

Computer Science I

CS 135

5. Selection: If and Switch Controls

René Doursat

*Department of Computer Science & Engineering
University of Nevada, Reno*

Spring 2006

Computer Science I

CS 135

0. Course Presentation
1. Introduction to Programming
2. Functions I: Passing by Value
3. File Input/Output
4. Predefined Functions
- 5. If and Switch Controls**
- 6. While and For Loops**
- 7. Functions II: Passing by Reference**
- 8. 1-D and 2-D Arrays**

Computer Science I

CS 135

5. Selection: If and Switch Controls

- a. Control Structures
- b. If / Else Selection Structures
- c. Logical Expressions
- d. Switch Selection Structures

Computer Science I

CS 135

5. Selection: If and Switch Controls

a. Control Structures

- ✓ What are control structures?
- ✓ Selection structures
- ✓ Repetition structures (next week)

b. If / Else Selection Structures

c. Logical Expressions

d. Switch Selection Structures

5.a Control Structures

What are control structures?

- **Reminder: there are six basic computer operations**
1. a computer can receive information (**Get, Read**, etc.)
 2. a computer can put out information (**Display**, etc.)
 3. a computer can perform arithmetic (**Add, Divide**, etc.)
 4. a computer can assign a value to a variable or memory location (**Set, Initialize**, etc.)
 5. a computer can compare variables and select one of two alternate actions → *selection structures*
 6. a computer can repeat a group of actions → *repetition structures*

5.a Control Structures

What are control structures?

➤ Structure theorem

- ✓ it is possible to write any computer program by using only three basic control structures that are easily represented in pseudocode:

- sequence structures

- selection structures

- repetition structures

} *introduce branching ("jumps")
in the sequential logic*

➤ Sequence structures

- ✓ straightforward execution of one processing step after another
- ✓ sequence of pseudocode statements: do this, do that, then this, then that, etc.

5.a Control Structures

What are control structures?

➤ Selection structures

- ✓ condition and choice between two actions, depending on whether the condition is true or false
- ✓ represented by the pseudocode keywords **IF**, **THEN**, **ELSE**, and **ENDIF**

➤ Repetition structures

- ✓ block of statements to be executed repeatedly, as long as a condition is true
- ✓ represented by the pseudocode keywords **WHILE** and **ENDWHILE**

5.a Control Structures

What are control structures?

- Sequence, selection and repetition structures

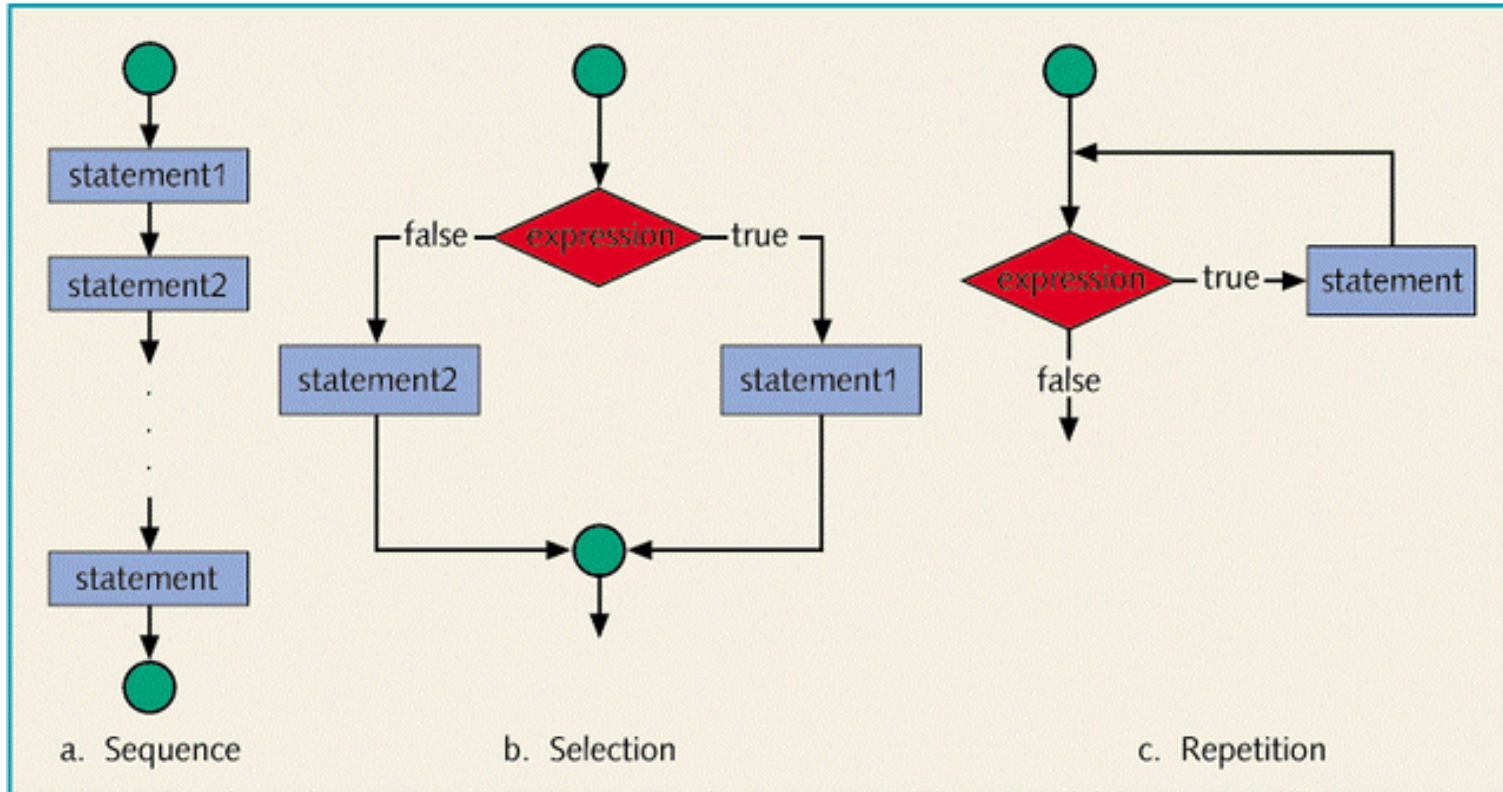


Figure 4-1 Flow of execution

5.a Control Structures

Selection structures

➤ A computer can compare variables and select one of two alternate actions → *selection structures*

✓ examples:

- one-way – if it starts to rain, go inside the building
- two-way – if the car starts, drive; otherwise, take the bus

✓ pseudocode examples:

```
IF age >= 12 THEN
    Prompt for entrance fee
ENDIF
```

One-way selection

```
IF student is female THEN
    Add 1 to female count
ELSE
    Add 1 to male count
ENDIF
```

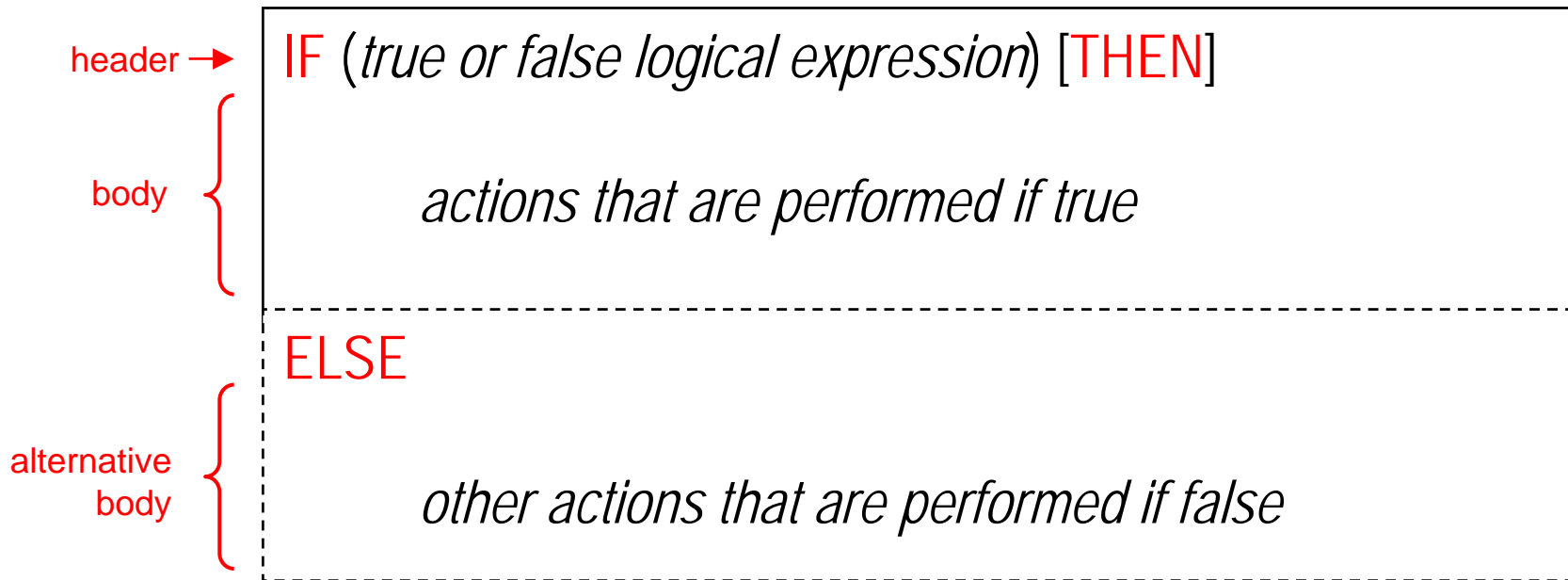
Two-way selection

5.a Control Structures

Selection structures

➤ Anatomy of an if /else selection structure (pseudocode)

- ✓ the "header" is a logical expression
- ✓ the "body" contains actions that are performed (or not) depending on the header



Anatomy of an if / else selection structure

5.a Control Structures

Repetition structures (next week)

➤ A computer can repeat a group of actions

→ *repetition structures*

✓ examples:

- calculate 100 student grades
- pour water in the saucepan until it is full
- cook the pasta until it is "al dente"

✓ pseudocode example:

WHILE water_level < pan_height

Add 1 tablespoon to water_volume

water_level = water_volume / pan_surface

ENDWHILE

Computer Science I

CS 135

5. Selection: If and Switch Controls

a. Control Structures

- ✓ What are control structures?
- ✓ Selection structures
- ✓ Repetition structures (next week)

b. If / Else Selection Structures

c. Logical Expressions

d. Switch Selection Structures

Computer Science I

CS 135

5. Selection: If and Switch Controls

a. Control Structures

b. If / Else Selection Structures

- ✓ One-way selection structure: `if`
- ✓ Two-way selection structure: `if ... else`
- ✓ Compound statement selection structures
- ✓ Nested selection structures
- ✓ Conditional operator

c. Logical Expressions

d. Switch Selection Structures

5.b If / Else Selection Structures

One-way selection structure: **if**

- A one-way selection decides whether to execute a statement or not

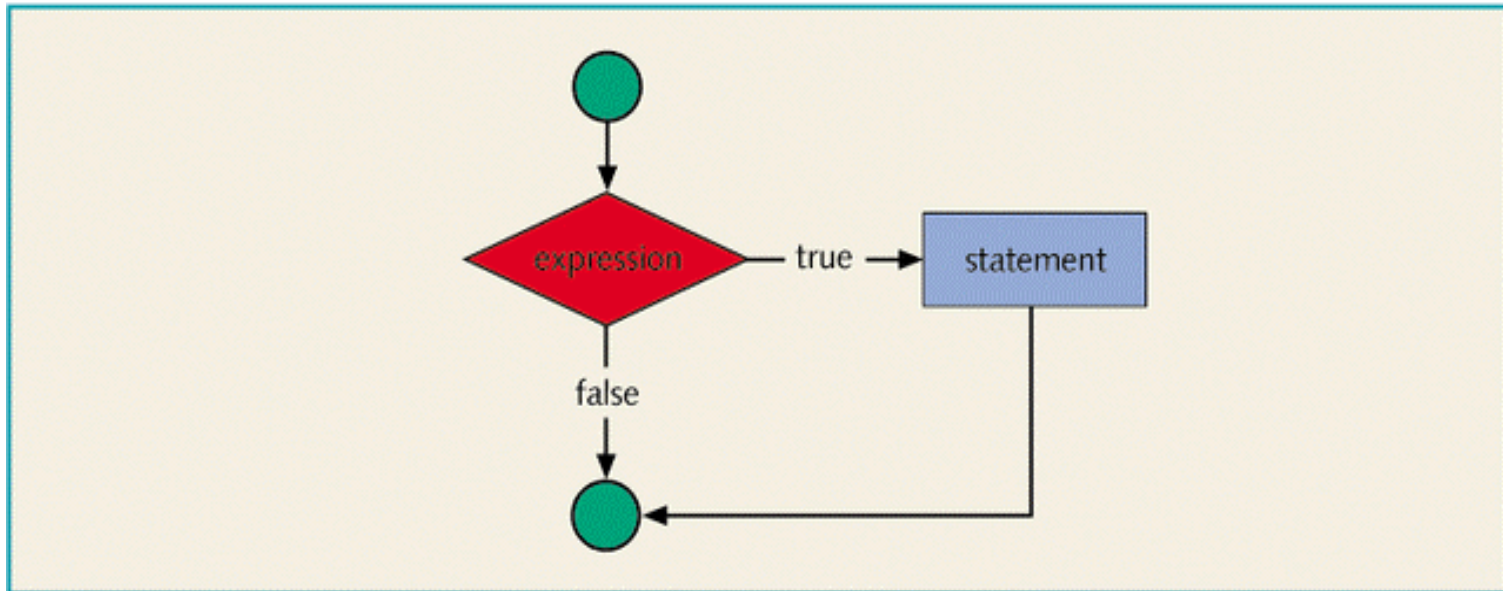


Figure 4-2 One-way selection

5.b If / Else Selection Structures

One-way selection structure: **if**

➤ Syntax of a one-way selection

```
if ( expression )  
    statement
```

```
if ( age >= 12 )  
    pay_entrance ( ) ;
```

- ✓ **if** is a reserved keyword
- ✓ *expression* is a logical expression
 - sometimes called a “decision maker” because it decides whether to execute the statement that follows it or not
- ✓ *statement* follows *expression* and can be any C++ statement
 - sometimes called the “action statement”
 - *statement* is executed if the value of *expression* is true
 - *statement* is bypassed if the value is false: the program goes to the next statement directly

5.b If / Else Selection Structures

Two-way selection structure: `if ... else`

- A two-way selection decides whether to execute one statement or another

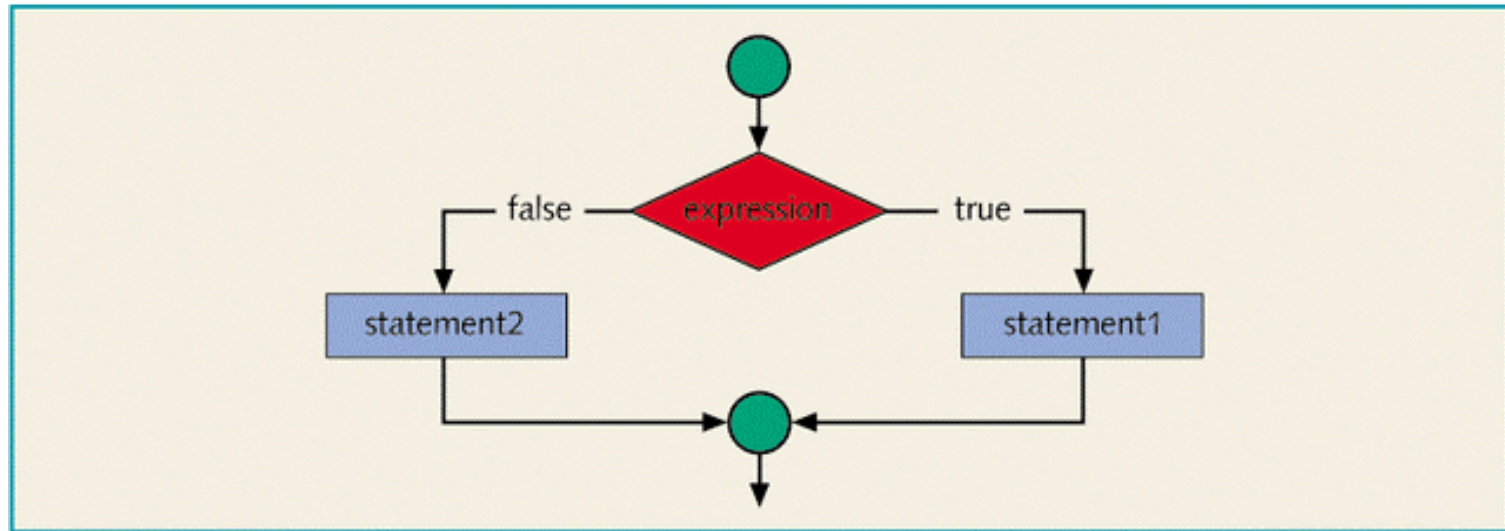


Figure 4-3 Two-way selection

5.b If / Else Selection Structures

Two-way selection structure: **if** ... **else**

➤ Syntax of a two-way selection

```
if (expression)  
    statement1  
else  
    statement2
```

```
if (age >= 12)  
    pay(8.00);  
else  
    pay(3.50);
```

- ✓ **else** is also a reserved keyword
- ✓ *expression* is a logical expression
- ✓ *statement1* and *statement2* can be any C++ statements
 - *statement1* is executed if the value of *expression* is true
 - *statement2* is executed if the value is false
 - after that, if there was not failure or early exit, the program goes to the next statement after the if / else structure

5.b If / Else Selection Structures

Compound statement selection structures

➤ Compound statement

- ✓ the body of an if/else structure can contain multiple C statements
- ✓ a block of statements is called a “compound statement” and must be surrounded with curly braces { }

```
if ( expression ) {  
    statement1  
    statement2  
    statement3  
}  
else {  
    statement4  
    statement5  
}
```

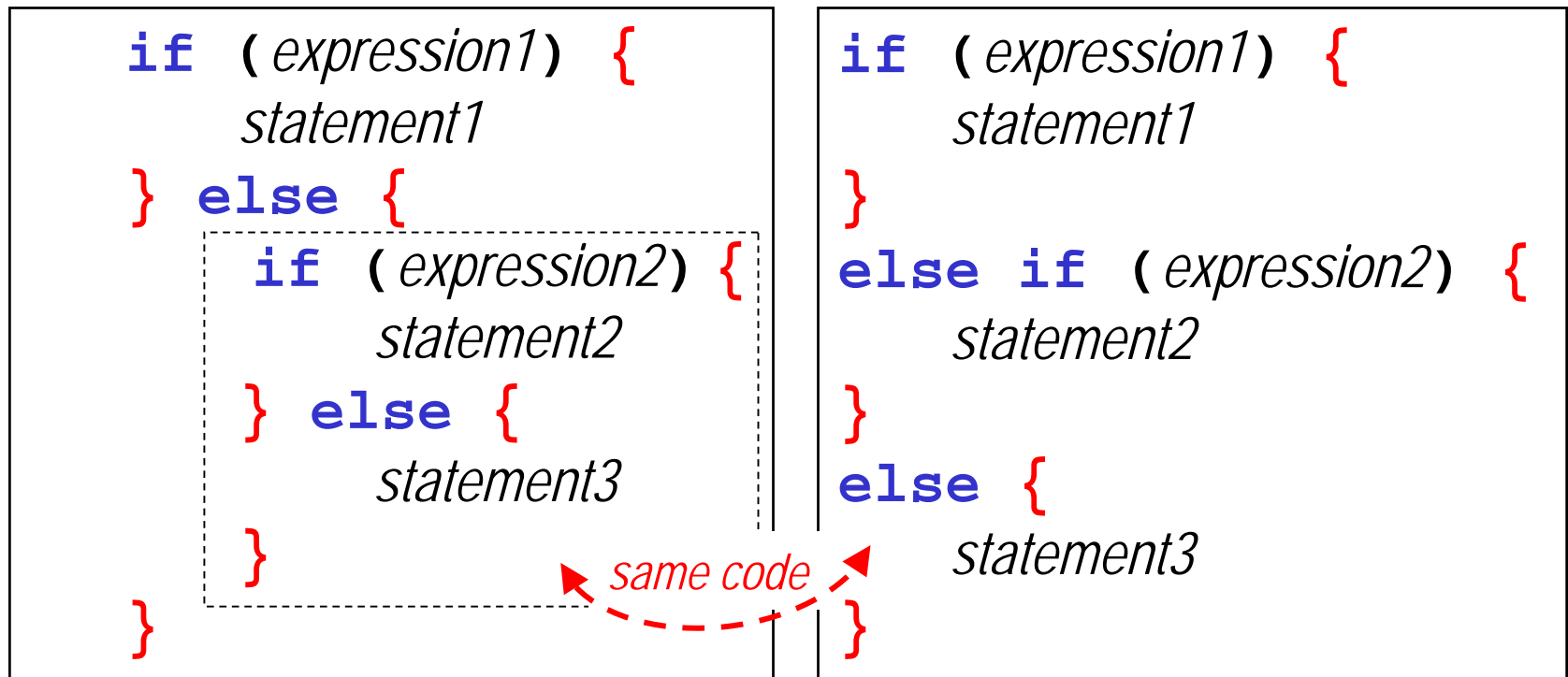
```
if ( age >= 12 ) {  
    cout << "adult";  
    pay( 8.00 );  
    ...  
}  
else {  
    cout << "child";  
    pay( 3.50 );  
}
```

5.b If / Else Selection Structures

Nested selection structures

➤ If/else structures can be inserted inside other if/else structures

- ✓ some statements inside the body of a selection structure can themselves be if/else selection structures

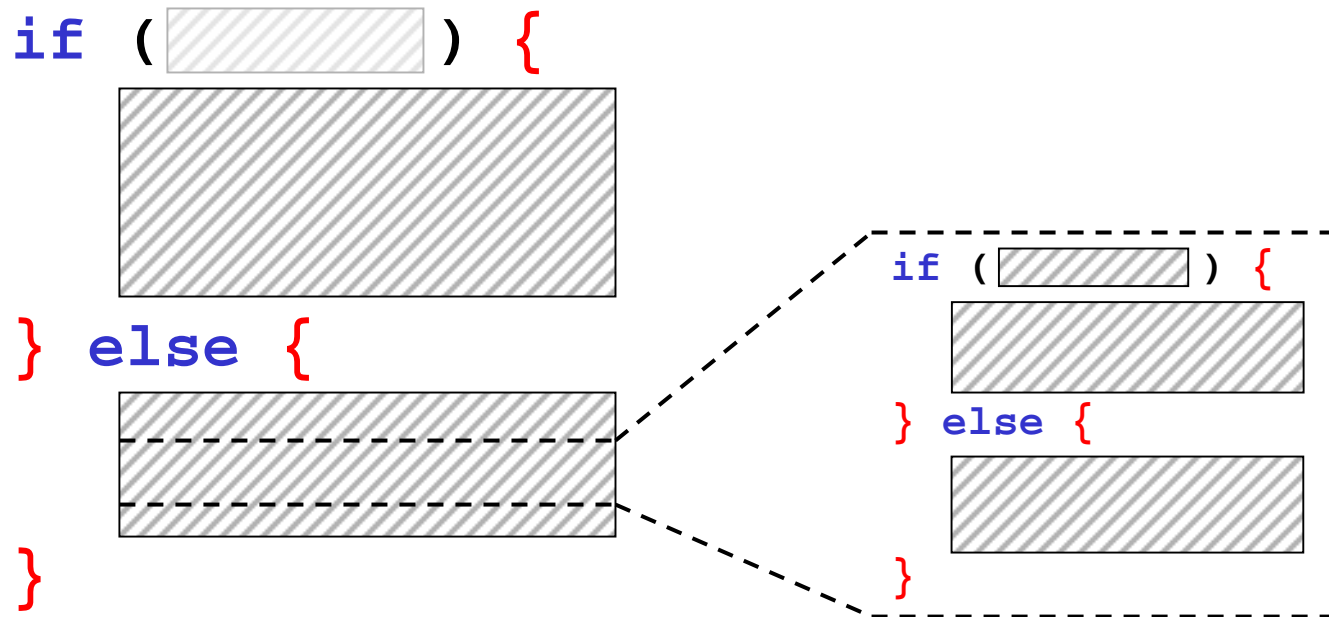


5.b If / Else Selection Structures

Nested selection structures

➤ Programming is like a construction game

- ✓ control structures can be nested in other control structures



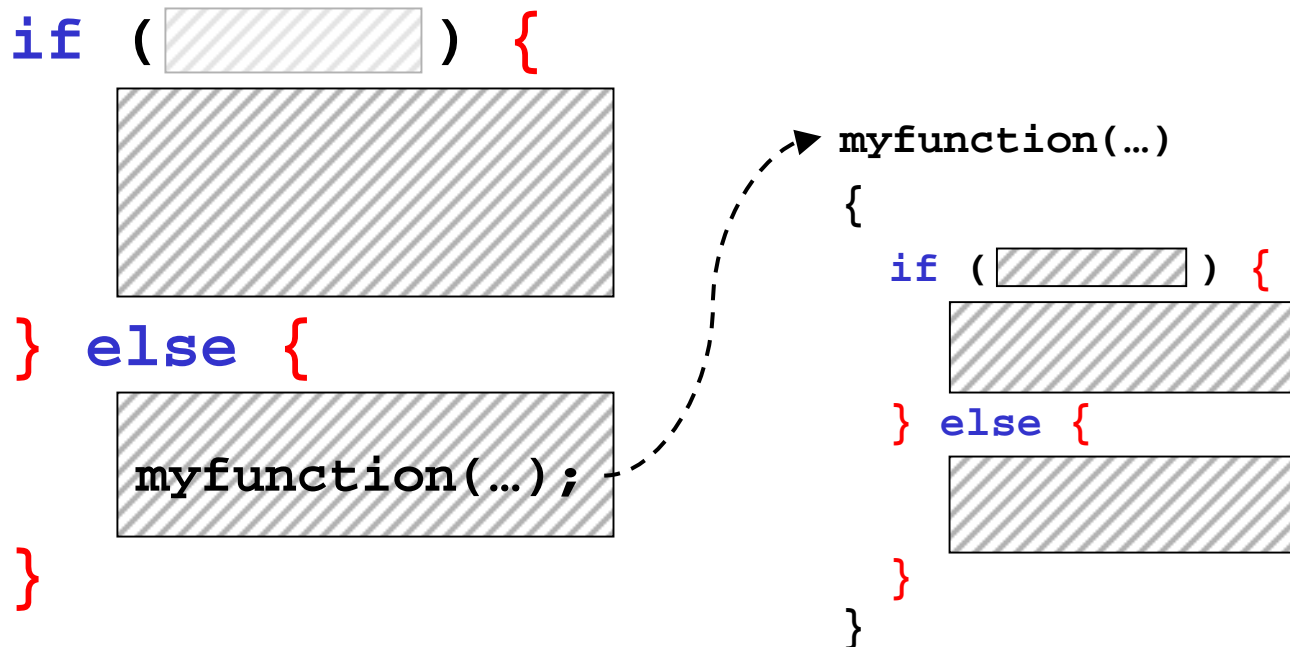
→ *however, too much nesting inside the same area of code is not good programming practice*

5.b If / Else Selection Structures

Nested selection structures

➤ Programming is like a construction game

→ *breaking up into FUNCTIONS is better practice*



- ✓ it will generally depend on the size of a compound statement: if it gets too big, cut it out and put it in a function

5.b If / Else Selection Structures

Conditional operator

➤ The conditional operator is a one-line shortcut for **if**

- ✓ the conditional operator is used exclusively for conditional assignment statements involving the same variable
- ✓ instead of

```
if (expression) {  
    x = value1;  
} else {  
    x = value2;  
}
```

- ✓ you can write

```
x = (expression) ? value1 : value2;
```

using the question mark **?** and colon **:** symbols

Computer Science I

CS 135

5. Selection: If and Switch Controls

a. Control Structures

b. If / Else Selection Structures

- ✓ One-way selection structure: `if`
- ✓ Two-way selection structure: `if / else`
- ✓ Compound statement selection structures
- ✓ Nested selection structures
- ✓ Conditional operator

c. Logical Expressions

d. Switch Selection Structures

Computer Science I

CS 135

5. Selection: If and Switch Controls

- a. Control Structures
- b. If / Else Selection Structures

c. Logical Expressions

- ✓ Relational operators
- ✓ Logical (Boolean) operators
- ✓ Order of precedence

d. Switch Selection Structures

5.c Logical Expressions

In this section, we look at the header of **if / else** selection structures

IF (*true or false logical expression*)

actions performed if true

ELSE

actions performed if false

5.c Logical Expressions

Relational operators

➤ Relational operators allow to make comparisons

Table 4-1 Relational Operators in C++

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

- ✓ a relational operator
 - is a binary operator: it takes two numeric operands
 - yields a boolean result, **true** or **false**
 - false also evaluates as 0 and true evaluates as nonzero

5.c Logical Expressions

Relational operators

➤ Relational operators allow to make comparisons

✓ examples:

- `8 < 8.01` 8 less than 8.01 **true**
- `6 != 6.0` 6 not equal to 6.0 **false**
- `7 >= 7` 7 greater than or equal to 7 **true**
- `'a' == 'b'` char 'a' equal to 'b' **false**

✓ unlike the assignment operator `=` it is ok to have expressions on *both* sides of a relational operator, for example if `x` is 6:

- `(7 + x/5.0) > (x + 2.1)` is **true**

✓ because of precision problems, use caution when equating floating-point expressions (using `==`)

- `2.0/7 + 5.0/7 == 1.0` is likely to be **false**

5.c Logical Expressions

Relational operators

➤ Relational operators allow to make comparisons

✓ relational operators are strictly **binary**

▪ ~~0 <= x < 10~~ is illegal syntax

▪ it must be written:

(0 <= x) && (x < 10)

✓ the operator **&&** ("and") is a logical operator; we will look at logical operators in the next slides

✓ caution when comparing different data types, such as numbers and characters: **8 < '5'** is **true!**

✓ alphabetically comparing strings using rel. ops is ok in C++

"apple" <= "orange" (but is not ok in C or Java!)

5.c Logical Expressions

Relational operators

➤ Comparing characters and strings

- ✓ relational operators compare the characters' ASCII codes

Table 4-2 Evaluating Expressions Using Relational Operators and the ASCII Collating Sequence

Expression	Value of Expression	Explanation
' ' < 'a'	true	The ASCII value of ' ' is 32, and the ASCII value of 'a' is 97. Because 32 < 97 is true , it follows that ' ' < 'a' is true .
'R' > 'T'	false	The ASCII value of 'R' is 82, and the ASCII value of 'T' is 84. Because 82 > 84 is false , it follows that 'R' > 'T' is false .
'+' < '*'	false	The ASCII value of '+' is 43, and the ASCII value of '*' is 42. Because 43 < 42 is false , it follows that '+' < '*' is false .
'6' <= '>'	true	The ASCII value of '6' is 54, and the ASCII value of '>' is 62. Because 54 <= 62 is true , it follows that '6' <= '>' is true .

5.c Logical Expressions

Logical (Boolean) operators

- Logical operators allow to combine logical expressions
 - ✓ there are 3 main logical operators in C++
 - **&&** the binary 'and' operator
 - **||** the binary 'or' operator
 - **!** the unary 'not' operator
 - ✓ each logical operator
 - takes only logical values, **true** and **false**, as operands
 - yields only a logical value, **true** and **false**, as a result

5.c Logical Expressions

Logical (Boolean) operators

➤ The **!** ('not') operator

✓ reverses the value of its logical operand

Table 4-5 The ! (not) Operator

Expression	!(Expression)
<code>true</code> (nonzero)	<code>false</code> (0)
<code>false</code> (0)	<code>true</code> (1)

✓ examples:

- `!(8 > 15)` not (8 is greater than 15) **true**
- `!(6 == 6)` not (6 is equal to 6) **false**
- `!('a' > 'b')` not ('a' is greater than 'b') **true**

5.c Logical Expressions

Logical (Boolean) operators

➤ The `&&` ('and') operator

✓ is true if and only if both of its logical operands are true

Table 4-6 The `&&` (and) Operator

Expression1	Expression2	Expression1 && Expression2
true (nonzero)	true (nonzero)	true (1)
true (nonzero)	false (0)	false (0)
false (0)	true (nonzero)	false (0)
false (0)	false (0)	false (0)

✓ examples:

one false operand is enough to yield false

- `(14 >= 5) && ('A' == 'B')` **false**
- `(14 != 5) && ('A' < 'B')` **true**
- `(14 < 5) && !('$' >= '*')` **false**
- `!(14 < 5) && 3` **true** *?? never mind*

5.c Logical Expressions

Logical (Boolean) operators

➤ Boolean algebra with `&&` ('and')

- ✓ important equivalences among expressions containing `&&`

Logical expression	Equivalent expression
<code>x && true</code>	<code>x</code>
<code>x && false</code>	<code>false</code>
<code>x && x</code>	<code>x</code>
<code>x && !x</code>	<code>false</code>
<code>x && y</code>	<code>y && x</code>
<code>x && (y && z)</code>	<code>(x && y) && z</code>

5.c Logical Expressions

Logical (Boolean) operators

➤ The `||` ('or') operator

✓ is true if at least one of its logical operand is true

Table 4-7 The `||` (or) Operator

Expression1	Expression2	Expression1 Expression2
true (nonzero)	true (nonzero)	true (1)
true (nonzero)	false (0)	true (1)
false (0)	true (nonzero)	true (1)
false (0)	false (0)	false (0)

✓ examples: *one true operand is enough to yield true*

- `(14 == 5) || ('A' <= 'B')` true
- `!(14 != 5) || ('A' == 'B')` false
- `(14 > 5) || !('$' >= '*')` true
- `!(14 > 5) || 0` false *?? never mind*

5.c Logical Expressions

Logical (Boolean) operators

➤ Boolean algebra with `||` ('or')

- ✓ important equivalences among expressions containing `||`

Logical expression	Equivalent expression
<code>x true</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>x false</code>	<code>x</code>
<code>x x</code>	<code>x</code>
<code>x !x</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>x y</code>	<code>y x</code>
<code>x (y z)</code>	<code>(x y) z</code>

5.c Logical Expressions

Logical (Boolean) operators

➤ Boolean algebra with `&&` and `||`

✓ important equivalences among expressions with `&&` and `||`

Logical expression	Equivalent expression
<code>x (y && z)</code>	<code>(x y) && (x z)</code>
<code>x (x && z)</code>	<code>x</code>
<code>x && (y z)</code>	<code>(x && y) (x && z)</code>
<code>x && (x z)</code>	<code>x</code>
<code>!(x y)</code>	<code>!x && !y</code>
<code>!(x && y)</code>	<code>!x !y</code>

✓ *De Morgan's laws*

5.c Logical Expressions

Order of precedence

➤ How to evaluate complex logical expressions

- ✓ expressions can mix arithmetic, relational and logical operators:
 - `!(5 + 3 <= 9) || 6 < 15 && 7 != 8`
- ✓ evaluation follows a priority scheme

Table 4-8 Precedence of Operators

Operators	Precedence
!, +, - (unary operators)	first
*, /, %	second
+, -	third
<, <=, >=, >	fourth
==, !=	fifth
&&	sixth
	seventh
= (assignment operator)	last

1. arithmetic operators

2. relational operators

3. logical operators

5.c Logical Expressions

Order of precedence

➤ Example of precedence in logical expressions

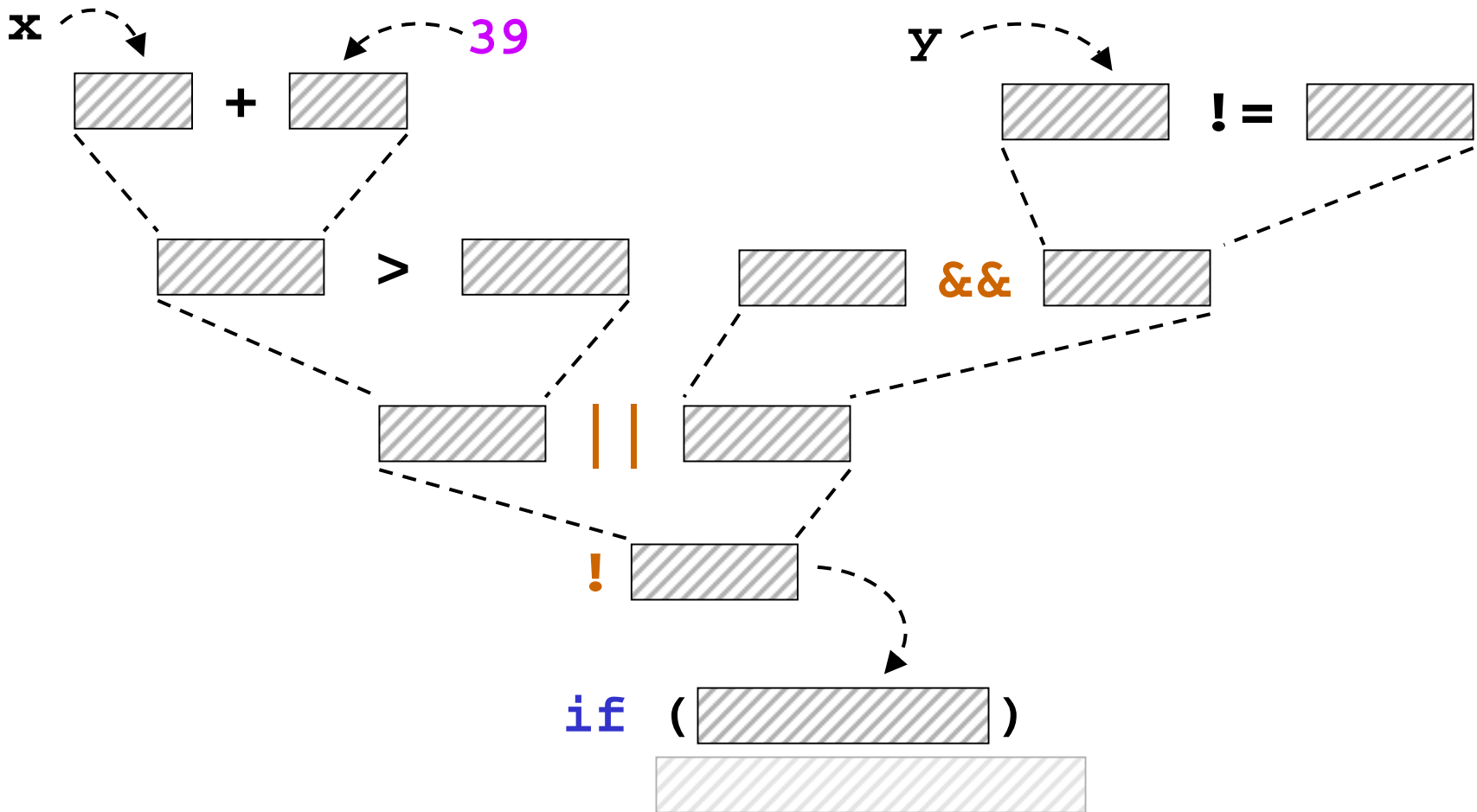
- ✓ `bool found = true;`
- ✓ `double x = 5.2, y = 3.4;`
- ✓ `int a = 5, b = 8, n = 0;`
- ✓ `char ch = '$';`

Logical expression	Value
<code>!found && x >= 0</code>	<code>false</code>
<code>!(found x < 0)</code>	<code>false</code>
<code>x + y <= 20.5</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>n < 1 n > 100</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>'A' <= ch && ch <= 'Z' 'a' <= ch && ch <= 'z'</code>	<code>false</code>
<code>a + 2 <= b && found</code>	<code>true</code>

5.c Logical Expressions

Order of precedence

➤ Building expressions is like a construction game



Computer Science I

CS 135

5. Selection: If and Switch Controls

- a. Control Structures
- b. If / Else Selection Structures

c. Logical Expressions

- ✓ Relational operators
- ✓ Logical (Boolean) operators
- ✓ Order of precedence

d. Switch Selection Structures

Computer Science I

CS 135

5. Selection: If and Switch Controls

- a. Control Structures
- b. If / Else Selection Structures
- c. Logical Expressions
- d. Switch Selection Structures**
 - ✓ Switch syntax and rules
 - ✓ Typical switch examples

5.d Switch Selection Structures

Switch syntax and rules

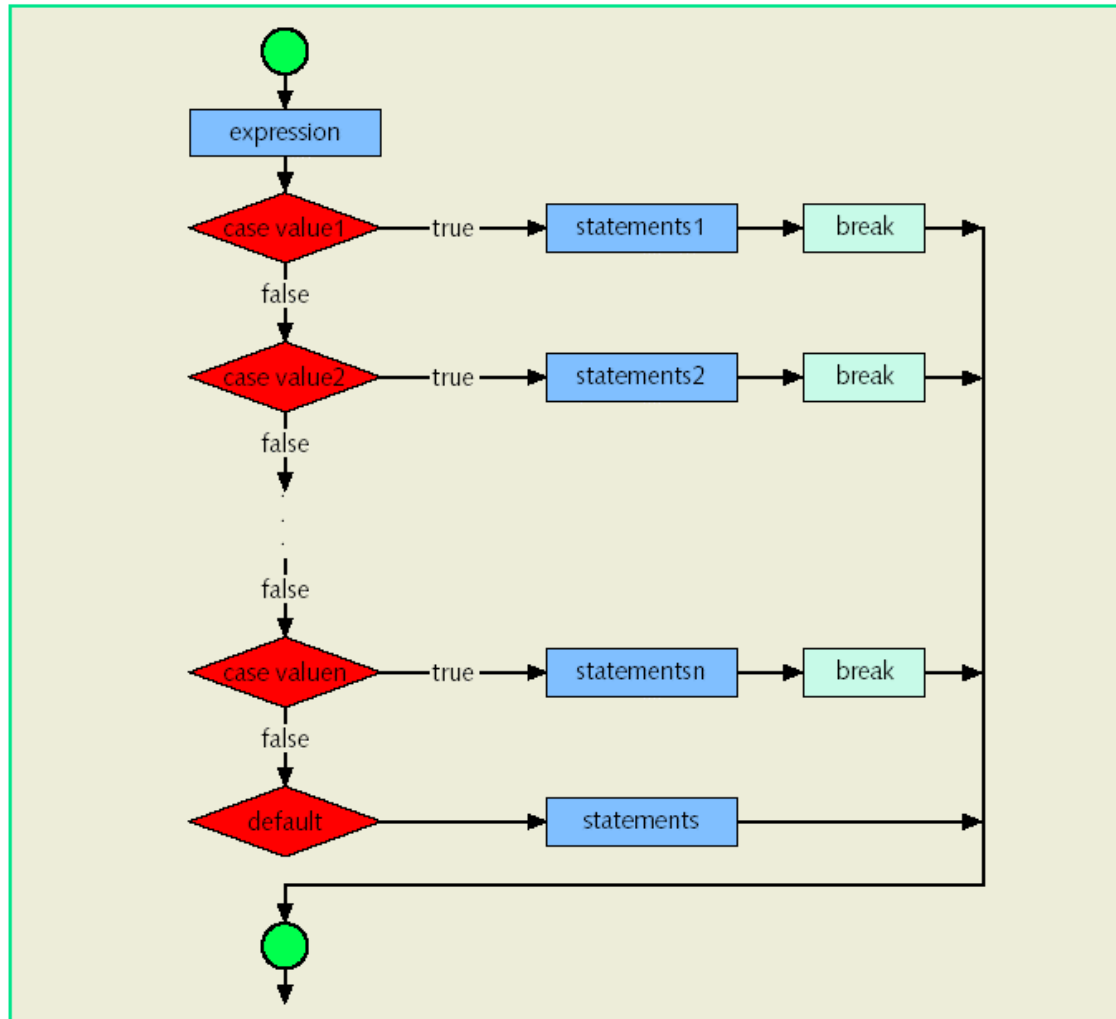


Figure 4-4 switch statement

5.d Switch Selection Structures

Switch syntax and rules

➤ A switch structure can replace multiple nested if/else

- ✓ it is used exclusively in the case where the same integral expression or variable can evaluate to multiple constant values

```
if (expr == val1)
    statement1
else if (expr == val2)
    statement2
else if (expr == val3)
    statement3
else
    statement0
```

```
switch (expr) {
case val1: statement 1
    break;
case val2: statement 2
    break;
case val3: statement 3
    break;
default: statement0
    break;
}
```



5.d Switch Selection Structures

Switch syntax and rules

➤ (Fun?) facts about switch selection structures

- ✓ a switch selection structure uses four special keywords: **switch**, **case**, **default**, **break**
- ✓ the expression in the header is evaluated first and can only yield an integer value
- ✓ the value of the expression determines which corresponding statement is selected for execution
- ✓ each constant case value must appear only once
- ✓ each case label may be followed by one statement or a compound statement (here, curly braces are not necessary)
- ✓ the break statement should appear after each statement; if it doesn't, then the next statement will also be executed

5.d Switch Selection Structures

Switch syntax and rules

➤ Rules of switch selection structures

- ✓ when value of the expression is matched against a case value:
 - *statements execute at that point until a break statement is found or the end of switch structure is reached*
- ✓ if value of the expression does not match any of the case values:
 - *statements following the default label execute*
- ✓ if there is neither a matching value, nor a default label:
 - *the entire switch statement is skipped*
- ✓ in any case, wherever it is found, a break statement causes an immediate exit from the switch structure

5.d Switch Selection Structures

Typical switch examples

➤ Switch example 1: conditional conversion scheme

- ✓ a switch can convert when there is no simple one-line formula

```
switch (score/10) {  
  case 0: case 1: case 2: case 3: case 4: case 5:  
    grade = 'F';  
    break;  
  case 6:  
    grade = 'D';  
    break;  
  case 7:  
    grade = 'C';  
    break;  
  case 8:  
    grade = 'B';  
    break;  
  case 9: case 10:  
    grade = 'A';  
    break;  
  default:  
    cout << "Invalid score: " << score;  
}
```

5.d Switch Selection Structures

Typical switch examples

➤ Switch example 2: branching upon user input

- ✓ a switch can perform different actions depending on user input

```
char answer;

cout << "Please select one option from ...";
cin >> answer;

switch (answer) {
case 'p':
    play_game();
    break;
case 'h':
    display_help();
    break;
case 'q':
    quit();
    break;
default:
    cout << "Invalid selection: " << answer;
}
```

Computer Science I

CS 135

5. Selection: If and Switch Controls

- a. Control Structures
- b. If / Else Selection Structures
- c. Logical Expressions
- d. Switch Selection Structures**
 - ✓ Switch syntax and rules
 - ✓ Typical switch examples

Computer Science I

CS 135

5. Selection: If and Switch Controls

- a. Control Structures
- b. If / Else Selection Structures
- c. Logical Expressions
- d. Switch Selection Structures

Computer Science I

CS 135

0. Course Presentation
1. Introduction to Programming
2. Functions I: Passing by Value
3. File Input/Output
4. Predefined Functions
- 5. If and Switch Controls**
- 6. While and For Loops**
- 7. Functions II: Passing by Reference**
- 8. 1-D and 2-D Arrays**