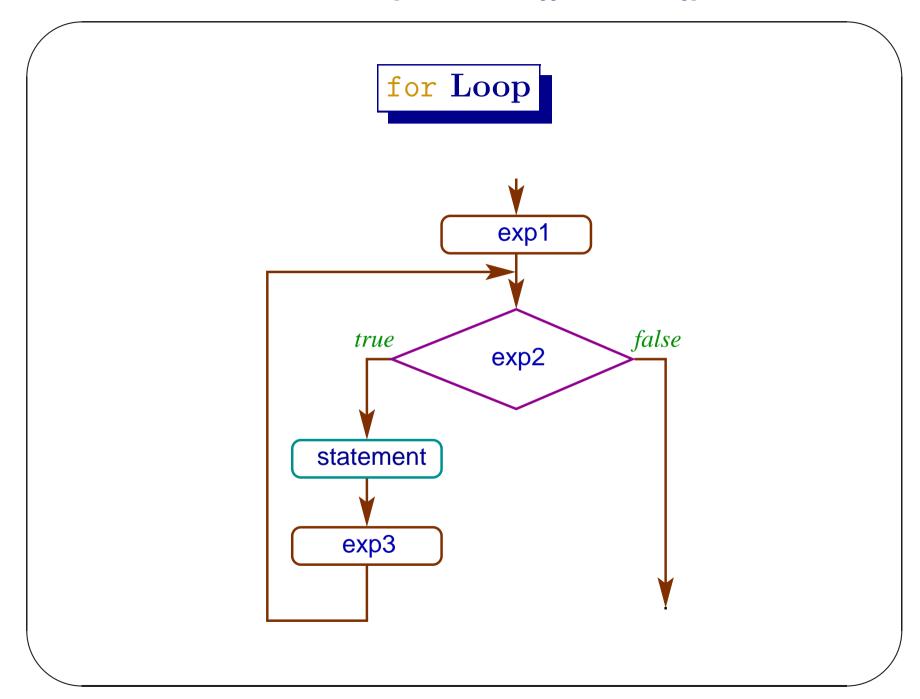
Another *iterative* construct in C language is the **for**-statement (loop). The structure or the syntax of this statement is,

for $(exp_1; exp_2; exp_3)$ statement



Lect 9

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- The expression₁ is used for initialization before entering the loop.
- The expression₂ is to control the loop, whether to enter the loop or to skip it.
- The expression₃ executed after the execution of the statement part of the loop, is used essentially to update the loop control condition.

• All three expressions can be omitted. The omitted control expression, expression₂, makes the condition true.

• The statement can also be null ';'.

Example III

We write program to solve the problem of example III, the sum of first n natural numbers.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() // temp29.c
    int n, i, sum = 0;
    printf("Enter a +ve integer: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for(i=1, sum=0; i<=n; ++i)
        sum += i;
    printf("0+ ... + %d = %d\n", n, sum);
    return 0;
```

```
for (i=1, sum=0; i<=n; ++i)
    sum += i;</pre>
```

$\mathbf{expression}_1$

expression₁ is 'i=1, sum=0'. We have used the comma operator (,). This is evaluated left to right and is of lowest precedence among the operators. The value of the expression is the value of the rightmost operand. It is sum = 0 in this case.

while and for Loops

A while-statement can be simulated by a for-statement.

```
while (exp) stmt \equiv for(; exp;) stmt
```

while andfor Loops

Similarly a for-statement can be simulated by a while-statement and expression statements.

```
for(exp1; exp2; exp3) stmt

\equiv exp1; while(exp2) {stmt \ exp3;}
```

This equivalence is not true if there is a continue statement in stmt.

Example IV

Read n int data and print the largest among them.

The first input is the number of data, n. Following inputs are a sequence of n int data. It is essential to print the input.

Inductive Definition

$$\operatorname{lrgst}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) = \begin{cases} d_1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ \max(d_1, \operatorname{lrgst}(d_2, \dots, d_n)) & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

Sequence of Operations

- Read the number of data $n \geq 1$.
- Read the first data in a variable named largest^a.
- In a for-loop read the i^{th} data $(i = 2 \cdots n)$. If it is larger than the data present in largest, copy it to largest.

^aUpto this point of execution, this is the largest data.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() // temp30.c
    int n, largest, i;
    printf("Enter a +ve integer: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("Enter %d integers:\n", n);
    scanf("%d", &largest);
    printf("Input data: %d ", largest);
    for(i=2; i<=n; ++i) {
        int temp; // local to block
        scanf("%d", &temp);
```

```
printf("%d ", temp) ;
    if (temp > largest) largest = temp ;
printf("\nLargest: %d\n", largest);
return 0;
```



- It is not necessary to know the number of data a priori.
- We shall use EOF (end-of-file) from the keyboard (Ctrl+D) to terminate the input.
- Every call to scanf() returns the number of data read. If the Ctrl+D is pressed, scanf() returns a special constant EOF (end-of-file, defined in stdio.h).

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() // temp31.c
    int largest, count = 0, temp;
    printf("Enter integer data\n");
    printf("Terminate by Ctrl+D\n");
    scanf("%d", &largest); // at least one data
    printf("Input data: %d ", largest);
    ++count :
    for(; scanf("%d", &temp) != EOF;) {
        printf("%d ", temp);
        if (temp > largest) largest = temp ;
        ++count;
```

```
printf("\nLargest among %d data: %d\n",
              count, largest);
return 0;
```