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Chapter 2: Conditional structures and loops

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Upper case versus Lower case Java distinguishes between uppercases (A..Z) and lowercases (a..z) Unix *differentiates* upper/lower case filenames class UpperLowerCase ł public static void main (String arguments[]) int MyVar; // this variable is different from MyVar int myvar; // Generate a syntax error at compile time: // cannot find symbol variable myVar System.out.println(myVar);

Reserved keywords

You *cannot* choose reserved keywords for variable names:

```
class ReservedKeyword
{public static void main (String arg[]) {
    double x,y;
    // Generate a syntax error:
    // "not a statement"
    int import;
}
                                             abstract default
                                                               private
                                                                       throw
                                                       if
                                                       implements protected
                                                                       throws
                                             boolean
                                                  double import
                                             break
                                                               public
                                                                       transient
                                                       instanceof
                                                  else
                                             byte
                                                               return
                                                                       try
                                                  extends int
                                                               short
                                                                       void
                                             case
Reserved keywords in Java:
                                             catch
                                                                       volatile
                                                  final
                                                       interface
                                                               static
                                                  finally
                                             char
                                                       long
                                                                       while
                                                               super
                                                       native
                                                               switch
                                             class
                                                  float
```

const

for

new

package

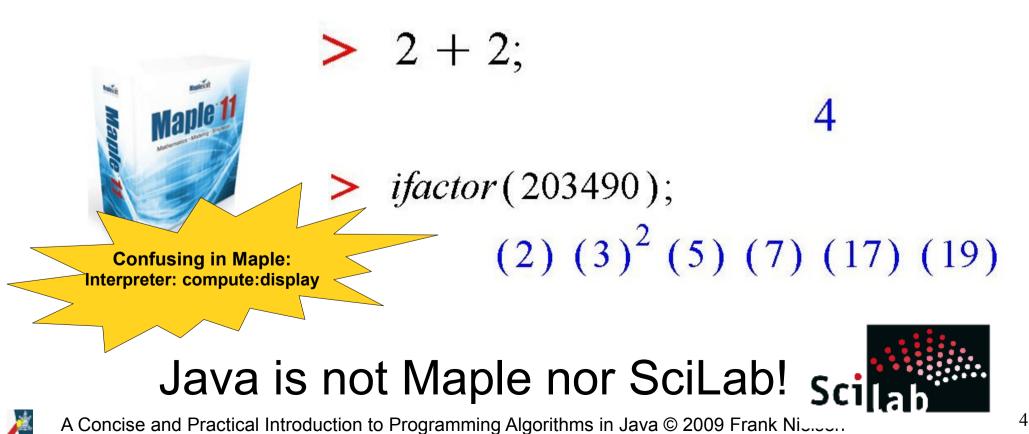
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this



Displaying versus Computing

- You need to display if you'd like to see the result of evaluating an expression
- System.out.println displays on the console with a return carriage
- System.out.print displays on the console without a return carriage



Output: Displaying values & messages

- **System.out.println(stringname)**: displays a string with a return carriage
- System.out.print(stringname): displays a string without return line
- System.out.println(value): converts (cast) numerical value into a string and displays it

```
• System.out.println(''The value of x is ''+x):
```

Converts the numerical value of x into a string and concatenate that string with the constant string " The value of x is "

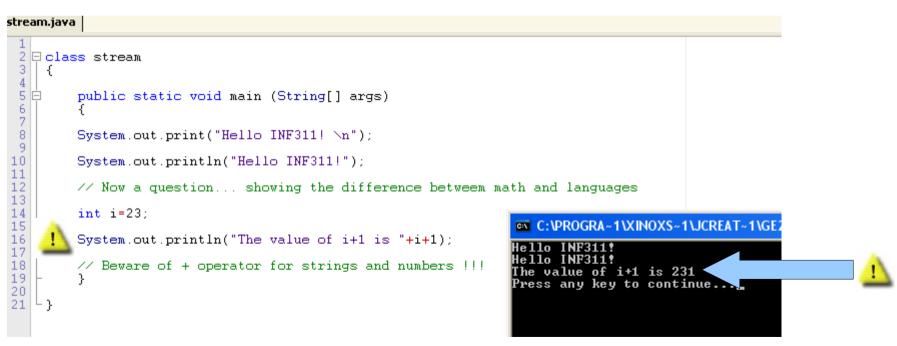
```
println.java
 1 🗆 class println
 2
    {
 3
 4 🚊
         public static void main (String[] args)
 5
6
7
              double x=Math.E:
              int i=23:
 8
              int a=25;
 9
              int b=1024;
10
11
             System.out.println(x);
12
                                                               C:\PROGRA~1\XINOXS~1\JCREAT~1\GE2001.exe
             System.out.println(i);
13
                                                              2.718281828459045
14
             System.out.print(a); System.out.print(b);
                                                              23
15
                                                              251024
16
             System.out.print("\n");
                                                              The value of x is 2.718281828459045Press any key to continue...
17
18
             System.out.print("The value of x is "+x);
19
20
21
         3
22
23
   └ }
```

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More on System.out.print[ln]

Equivalences of stream output:

```
System.out.print(''\n'') = System.out.println(''');
System.out.print(''Hello INF311 \n'') = System.out.println(''INF311'');
```



Priority order+casting operations...

Display: String concatenations...

Cumbersome to type several System.out.println and System.out.print



int a=1, b=-2;

System.out.print("a="); System.out.print(a);
System.out.print(" b="); System.out.println(b);

System.out.println("a="+a+" b="+b);

String s1="Lecture in", s2=" Java";
String s=s1+s2;// string concatenation
System.out.println(s);
a=1 b=-

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Declaring constants

/* Declare a constant (not a variable)
 to bypass using Math.PI */

final double PI = 3.14; // constant

Numeric bug in predicate !

```
int a=1;
double b=a+PI;
```

Incorrect result a=1 b=4.140000000000001 PI=3.14

if (b==4.14) // Equality test are dangerous!!!
System.out.println("Correct result");
else
{System.out.println("Incorrect result");
System.out.println("a="+a+" b="+b+" PI="+PI);
}

Syntax and compilation

Syntax errors are easy program bugs (mistyping?) ...But *syntaxically correct* program may be difficult to understand

int i=3;
// syntax below is valid!
int var=i+++i;

What is the value of var?

Protecting Java Source with Code obsfucation Avoid reverse engineering of applications





Program: Data, computations + workflow

The *control structures* define the set of instructions being executed (aiguillage des trains)

For example, a *branching condition*:



In Java, we do not use the word then

There are two potential instructions paths depending on the predicate:

a<b, -> c=a; or
a>=b, -> c=b;
c is selected as the minimum of a and b

Controling program workflow

Two kinds:

1 E class branchingprog

- Branching tests: (if else, switch)
- Repeat structure: Loop (while, for)



2	{	
3 4 [5		<pre>public static void main (String[] args){</pre>
56789		int a,b,c;
LO		a=3; b=15;
L1 L2 L3 L4 L5 L6 L7		if (a <b) predicate<br="">c=a; // Block true else c=b; // Block false</b)>
L8 L9 20 21		<pre>System.out.println("c has value:"+c);</pre>
L9 20 221 223 24 225 226 227 28	_	}
26		
27 28 29	L	} c has value:3 Press any key to continue

Predicate: true or false if there is a numerical error at that stage we take the wrong flow and this yields a bug, with potential desastrous effects.

Key difference with maths.



Annotating programs: comments!

Writing comments is good for (1) yourself and for (2) others to proofread and debug your code

In fact, there are some *paradigms* to write in a *single file* both

- the clean documentations, and
- the code.

Exempla gratia (e.g.) cweb, Literate programming, etc.

http://www.literateprogramming.com/

In INF311, we rather write short programs, so we consider the standard comments:

// This is a single line comment

/* I can also write comments on several lines by using these delimiters */

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D. Knuth

Comments: single versus multiple lines (Jcreator IDE)

```
1 E class comments{
 2
 3
 4
        // This is a comment of my program stored in filename comments.java
 5
 6
 7
        // This is the *** magic formula that we will explain later on ***
 8
9 Ė
        public static void main (String[] args)
10
11
        double a,b;
12
13
        double x.v:
14
15
16
        /* The equation of a non vertical line is v=ax+b
17
          If, I need vertical lines too, I rather choose
18
           to write the equation as ax+by+c=0 as the equation
19
          with homogeneous coordinates (a,b,c)
20
         */
21
                                                                        ax+b=y=1.0 for x=3.0 with a=1.0 b=-2.0
22
         x=3;
                                                                        Press any key to continue...
23
         a=1;
24
         b=-2:
25
26
         v=a*x+b;
27
28
         /* My editor in Java
29
          * just add the * in from of any newline automatically so that
30
          * comments look prettier
31
          */
32
33
         System.out.println("ax+b=v="+v+" for x="+x+" with a="+a+" b="+b);
34
35
             }
36
37
38
39
40 - }
```



1 E class commentserror 23 Comments... { public static void main (String[] args) 4 Ė 5 6 with errors! 7 // I like to write /* many programs sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */ 8 9 10 11 /***** 12 This comment further shows that we cannot imbricate 13 other complex comments in a several-line comment structure 14 /* it does not work. 15 it yields a syntaxical error 16 *****/ 17 *****/ 18 } 19 - }

The compiler is verbose: Try to fix the first error first (greedy approach)

⊳	 D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commmentserror.java:8: ';' expected sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */
	D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commmentserror.java:8: ';' expected sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */
	D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commmentserror.java:8: '(' expected sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */
	D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commmentserror.java:8: ';' expected sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler_*/
	D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commmentserror.java:8: illegal start of expression sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */
	D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commmentserror.java:17: illegal start of expression
	D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commmentserror.java:17: illegal start of expression */
	D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commmentserror.java:18: illegal start of expression }
	D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commmentserror.java:19: illegal start of expression }+ Process completed.

Comments... repaired... = <u>Syntaxically correct program</u>

commmentnoerror.java

```
1 🗆 class commentnoerror
    {
 4 E
         public static void main (String[] args)
 5
 6
 7
             // I like to write
             /* many programs
             sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */
10
11
12
             /*
               This comment further shows that we cannot imbricate
13
             other complex comments in a several-line comment structure
14
15
             */
16
             // it does not work.
17
             // it yields a syntaxical error
18
19
20 }
        }
```



Do not forget:

Writing good comments is as important as writing source code

You will thank yourself for doing this once you look back at your programs months later

Structures of Java programs

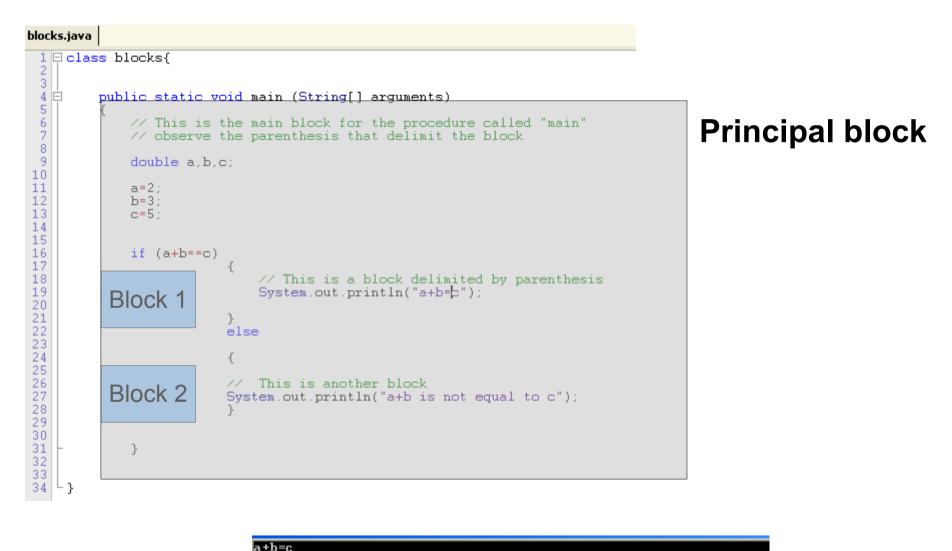


- Comments // or /* */
- Constants (Math.PI, etc.)
- Variables (typed) with valid identifiers (not reserved keyword)
- Operators +,-,/,%, etc. for expressions
- Reserved language keywords: if, for, while, etc.

A set of instructions is called a block Blocks can be delimited by *parenthesis* {Block}

{ // This is a block
// (non control structure inside it)
var1=Expression1;
var2=Expression2;
var3=Expression3;

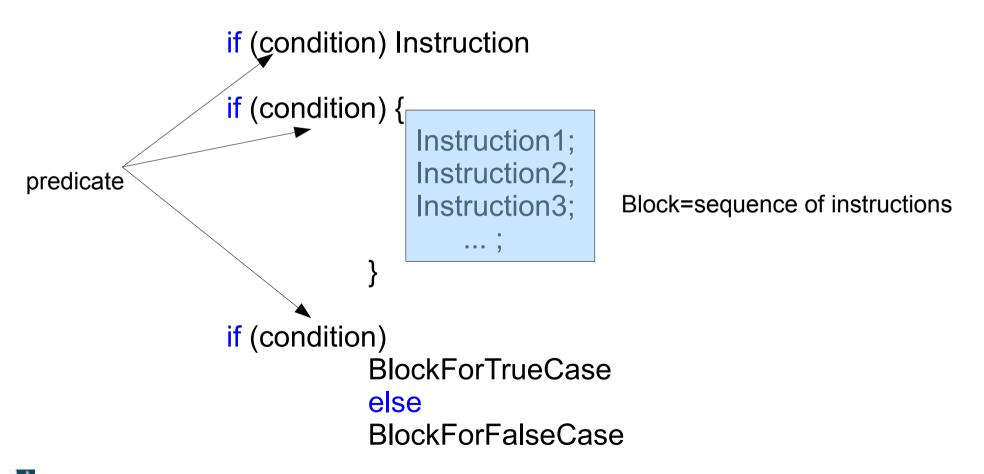
Structures of java programs: Blocks



Press any key to continue..._

Conditional structures: if (predicate) Block1 else Block2

Essential control structure for executing a (block of) operations if a condition is true (or false for the else-Block)



Conditional structures: Compact form if (predicate) Inst1 else Inst2

Conditional instruction for singe instruction block can be called using the <u>ternary operator</u> (3 operands) «? : »

BoolOperand1 ? TypeOperandTrue2 : TypeOperandFalse3

double x1=Math.PI; double x2=Math.E;

double min=(x1>x2)? x2 : x1; // min value double diff= (x1>x2)? x1-x2 : x2-x1; // absolute val. System.out.println(min+" difference with max="+diff);

2.718281828459045 difference with max=0.423310825130748

Instructions and conditions

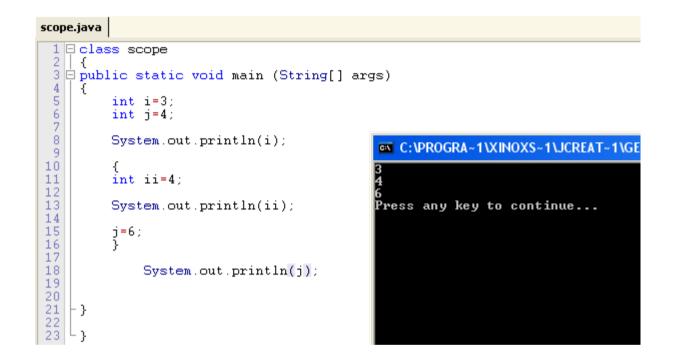
Instructions always terminate with a semi colon; (except potentially the last one in a block)

A set of instructions encapsulated in { } is a block The block has the same syntax as an instruction

Variables can be declared in a block

A condition is a boolean expression that returns either true or false : = A predicate

Variables and blocks



Very different from C++! (Java better controls the syntax of programs, better semantic)

We cannot declare twice a same variable in encapsulated block

Variables and blocks: Scopes

```
scope.java
 1 E class scope
 2 {
 3 🖻 public static void main (String[] args)
 4
 5
          int i=3:
 6
          int j=4;
 ž
 8
          System.out.println(i);
 9
10
          £
11
          int ii=4;
12
13
          System.out.println(ii);
14
15
          i=6∶
16
17
          int 1=3;
18
          Ъ.
19
20
              System.out.println(j);
21
22
                   System.out.println(1);
23
24
25
    ┣ }.
26
27 -}
```

Error!!! Variable I is not defined in the block it here

```
-----Configuration: <Default>------
D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\scope.java:22: cannot find symbol
symbol : variable 1
location: class scope
System.out.println(1);
1 error
Process completed.
```



Boolean operators for comparisons

a==b Test of equality (for basic types)
a!=b Test for difference [equivalent to ! (a==b)]

Inequalities:

- a<b True if and only if (iff.) a<b
- **a<=b** True iff. a<b or a=b

a>bTrue iff. a>ba>=bTrue iff. a>b or a=b

Beware: a=b is <u>assignment</u> not test (test of equality is ==) Typing helps you avoid this mistake:

int a=3; if (a=3) System.out.println("THEN-PART"); else System.out.println("ELSE-PART");

incompatible types found : int

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Boolean operators for comparisons

```
eqineq.java
                                                                       is different from b
                                                                     Equality of a=c
 1 🗆 class egineg
                                                                     test1 false should be equivalent to test2:false
 2
     {
                                                                     c>=a
 3
                                                                     b< =a
 4 🖻
         public static void main (String[] args)
                                                                     That is all folks!
 5
                                                                     Press any key to continue..._
 6
         int a=2008;
 7
         int b=2007:
 8
         int c=2008:
 9
10
         boolean test1. test2:
11
12
13
         if (a==b) System.out.println("Equality of a=b");
14
             else
15
                  System.out.println("a is different from b");
16
17
18
             if (a==c) System.out.println("Equality of a=c");
19
             else
20
                  System.out.println("a is different from c");
21
22
23
                  test1=(a==b);
24
25
26
27
                  test2=(!(a!=b));
             System.out.println("test1 "+test1+" should be equivalent to test2:"+test2);
28
29
30
31
                          System.out.println("c>=a");
             if (c)=a
32
             if (b<=a) System.out.println("b<=a");</pre>
33
34
             System.out.println("That is all folks!");
35
36
37
38
         3
39
40 - 7
```

Boolean operators for comparisons

Boolean comparisons are of type boolean

class Boolean{ public static void main(String[] args) { boolean b1 = (6-2) == 4; boolean b2 = 22/7 == 3+1/7.0; boolean b3 = 22/7 == 3+ 1/7; System.out.println(b1); // true System.out.println(b2); // false System.out.println(b3); // true

(6-2) = 4 evalutes to true but 22/7 = 3+1.0/7 evaluates to false

}

More on boolean operators: Tables

Unary operator: NOT !

!	
true	false
false	true

Binary connector operators: AND &&

& &	true	false
true	true	false
false	false	false

OR 🛛

	true	false
true	true	true
false	true	false

Priority order for boolean expressions

Lazy evaluation of boolean binary operators:

- If a is **false** we do *not need* to evaluate b in a && b
- If a is **true** we do *not need* either to evaluate b in a || b

lazyevaluation.java

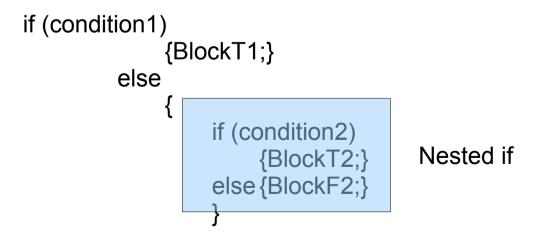
```
1 🗆 class lazveval{
 2 🖻
         public static void main (String[] args)
 3
 4
             double x=3.14, y=0.0;
 5
             boolean test1. test2:
 6
 7
 8
9
             // Here division by zero yields a problem
10
             \prime\prime\prime But this is prevented in the && by first checking whether the denominator is
11
             // zero or not
12
             if ((y|=0.0) \&\& (x/y>2.0))
                          {// Do nothing
13
14
                           : }
15
                          else
16
                 {// Block
17
18
                 test1=(v!=0.0);
19
                 test2=(x/v>2.0);
20
21
                 System.out.println("Test1:"+test1+" Test2:"+test2);
22
23
                 System.out.println("We did not evaluate x/y that is equal to "+(x/y));
24
25
26
27
             // Here, again we do not compute x/v since the first term is true
             if ((y==0.0) || (x/y>2.0))
28
                 {// Block
29
                 System.out.println("Actually, again, we did not evaluate x/y that is equal to "+(x/y));
30
                      }
31
                                 C:\PROGRA~1\XINOXS~1\JCREAT~1\GE2001.exe
32
33
                                Test1:false Test2:true
34
                                We did not evaluate x/y that is equal to Infinity
                                Actually, again, we did not evaluate x/y that is equal to Infinity
35
         }
                                Press any key to continue...
36
37
38 4 }
```

Few remarks

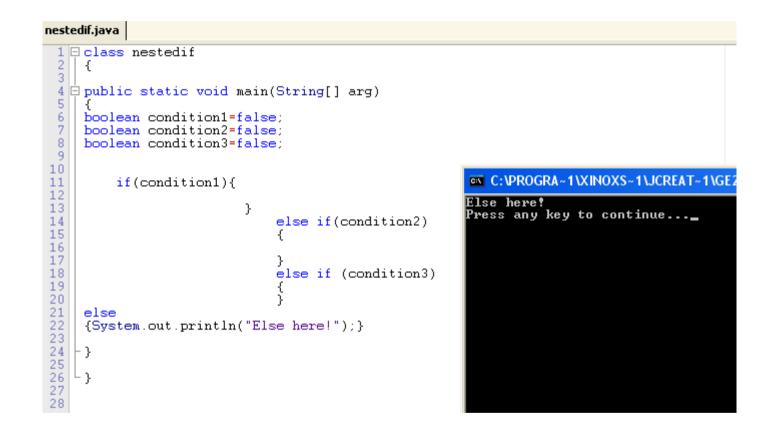
Key difference between assignment (=) and logical test ==

Do not forget the semi-colon at the end of **Instructions**;

Indent your code and structure it into blocks for clarity Think of nested if control structures



Nested conditionals (nested if)



Set curly brackets { } to increase code readibility



Loops: While/do for iterations Structure for iterating

- Process a **single instruction** or a **block** until the given boolean expression is **true** (thus may loop forever... and program may not terminate)
- Boolean expression is re-evaluated at each round
- We can exit the loop at any time using the keyword break;

while (boolean_expression) single_instruction;

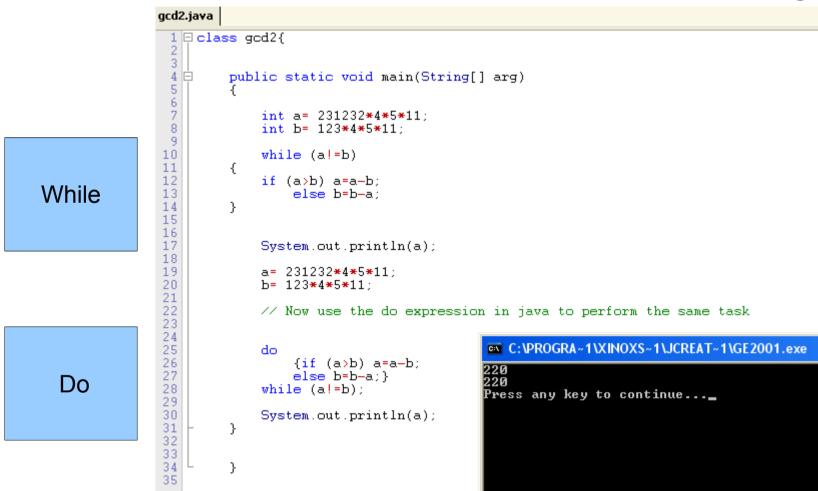
while (boolean_expression)
 { block_instruction;}

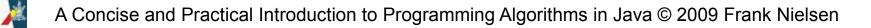
do { block_instruction;} while (boolean_expression); At least, the loop is executed once.

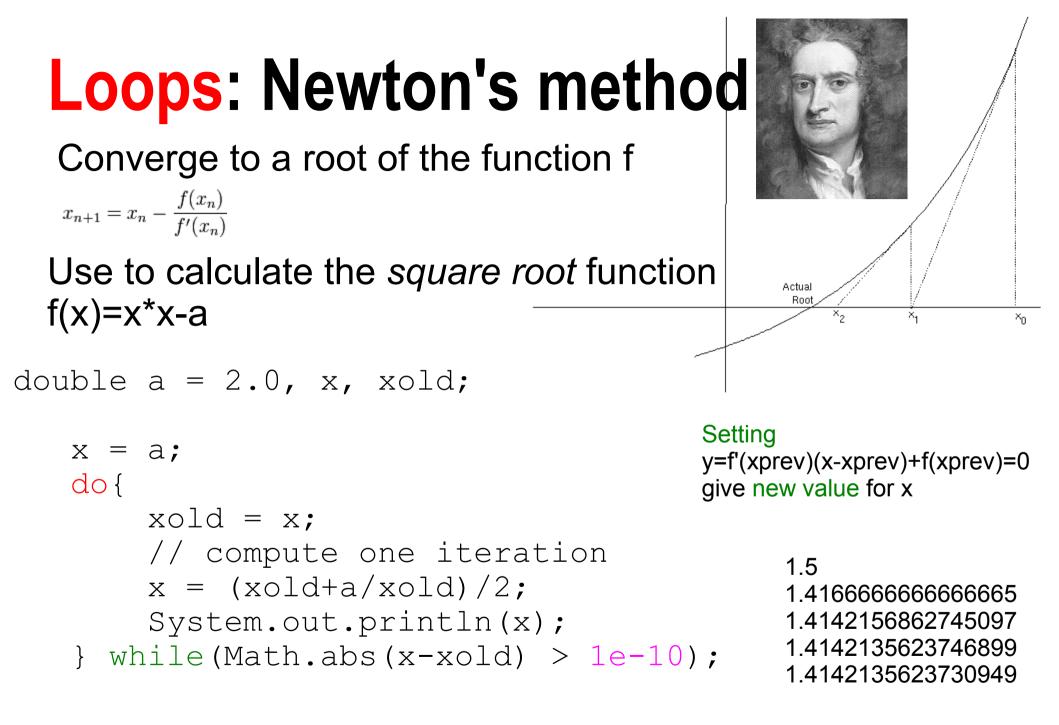


Loops: Euclid' GCD algorithm

Greatest common divisor of two integers a and b







Loops: Syracuse and termination conjecture

Replace x by x/2 (for x odd) and x by 3x+1 (for x even) Start from any given x, does the replacing alway terminate (x=1)

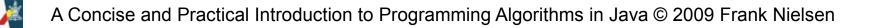


Nobody knows whether this programs stops for any given input (open problem) No counter example from simulation so far but no termination proof too!

Always ensure that loops terminate when programming

int i=0; while (true) i++;

for(i=0;i>=0;i++) ; // common mistyping error for(i=0;i>=0;i++) { }



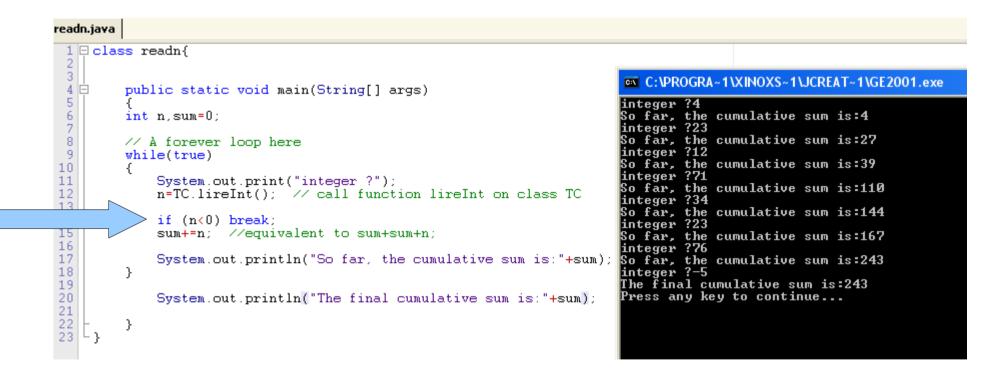
Loops: Perpetual movements... Easy to do when programming.... ESC key or Control-C to escape!





Loops: Breaking the loop with break

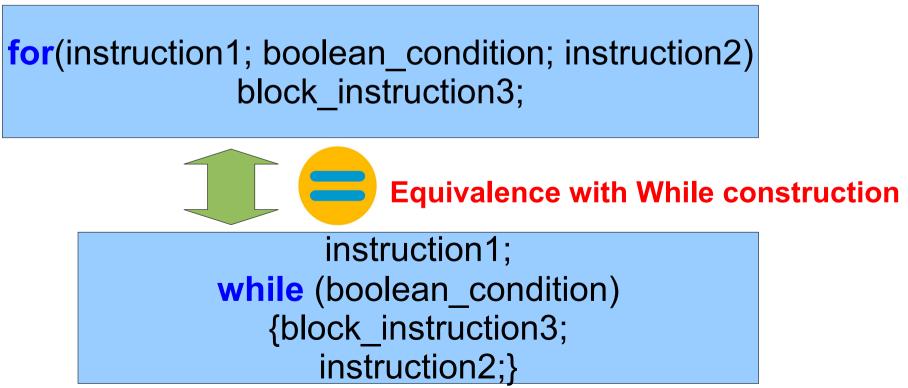
Read a sequence of **non-negative natural integers** and compute the cumulative sum of the sequence.



Observe the shortcut: sum+=n; that is equivalent to assignment sum=sum+n;

Loops: For... iterations

- Allows one to execute a block of instructions, and
- Increment the counter at each round
- Semantically equivalent to a while loop
- Often used for program readibility (e.g., for a range of integers)





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Loops: For... iterations

```
class ForLoop
{
   public static void main(String args[])
   {
    int i, n=10;
    int cumulLoop=0;
}
```

```
for(i=0;i<n;i++) cumulLoop+=i;</pre>
```

int cumul=(n*(n-1))/2; // closed-form solution
System.out.println(cumulLoop+" closed-form:"+cumul);
}

We get 45

Loops: For... iterations (unlooping)

int cumulLoop=0;
for(i=0;i<n;i++) cumulLoop+=i;</pre>

Unlooping...



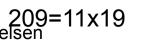
int cumulLoop=0; i=0; // Initialization cumulLoop+=i; i++; // i=1 now // i<n so we continue... cumulLoop+=i; i++; // i=2 now // i<n so we continue... cumulLoop+=i; cumulLoop+=i; // i=n-1 i++; // i=n now

Examples of for loop: IsPrime

Program that determines whether a given integer is prime or not.

isprime.java 1 🗆 class isprime{ 2 🖻 public static void main(String[] args) 3 4 System.out.print("Enter an integer please:"); 5 long k=0.n=TC.lireLong(); // reads a long number 6 boolean prime=true: 7 8 if ((n=1) || (n>2 && n/2 ==0) || (n>3 && n/3==0))9 prime=false; 10 else 11 { 12 k=(long)(Math.sgrt(n)+1);13 14 for(long i=5; i<k;i=i+6)</pre> 15 if $((n \times i = 0) || n \times (i + 2) = 0)$ 16 17 prime=false; 18 System.out.println("Exit the loop with k="+k); 19 break: } 20 21 } C:\PROGRA~1\XINOXS~1\JCREAT~1\GE2001 22 Enter an integer please:23121971 23 Number 23121971 is prime 24 Press any key to continue..._ 25 // Output result to console 26 27 if (prime) 28 System.out.println("Number "+n+" is prime"); 29 else 30 System.out.println("Number "+n+" is NOT prime."); 31 32 } 33 - } Enter an integer please:209

Exit the loop with k=15 Number 209 is NOT prime. Press any key to continue...



Multiple choices: switch

Avoid nested if-else structures for multiple choices

```
class ProgSwitch
{public static void main(String arg[]) {
    System.out.print("Input a digit in [0..9]:");
    int n=TC.lireInt();
    switch(n)
    case 0: System.out.println("zero"); break;
    case 1: System.out.println("one"); break;
    case 2: System.out.println("two"); break;
    case 3: System.out.println("three"); break;
    default: System.out.println("Above three!");
            break;
    } } }
```

Natural integers and int

Difference between mathematics (infinite precision) and computing.

Computing: *discrete algorithms* working on *finite representations* of numbers

Source of many bugs !!!

Typically, an algorithm can be correct but its implementation buggy because of *numerical errors*.

int: maximum machine-representable int is 2^31-1 (in the old days, written as 2**31-1)

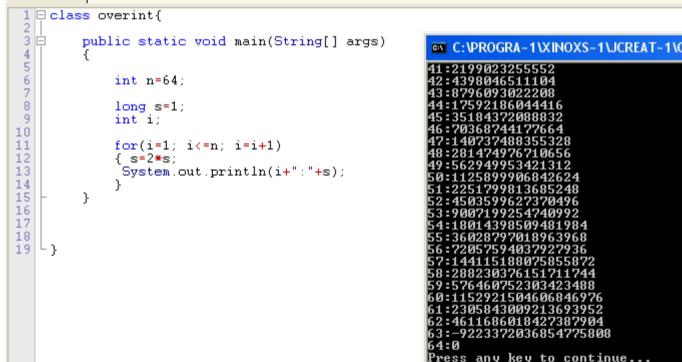
long: maximum machine-representable long is 2^63-1

Overflow problems...

A toy example

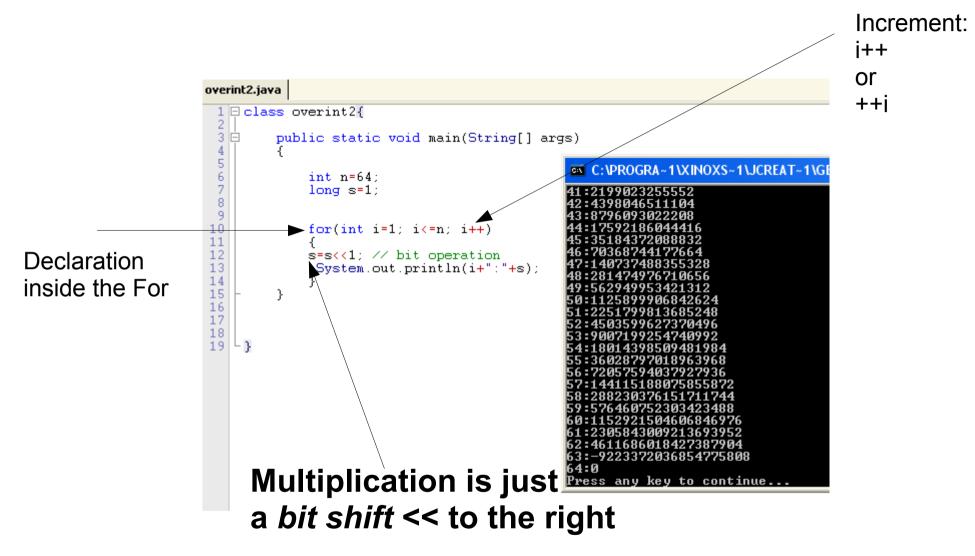


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overint.java
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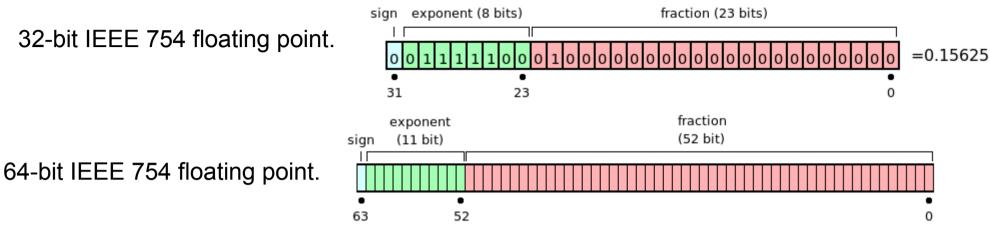


Computes 2^s, but at some point 2⁶⁴ cannot fit 64-bit, we get first - negative number (leading bit set to 1 by the arithmetic logic unit - ALU) - then zero!!!!

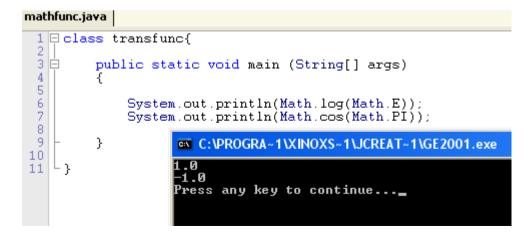
Overflow problems: revisited



Floating points & numerical precisions



- float (32-bit) or double (64-bit) have sign, exponent and matissa parts
- Examples: float a=0.3; float b=2e-8 (scientific engineering); float c=1.1f;
- Math class contains important "constants": Math.PI, Math.E, etc. and transcendental functions: Math.log(), Math.exp(), Math.sin(), Math.cos()



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IEEE_floating-point_standard



Loosing numerical precision...

 $\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{bug} \quad ax^2 + bx + c = 0,$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a},$$

doubleprecision.java							
1 Class doublepres{							
3 🗗 🛛 pul	blic static void main (String[] args)						
2 3	double a,b,c,d;						
7	a=0.3; b=2.1;						
10	c=3.675;						
11 12 13 14	d=b*b-4.0*a*c; $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac,$						
15 16	<pre>System.out.println("Discriminant:"+d);</pre>						
17 18	<pre>if (d==0.0) System.out.println("Correct computation: double roots (discriminant is zero)"); else System.out.println("I did some numerical roundings somewhere and got the wrong result");</pre>						
19 20 21 - }	C:\PROGRA~1\XINOXS~1\JCREAT~1\GE2001.exe						
22 L}	Discriminant:8.881784197001252E-16 I did some numerical roundings somewhere and got the wrong result Press any key to continue						

Usually, difficult to test for the zero (use threshold or better analysis)

Loosing associativity rule

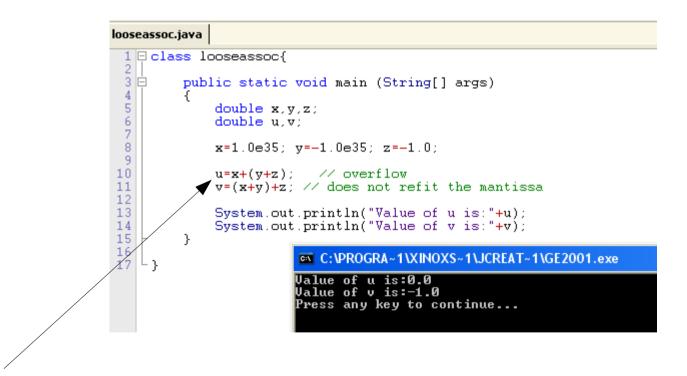
Rounding & truncations to fit the standard yields the loss of associativity

sign

63

(11 bit)

52



Better to add numbers having already the same exponent decomposition...



fraction

(52 bit)

Computing Euler-Mascheroni 's constant

$$\gamma = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k} \right) - \log(n) \right] = \int_{1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\lfloor x \rfloor} - \frac{1}{x} \right) \, dx.$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(H_{n} - \ln n \right),$$

```
euler.java
```

```
1 🗆 class euler
 2 {
 3 Ė
        public static void main (String[] args)
 4
 5
             double cumul=0.0;
 6
             int n=1000000:
 7
             double ti:
 8
9
             for(int i=1;i<=n;i++)</pre>
10
             {
11
                 ti=(double) i; // cast: We change format of numbers!!!
12
                 cumul=cumul+1.0/ti;
13
             }
14
15
             double gamma=cumul-Math.log(n);
16
17
             System.out.println("Euler's constant:"+gamma);
18
        }
19
                             C:\PROGRA~1\XINOXS~1\JCREAT~1\GE2001.exe
20 -}
                            Euler's constant:0.5772161649007153
                            Press any key to continue..._
```

N	Number of known decimal digits of γ							
Date	Decimal digits	Computation performed by		December 0, 0000	110 500 041			
1734	5	Leonhard Euler			December 8, 2006	116,560,041	Alexander J. Yee ^[5]	
				July 15, 2007	5,000,000,000	Shigeru Kondo (claimed) ^[6]		
1736	15	Leonhard Euler					47	

Types and conversions: Cast operator

- All variables and constants are typed: Math.PI is a (static) double
- Variables should be declared according to their type: double x; int i; etc
- The type of variable **determines** the operator and meaning: Exempla gratia, 3.0+2.1 (double) or "Hello "+" INF311" (String)
- The expression is also typed (by the compiler)
- For **assignment** =, the left-hand side (variable) and right-hand side (expression) should have the **same type**.

Casting types with parenthesis (type):

double x=3.14; int i=(int)x;

double x=(double)i;

casting.java						
1 Class casting{						
	public static void main(String[] args)					
4 5 7 8 9		ι	<pre>double x=3.14; int i=(int)x;</pre>	C:\PROGRA~1\XINOXS~1\JCREAT~1		
8 9 10			<pre>System.out.println("x="+x); System.out.println("i="+i);</pre>	x=3.14 i=3 y=2.71		
11 12 13 14			<pre>// Does not round but truncate double y=2.71; int j=(int)y;</pre>	j=2 Press any key to continue		
15 16 17			<pre>System.out.println("y="+y); System.out.println("j="+j);</pre>			
18 19	-	}				
20	∟}					

Converting strings to numbers...

Use Type.parseType(String stringtoparse)

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convertstring.java
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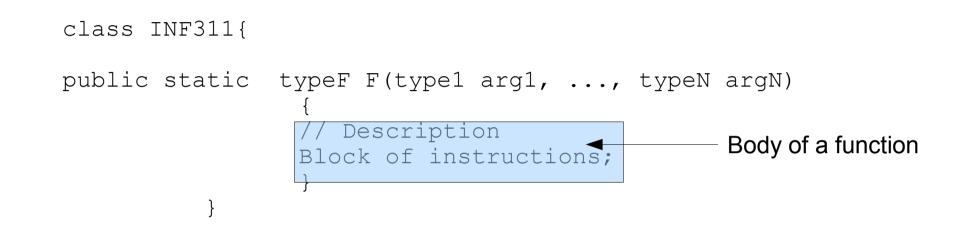
	1 ⊟ cla 2	ass c	convertstring{			
	3 🖻	pul	<pre>blic static void main (String[] args){</pre>			
	5 6 7		<pre>String s1="23122008"; String s2="1234567890123456"; // if it is too long, String s3="6.02214179E-23";</pre>	, it will produce an error!		
1	1		<pre>// Parse strings to number according to selected type int i=Integer.parseInt(s1); long j=Long.parseLong(s2);</pre>	e C:\PROGRA~1\XINOXS~1\JCREAT~1\GE2001.exe		
1 1 1 1 1 1	3 4 5 6 7		<pre>double x=Double.parseDouble(s3); // Here, we do the converse: numbers to strings System.out.println(i); System.out.println(j); System.out.println(x);</pre>	23122008 1234567890123456 6.02214179E-23 Press any key to continue		
1 2	9 -	}				

A glimpse at functions Declaring functions in Java

- This kind of function is also called a static method
- Functions must be defined inside classes
- A function not returning a result has type void

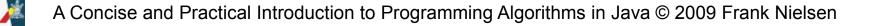
(also known as a procedure)

Defining the body of a function in Java



Body should contain an instruction return to indicate the result If branching structures are used (if or switch), then a return should be written for all different branches.

Otherwise we get a compiler error! (why? => not type safe!)



A few examples of basic functions

```
class FuncDecl{
   public static int square(int x)
                    {return x*x;}
   public static boolean isOdd(int p)
                    {if ((p%2)==0) return false; else return true; }
   public static double distance (double x, double y)
                    {if (x>y) return x-y; else return y-x;}
   public static void display(double x, double y)
                       {System.out.println("("+x+","+y+")");
                        return; // return void
   public static void main (String[] args)
   display(square(2), distance(5,9));
   int p=123124345;
   if (isOdd(p)) System.out.println("p is odd");
   else System.out.println("p is even");
```

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