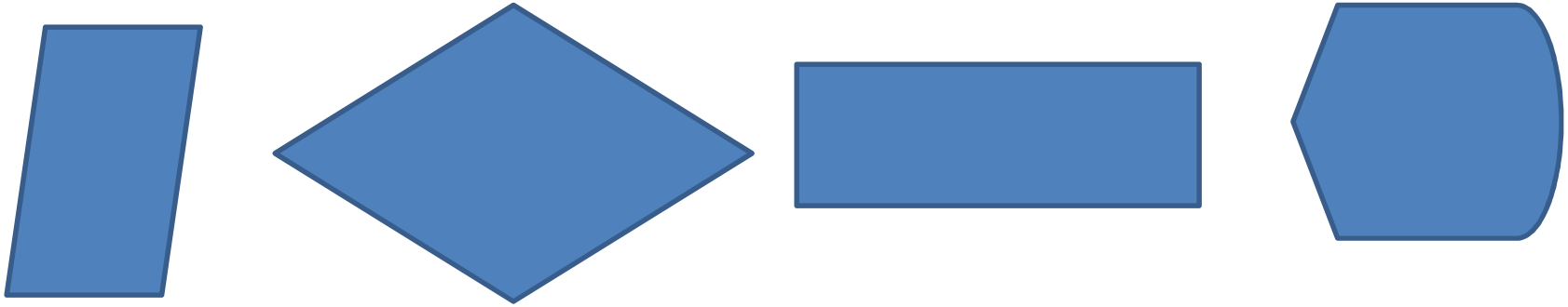
Questions??

- What is the difference between PRINT and PUT statements in Ruby?

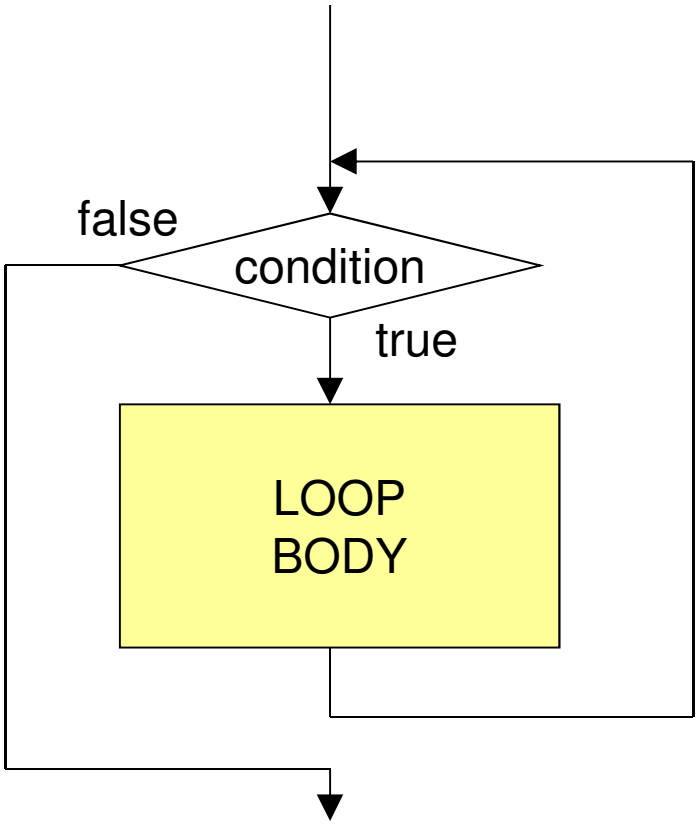
Tools for Developing algorithms

Developing algorithms

- An algorithms must be
  - correct, efficient, tested
- Tools for developing algorithms
  - Flow Charts



Control Flow for while Loops



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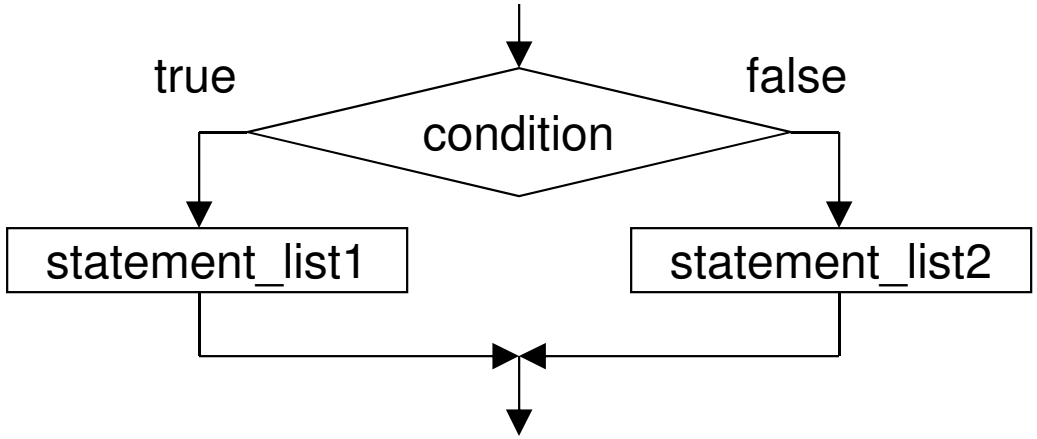
Control Flow for if Statements



Draw a flow chart

- **Given a score, print a grade**

Tools for Implementing algorithms

Truth Tables

AND, OR, NOT tables

- DeMorgans Law

Relational Operators

- If we want to compare two integers to determine their relationship, we can use these relational operators:

<	less than	<=	less than or equal to
>	greater than	>=	greater than or equal to
==	equal to	!=	not equal to

Examples

- Classify following statements as “always false” “always true” or if “sometimes true”, then provide a value(s).

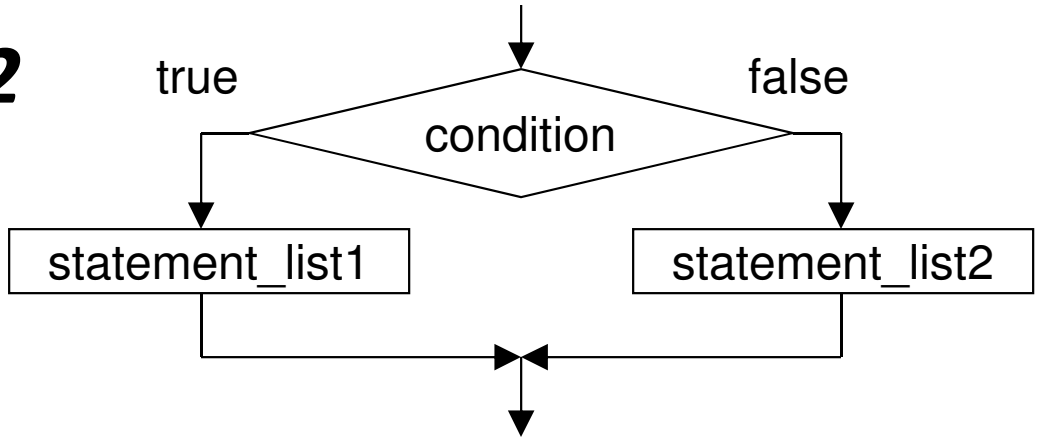
statement	Always false	Always true	Sometimes true

Branching

`if/else` statement

Format:

```
if bool_condition then
    statement_list1
else
    statement_list2
end
```



Write a function to print the grade given a score

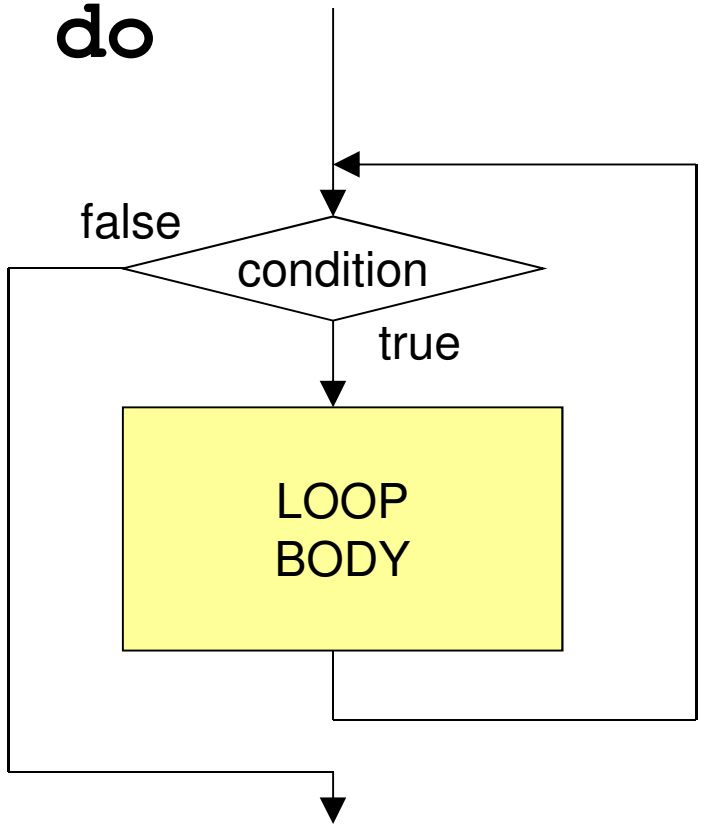
iteration

while loop

Format:

```
while bool_condition do
    loop body
end
```

one or more instructions
to be repeated



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Examples

Interest calculation (flow chart)

- The problem: Given an total amount “owed” and a monthly “rate”, find how many “payments” can be deducted from the total. Return the value

Interest calculation (code)

Write a function to check if a number is prime

Use the isPrime function to print all primes between any two numbers

Nested Loops

ASCII ART

- How would you draw a skyscraper?
- How would you combine them to create a skyline?

Next week

- Arrays
- Algorithms on Arrays
- Complexity of algorithms