

Topic 2

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Arithmetic Operators



C++ has the same arithmetic operators as a calculator:

* for multiplication: $a * b$

(not $a \cdot b$ or ab as in math)

/ for division: a / b

(not \div or a fraction bar as in math)

+ for addition: $a + b$

- for subtraction: $a - b$

Arithmetic Operator Precedence

Just as in regular algebraic notation,
* and / have higher precedence
than + and −.

In $a + b / 2$,
the $b / 2$ happens first.

Increment and Decrement

- Changing a variable by adding or subtracting 1 is so common that there is a special shorthand for these:

The increment and decrement operators.

```
count++; // add 1 to count
```

```
count--; // subtract 1 from count
```

Example:

What is the value of variable `count` after the code below?

```
int count = 3;  
count--;  
count = count + 2;  
count++;
```

C++ was based on C and so it's one better than C, right?

Guess how C++ got its name!

Integer Division and Remainder

The % operator computes the remainder of an integer division.

It is called the *modulus operator* (also modulo and mod)

It has nothing to do with the % key on a calculator

Integer Division and Remainder Example

- You want to determine the value in dollars and cents stored in the piggy bank.
- You obtain the dollars through an integer division by 100.
- The integer division discards the remainder.
- To obtain the remainder (the cents), use the % operator:

```
int pennies = 1729;  
int dollars = pennies / 100; // Sets dollars to 17  
int cents = pennies % 100; // Sets cents to 29
```

(yes, 100 is a magic number)

More Integer Division and Remainder Examples

- What is the result from each of the following?

_____ $27 / 4$

_____ $27.0 / 4$

_____ $27 \% 4$

_____ $128 \% 4$

_____ $27 \% 10$

_____ $27 \% 2$

Converting Floating-Point Numbers to Integers

- When a floating-point value is assigned to an integer variable, the fractional part is discarded:

```
double price = 2.55;  
int dollars = price;  
    // Sets dollars to 2
```

- You probably want to round to the *nearest* integer. To round a positive floating-point value to the nearest integer, add 0.5 and then convert to an integer:

```
int dollars = price + 0.5;  
    // Rounds to the nearest integer
```

Powers and Roots

What about this?

$$b + \left(1 + \frac{r}{100}\right)^n$$

Inside the parentheses is easy:

$$1 + (r / 100)$$

But that raised to the n ?

Powers and Roots – `#include <cmath>`

- In C++, there are no symbols for powers and roots. To compute them, you must call *functions*.
- The C++ library defines many mathematical functions such as `sqrt` (square root) and `pow` (raising to a power).
- To use the functions in this library, called the `cmath` library, you must place the line:

```
#include <cmath>
```

at the top of your program file.

- It is also necessary to include

```
using namespace std;
```

at the top of your program file.

Example of `pow()` function call

The power function has the base followed by a comma followed by the power to raise the base to:

```
pow(base, exponent)
```

Using the `pow` function:

```
double balance = b * pow(1 + r / 100, n);
```

Powers and Roots Examples: Table 5

Mathematical Expression	C++ Expression	Comments
$\frac{x + y}{2}$	<code>(x + y) / 2</code>	The parentheses are required; <code>x + y / 2</code> computes <code>x + (y/2)</code> .
$\frac{xy}{2}$	<code>x * y / 2</code>	Parentheses are not required; operators with the same precedence are evaluated left to right. <code>xy</code> as a math expression is <code>x*y</code> in C++
$\left(1 + \frac{r}{100}\right)^n$	<code>pow(1 + r / 100, n)</code>	Remember to add <code>#include <cmath></code> to the top of your program.
$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$	<code>sqrt(a * a + b * b)</code>	<code>a * a</code> is simpler than <code>pow(a, 2)</code> .
$\frac{i + j + k}{3}$	<code>(i + j + k) / 3.0</code>	If <code>i</code> , <code>j</code> , and <code>k</code> are integers, using a denominator of <code>3.0</code> forces floating-point division.

Other Mathematical Functions (from `<cmath>`): Table 6

Table 6 Other Mathematical Functions

Function	Description
<code>sin(x)</code>	sine of x (x in radians)
<code>cos(x)</code>	cosine of x
<code>tan(x)</code>	tangent of x
<code>log10(x)</code>	(decimal log) $\log_{10}(x)$, $x > 0$
<code>abs(x)</code>	absolute value $ x $

Example:

```
double population = 73693997551.0;
double decimal_log = log10(population);
```

Math Function Examples

- Compute the result of each:

_____ `pow(10, 3)`

_____ `sqrt(100)`

_____ `abs(3 - 10)`

_____ `log10(1000)`

_____ `max(3, -10)`

_____ `cos(3.1415926535)`

_____ `tan(M_PI/4)`

`//M_PI constant is defined in cmath library`

Common Error – Unintended Integer Division

- If both arguments of `/` are integers, the remainder is discarded:

`7 / 3` is `2`, not `2.5`

- but

`7.0 / 4.0`

`7 / 4.0`

`7.0 / 4`

- all yield `1.75`.

Common Error – Unintended Integer Division, cont.

- It is unfortunate that C++ uses the same symbol: / for both integer and floating-point division. These are really quite different operations.
- It is a common error to use integer division by accident. Consider this segment that computes the average of three integers:

```
cout << "Please enter your last three test scores: ";  
int s1;  
int s2;  
int s3;  
cin >> s1 >> s2 >> s3;  
  
double average = (s1 + s2 + s3) / 3; //ERROR  
cout << "Your average score is " << average << endl;
```

More on Unintended Integer Division

- What could be wrong with that?
- Of course, in math the exact average of `s1`, `s2`, and `s3` is $(s1 + s2 + s3) / 3$
- Here, however, the `/` denotes integer division because
- both $(s1 + s2 + s3)$ and `3` are integers.
- For example, if the scores add up to 14, the average = 4.
- Yes, the result of the integer division of 14 by 3 is 4, and the fractional 0.66667 **is discarded**.
- That integer 4 is then moved into the double variable **average**.

Avoiding Unintended Integer Division

The remedy is to make the numerator or denominator into a floating-point number:

```
double total = s1 + s2 + s3;  
double average = total / 3;
```

or

```
double average = (s1 + s2 + s3) / 3.0;
```

Common Error – Unbalanced Parentheses

Consider the expression

$$-(b * b - 4 * a * c) / (2 * a)$$

What is wrong with it?

The parentheses are *unbalanced*.

This is very common with complicated expressions.

Unbalanced Parentheses – A Solution

The Muttering Method

Count starting with 1 at the 1st parenthesis
add one for each left paren (**and** subtract one for each right paren)

- (b * b - (4 * a * c)) / 2 * a)
1 2 1 0 -1 -2

If your count is not 0 when you finish, or if you ever drop to -1, then...

STOP, something is wrong.

Common Error – Forgetting Header Files

- Every program that carries out input or output needs the `<iostream>` header.
- If you use mathematical functions such as `sqrt`, you need to include `<cmath>`.
- If you forget to include the appropriate header file, the compiler will not know symbols such as `cout` or `sqrt`.
- If the compiler complains about an undefined function or symbol, check your header files.

Including the Right Header Files

- Sometimes you may not know which header file to include.
- Suppose you want to compute the absolute value of an integer using the `abs` function.
- As it happens, this version of `abs` is not defined in the `<cmath>` header but in `<cstdlib>`.
- How can you find the correct header file?
- Why do you think Tim Berners-Lee invented going online?
- Use a reference site on the Internet such as: <http://www.cplusplus.com>, or just Google "C++ abs()"

Spaces in Expressions

It is easier to read

```
x1 = (-b + sqrt(b * b - 4 * a * c)) / (2 * a);
```

than

```
x1=(-b+sqrt(b*b-4*a*c))/(2*a);
```

It really is easier to read with spaces!

So always use spaces around all operators: + - * / % =

Spaces in Expressions: Unary Minus, Parentheses

- However, don't put a space after a *unary* minus: that's a – used to negate a single quantity like this: **-b**
- That way, it can be easily distinguished from a *binary* minus, as in **a - b**
- It is customary *not* to put a space between a function name and the parentheses.

Write **sqrt(x)**

not **sqrt (x)**

Casts

- Occasionally, you need to store a value into a variable of a different type, or print it in a different way.
- A **cast** is a conversion from one type (such as `int`) to another type (such as `double`).
- For example, how to print or capture an exact quotient from two `int` variables?

```
int x= 25;  
int y = 10;  
cout << "The quotient is " << x / y;  
//gives int quotient of 2, not what we want
```

Casts Convert Variable Types

- The **cast** conversion syntax:

```
static_cast<newtype>( data_to_convert)
```

- For example, to get an exact quotient, we cast one of the int variables to a double **before** dividing

```
int x= 25;  
int y = 10;  
cout << x / static_cast<double>(y);  
//gives double quotient of 2.5
```

- An older version of the **cast** conversion syntax also works, but its use is discouraged:

```
(newtype) data_to_convert
```

```
cout << x / (double)y;  
//gives double quotient of 2.5
```

Combining Assignment and Arithmetic

- In C++, you can combine arithmetic and assignments.
- For example, the statement

```
total += cans * CAN_VOLUME;
```

is a shortcut for

```
total = total + cans * CAN_VOLUME;
```

- Similarly,

```
total *= 2;
```

is another way of writing

```
total = total * 2;
```

- Many programmers *prefer* using this form of coding.