



# Introduction to problem solving in CS

Computer Applications in  
Power Systems – Advance course  
EH2750

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# outline



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  - revisting Architecture
  - System development lifecycle
  - Problem solving steps in CS
- Part II
  - Introduction to programming languages and OOPs in JAVA

# Lecture objectives

- Make you start thinking in terms of CS based problem solving
  - From component to system level approach
  - From signals to actors and functions
  - From block diagram to architecture and design
  - From matLAB to Java

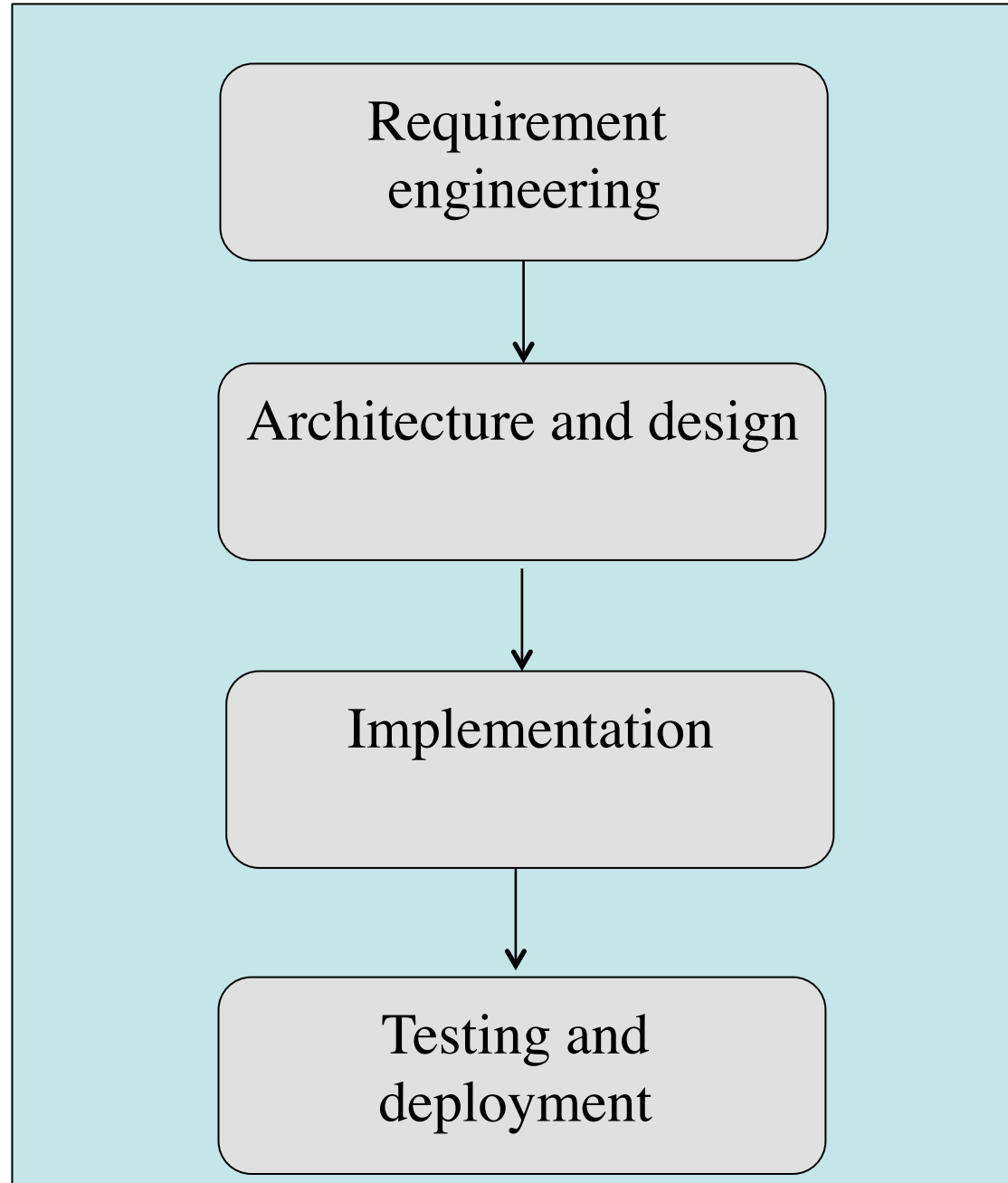


# What is Architecture?

- Description of system in terms of its **sub-components, functions, internal interactions and interfaces**
  - UML diagrams and Reference architecture are kind of templates
  - Architecture is transformed into a implementation
  - Enables reusability, changeability, interoperability
  - We are mostly interested in system and control architecture



# System development life cycle



# Problem solving steps in CS



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- 2. Formulate a Model
- 3. Develop an Algorithm
- 4. Write the Program
- 5. Test the Program and evaluate the solution

# Understand the Problem

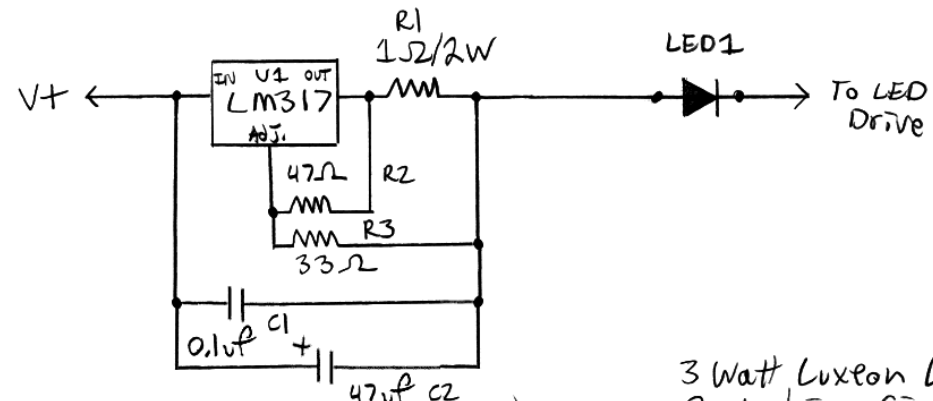
- Understand the objectives
- Understand and identify entities and functions
- Understand inputs and outputs
- Do i have everyting i need
- What is missing
- What do I want the result to look like ...  
text, a picture, a graph, control signal,  
setpoint ... ?

What it will be  
in case of  
overcurrent  
relay operation?



# Formulate a Model

- Understand the processing/computation part of the problem
- break down into smaller problems if possible
- Formulate the problem into mathematical formulation
  - Use some existing or design new one



U1 - LM317 - Heat Sunked  
 R1 - 1Ω, 2 watts or greater  
 R2 - 47Ω, 1/4 watt  
 R3 - 33Ω, 1/4 watt

3 Watt Luxeon LED Protection Circuit

- Absolute current limit:  
2.25 - 2.5 Amps

LED1 - Red 3 watt Luxeon LED, Heat Sunked

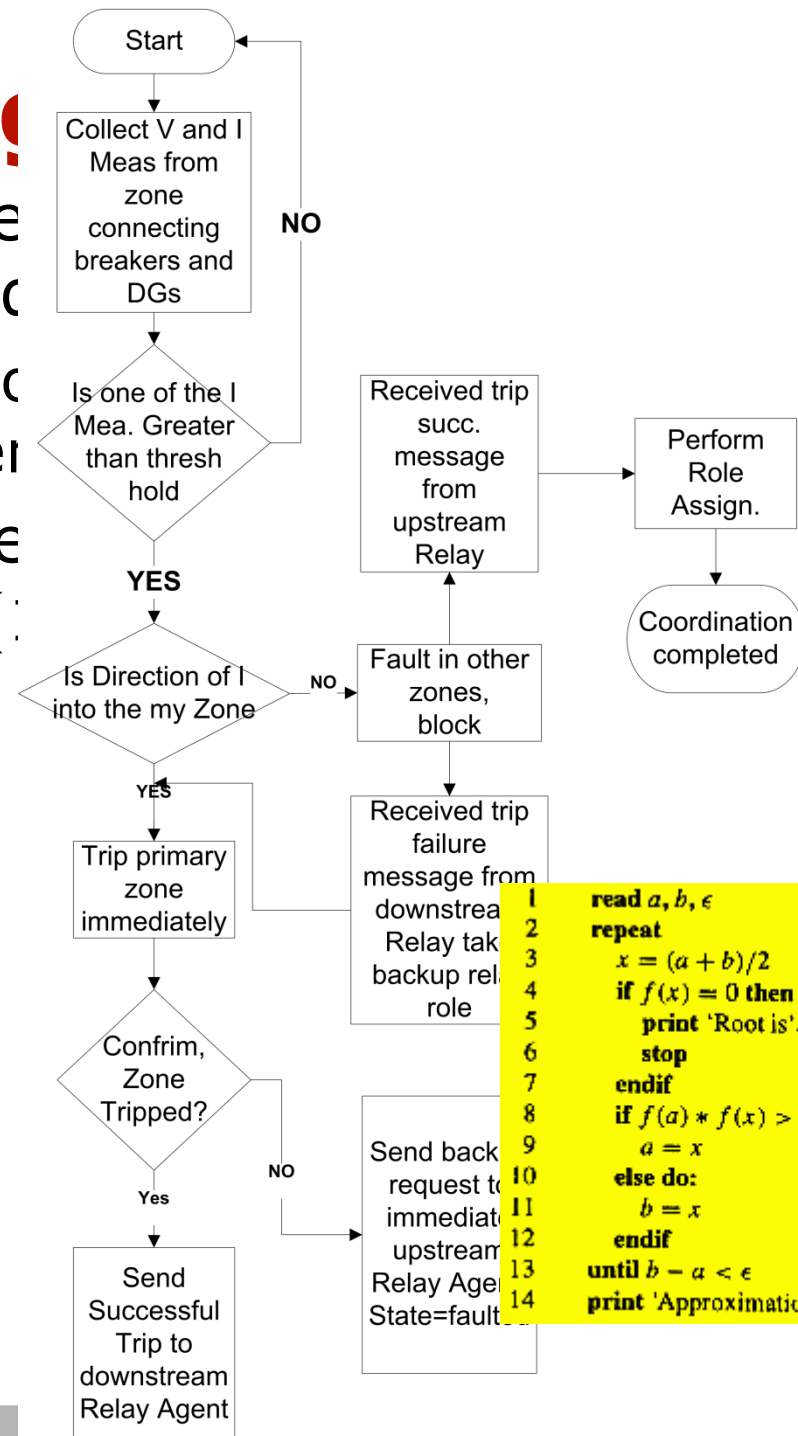
- This circuit is placed in the "high side"

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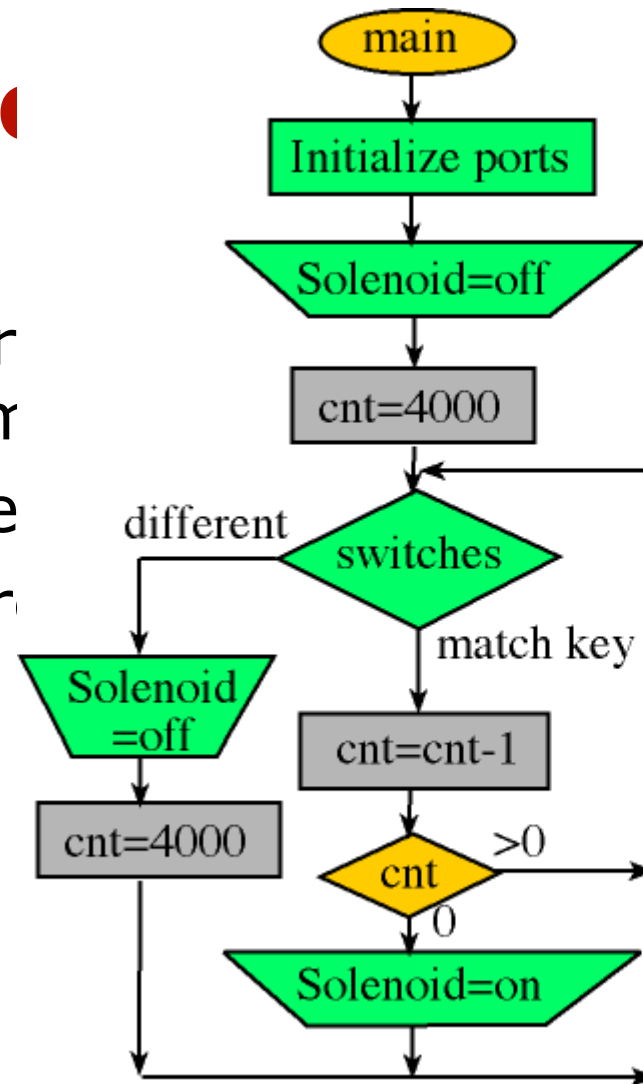
# Develop an Algorithm

- come up with a precise description of what you want the computer to do
  - Sequence of instructions for solving the problem
- Two commonly used representations of an algorithm is by using (1) pseudocode and (2) **flow charts**
- **Sequence, condition and repetition**



# Write the Program

- Transform the algorithm written in a program
- Follow the language
- Implement hardware connections etc
- This is much easier and clean if previous steps are done properly

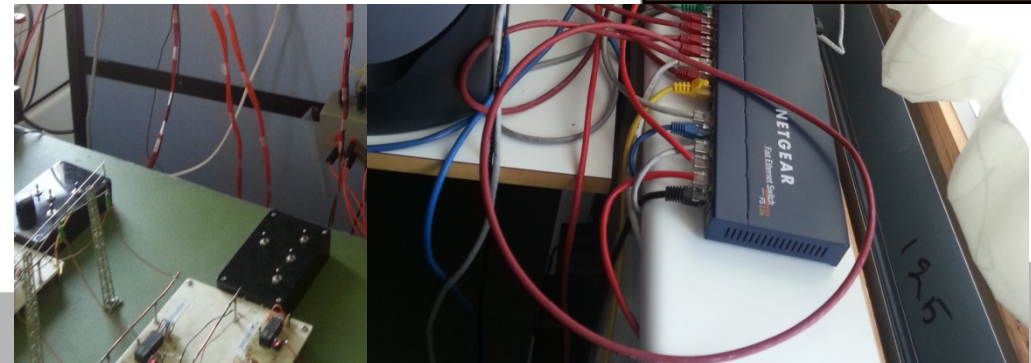


## Pseudo Code

- 1) initialize ports  
PA6-PA0 inputs  
PA7 output
- 2) turn off solenoid
- 3) set counter to 4000
- 4) repeat indefinitely  
if switch matches key  
a) decrement counter  
b) if counter is zero  
turn on solenoid  
otherwise  
a) turn off solenoid  
b) set counter to 4000

## C Code

```
DDRA=0x80;
PORTA=0; cnt=4000;
while(1){
    if((PORTA&0x7F==key)){
        if((--cnt)==0){
            PORTA|=0x80;
        }
        else{
            PORTA=0; cnt=4000;
        }
    }
}
```



# Testing and result evaluation

- make sure that it solves the problem that it was intended to solve
- All possible conditions have been tested
- Results are presented properly
- Joy of 'It Works'



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