Control structures

- input()
- if-elif-else
- while-break-continue

input

- The builtin function `input(`*message*`)` prints *message*, and waits for the user provides a line of input and presses return. The line of input is returned as a `str`
- If you e.g. expect input to be an `int`, then remember to convert the input using `int()`

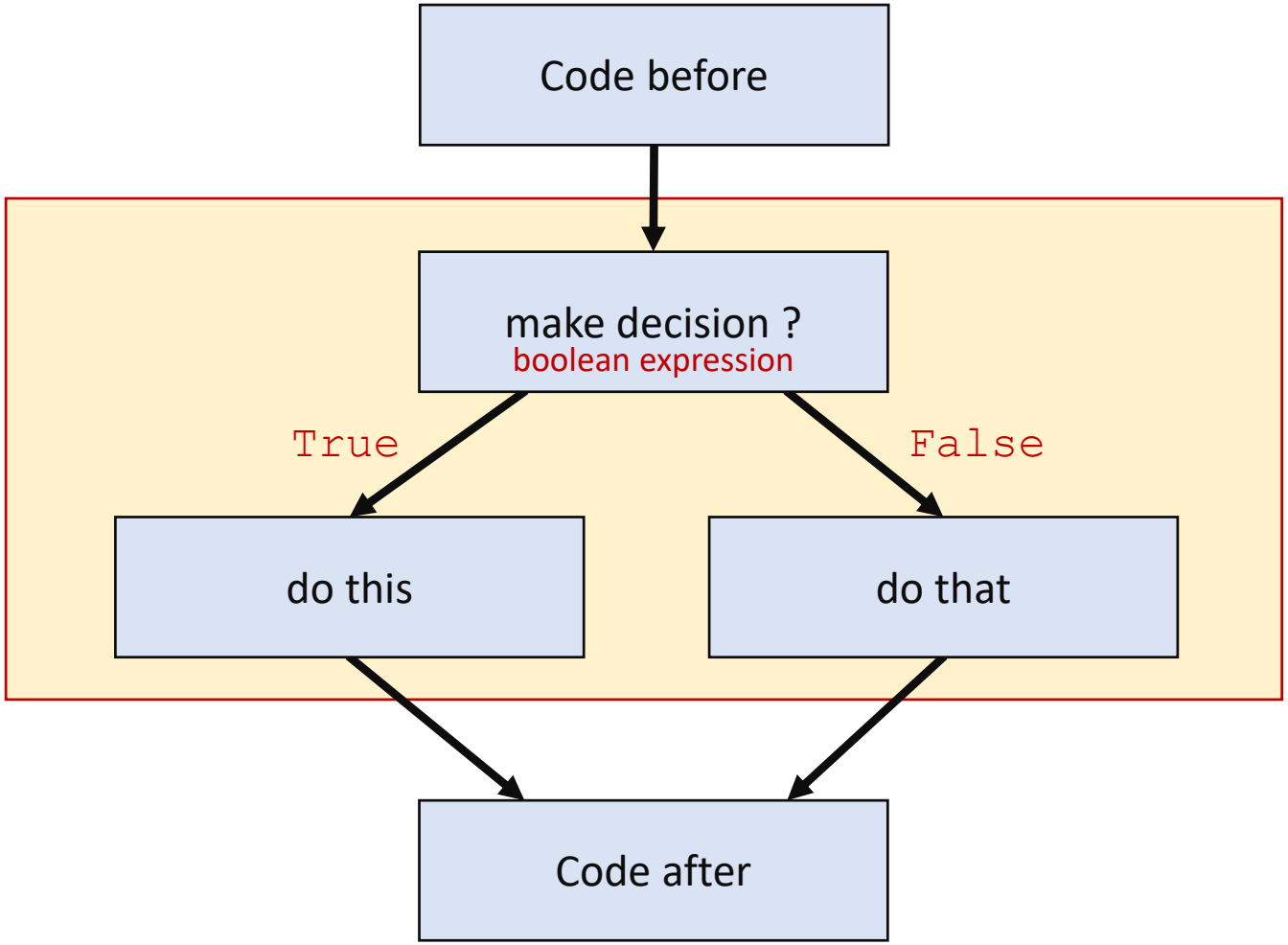
name-age.py

```
name = input('Name: ')
age = int(input('Age: '))
print(name, 'is', age, 'years old')
```

Python shell

```
> Name: Donald Duck
> Age: 84
| Donald Duck is 84 years old
```

Branching – do either this or that ?



Basic if-else

```
if boolean expression:
    code
    code
    code
else:
    code
    code
    code
```

identical indentation

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if-else.py

```
if x % 2 == 0:
    print('even')
else:
    print('odd')
```

Identical indentation for a sequence of lines = the same spaces/tabs should precede code

pass

- `pass` is a Python statement doing nothing. Can be used where a statement is required but you want to skip (e.g. code will be writen later)

- Example (bad example, since `else` could just be omitted):

if-else.py

```
if x % 2 == 0:
    print('even')
else:
    pass
```

if-elif-else

```
if condition:
        code
elif condition: # zero or more “elfi“ ≡ “else if”
        code
else:  # optional
        code
```

```
if (condition) {
  code
} else if (condition) {
  code
} else {
  code
}
```

Java, C, C++ syntax

Other languages using indentation for blocking:
ABC (1976), occam (1983), Miranda (1985)

if.py

```
if x == 0:
    print('zero')
```

if-else.py

```
if x % 2 == 0:
    print('even')
else:
    print('odd')
```

elif.py

```
if x < 0:
    print('negative')
elif x == 0:
    print('zero')
elif x == 1:
    print('one')
else:
    print('>= 2')
```

Questions – What value is printed?

```
x = 1
if x == 2:
    x = x + 1
else:
    x = x + 1
    x = x + 1
x = x + 1
print(x)
```

a) 1
b) 2
c) 3
 d) 4
e) 5
f) Don’t know

Nested if-statements

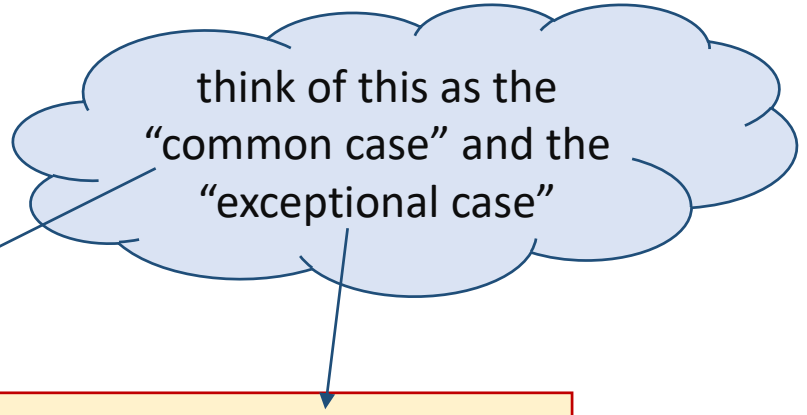
nested-if.py

```
if x < 0:
    print('negative')
elif x % 2 == 0:
    if x == 0:
        print('zero')
    elif x == 2:
        print('even prime number')
    else:
        print('even composite number')
else:
    if x == 1:
        print('one')
    else:
        print('some odd number')
```

if-else *expressions*

- A very common computation is

```
if test:
    x = true-expression
else:
    x = false-expression
```



- In Python there is a shorthand for this:

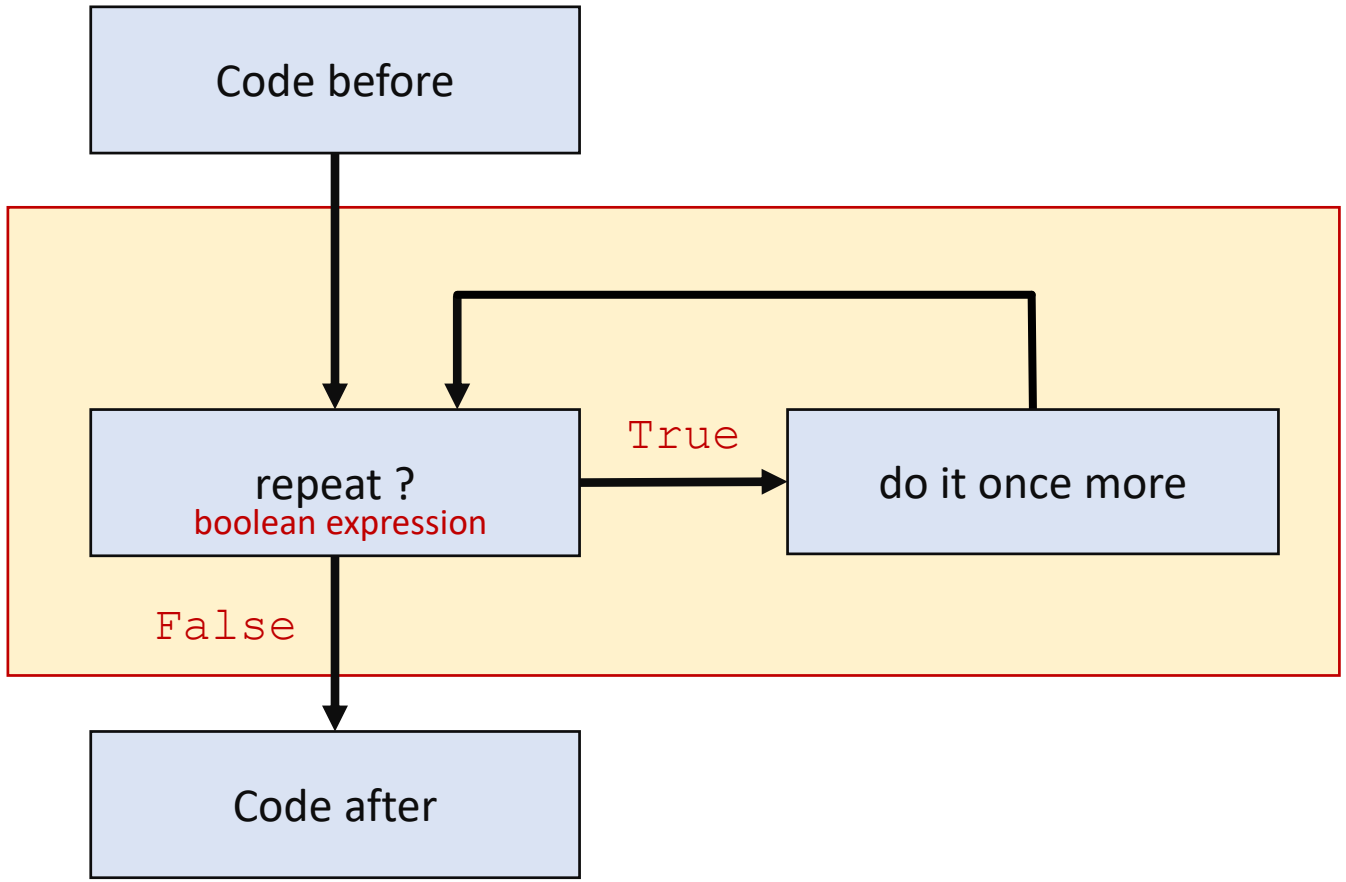
```
x = true-expression if test else false-expression
```

(see What’s New in Python 2.5 - **PEP 308: Conditional Expressions**)

- In C, C++ and Java the equivalent notation is (note the different order)

```
x = test ? true-expression : false-expression
```

Repeat until done



while-statement

`while` *condition*:

    code
    …
    `break` # jump to code after while loop
    …
    `continue` # jump to condition at the
    … # beginning of while loop

```
while (condition) {
  code
}
```

Java, C, C++ syntax

count.py

```
x = 1
while x <= 5:
    print(x, end=' ')
    x = x + 1
print('and', x)
```

Python shell

```
1 2 3 4 5 and 6
```

The function `randint(a, b)` from module `random` returns a random integer from {a, a + 1,…, b – 1, b}

random-pair.py

```
from random import randint
while True:
    x = randint(1, 10)
    y = randint(1, 10)
    if abs(x - y) >= 2:
        break
    print('too close', x, y)
print(x, y)
```

Python shell

```
too close 4 4
too close 10 9
8 5
```

Computing $\lfloor \sqrt{x} \rfloor$ using binary search

An exercise asks to simplify the code

int-sqrt.py

```
x = 20
low = 0
high = x + 1
while True:  # low <= sqrt(x) < high
    if low + 1 == high:
        break
    mid = (high + low) // 2
    if mid * mid <= x:
        low = mid
        continue
    high = mid
print(low)  # low = floor(sqrt(x))
```

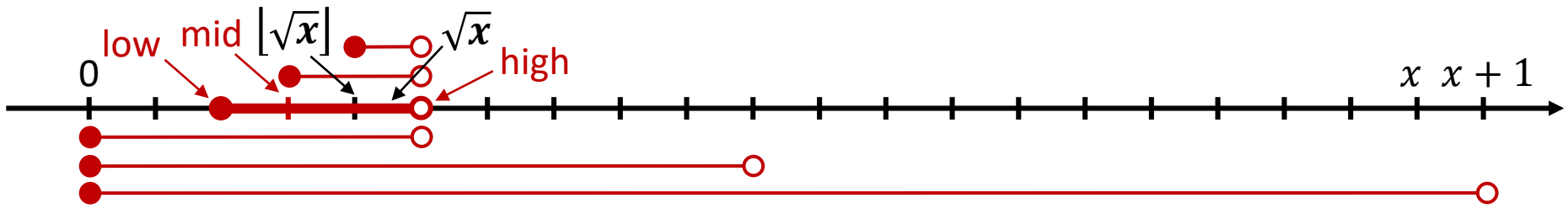
Integer division

$\left\lfloor \frac{\texttt{high}+\texttt{low}}{2} \right\rfloor$

$\texttt{mid} \leq \sqrt{x}$

$\Updownarrow$

$\texttt{mid}^2 \leq x$

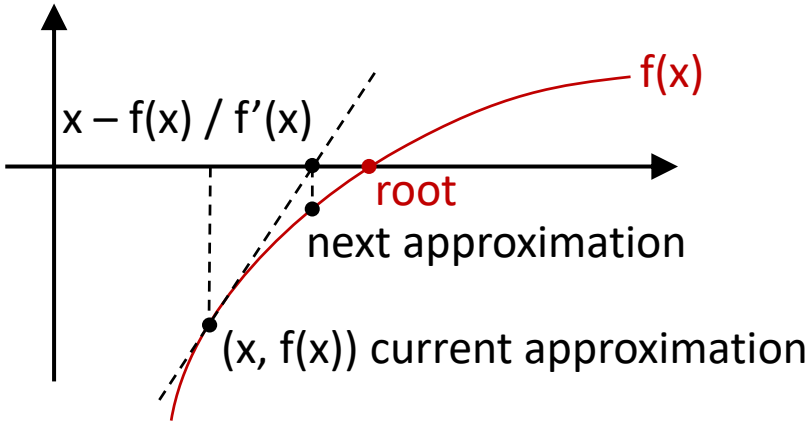


Division using the Newton-Raphson method

- **Goal:** Compute 1 / n only using +, -, and *
- x = 1 / n ⟺ f(x) = n – 1 / x = 0
- Problem reduces to finding root of f
- Newton-Raphson:

$x := x - f(x)/f'(x) = x - (n - 1/x)/(1/x^2) = (2 - n \cdot x) \cdot x$

since $f'(x) = 1 / x^2$ for $f(x) = n - 1 / x$



division.py

```
n = 0.75  # n in [0.5, 1.0]

x = 1.0
last = 0.0
while last < x:
    print(x)
    last = x
    x = (2 - n * x) * x

print('Apx of 1.0 /', n, '=', x)
print('Python 1.0 /', n, '=', 1.0 / n)
```

Python shell

```
1.0
1.25
1.328125
1.33331298828125
1.3333333330228925
1.3333333333333333
Apx of 1.0 / 0.75 = 1.3333333333333333
Python 1.0 / 0.75 = 1.3333333333333333
```

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newton's_method