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Algorithms Description

Pseudo-code:
- Effective way of describing algorithms
- Highlights an algorithm characteristics and properties
- Closer to natural language
- Abstracts from unnecessary details
- It is still “code:” favors analysis and correctness proof
From Algorithms to Programs

- Pseudo-code is generally not executable by a computer
- Programs are
- Choice of the appropriate programming language:
  - Depends on the particular problem
  - Depends on which language is supported
Our language of choice is C++
It has been recently standardized
It is an example of Object Oriented Programming (OOP) language
It comes with libraries and ...
The Standard Template Library (STL)
C++, 2

- C++ with STL = executable which are close to the pseudo code
  - Our aim: one-to-one
- Enhanced readability
- Ease correctness proof of the implementation
The C++ Environment

- **Editor**: Writing the code (.cpp file)
- **Preprocessor**: Processes the code
- **Compiler**: Creates the object code (OC)
- **Linker**: OC + libraries = executable
- **Loader**: Puts executable in memory
- **CPU**: Executes the program
A C++ Program, 1

- Preprocessor directives
  - `#include <iostream>`
  - The preprocessor includes the content of the iostream header file (I/O)

- Function prototypes
  - `void InsertionSort(int A[], int n);`
A C++ Program, 2

Main function, body of the program
- int main() {
  ...
  return 0;
}

Function definitions
- void InsertionSort(int A[], int n) {
  ... }
Example: Insertion Sort

PSEUDO CODE

Insertion-Sort(A, n)

for j = 2 to n do
key = A[j]
i = j – 1
while (i>0) and (A[i]>key) do
A[i+1] = A[i]
i = i–1
A[i+1] = key

C++ FUNCTION

void InsertionSort(int A[], int n) {
int i, key;
for (int j=1; j<n; j++) {
key = A[j];
i=j-1;
while (i>=0) && (A[i]>key) {
A[i+1] = A[i];
i--; }
A[i+1] = key;
}
}
Basic C++

- It is like C:
  - Memory concept, assignment, inc/dec
  - Arithmetic, logical operators
  - Equality and relational operators

- INPUT/OUTPUT, it is easier ...
  - INPUT: \texttt{std::cin >> varName;}
  - OUTPUT: \texttt{std::cout << varName;}
Control Structures

Sequence Structures
- Built into C++, statements are executed one after another

Selection Structures, three types:
1. if
2. if/else
3. switch

Repetition Structures, three types:
1. while
2. do/while
3. for
Functions

- **Pre-packaged functions:**
  - C++ standard library: math, strings, characters, I/O, error checking

- **User-defined functions**
  - Modularize a program
  - Software reuse
  - Avoid repeated code (less errors)
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;
using std::cin;
int square(int); // function prototype
int main() {
    for (int x=1;x<11;x++)
        cout << square(x) << " "; // function call
    cout << endl;
    return 0;
}
int square(int y) { // function definition
    return y*y;
}
Assignments

❖ Deitel & Deitel book, first five chapters
❖ Updated information on the class web page:

www.ece.neu.edu/courses/eceg205/2004fa