





Program execution



Algorithms + Data Structures = Programs

- Niklaus Wirth, 1975.





Informal definition

- □ Informally, an algorithm is a step-by-step method for solving a problem or doing a task.
- An algorithm accepts an input list of data and creates an output list of data.





Three constructs

A program is a combination of sequence constructs, decision constructs, and repetition constructs.



Flowcharts for three constructs

A flowchart is a pictorial representation of an algorithm.



Appendix : Flowcharts



START and STOP



Connectors



Sequence Symbols



Assignment statement

Input/output statement

Module call

Compound statement

Assignment statement

variable \leftarrow expression

Module-Call Statement



Two-Way Selection



for Loop



Example 1

Write an algorithm that finds the average of two numbers



End

Example 2

Write an algorithm to find the largest of 1000 numbers.



Algorithm 2: Find largest of 1000 numbers

FindLargest

Input: 1000 positive integers

- 1. Set Largest to 0
- 2. Set Counter to 0
- 3. while (Counter less than 1000)

3.1 if (the integer is greater than Largest) then

> **3.1.1 Set Largest to the value of the integer End if**

3.2 Increment Counter End while

4. Return Largest

End

Example 3: Prime Number Test

- Given a natural number N, where N > 1.
 - If there exists an integer i, 1 < i < N, such that i can evenly divide N, then N is a composite number.</p>
 - □ Otherwise, N is a prime number.













Bubble sort



















Search concept

Searching, a process to locate a target in a list of data, is a basic algorithm.

Sequential search is used for unordered lists.

Binary search is used for ordered lists.



Example of a sequential search



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Another Example

The algorithm uses the following five steps to find the largest integer.

Defining actions in FindLargest algorithm

