

Exercise walk-through

Nested if Statements ■ 2.4

eXercise

You must be able to

- write a **nested if** 嵌套条件 by placing one `if` inside another
- use an **else-if chain** to choose among several mutually exclusive cases
- understand that only one branch of an else-if chain runs for each input

Method — Nested ifs and else-if chains

A **nested if** places one if inside another. An **else-if chain** tests conditions in order and runs the **first** one that is true:

```
kif+w p(ns+w oo+=w l+m+mi90p)+w      ngrade+w o+=w err"nAerr"p;
kelse+w kif+w p(ns+w oo+=w l+m+mi80p)+w ngrade+w o+=w err"nBerr"p;
kelse+w          ngrade+w o+=w err"nCerr"p;
```

For any single input, **exactly one** branch runs.

Method — Tracing a value

Trace `s = 85` through the chain: is `s >= 90`? No. Is `s >= 80`? Yes, so `grade = "B"` and the rest is skipped. Order matters – put the **strictest** test first, or a looser test will catch the value early.

Practice 2.1 ■ 1 mark

State what a nested if is.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

an if statement placed inside another if statement **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 1 mark

State how many branches of an else-if chain run for one input.

Solution 2.2

Method: Nested ifs and else-if chains

Worked steps

one **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

For the grade example above, state the result when s is 82.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

B **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

An else-if chain lets you choose among

- A** one case
- B** exactly two cases
- C** several mutually exclusive cases
- D** no cases

Solution 3.1

Method: Nested ifs and else-if chains

- A one case
- B exactly two cases
- C several mutually exclusive cases 
- D no cases

Worked steps

C.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

For one input, the number of branches of an else-if chain that run is

- A** zero
- B** one
- C** two
- D** all of them

Solution 3.2

Method: Nested ifs and else-if chains

A zero

B one 

C two

D all of them

Worked steps

B.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

```
if (m >= 50) { if (m >= 75) r = "distinction"; else r = "pass"; }  
else r = "fail";.
```

- (a) State *r* when *m* is 90.
- (b) State *r* when *m* is 55.
- (c) State *r* when *m* is 30.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) distinction **B1**. (b) pass **B1**. (c) fail **B1**.