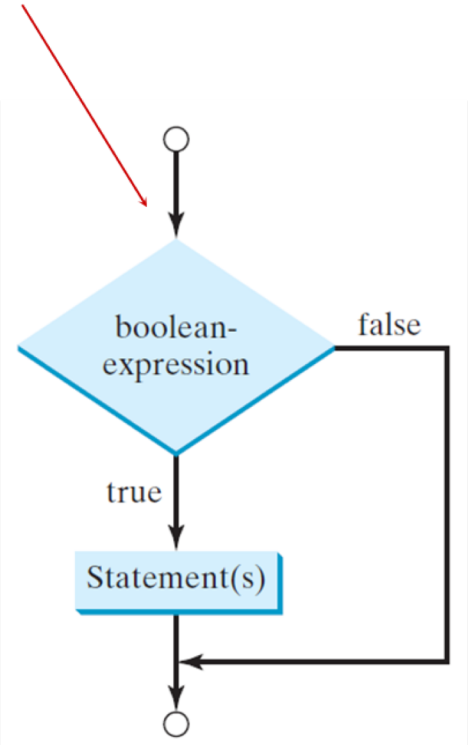
Relational Operators

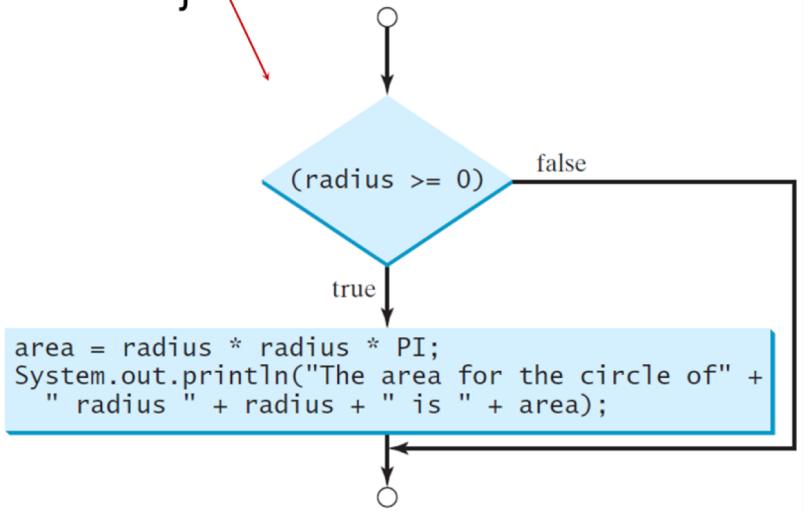
Java Operator	Mathematics Symbol	Name	Example (radius is 5)	Result
<	<	less than	radius < 0	false
<=	≤	less than or equal to	radius <= 0	false
>	>	greater than	radius > 0	true
>=	≥	greater than or equal to	radius >= 0	true
==	=	equal to	radius == 0	false
!=	≠	not equal to	radius != 0	true

One-Way `if` Statements

```
if (boolean-expression) {
  statement(s);
}
```

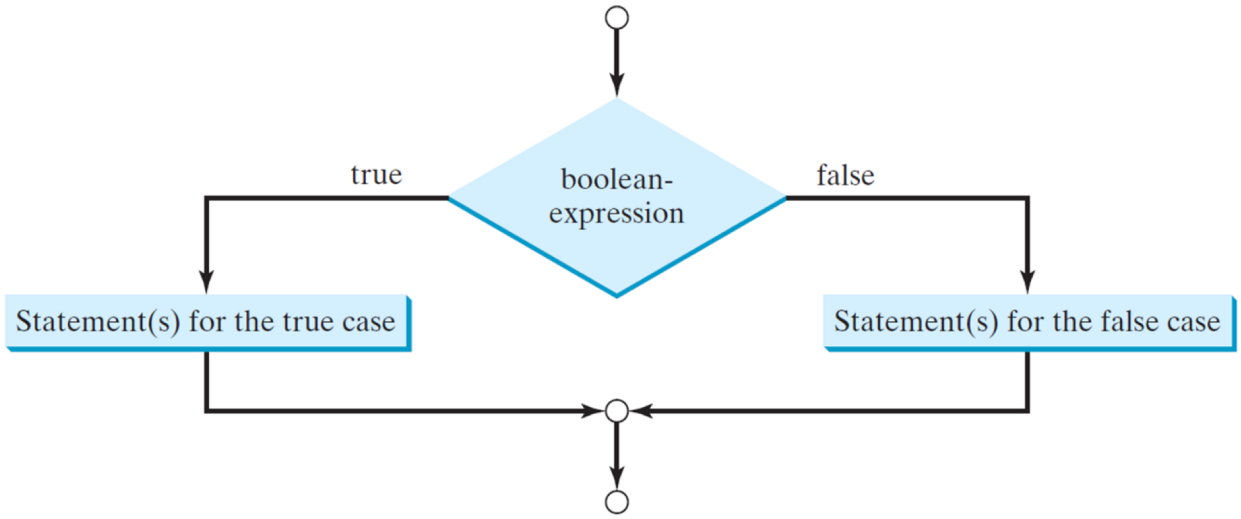



```
if (radius >= 0) {
  area = radius * radius * PI;
  System.out.println("The area"
    + " for the circle of radius "
    + radius + " is " + area);
}
```



The Two-Way `if` Statement

```
if (boolean-expression) {
   statement(s)-for-the-true-case;
}
else {
   statement(s)-for-the-false-case;
}
```



`if-else` Example

```
if (radius >= 0) {
  area = radius * radius * 3.14159;

    System.out.println("The area for the “
    + “circle of radius " + radius +
    " is " + area);
}
else {
  System.out.println("Negative input");
}
```

Multiple Alternative if Statements

```
if (score >= 90.0)
  System.out.print("A");
else
  if (score >= 80.0)
    System.out.print("B");
  else
    if (score >= 70.0)
      System.out.print("C");
    else
      if (score >= 60.0)
        System.out.print("D");
      else
        System.out.print("F");
```

(a)

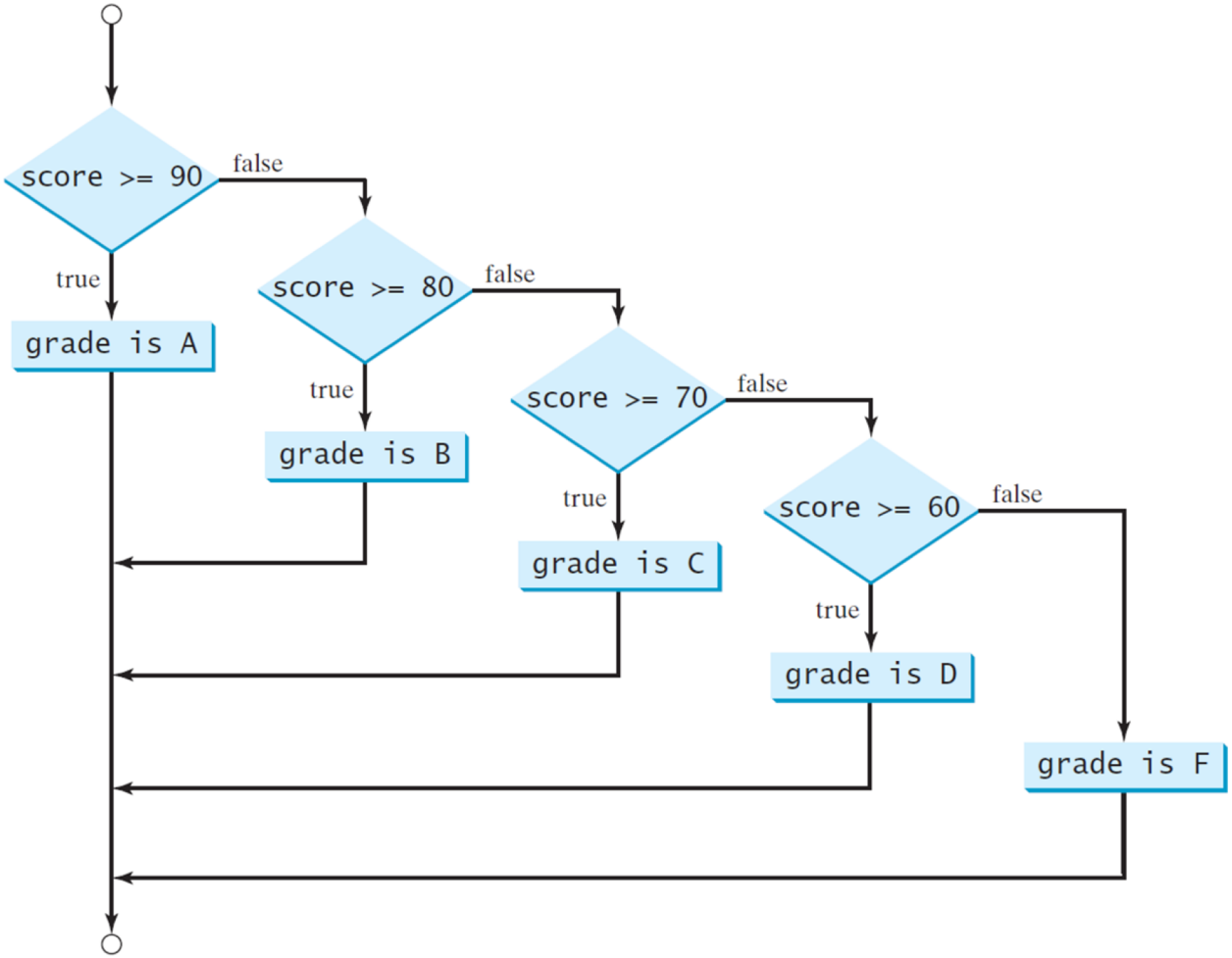
Equivalent

This is better

```
if (score >= 90.0)
  System.out.print("A");
else if (score >= 80.0)
  System.out.print("B");
else if (score >= 70.0)
  System.out.print("C");
else if (score >= 60.0)
  System.out.print("D");
else
  System.out.print("F");
```

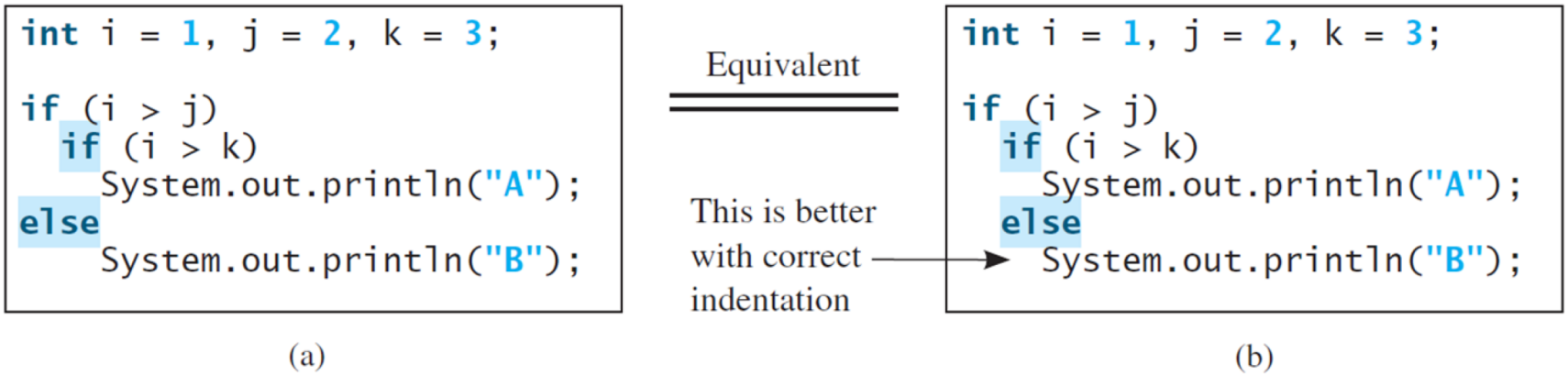
(b)

Multi-Way if-else Statements



Note (1 of 2)

The else clause matches the most recent if clause in the same block.



Note (2 of 2)

Nothing is printed from the preceding statement. To force the else clause to match the first if clause, you must add a pair of braces:

```
int i = 1;
int j = 2;
int k = 3;
if (i > j) {
   if (i > k)
    System.out.println("A");
}
else
   System.out.println("B");
```

This statement prints B.

Common Errors

Adding a semicolon at the end of an if clause is a common mistake.

```
if (radius >= 0);
{
  area = radius*radius*PI;
  System.out.println(
    "The area for the circle of radius " +
    radius + " is " + area);
}
```

Wrong

This mistake is hard to find, because it is not a compilation error or a runtime error, it is a logic error.

This error often occurs when you use the next-line block style.

TIP

```
if (number % 2 == 0)
  even = true;
else
  even = false;
```

(a)

Equivalent

```
boolean even
  = number % 2 == 0;
```

(b)

CAUTION

```
if (even == true)
  System.out.println(
    "It is even.");
```

(a)

Equivalent

```
if (even)
  System.out.println(
    "It is even.");
```

(b)