Computational Expression
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- Assign responsibilities to each class (behaviors/methods of the class).
Control Structures

- Java programs are built from only these seven control structures:
  - three selection (if, if/else, switch)
  - three repetition (while, do/while, for)
- You implement computer algorithms by stringing sequences of these seven control structures together.
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    case 'e': // separated by :
    case 'i': // character
    case 'o': // notice use of ‘ ’
    case 'u': // marks for char tests
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        break;
    default:
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