

(2-1) Numeric Expressions in C

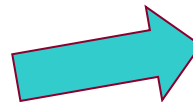
H&K Chapter 2

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Review --- General Form in C

```
#include<stdio.h> /* starting with including libraries*/  
#include<stdlib.h>
```

```
int main(void)  
{  
    Instructions for the machine to execute  
  
    return 0;  
}
```



Instructions include:

1. Declare a variable / user-defined identifier:
e.g. `int height = 0, volume = 0;`
e.g. `char char_variable;`
e.g. `double radius = 0.0;`
2. Programming assignment:
e.g. `volume = ((double) 1/3) *height*radius*radius;`
3. Input and output statements:
e.g. `printf("the calculated volume is %f", volume);`
e.g. `scanf("%c", &char_variable);`



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Programming Errors (2)

- Run-time errors
 - Commonly called "bugs"
 - Cause the program to "crash": an error is reported, and control is turned over to the operating system
 - Examples
 - Division by zero
 - Referencing a memory cell that's out of range
 - Getting into an infinite loop, which may ultimately cause a "stack overflow"
 - Referencing a null pointer (more on this later...)



Arithmetic Expressions

- Most programming problems require arithmetic expressions as part of solution; including problems related to:
 - Mechanics
 - Kinematics
 - Materials science
 - Electronics
 - Many others...
- Require numerical operands
- Form: operand1 operator operand2
- Type of result dependent on operand types



Arithmetic Operators in C (1)

Operator	Representation	Example
+	Addition	$10 + 5 = 15$ $1.55 + 13.3 = 14.85$ $3 + 100.7 = 103.7$
-	Subtraction	$10 - 5 = 5$ $5.0 - 10.0 = -5.0$ $10 - 5.0 = 5.0$
*	Multiplication	$1 * 5 = 5$ $1.000 * 10.0 = 10.0$ $5 * 5.0 = 25.0$



Arithmetic Operators in C (2)

Operator	Representation	Example
/	Division	$2 / 3 = 0$ $10.0 / 4.0 = 2.5$ $10 / 3.0 = 3.3333$
%	Modulus	$5 \% 2 = 1$ $2 \% 5 = 2$ $6 \% 0 = \text{undefined}$ $6.0 \% 3 = \text{won't compile}$



Mixed-Type Expressions

- Types of operands in expression are different
 - An integer value and a double value
- The result is always the more precise data type
 - 10 (an int) + 25.5 (a double) = 35.5 (a double)



Mixed-Type Assignment Statements

- Evaluated from right-to-left
- Expression is first evaluated (what's on right-hand-side) and then assigned to variable (what's on left-hand-side)

- Examples:

```
int result_int, op1_int = 5, op2_int = 42;  
double result_double, op1_double = 5.5;  
result_int = op1_int + op1_double; /* mixed expression, integer  
    assignment, result_int = 10 (truncation occurs) */  
result_double = op1_int + op2_int; /* integer expression, double  
    assignment, result_double = 47.0*/  
result_double = op1_int + op1_double; /* mixed expression, double  
    assignment, result_double = 10.5*/
```



Type Conversions & Type Casts

- Changing one entity of a data type into another
- Two kinds exist:
 - Implicit
 - Explicit
- Implicit type conversion example:

```
int num1 = 12;  
double num2;  
num2 = num1; /* num1 implicitly casted to type double, 12.0 */
```
- Explicit type conversion example:

```
double num1;  
num1 = ((double) 1 / 5); /* integer 1 explicitly casted to type double,  
1.0 */
```



Multiple Operator Expressions

- May contain unary and binary operators
- Unary operators consists of one operand
- Binary operators require two operands
- Example:

$y = -x + x * x / 10;$ /* -x applies the unary sign operator for negation */



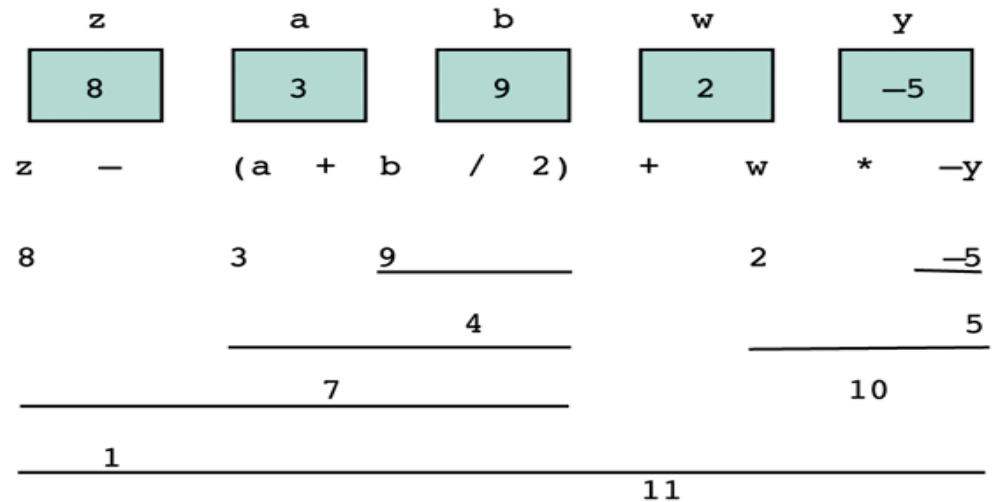
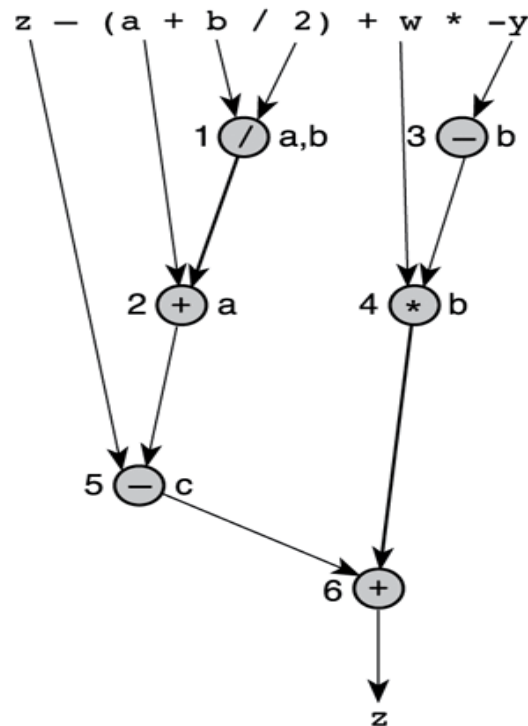
Operator Precedence (1)

- Operator Precedence
 - How is $x - y / z$ evaluated?
 - $(x - y) / z$?
 - $x - (y / z)$?
 - Important to understand operator precedence rules:
 - Evaluation proceeds left to right
 - Subexpressions in parentheses are evaluated first
 - In cases where no parentheses are used, $*$, $/$, and $\%$ take precedence over $+$ and $-$
 - So $x - y / z$ is evaluated as $x - (y / z)$, because $/$ takes precedence over $-$
 - Note: The *unary* operators $+$ and $-$ are used to indicate the sign of a number (e.g., $+5$, -3.0). They take precedence over all binary operators, and are evaluated right to left:
 - Example: $-3 + 5 * 4$ would be evaluated as $(-3) + (5 * 4) = 17$.
 - *Recommendation*: Liberally use parentheses to avoid confusion and unexpected results!



Operator Precedence (2)

- Operator Precedence Example (H & K p. 80)



Formatting Numbers (1)

- C defines "default" output style for each data type
 - No leading blanks for int and double
 - double displayed with default number of digits to right of decimal point (how many?)
- You can override these defaults by specifying custom format strings to `printf` function

```
int x;  
double y;  
x = 3;  
y = 2.17;  
printf("x is %3d. y is %5.1f.", x, y);
```

Output:

```
x is  3. y is 2.2.
```



Formatting Numbers (2)

- Notes:
 - For double output, format string is of form `%n.mf`, where *n* is *total width* (number of columns) of formatted number, and *m* is the number of digits to the right of decimal point to display.
 - It is possible to omit *n*. In that case, no leading spaces are printed. *m* can still specify the number of decimal places (e.g., `% .2f`)



Formatting Numbers (3)

- You try it:
 - If the values of the variables `a`, `b`, and `c` are 504, 302.558, and -12.31, write a statement that will display the following line (`□` is used to denote a blank):

□□504□□□□□302.56□□□□-12.3

```
printf ("%5d%11.2f%9.1f", a, b, c);
```



Programming Errors (3)

- Logic Errors
 - Cause the program to compute incorrect results
 - Often go unnoticed, at least at first
 - Examples
 - Your algorithm is wrong because you misunderstand the problem
 - You do not obtain input data properly, so your computations work on the wrong data. For example:

```
int year;  
char first, middle, last;  
printf("Enter the current year and press return: ");  
scanf("%d", &year);  
printf("Type in 3 initials and press return: ");  
scanf("%c%c%c", &first, &middle, &last);
```

What goes wrong here?



Next Lecture...

- Top-Down Design and Functions



References

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