

GE8151 PROBLEM SOLVING AND PYTHON PROGRAMMING

UNIT I

ALGORITHMIC PROBLEM SOLVING

Algorithms, building blocks of algorithms (statements, state, control flow, functions), notation (pseudo code, flow chart, programming language), algorithmic problem solving, simple strategies for developing algorithms (iteration, recursion). Illustrative problems: find minimum in a list, insert a card in a list of sorted cards, Guess an integer number in a range, Towers of Hanoi.

1.PROBLEM SOLVING

Problem solving is the systematic approach to define the problem and creating number of solutions.

The problem solving process starts with the problem specifications and ends with a Correct program.

1.1 PROBLEM SOLVING TECHNIQUES

Problem solving technique is a set of techniques that helps in providing logic for solving a problem.

Problem Solving Techniques/Program Design Tools:

Problem solving can be expressed in the form of

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1.2.ALGORITHM

Algorithm is an ordered sequence of finite, well defined, unambiguous instructions for completing a task. It is an English-like representation of the logic which is used to solve the problem. It is a step- by-step procedure for solving a task or a problem.

It is also defined as “any problem whose solution can be expressed in a list of executable instruction”.

It is defined as a sequence of instructions that describe a method for solving a problem. In other words it is a step by step procedure for solving a problem.

Example- Algorithm to display your name ,dept

1. Start
2. Get/Read the name and department
3. Print the name and department
4. Stop

Algorithm to find the area of the circle

1. Start
2. Read the value of radius r
3. Calculate - Area=3.14*r*r
4. Print the Area of the circle
5. Stop

Characteristics of algorithm

- ❖ Should be written in simple English
- ❖ Each and every instruction should be precise and unambiguous.
- ❖ Instructions in an algorithm should not be repeated infinitely.
- ❖ Algorithm should conclude after a finite number of steps.
- ❖ Should have an end point
- ❖ Derived results should be obtained only after the algorithm terminates.

Qualities of a good algorithm

The following are the primary factors that are often used to judge the quality of the algorithms.

Time – To execute a program, the computer system takes some amount of time. The lesser is the time required, the better is the algorithm.

Memory – To execute a program, computer system takes some amount of memory space. The lesser is the memory required, the better is the algorithm.

Accuracy – Multiple algorithms may provide suitable or correct solutions to a given problem, some of these may provide more accurate results than others, and such algorithms may be suitable.

Or

Qualities of a good algorithm

Time - Lesser time required.

Memory - Less memory required.

Accuracy - Suitable or correct solution obtained.

Sequence - Must be sequence and some instruction may be repeated in number of times or until particular condition is met.

Generability - Used to solve single problem and more often algorithms are designed to handle a range of input data.

2.BUILDING BLOCKS OF ALGORITHMS (statements, state, control flow, functions)

Algorithms can be constructed from basic building blocks namely, sequence, selection and iteration.

2.1.Statements:

Statement is a single action in a computer.

In a computer statements might include some of the following actions

- input data-information given to the program
- process data-perform operation on a given input
- output data-processed result

2.2.State:

Transition from one process to another process under specified condition with in a time is called state.

2.3.Control flow:

The process of executing the individual statements in a given order is called control flow.

The control can be executed in three ways

1. sequence
2. selection
3. iteration

Sequence:

All the instructions are executed one after another is called sequence execution.

Example:

Add two numbers:

Step 1: Start

Step 2: get a,b

Step 3: calculate $c=a+b$

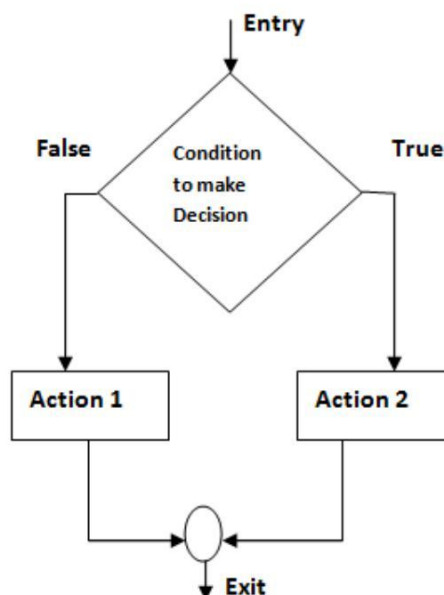
Step 4: Display c

Step 5: Stop

Selection:

A selection statement causes the program control to be transferred to a specific part of the program based upon the condition.

If the conditional test is true, one part of the program will be executed, otherwise it will execute the other part of the program.



Example

Write an algorithm to check whether he is eligible to vote?

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Get age

Step 3: if age ≥ 18 print "Eligible to vote"

Step 4: else print "Not eligible to vote"

Step 6: Stop

Iteration:

In some programs, certain set of statements are executed again and again based upon conditional test. i.e. executed more than one time. This type of execution is called **looping or repetition or iteration**.

Example

Write an algorithm to print all natural numbers up to n

Step 1: Start

Step 2: get n value.

Step 3: initialize i=1

Step 4: if (i<=n) go to step 5 else go to step 7

Step 5: Print i value and increment i value by 1

Step 6: go to step 4

Step 7: Stop

2.4.Functions:

- ❖ Function is a sub program which consists of block of code(set of instructions) that performs a particular task.
- ❖ For complex problems, the problem is been divided into smaller and simpler tasks during algorithm design.

Benefits of Using Functions

- ❖ Reduction in line of code
- ❖ code reuse
- ❖ Better readability
- ❖ Information hiding
- ❖ Easy to debug and test
- ❖ Improved maintainability

Example:

Algorithm for addition of two numbers using function

Main function()

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Call the function add()

Step 3: Stop

sub function add()

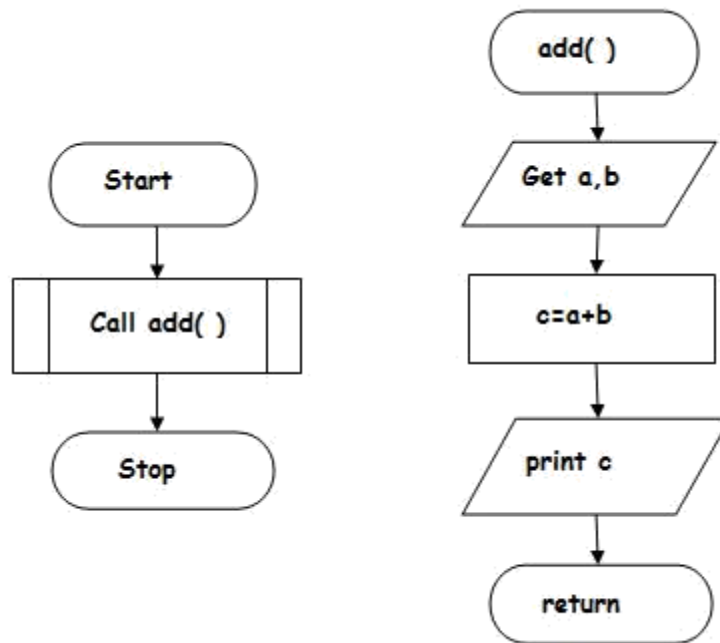
Step 1: Function start

Step 2: Get a, b Values

Step 3: add c=a+b

Step 4: Print c

Step 5: Return



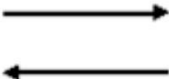
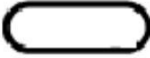





3.NOTATIONS

3.1.FLOW CHART

Flow chart is defined as graphical or diagrammatic representation of the logic for problem solving.

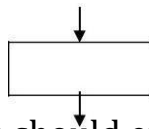
The purpose of flowchart is making the logic of the program clear in a visual representation.

A flowchart is a picture of the separate steps of a process in sequential order.

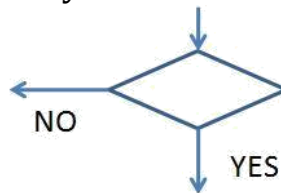
Symbol	Symbol Name	Description
	Flow Lines	Used to connect symbols
	Terminal	Used to start, pause or halt in the program logic
	Input/output	Represents the information entering or leaving the system
	Processing	Represents arithmetic and logical instructions
	Decision	Represents a decision to be made
	Connector	Used to Join different flow lines
	Sub function	used to call function

Rules for drawing a flowchart

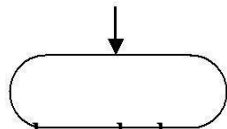
1. The flowchart should be clear, neat and easy to follow.
2. The flowchart must have a logical start and finish.
3. Only one flow line should come out from a process symbol.



4. Only one flow line should enter a decision symbol. However, two or three flow lines may leave the decision symbol.



5. Only one flow line is used with a terminal symbol.



6. Within standard symbols, write briefly and precisely.
7. Intersection of flow lines should be avoided.

Advantages/Benefits of flowchart:

1. **Communication:** - Flowcharts are better way of communicating the logic of a system to all concerned.
2. **Effective analysis:** - With the help of flowchart, problem can be analyzed in more effective way.

3. **Proper documentation:** - Program flowcharts serve as a good program documentation, which is needed for various purposes.
4. **Efficient Coding:** - The flowcharts act as a guide or blueprint during the systems analysis and program development phase.
5. **Proper Debugging:** - The flowchart helps in debugging process.
6. **Efficient Program Maintenance:** - The maintenance of operating program becomes easy with the help of flowchart. It helps the programmer to put efforts more efficiently on that part.

Disadvantages/Limitation of using flowchart

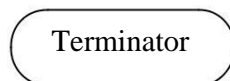
1. **Complex logic:** - Sometimes, the program logic is quite complicated. In that case, flowchart becomes complex and clumsy.
2. **Alterations and Modifications:** - If alterations are required the flowchart may require re-drawing completely.
3. **Reproduction:** - As the flowchart symbols cannot be typed, reproduction of flowchart becomes a problem.
4. **Cost:** For large application the time and cost of flowchart drawing becomes costly.

GUIDELINES FOR DRAWING A FLOWCHART

Flowcharts are usually drawn using some standard symbols; however, some special symbols can also be developed when required. Some standard symbols, which are frequently required for flowcharting many computer programs.

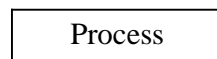
Terminator:

An oval flow chart shape indicates the start or end of the process, usually containing the word "Start" or "End".



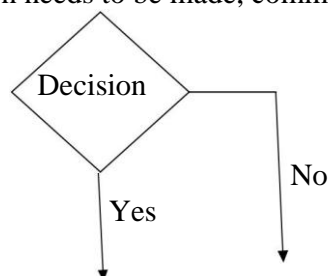
Process:

A rectangular flow chart shape indicates a normal/generic process flow step. For example, "Add 1 to X", "M = M * F" or similar.



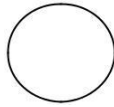
Decision:

A diamond flow chart shape indicates a branch in the process flow. This symbol is used when a decision needs to be made, commonly a Yes/No question or True/False test.



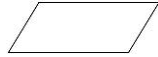
Connector:

A small, labelled, circular flow chart shape used to indicate a jump in the process flow. Connectors are generally used in complex or multi-sheet diagrams.



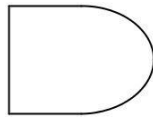
Data:

A parallelogram that indicates data input or output (I/O) for a process. Examples: Get X from the user, Display X.



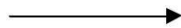
Delay:

Used to indicate a delay or wait in the process for input from some other process.

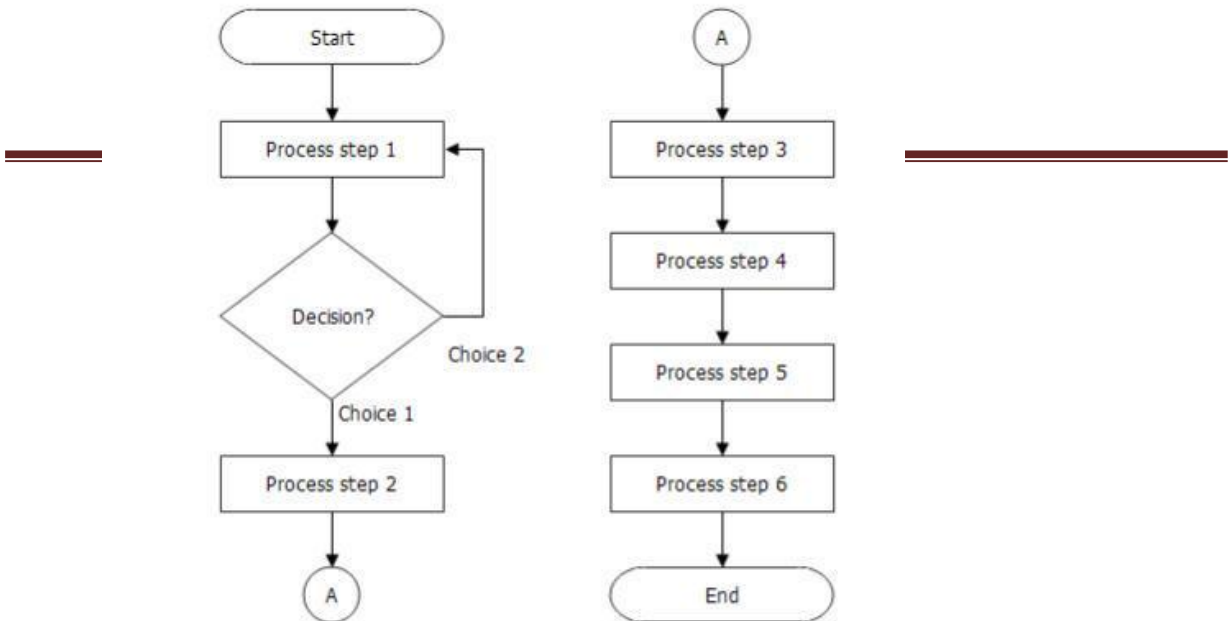


Arrow:

Used to show the flow of control in a process. An arrow coming from one symbol and ending at another symbol represents that control passes to the symbol the arrow points to.

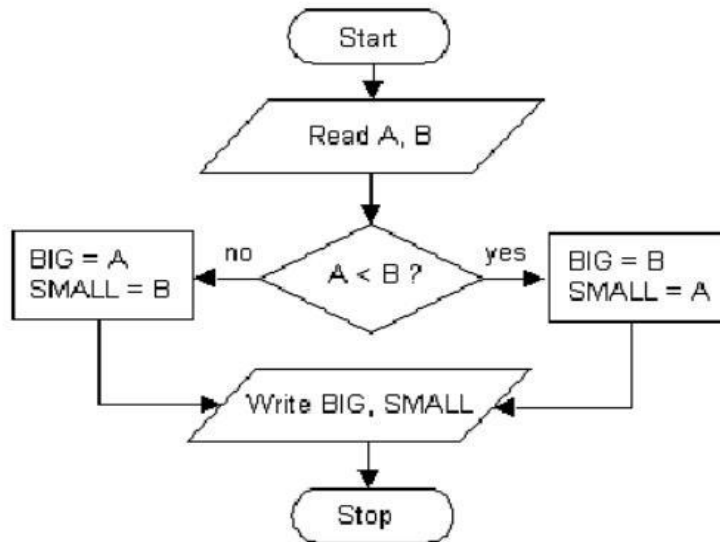


Basic Flowchart

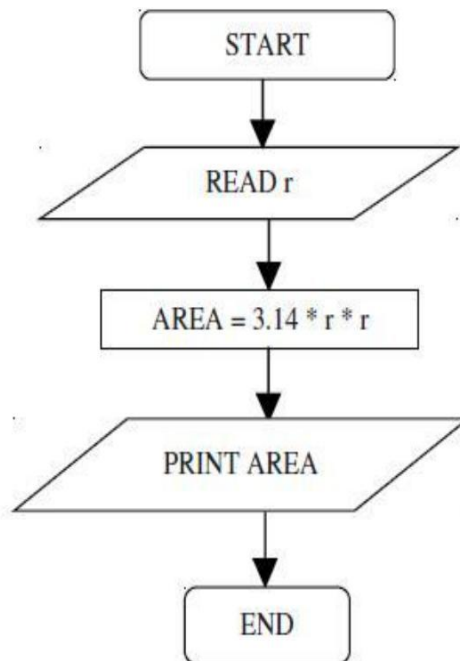


Example Flowchart

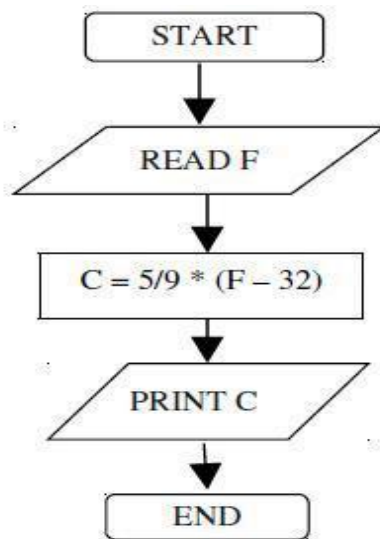
Problem 1: Draw the flowchart to find the largest number between A and B



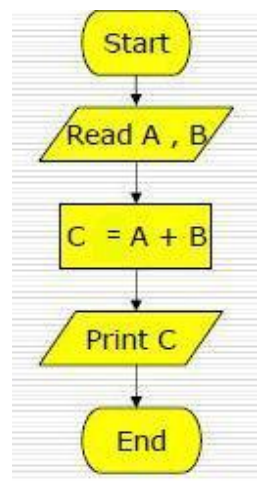
Problem 2: Find the area of a circle of radius r.



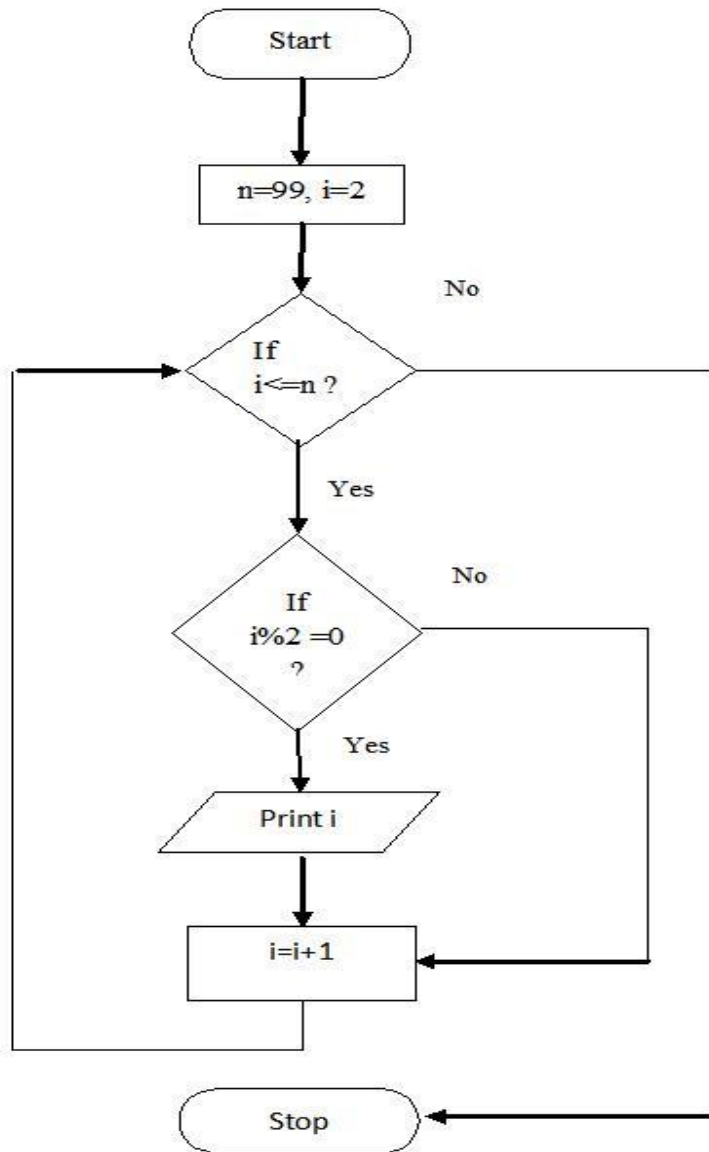
Problem 3: Convert temperature Fahrenheit to Celsius.



Problem 4: Flowchart for an algorithm which gets two numbers and prints sum of their value



Problem5: Flowchart for the problem of printing even numbers between 0 and 99.



3.2.PSEUDO CODE:

“Pseudo” means initiation or false.

“Code” means the set of statements or instructions written in a programming language. Pseudocode is also called as “Program Design Language [PDL]”.

- ❖ Pseudo code consists of short, readable and formally styled English languages used for explaining an algorithm.
- ❖ It does not include details like variable declaration, subroutines.
- ❖ It is easier to understand for the programmer or non programmer to understand the general working of the program, because it is not based on any programming language.
- ❖ It gives us the sketch of the program before actual coding.
- ❖ It is not a machine readable
- ❖ Pseudo code can't be compiled and executed.
- ❖ There is no standard syntax for pseudo code.

Rules for writing Pseudocode

- ❖ Write one statement per line
- ❖ Capitalize initial keyword(READ, WRITE, IF, WHILE, UNTIL).
- ❖ Indent to hierarchy
- ❖ End multiline structure
- ❖ Keep statements language independent

Common keywords used in pseudocode

The following gives common keywords used in pseudocodes. 1.

//: This keyword used to represent a comment.

2. **BEGIN,END:** Begin is the first statement and end is the last statement.

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

4. **COMPUTE, CALCULATE:** used for calculation of the result of the given expression.

5. **ADD, SUBTRACT, INITIALIZE** used for addition, subtraction and initialization.

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

7. **IF, ELSE, ENDIF:** used to make decision.

8. **WHILE, ENDWHILE:** used for iterative statements.

9. **FOR, ENDFOR:** Another iterative incremented/decremented tested automatically.

Example:

Addition of two numbers:

```
BEGIN
GET a,b
ADD c=a+b
PRINT c
END
```

Syntax for if else:	Example: Greates of two numbers
<pre>IF (condition) THEN statement ... ELSE statement ... ENDIF</pre>	<pre>BEGIN READ a,b IF (a>b) THEN DISPLAY a is greater ELSE DISPLAY b is greater END IF END</pre>
Syntax for For:	Example: Print n natural numbers
<pre>FOR(<i>start-value</i> to <i>end-value</i>) DO <i>statement</i> ... ENDFOR</pre>	<pre>BEGIN GET n INITIALIZE i=1 FOR (i<=n) DO PRINT i i=i+1 ENDFOR END</pre>
Syntax for While:	Example: Print n natural numbers
<pre>WHILE (condition) DO statement ... ENDWHILE</pre>	<pre>BEGIN GET n INITIALIZE i=1 WHILE(i<=n) DO PRINT i i=i+1 ENDWHILE END</pre>

Advantages:

- ❖ Pseudo is independent of any language; it can be used by most programmers.
- ❖ It is easy to translate pseudo code into a programming language.
- ❖ It can be easily modified as compared to flowchart.
- ❖ Converting a pseudo code to programming language is very easy as compared with converting a flowchart to programming language.

- ❖ It does not provide visual representation of the program's logic.
- ❖ There are no accepted standards for writing pseudo codes.
- ❖ It cannot be compiled nor executed.
- ❖ For a beginner, It is more difficult to follow the logic or write pseudo code as compared to flowchart.

Disadvantage

It is not visual.

We do not get a picture of the design.

There is no standardized style or format.

For a beginner, it is more difficult to follow the logic or write pseudocode as compared to flowchart.

Algorithm	Flowchart	Pseudo code
An algorithm is a sequence of instructions used to solve a problem	It is a graphical representation of algorithm	It is a language representation of algorithm.
User needs knowledge to write algorithm.	not need knowledge of program to draw or understand flowchart	Not need knowledge of program language to understand or write a pseudo code.

4. ALGORITHMIC PROBLEM SOLVING:

Algorithmic problem solving is solving problem that require the formulation of an algorithm for the solution.

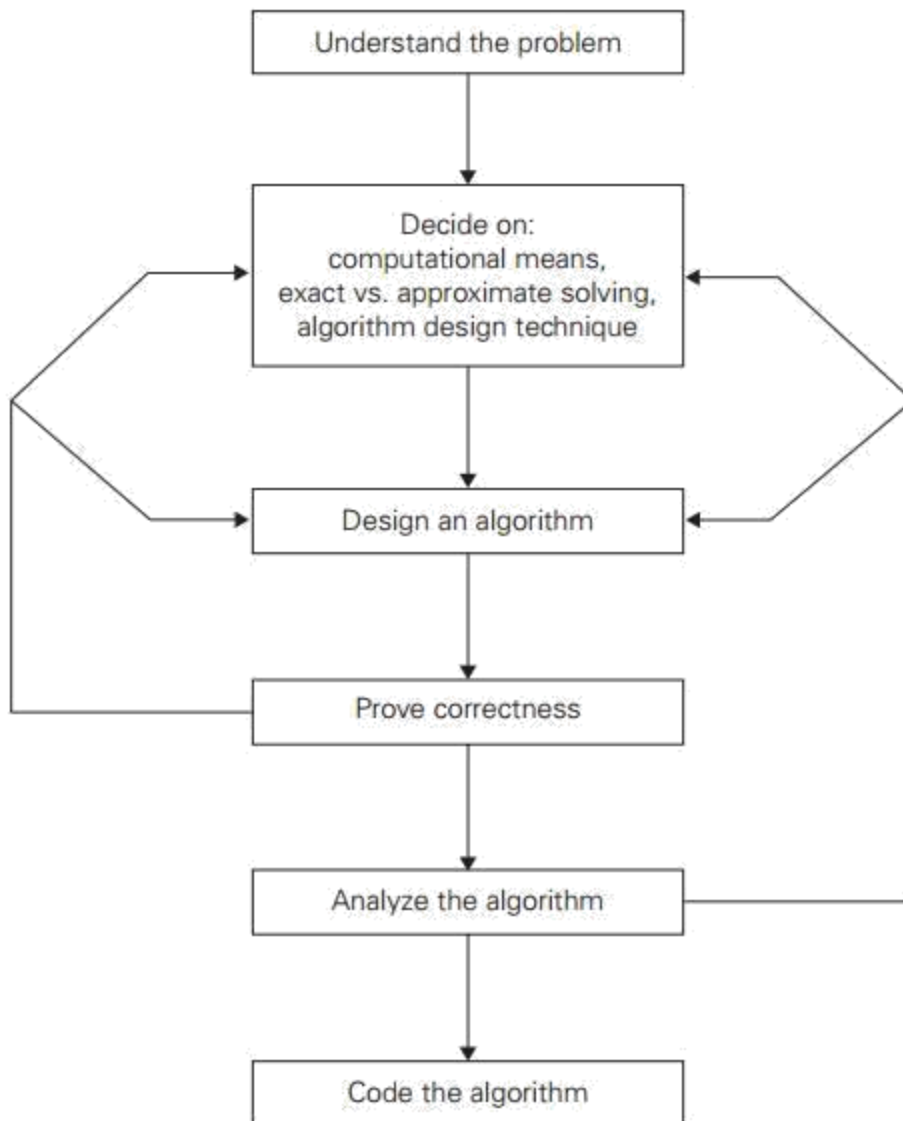


FIGURE 1.2 Algorithm design and analysis process.

Understanding the Problem

- ❖ It is the process of finding the input of the problem that the algorithm solves.
- ❖ It is very important to specify exactly the set of inputs the algorithm needs to handle.
- ❖ A correct algorithm is not one that works most of the time, but one that works correctly for *all* legitimate inputs.

Ascertaining the Capabilities of the Computational Device

- If the instructions are executed one after another, it is called sequential algorithm.
- ❖ If the instructions are executed concurrently, it is called parallel algorithm.

Choosing between Exact and Approximate Problem Solving

- ❖ The next principal decision is to choose between solving the problem exactly or solving it approximately.
- ❖ Based on this, the algorithms are classified as *exact algorithm* and *approximation algorithm*.
- ❖ Data structure plays a vital role in designing and analysis the algorithms.
- ❖ Some of the algorithm design techniques also depend on the structuring data specifying a problem's instance
- ❖ Algorithm+ Data structure=programs.

Algorithm Design Techniques

- ❖ An *algorithm design technique* (or “strategy” or “paradigm”) is a general approach to solving problems algorithmically that is applicable to a variety of problems from different areas of computing.
- ❖ Learning these techniques is of utmost importance for the following reasons.
- ❖ First, they provide guidance for designing algorithms for new problems,
- ❖ Second, algorithms are the cornerstone of computer science

Methods of Specifying an Algorithm

- ❖ *Pseudocode* is a mixture of a natural language and programming language-like constructs. Pseudocode is usually more precise than natural language, and its usage often yields more succinct algorithm descriptions.
 - ❖ In the earlier days of computing, the dominant vehicle for specifying algorithms was a *flowchart*, a method of expressing an algorithm by a collection of connected geometric shapes containing descriptions of the algorithm's steps.
 - ❖ **Programming language** can be fed into an electronic computer directly. Instead, it needs to be converted into a computer program written in a particular computer language. We can look at such a program as yet another way of specifying the algorithm, although it is preferable to consider it as the algorithm's implementation.
 - ❖ Once an algorithm has been specified, you have to prove its **correctness**. That is, you have to prove that the algorithm yields a required result for every legitimate input in a finite amount of time.
 - ❖ A common technique for proving correctness is to use mathematical induction because an algorithm's iterations provide a natural sequence of steps needed for such proofs.
 - ❖ It might be worth mentioning that although tracing the algorithm's performance for a few specific inputs can be a very worthwhile activity, it cannot prove the algorithm's correctness conclusively. But in order to show that an algorithm is incorrect, you need just one instance of its input for which the algorithm fails.
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Analysing an Algorithm

1. *Efficiency.*

Time efficiency, indicating how fast the algorithm runs,

Space efficiency, indicating how much extra memory it uses.

2. *simplicity.*

- ❖ An algorithm should be precisely defined and investigated with mathematical expressions.
- ❖ Simpler algorithms are easier to understand and easier to program.
- ❖ Simple algorithms usually contain fewer bugs.

Coding an Algorithm

- ❖ Most algorithms are destined to be ultimately implemented as computer programs. Programming an algorithm presents both a peril and an opportunity.
- ❖ A working program provides an additional opportunity in allowing an empirical analysis of the underlying algorithm. Such an analysis is based on timing the program on several inputs and then analysing the results obtained.

5.SIMPLE STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPING ALGORITHMS:

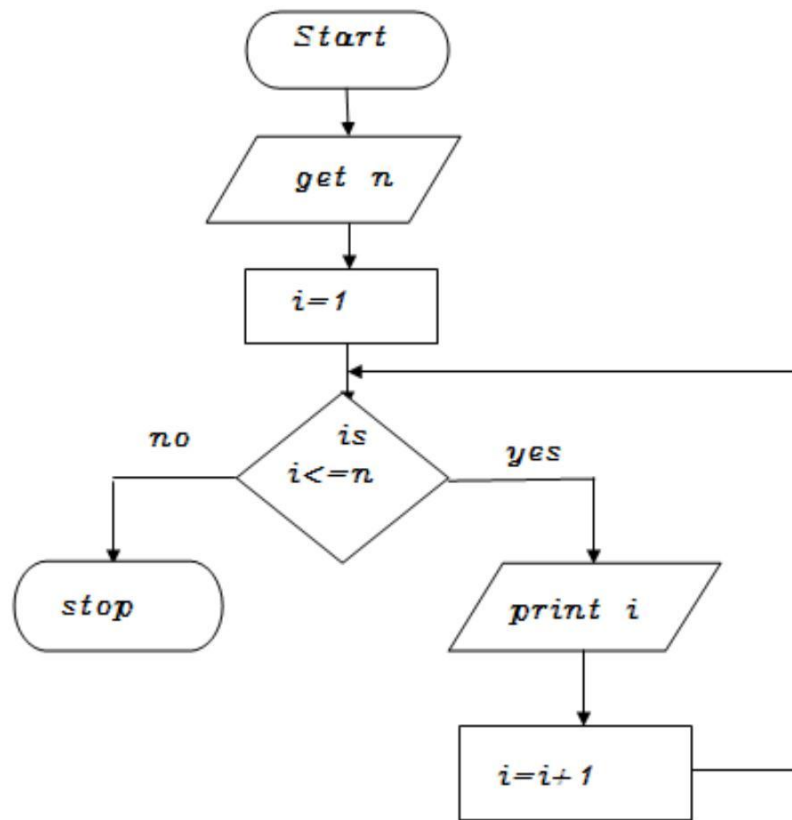
1. iterations
2. Recursions

5.1.Iterations:

A sequence of statements is executed until a specified condition is true is called iterations.

1. for loop
2. While loop

Syntax for For:	Example: Print n natural numbers
FOR(<i>start-value to end-value</i>) DO <i>statement</i> ... ENDFOR	BEGIN GET n INITIALIZE i=1 FOR (i<=n) DO PRINT i i=i+1 ENDFOR END
Syntax for While:	Example: Print n natural numbers
WHILE (condition) DO statement ... ENDWHILE	BEGIN GET n INITIALIZE i=1 WHILE(i<=n) DO PRINT i i=i+1 ENDWHILE END



5.2. Recursions:

- ❖ A function that calls itself is known as recursion.
- ❖ Recursion is a process by which a function calls itself repeatedly until some specified condition has been satisfied.

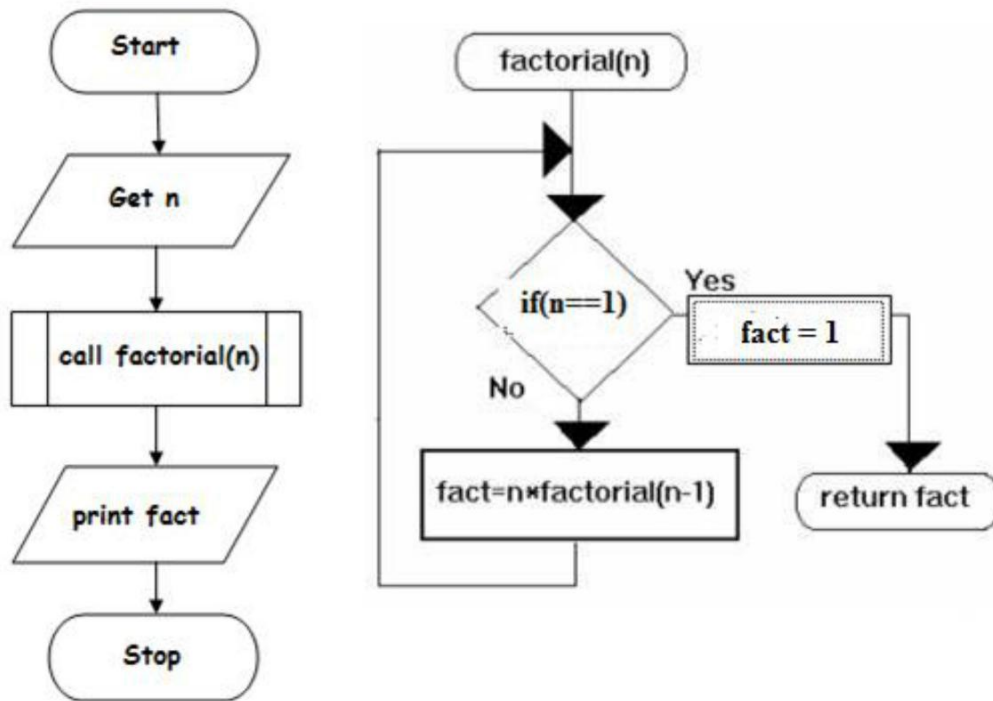
Algorithm for factorial of n numbers using recursion:

Main function:

- Step1: Start
- Step2: Get n
- Step3: call factorial(n)
- Step4: print fact
- Step5: Stop

Sub function factorial(n):

- Step1: if(n==1) then fact=1 return fact
- Step2: else fact=n*factorial(n-1) and return fact



Pseudo code for factorial using recursion:

Main function:

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BEGIN
GET n
CALL factorial(n)
PRINT fact
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Sub function factorial(n):

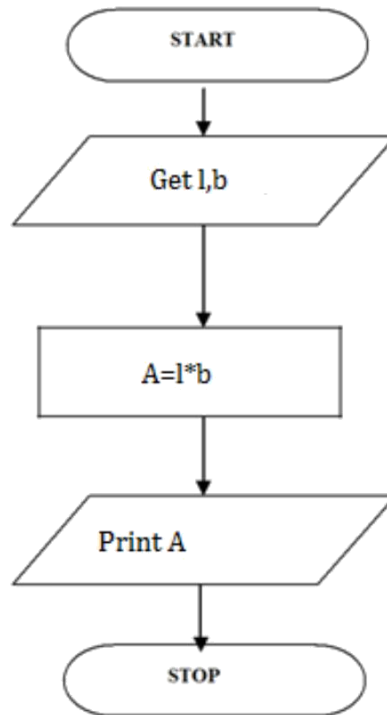
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IF(n==1) THEN
  fact=1
  RETURN fact
ELSE
  RETURN fact=n*factorial(n-1)
  
```

More examples:

Write an algorithm to find area of a rectangle

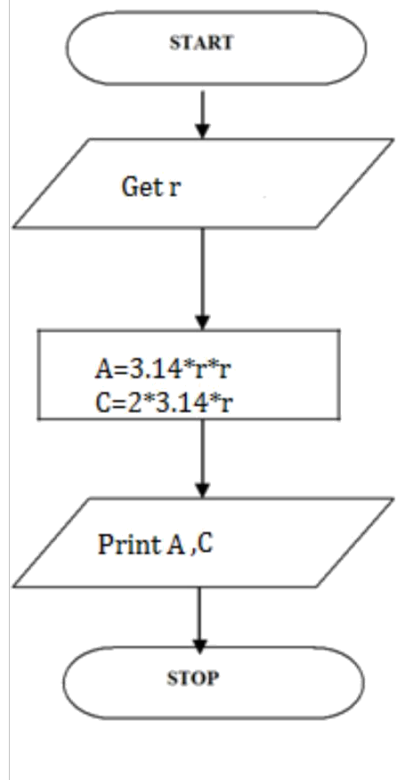
- Step 1:** Start
- Step 2:** get l,b values
- Step 3:** Calculate $A=l*b$
- Step 4:** Display A
- Step 5:** Stop



BEGIN
READ l,b
CALCULATE $A=l*b$
DISPLAY A
END

Write an algorithm for Calculating area and circumference of circle

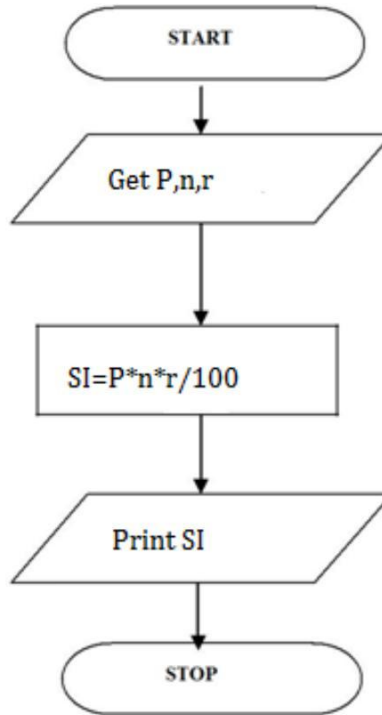
- Step 1:** Start
- Step 2:** get r value
- Step 3:** Calculate $A=3.14*r*r$
- Step 4:** Calculate $C=2*3.14*r$
- Step 5:** Display A,C
- Step 6:** Stop



BEGIN
READ r
CALCULATE A and C
 $A=3.14*r*r$
 $C=2*3.14*r$
DISPLAY A
END

Write an algorithm for Calculating simple interest

Step 1: Start
Step 2: get P, n, r value
Step3: Calculate
 $SI = (p * n * r) / 100$
Step 4: Display S
Step 5: Stop

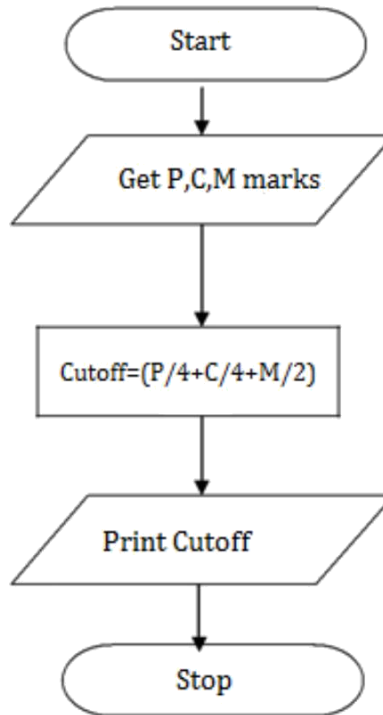


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BEGIN
READ P, n, r
CALCULATE S
SI=(p*n*r)/100
DISPLAY SI
END
    
```

Write an algorithm for Calculating engineering cutoff

Step 1: Start
Step2: get P,C,M value
Step3: calculate
 $Cutoff = (P/4 + C/4 + M/2)$
Step 4: Display Cutoff
Step 5: Stop



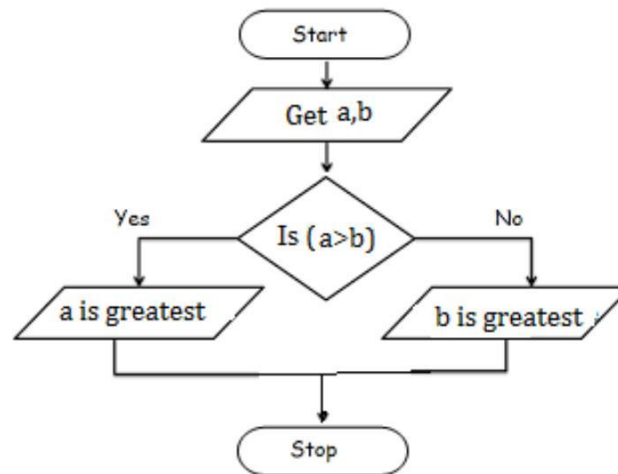
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BEGIN
READ P,C,M
CALCULATE
Cutoff= (P/4+C/4+M/2)
DISPLAY Cutoff
END
    
```

To check greatest of two numbers

Step 1: Start
Step 2: get a,b value
Step 3: check if(a>b) print a is greater
Step 4: else b is greater
Step 5: Stop

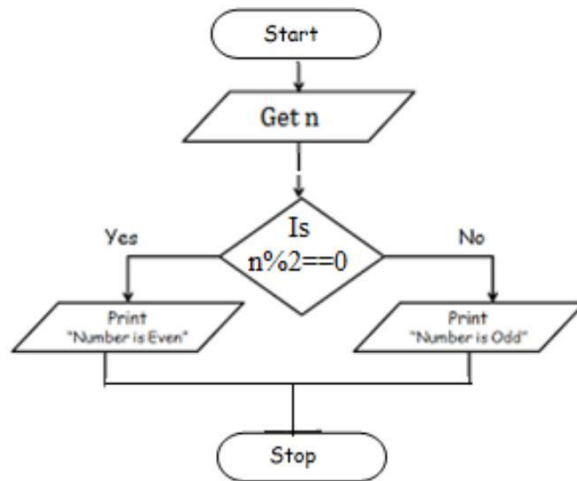
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BEGIN
READ a,b
IF (a>b) THEN
DISPLAY a is greater
ELSE
DISPLAY b is greater
END IF
END
```



To check leap year or not

Step 1: Start
Step 2: get y
Step 3: if(y%4==0) print leap year
Step 4: else print not leap year
Step 5: Stop

```
BEGIN
READ y
IF (y%4==0) THEN
DISPLAY leap year
ELSE
DISPLAY not leap year
END IF
END
```



To check positive or negative number

Step 1: Start

Step 2: get num

Step 3: check if(num>0) print a is positive

Step 4: else num is negative

Step 5: Stop

BEGIN

READ num

IF (num>0) THEN

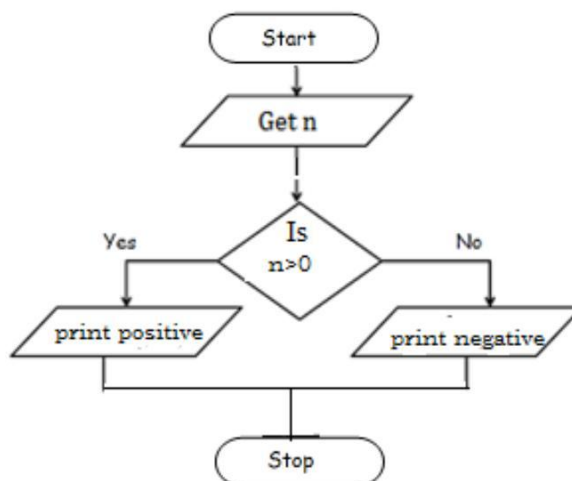
DISPLAY num is positive

ELSE

DISPLAY num is negative

END IF

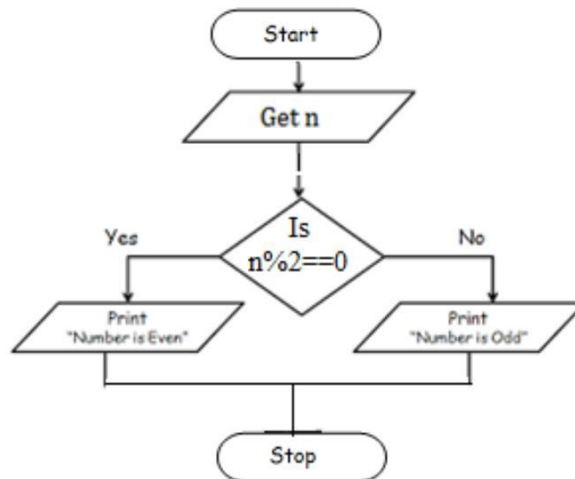
END



To check odd or even number

Step 1: Start
Step 2: get num
Step 3: check if($\text{num}\%2==0$) print num is even
Step 4: else num is odd
Step 5: Stop

```
BEGIN  
READ num  
IF ( $\text{num}\%2==0$ ) THEN  
DISPLAY num is even  
ELSE  
DISPLAY num is odd  
END IF  
END
```



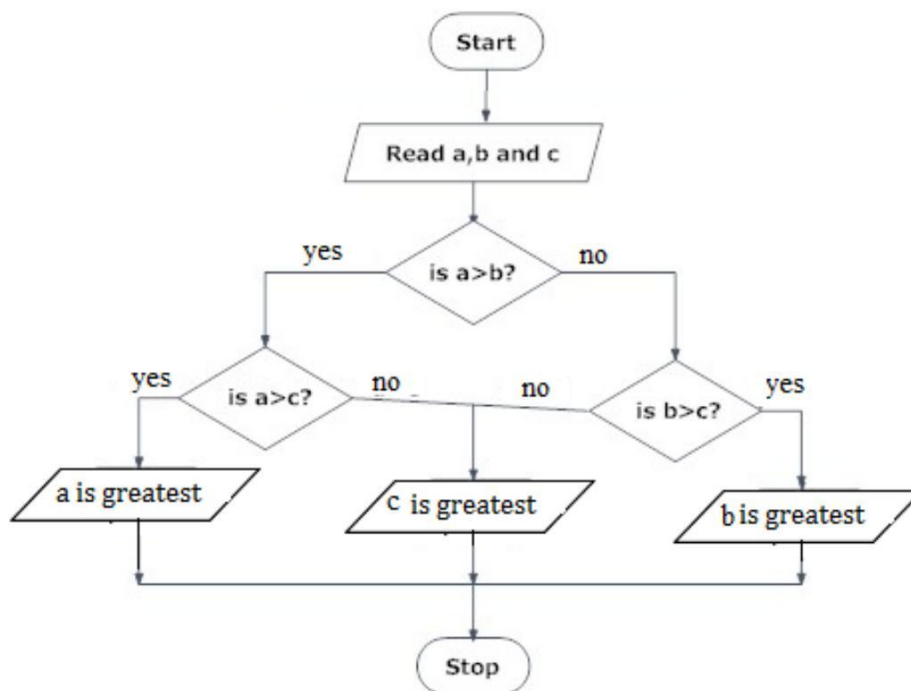
To check greatest of three numbers

Step1: Start
Step2: Get A, B, C
Step3: if($A>B$) goto Step4 else goto step5
Step4: If($A>C$) print A else print C
Step5: If($B>C$) print B else print C
Step6: Stop


```

BEGIN
READ a, b, c
IF (a>b) THEN
    IF(a>c) THEN
        DISPLAY a is greater
    ELSE
        DISPLAY c is greater
    END IF
ELSE
    IF(b>c) THEN
        DISPLAY b is greater
    ELSE
        DISPLAY c is greater
    END IF
END IF
END

```



Write an algorithm to check whether given number is +ve, -ve or zero.

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Get n value.

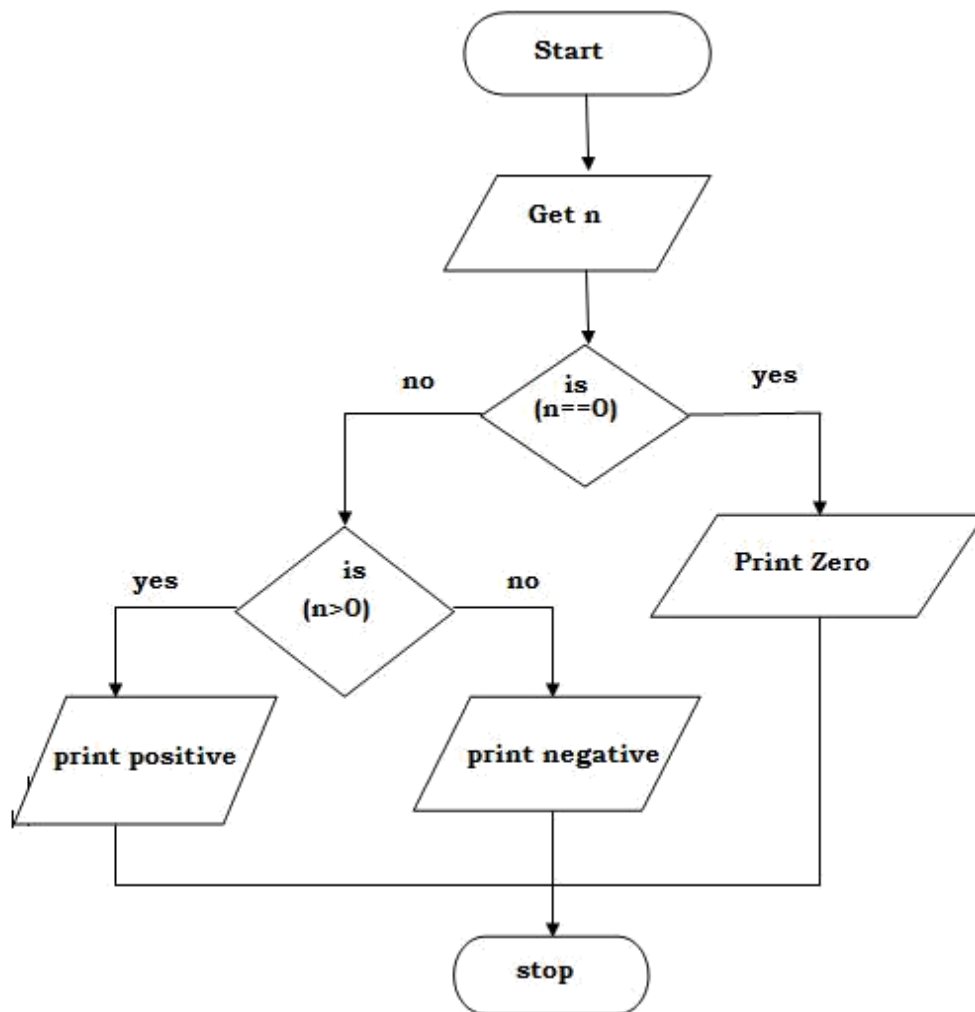
Step 3: if (n == 0) print "Given number is Zero" Else goto step4

Step 4: if (n > 0) then Print "Given number is +ve"

Step 5: else Print "Given number is -ve"

Step 6: Stop

```
BEGIN
GET n
IF(n==0) THEN
  DISPLAY " n is zero"
ELSE
  IF(n>0) THEN
    DISPLAY "n is positive"
  ELSE
    DISPLAY "n is positive"
  END IF
END IF
END
```



Write an algorithm to print all natural numbers up to n

Step 1: Start

Step 2: get n value.

Step 3: initialize $i=1$

Step 4: if ($i \leq n$) go to step 5 else go to step 8

Step 5: Print i value

step 6 : increment i value by 1

Step 7: go to step 4

Step 8: Stop

BEGIN

GET n

INITIALIZE $i=1$

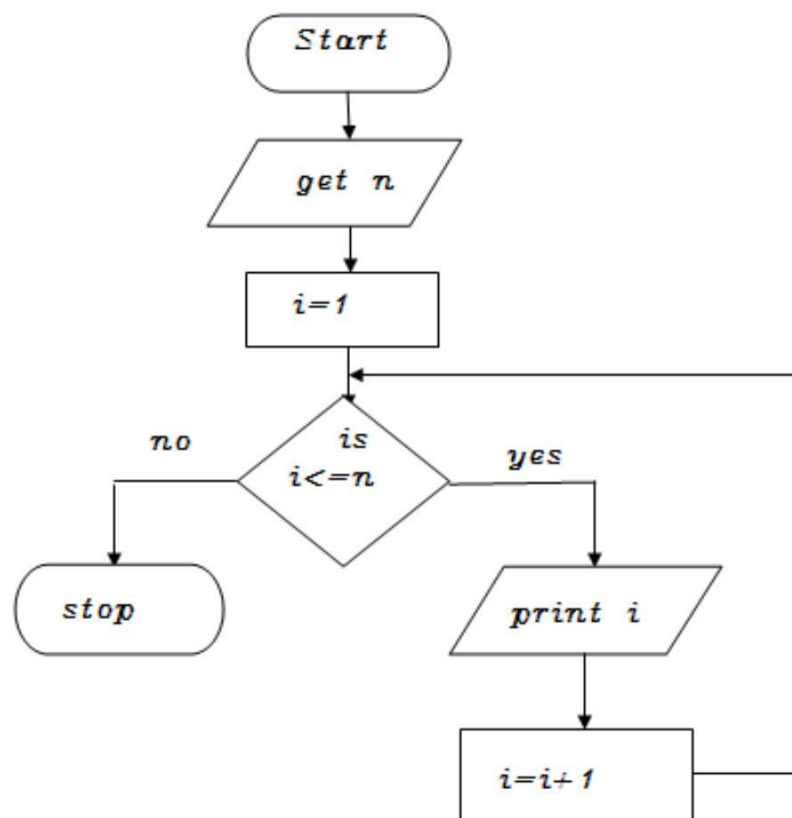
WHILE($i \leq n$) DO

 PRINT i

$i=i+1$

ENDWHILE

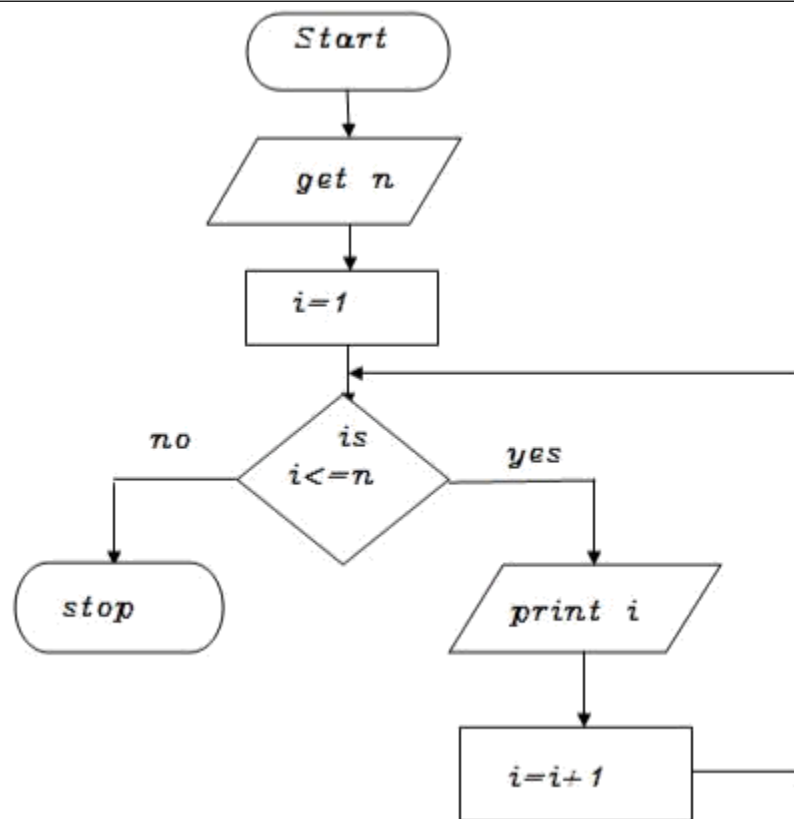
END



Write an algorithm to print n odd numbers

Step 1: start
step 2: get n value
step 3: set initial value $i=1$
step 4: check if($i \leq n$) goto step 5 else goto step 8
step 5: print i value
step 6: increment i value by 2
step 7: goto step 4
step 8: stop

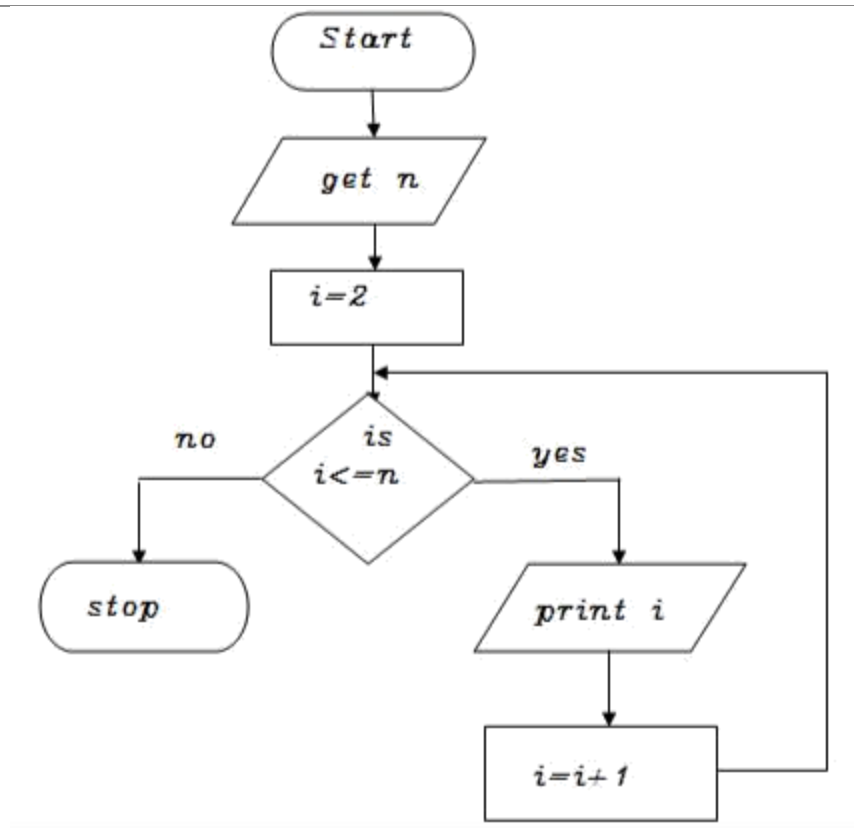
```
BEGIN
GET n
INITIALIZE i=1
WHILE(i<=n) DO
    PRINT i
    i=i+2
ENDWHILE
END
```



Write an algorithm to print n even numbers

Step 1: start
step 2: get n value
step 3: set initial value $i=2$
step 4: check if($i \leq n$) goto step 5 else goto step 8
step 5: print i value
step 6: increment i value by 2
step 7: goto step 4
step 8: stop

```
BEGIN
GET n
INITIALIZE i=2
WHILE(i<=n) DO
    PRINT i
    i=i+2
ENDWHILE
END
```



Write an algorithm to print squares of a number

Step 1: start

step 2: get n value

step 3: set initial value $i=1$

step 4: check i value if($i \leq n$) goto step 5 else goto step8

step 5: print $i*i$ value

step 6: increment i value by 1

step 7: goto step 4

step 8: stop

BEGIN

GET n

INITIALIZE $i=1$

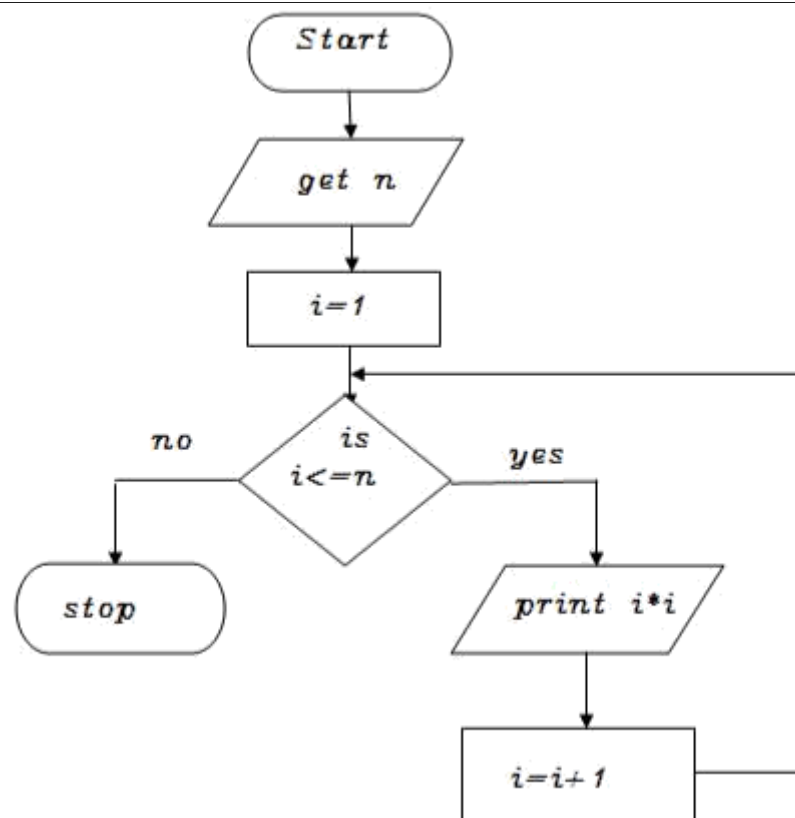
WHILE($i \leq n$) DO

 PRINT $i*i$

$i=i+1$

ENDWHILE

END



Write an algorithm to print to print cubes of a number

Step 1: start

step 2: get n value

step 3: set initial value $i=1$

step 4: check i value if($i \leq n$) goto step 5 else goto step8

step 5: print $i*i*i$ value

step 6: increment i value by 1

step 7: goto step 4

step 8: stop

BEGIN

GET n

INITIALIZE $i=1$

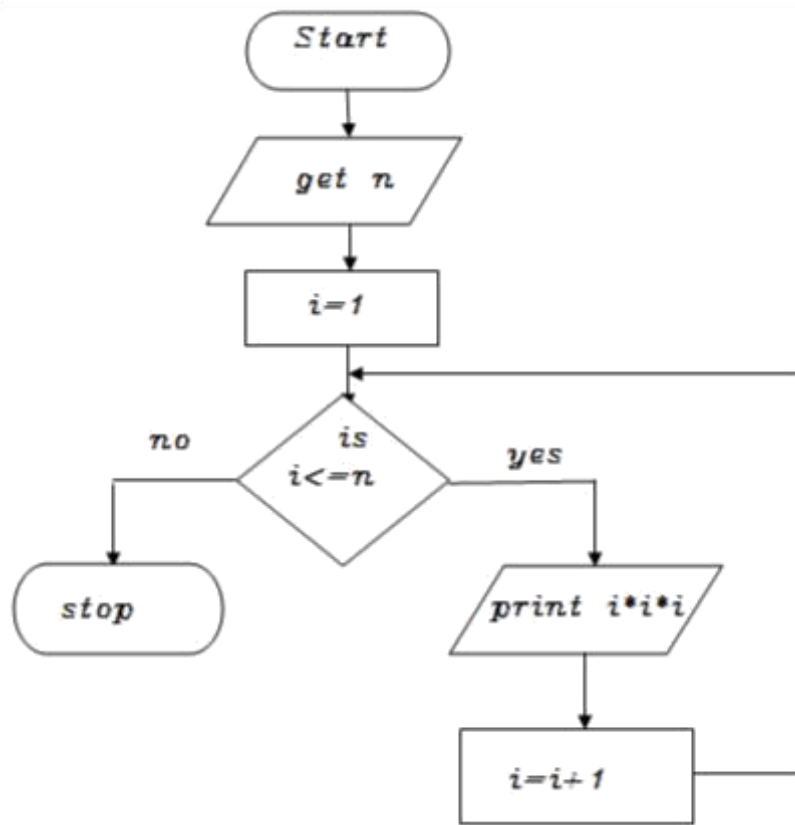
WHILE($i \leq n$) DO

 PRINT $i*i*i$

$i=i+1$

ENDWHILE

END



Write an algorithm to find sum of a given number

Step 1: start

step 2: get n value

step 3: set initial value $i=1$, $sum=0$

Step 4: check i value if($i \leq n$) goto step 5 else goto step8

step 5: calculate $sum=sum+i$

step 6: increment i value by 1

step 7: goto step 4

step 8: print sum value

step 9: stop

BEGIN

GET n

INITIALIZE $i=1, sum=0$

WHILE($i \leq n$) DO

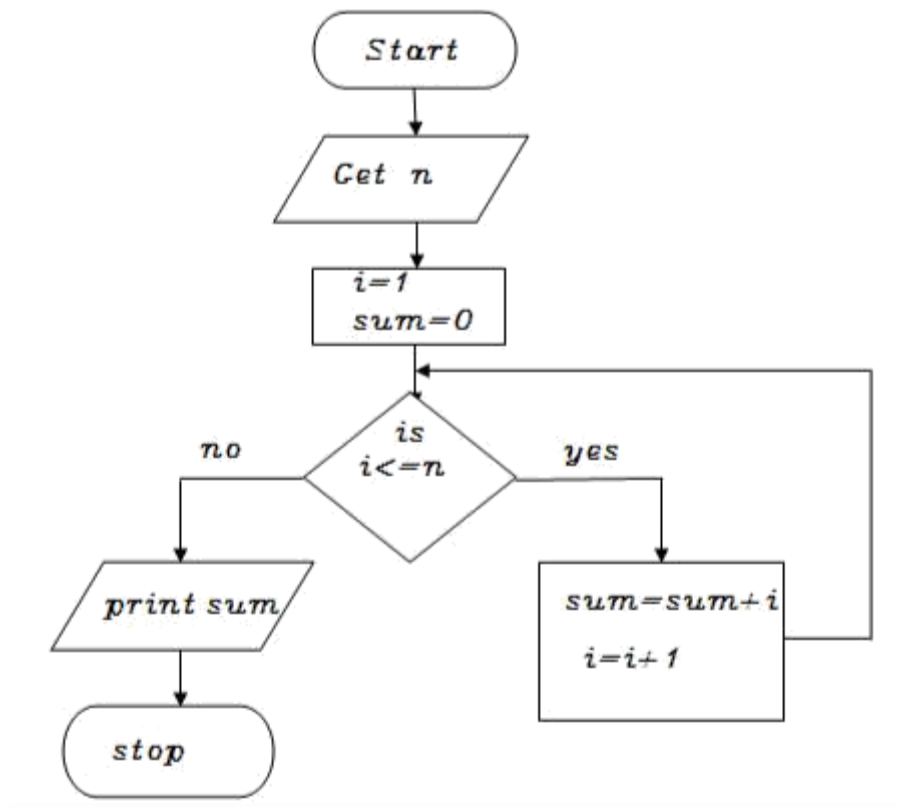
$sum=sum+i$

$i=i+1$

ENDWHILE

PRINT sum

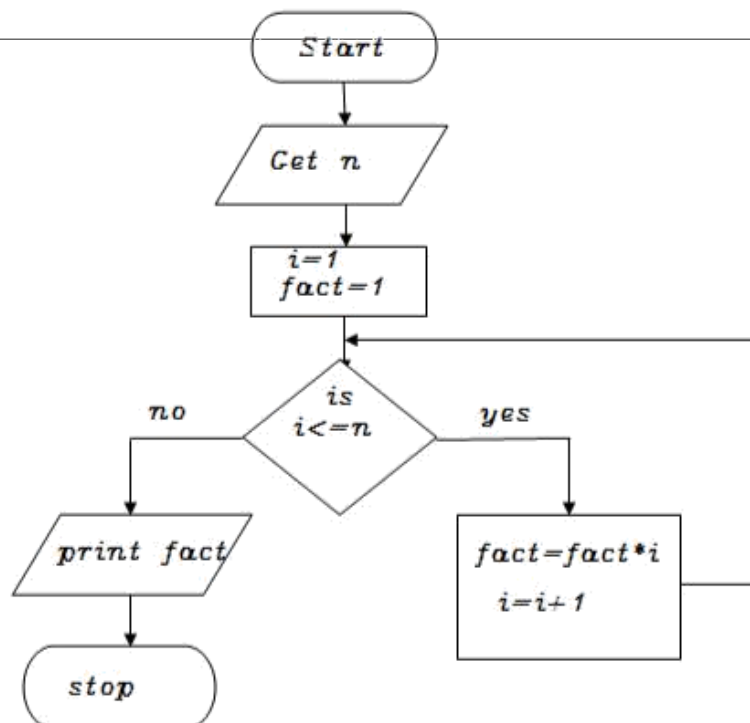
END



Write an algorithm to find factorial of a given number

Step 1: start
step 2: get n value
step 3: set initial value $i=1$, $fact=1$
Step 4: check i value if($i \leq n$) goto step 5 else goto step8
step 5: calculate $fact=fact*i$
step 6: increment i value by 1
step 7: goto step 4
step 8: print fact value
step 9: stop

```
BEGIN
GET n
INITIALIZE i=1,fact=1
WHILE(i<=n) DO
    fact=fact*i
    i=i+1
ENDWHILE
PRINT fact
END
```



ILLUSTRATIVE PROBLEM

1. Guess an integer in a range

Algorithm:

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Declare hidden, guess, range=1 to 100

Step 3: Compute hidden= Choose a random value in a range

Step 4: Read guess

Step 5: If guess=hidden, then Print

 Guess is hit

 Else

 Print Guess not hit

 Print hidden

Step 6: Stop

Pseudocode:

BEGIN

COMPUTE hidden=random value in a range

READ guess

IF guess=hidden, then PRINT

 Guess is hit

ELSE

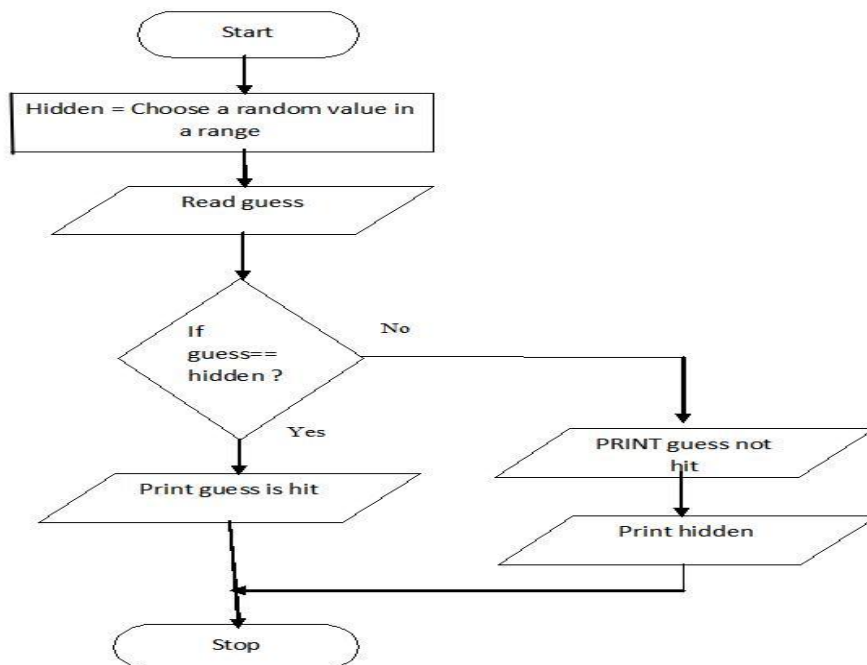
 PRINT Guess not hit

 PRINT hidden

END IF-ELSE

END

Flowchart:



2. Find minimum in a list

Algorithm: Step 1:

Start Step 2: Read n

Step 3: Initialize $i=0$

Step 4: If $i < n$, then goto step 4.1, 4.2 else goto step 5

Step 4.1: Read $a[i]$

Step 4.2: $i=i+1$ goto step 4

Step 5: Compute $\text{min}=a[0]$

Step 6: Initialize $i=1$

Step 7: If $i < n$, then go to step 8 else goto step 10

Step 8: If $a[i] < \text{min}$, then goto step 8.1, 8.2 else goto 8.2

Step 8.1: $\text{min}=a[i]$

Step 8.2: $i=i+1$ goto 7

Step 9: Print min

Step 10: Stop

Pseudocode:

BEGIN

READ n

FOR $i=0$ to n, then READ

$a[i]$ INCREMENT

i

END FOR COMPUTE

$\text{min}=a[0]$ FOR $i=1$ to n,

then

IF $a[i] < \text{min}$, then CALCULATE

$\text{min}=a[i]$ INCREMENT i

ELSE

INCREMENT i

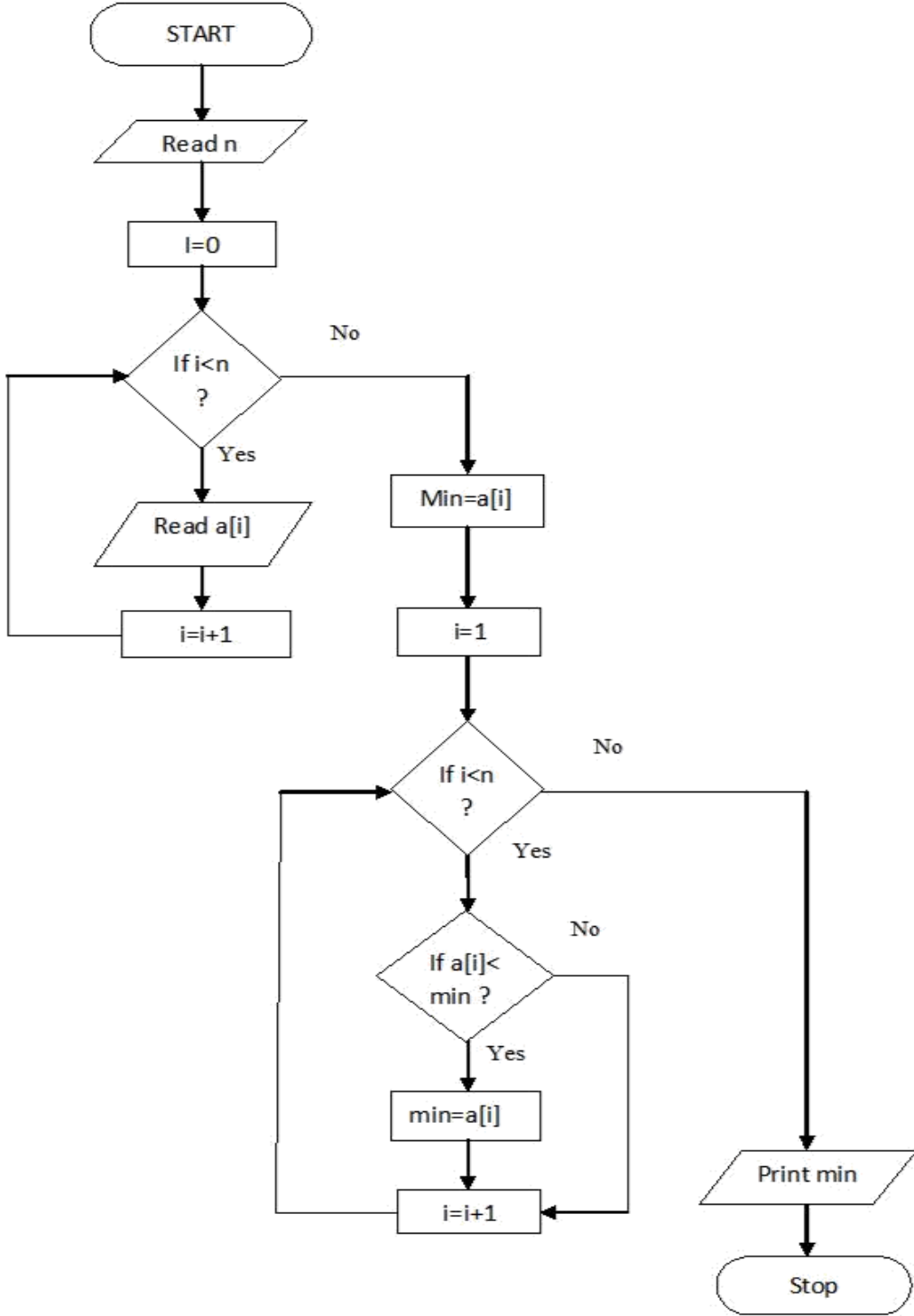
END IF-ELSE

END FOR

PRINT min

END

Flowchart:



3.Insert a card in a list of sorted cards

Algorithm: Step 1:

Start Step 2: Read n

Step 3:Initialize i=0

Step 4: If $i < n$, then goto step 4.1, 4.2 else goto step 5

Step4.1: Read a[i]

Step 4.2: $i=i+1$ goto step 4

Step 5: Read item

Step 6: Calculate $i=n-1$

Step 7: If $i \geq 0$ and $item < a[i]$, then go to step 7.1, 7.2 else goto step 8

Step 7.1: $a[i+1]=a[i]$

Step 7.2: $i=i-1$ goto step 7

Step 8: Compute $a[i+1]=item$

Step 9: Compute $n=n+1$

Step 10: If $i < n$, then goto step 10.1, 10.2 else goto step 11

Step10.1: Print a[i]

Step10.2: $i=i+1$ goto step 10

Step 11: Stop

Pseudocode:

BEGIN

READ n

FOR $i=0$ to n, then READ

a[i] INCREMENT

i

END FOR

READ item

FOR $i=n-1$ to 0 and $item < a[i]$, then

CALCULATE $a[i+1]=a[i]$

DECREMENT i

END FOR COMPUTE

$a[i+1]=a[i]$ COMPUTE

$n=n+1$ FOR $i=0$ to n, then

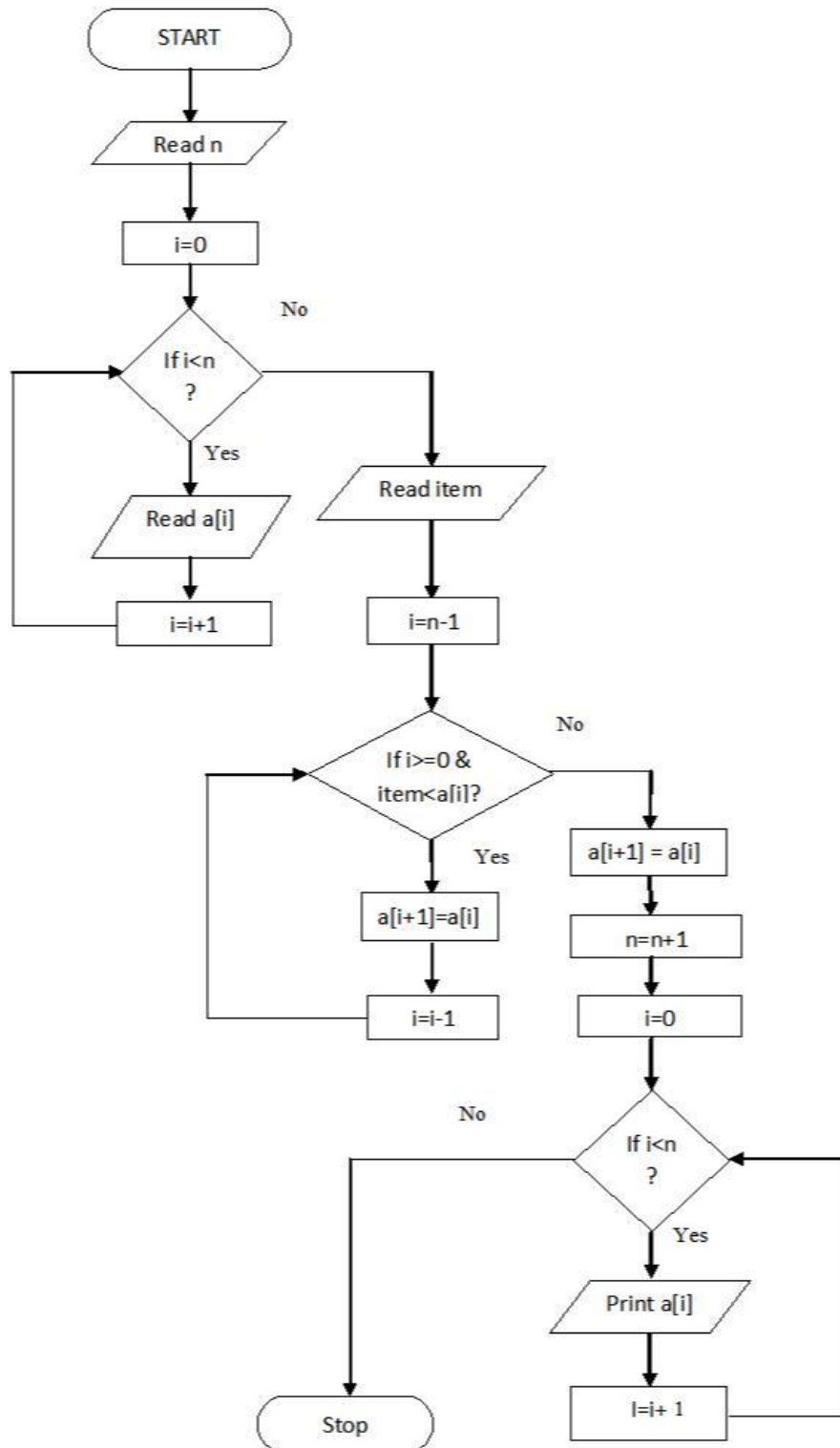
PRINT a[i]

INCREMENT i

END FOR

END

Flowchart:



4. Tower of Hanoi

Algorithm:

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Read n

Step 3: Calculate $\text{move} = 2^n - 1$

Step 4: Function call $T(n, \text{Beg}, \text{Aux}, \text{End})$ recursively until $n=0$

Step 4.1: If $n=0$, then goto step 5 else goto step 4.2 Step

4.2: $T(n-1, \text{Beg}, \text{End}, \text{Aux})$

$T(1, \text{Beg}, \text{Aux}, \text{End})$, Move disk from source to destination

$T(n-1, \text{Aux}, \text{Beg}, \text{End})$

Step 5: Stop

Pseudocode:

BEGIN

READ n

CALCULATE $\text{move} = 2^n - 1$

FUNCTION $T(n, \text{Beg}, \text{Aux}, \text{End})$ Recursively until $n=0$

PROCEDURE IF

$n=0$ then,

No disk to move

Else

$T(n-1, \text{Beg}, \text{End}, \text{Aux})$

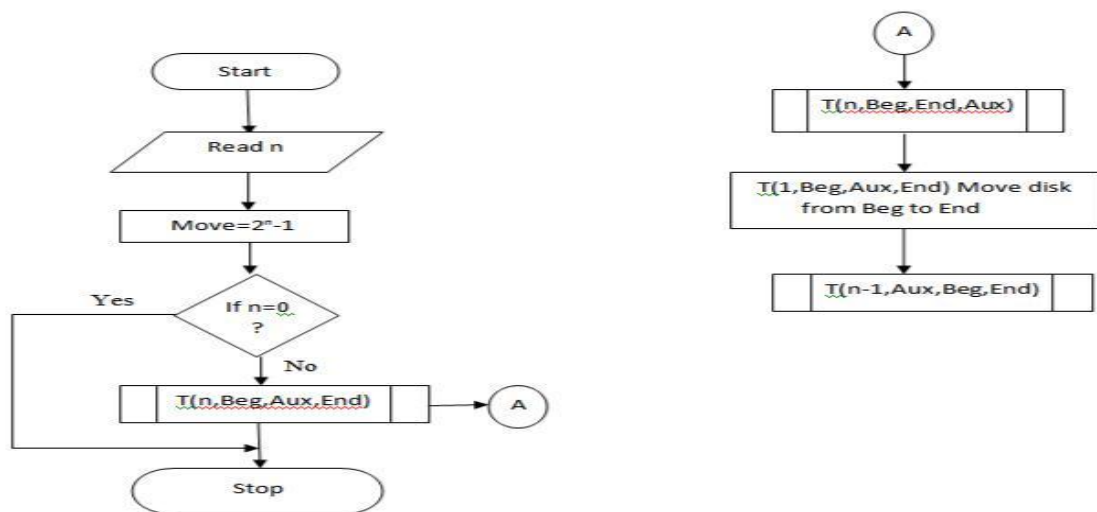
$T(1, \text{Beg}, \text{Aux}, \text{End})$, move disk from source to destination

$T(n-1, \text{Aux}, \text{Beg}, \text{End})$

END PROCEDURE

END

Flowchart:

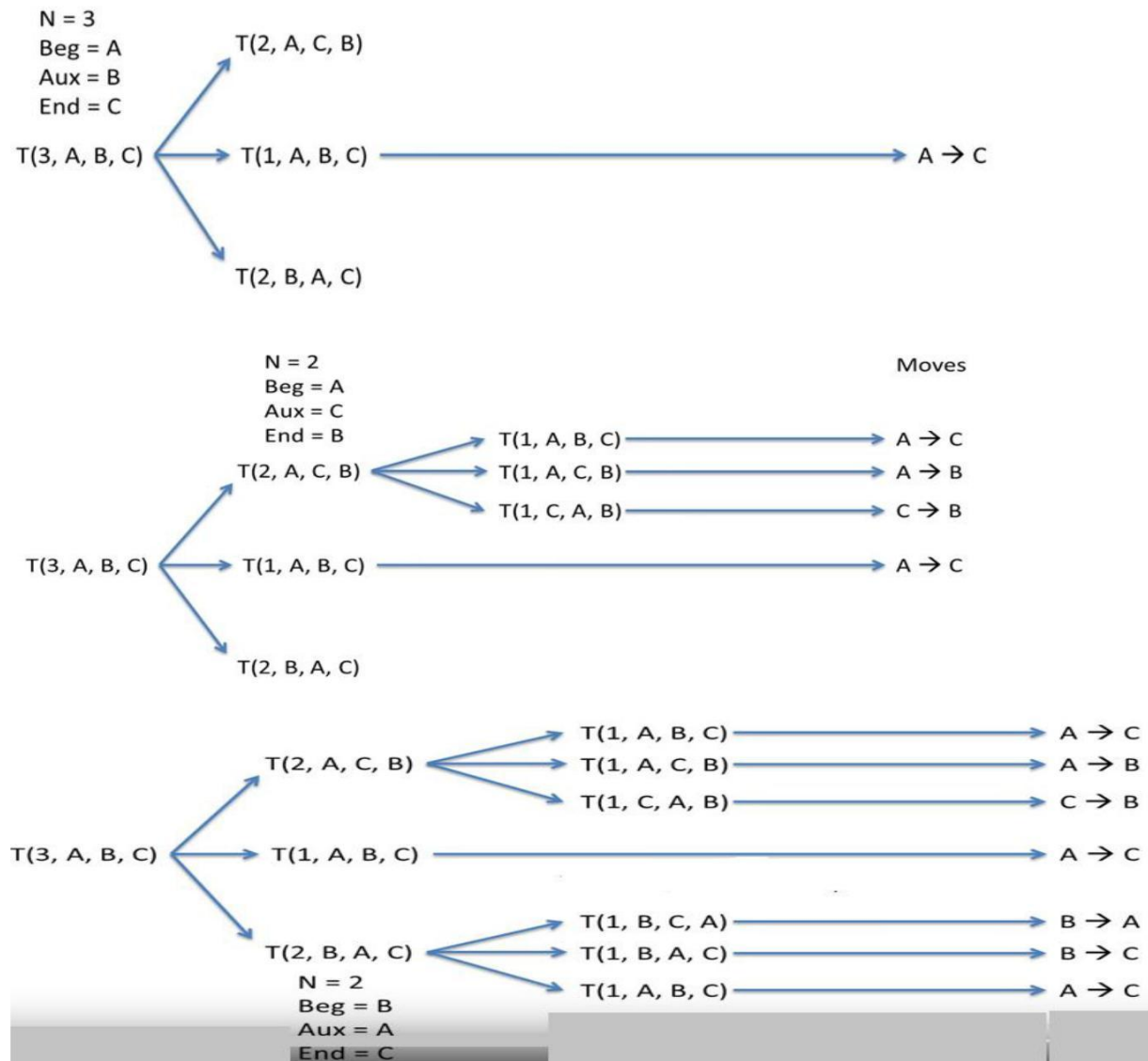


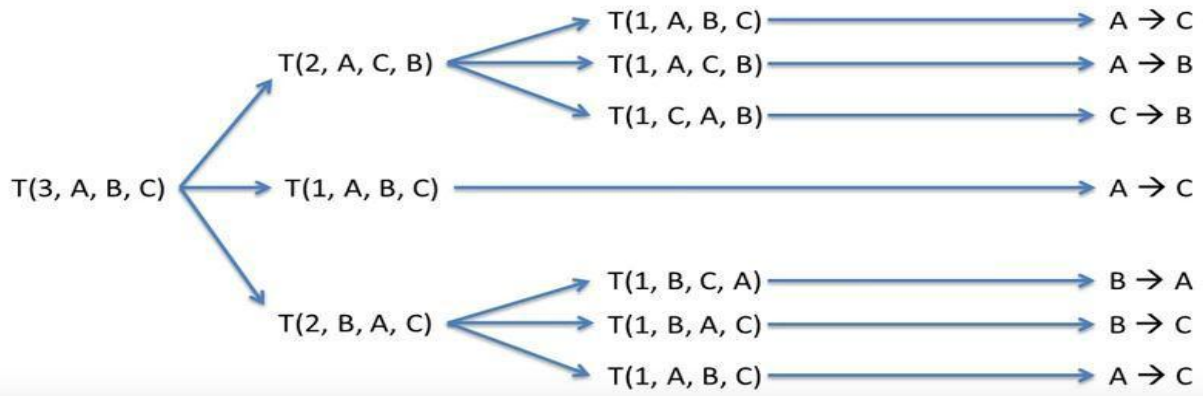
Procedure to solve Tower of Hanoi

The goal of the puzzle is to move all the disks from leftmost peg to rightmost peg.

1. Move only one disk at a time.
2. A larger disk may not be placed on top of a smaller disk.

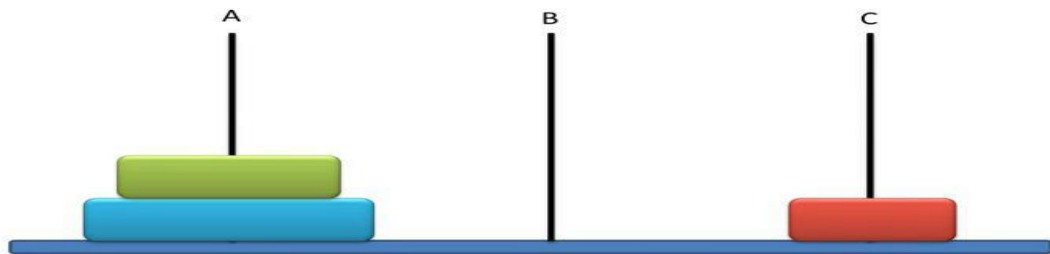
For example, consider $n=3$ disks





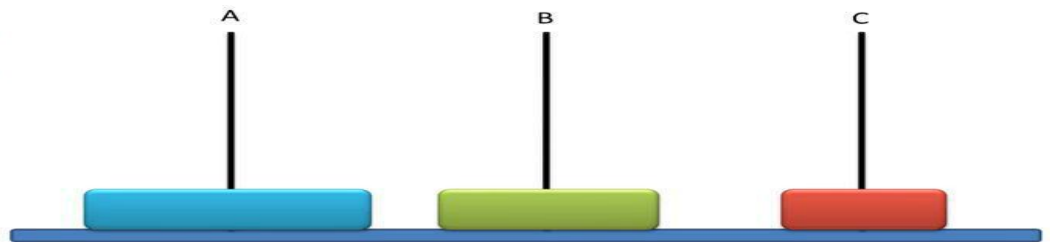
Moves

- A → C
- A → B
- C → B
- A → C
- B → A
- B → C
- A → C



Moves

- A → C ✓
- A → B ✓
- C → B
- A → C
- B → A
- B → C
- A → C



Moves

A → C ✓

A → B ✓

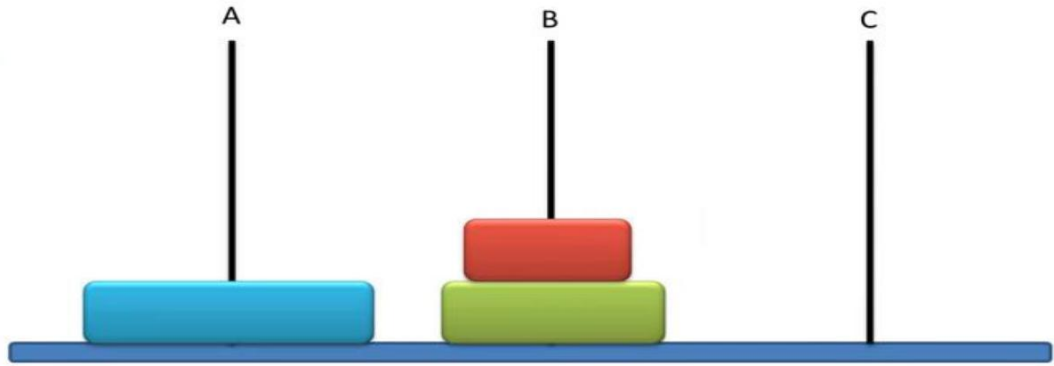
C → B ✓

A → C

B → A

B → C

A → C



Moves

A → C ✓

A → B ✓

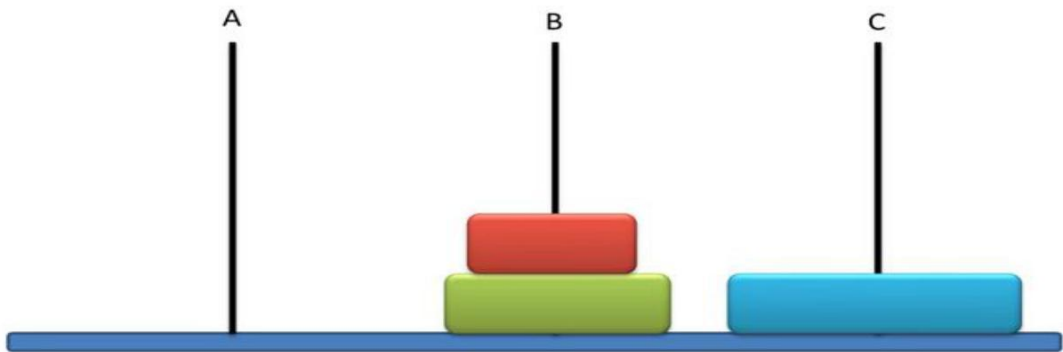
C → B ✓

A → C ✓

B → A

B → C

A → C



Moves

A → C ✓

A → B ✓

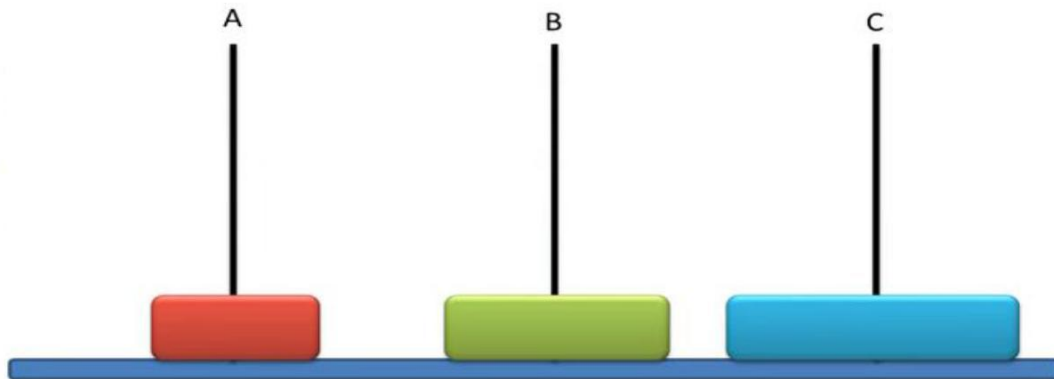
C → B ✓

A → C ✓

B → A ✓

B → C

A → C



Moves

A → C ✓

A → B ✓

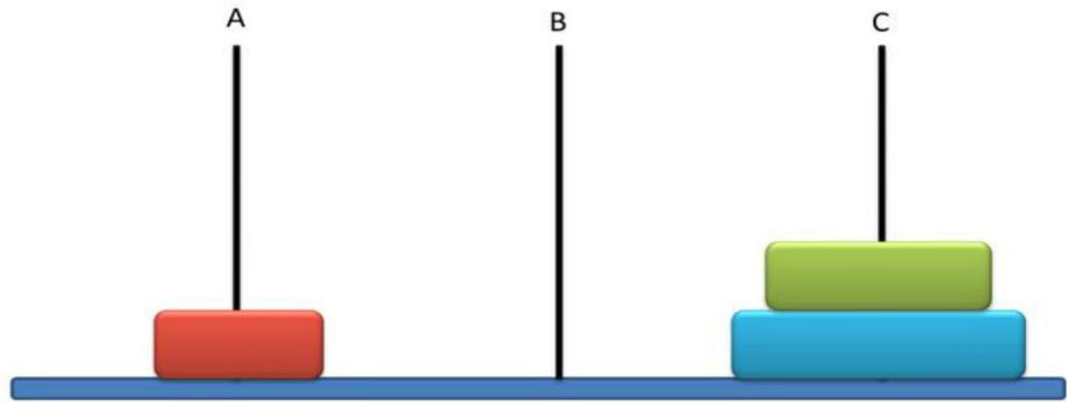
C → B ✓

A → C ✓

B → A ✓

B → C ✓

A → C



Moves

A → C ✓

A → B ✓

C → B ✓

A → C ✓

B → A ✓

B → C ✓

A → C ✓

