

Java Programming

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Class Information

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- All lecture slides are organized in English and will be modified if necessary.

Prerequisites

- This class is organized for students who are not EE/CS majors.
- **No programming experience required**; it would be helpful if you have some programming experiences.
- May involve with high school math in examples.
- I promise to keep everything **simple** in this class.¹

¹“Simple is not easy. ... Easy is a minimum amount of effort to produce a result. ... **Simple is very hard**. Simple is the removal of everything except what matters. ...” See [here](#).

Teaching Philosophy

- First, I try to lower the barriers to entry.
- Second, I provide resources as many as possible.
- Third, I answer your questions.

Learning Tips

- Start with just **one** language and master it.
- Ask lots of questions; Google first.
- Practice makes permanent (and hopefully, perfect).
- It may take 10000 hours, more or less; it is never too late.
- Grasp the fundamentals for long-term benefits; **code from the bottom**.
- Code by hand.²

²It sharpens proficiency and you'll need it to get a job. For example, technical interview of Google.

“Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice.”

– Anton Chekhov (1860-1904)

“Many roads lead to the path, but basically there are only two: reason and practice.”

– Bodhidharma

Grading Policy

- To acquire the certificate, you need at least **70 pts** at the end of class:
 - Programming assignments (30%)
 - **Practice makes perfect.**
 - Final exam (70%)
 - On-site programming
 - 2 hours
 - Open everything (honor code)

Roll Call




```
1 class Lecture1 {  
2  
3     "Introduction"  
4  
5 }  
6  
7 // Keywords:  
8 public, class, static, void
```

What Is Programming?

- Programming is the activity of writing a sequence of instructions to tell a machine to perform a specific task.
 - A sequence of instructions → **program**
 - A set of well-defined notations used to write a program → **programming language**
 - People who write programs → ~~programmer~~ **designer**
- Writing codes is not what the CS people work for. We are writing codes to **make a better world.**

PROGRAMMER



WHAT MY MOM THINKS I DO



WHAT MY FRIENDS THINK I DO



WHAT SOCIETY THINKS I DO



WHAT ARTISTS THINK I DO



WHAT I THINK I DO

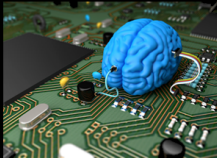


WHAT I ACTUALLY DO

Deep Learning



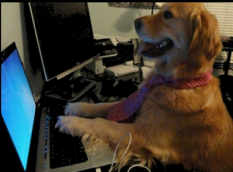
What society thinks I do



What my friends think I do



What other computer scientists think I do



What mathematicians think I do



What I think I do

```
In [1]:  
import keras  
Using TensorFlow backend.
```

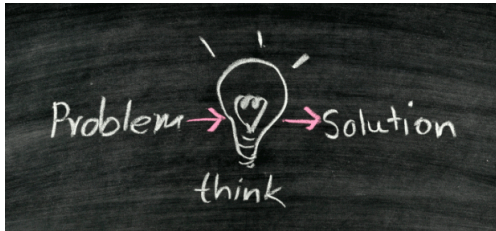
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<http://p.migdal.pl/2017/04/30/teaching-deep-learning.html>

In Practice

Programming is to provide a solution to a real-world problem using computational models supported by programming languages.

- The computational solution is a program.



Programs

- A program is a sequence of **instructions**, written in an artificial **language**, to perform a **specified task** by a machine.
- They are almost everywhere, for example,
 - Video games (e.g. Pokémon Go, Travel Frog, ...)
 - Operating systems
 - Transportations (e.g. traffic light, MRT, airplane, ...)
 - Search engine (e.g. Google, ...)
 - Computer virus

How and Where The Programs Run⁵

- The programs are activated from the disk into the **main memory**.
- Now we call them the **processes**.³
- CPUs contain the arithmetic and logic unit (ALU) and the registers.
 - ALU is responsible for the computational power.
 - Registers store the data to be used temporarily.⁴
- The outputs are written back to the main memory and further stored into the disk if necessary.

³The “process” is a formal terminology used in operating systems.

⁴CPUs have only limited number of registers.

⁵You may refer to any class for an introduction to computer system. For example, [Introduction to Computer Science & Programming in C.](#)

Memory Hierarchy⁶

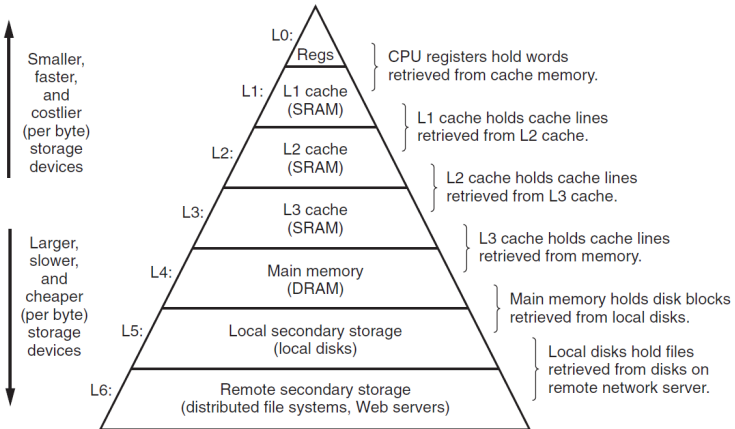


Figure 1.9 An example of a memory hierarchy.

⁶See Figure 1-9 in Bryant, p. 14.

Programming Languages

- A programming language is an artificial language to **communicate** with machines.
- Recall how you learned the 2nd nature language when you were a kid.
- Programming languages → **syntax** and **semantics**
 - Used to express algorithms
 - Used to control the behavior of machines
- How many programming languages in the world?
 - More than 1000.
 - Top 20 programming languages can be found in [TIOBE](#).
 - Java: top 3
- Note that every language originates from reasons.

History⁷

- 1st generation: machine code
- 2nd generation: assembly code
- 3rd generation: high-level programming languages
- Post 3rd generations
- Java is one of the 3rd-generation programming languages.

⁷See https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/A-level_Computing_2009/AQA/Computer_Components,_The_Stored_Program_Concept_and_the_Internet/Fundamentals_of_Computer_Systems/Generations_of_programming_language.

High-level
language
program
(in C)

```
swap(int v[], int k)
{
    int temp;
    temp = v[k];
    v[k] = v[k+1];
    v[k+1] = temp;
}
```

Compiler

Assembly
language
program
(for MIPS)

```
swap:
    multi $2, $5, 4
    add $2, $4, $2
    lw $15, 0($2)
    lw $16, 4($2)
    sw $16, 0($2)
    sw $15, 4($2)
    jr $31
```

Assembler

Binary machine
language
program
(for MIPS)

```
000000001010001000000000100011000
00000000100000100001000000100001
10001101111000100000000000000000
100011100001001000000000000000100
101011100001001000000000000000000
101011011110001000000000000000100
0000001111100000000000000000001000
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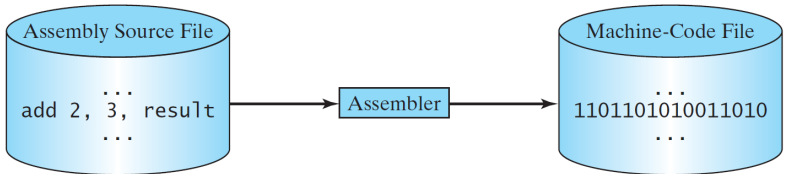
1st-Generation Programming Languages

- Computers understand instructions **only** in binary, which is a sequence of 0's and 1's. (Why?)
- **Each computer has its own set of instructions.**⁸
- So the programs at the very early stage were machine-dependent.
- These are so-called the machine language, aka **machine code**.
- Pros:
 - **Most efficient** for machines
- Cons:
 - Hard to program for human
 - Not portable
- Still widely used in programming lower level functions of the system, such as drivers, interfaces with firmware and hardware.

⁸For example, X86 and ARM.

2nd-Generation Programming Languages

- An **assembly language** uses mnemonics⁹ to represent instructions as opposed to the machine codes.
- Hence, the code can be read and written by human programmers.
- Yet, it is **still** machine-dependent.



- To run on a computer, it must be converted into a machine readable form, a process called **assembly**.

- More often used in extremely intensive processing such as games, video editing, graphic manipulation/rendering.
- Note that machine languages and assembly languages are also known as **low-level languages**.

⁹Easy to recognize and memorize.

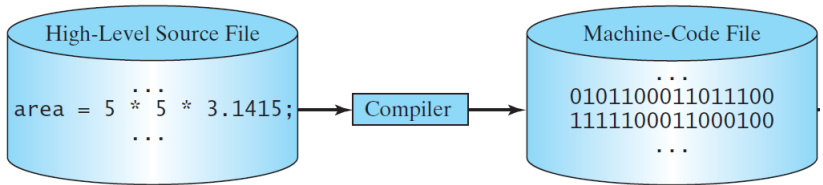
3rd-Generation Programming Languages

- High-level programming languages use English-like words, mathematical notation, and punctuation to write programs.
- They are closer to human languages.
- Pros:
 - Portable, machine-independent
 - Human-friendly
- For example, C¹⁰, C++¹¹, and Java¹².

¹⁰Dennis Ritchie (1973)

¹¹Bjarne Stroustrup (1983)

¹²James Gosling (1995)

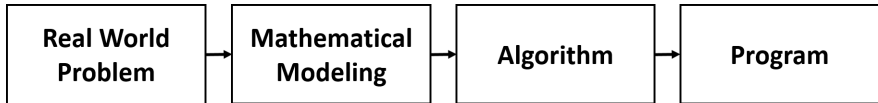


- Note that the machines understand and execute only the machine codes as before.
- The translation is accomplished by a compiler, an interpreter, or a combination of both.¹³

¹³If you've learned C, you should take a look at the design of compiler. ▶

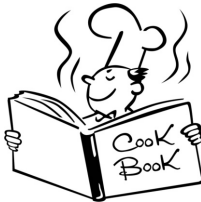
What Can A Program Do?

- A **program** is an implementation of an **algorithm** expressed in a specific **programming language**.



Algorithms In A Nutshell

- An algorithm is a well-defined computational **procedure** that takes a set of values as **input** and produces a set of values as **output**.
- Simply put, an algorithm is a procedure that solves a particular class of problems, such as a cookbook.



Properties of Algorithms¹⁵

- An algorithm must possess the following properties¹⁴:
 - **Input** and **output**
 - **Correctness**
 - **Definiteness**: basic instructions provided by a machine, e.g.
 $+$ $-$ \times \div .
 - **Effectiveness**: action which can be completed by combination of basic instructions.
 - **Finiteness**: resource requirement, especially **time** and **space**.
- Note that an algorithm is **not** necessarily expressed in a specific programming language.
 - Could use human languages, graphs, and **pseudo codes**.

¹⁴Alan Turing (1912–1954)

¹⁵Donald E. Knuth (1938–)

Example

- Organize an algorithm that finds the greatest element in the input list, say A.

Input: A (a list of n numbers)

Output: max (the greatest element in A)

- Can you provide a **procedure** to determine the greatest element? For all situations?

My Solution

- The first element of A can be fetched by calling A(1).
- Let \leftarrow be the assignment operator in the following pseudo code.

```
1 max  $\leftarrow$  A(1)
2 for i  $\leftarrow$  2 ~ n
3     if A(i) > max
4         max  $\leftarrow$  A(i)
5     end
6 end
7 return max
```

- How to find the minimal element?
- How to find the location of the greatest element?
- Why not $\text{max} \leftarrow 0$?

*“Computers are good at following instructions, but **not** at reading your mind.”*

– Donald Knuth (1938-)

*“There are two ways of constructing a software design: One way is to make it so **simple** that **there are obviously no deficiencies**, and the other way is to make it so **complicated** that **there are no obvious deficiencies**. The first method is far more difficult.”*

– Tony Hoare (1934-)

Alan Turing

- Provided a formalization of the concepts of **algorithm** and **universal computation model** for **general-purpose** computers.
 - As known as **Turing machine**.¹⁶
 - Also first proved that there exist problems which are **undecidable** by Turing machine.¹⁷
- Father of **computing theory** and **artificial intelligence**^{18,19}
- Turing Award of ACM²⁰
- You may watch The Imitation Game (2014)

¹⁶Try this [toy example](#) by Google for celebration of Turing's birthday.

¹⁷See [Halting problem](#).

¹⁸See [Turing test](#).

¹⁹See [Pretty sure Google's new talking AI just beat the Turing test](#).


²⁰Association for Computing Machinery



Alan Turing

What Is Java?

- Java is a general purpose programming language.
- It has features to **support** programming based on the object-oriented paradigms.
- The initial version of the Java platform was released by *Sun Microsystems* in 1995.²¹
- At the very early stage, this language was called **Oak** and it was meant to be used in set-top boxes for televisions.
- Slogan: “Write once, run anywhere.”
- That is, Write a Java program once and run it on any platform. (How?)

²¹Now owned by Oracle Corporation, since January 2010. 

Java Virtual Machine (JVM)²⁴

Java Virtual Machine (JVM) is used to run the **bytecodes** on each platform.

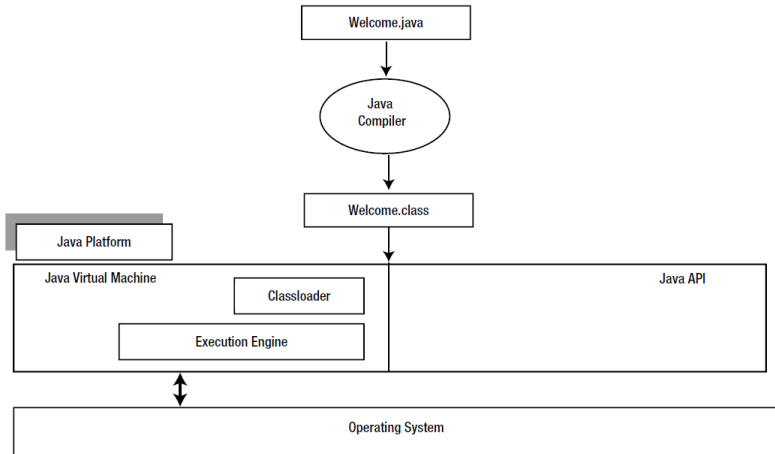
- **JVM is a program, not a physical machine.**
- The job of JVM is to **translate** the bytecodes into machine codes according to the platform it is running on.²²
- To enhance the security, the JVM verifies all bytecodes before the program is executed.²³
- “No user program can crash the host machine.”

²²The platform could be Windows, Linux, MacOS and so on.

²³However, there are a number of possible sources of security vulnerabilities in Java applications. See [here](#).

²⁴See [JVM](#).

Compiling and Running A Java Program²⁵



²⁵See Figure 2-19 in Sharan, p. 59.

Integrated Development Environment (IDE)

An integrated development environment (IDE) is a software application that provides comprehensive facilities to computer programmers for software development.

- An IDE normally consists of a **source code editor**, **build automation tools** and a **debugger**.
- Most modern IDEs offer the intelligent **code completion**.

In this class, we need [Java Development Kit \(JDK\)](#) and [Eclipse IDE for Java Developers](#).

Example: A Simple Template

Write a program which says hello to Java.

```
1 public class HelloJava {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         // Print "Hello, Java." on the screen.  
4         System.out.println("Hello, Java.");  
5     }  
6 }
```

Keywords are marked in violet.

- **class**: declare a new class followed a distinct class name
- **public**: can be accessed by any other class
- **static**: can be called without having to instantiate a particular instance of the class
- **void**: do not return a value

- Every statement ends with a semicolon (;).
- A special method **main** is used as the **entry point** of the program.
- **System.out** refers to the standard output device, normally the screen.
- **println()** is a method within *System.out*, which is automatically imported by default.

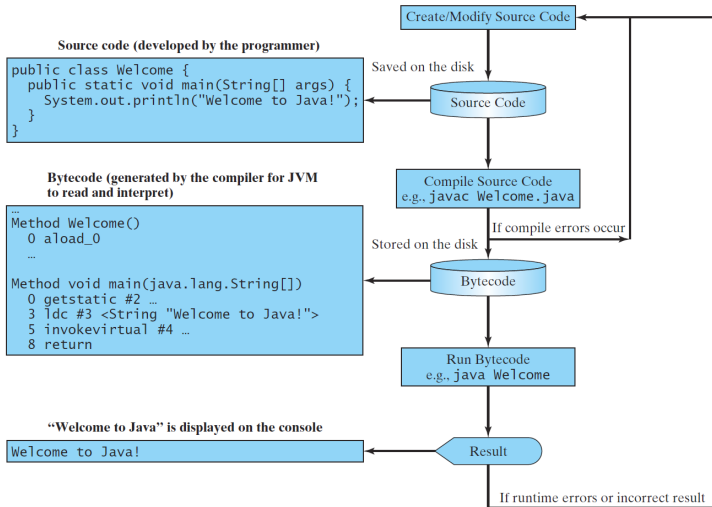
Public Classes

The **public** keyword is one of **access modifiers**²⁶, which allows the programmer to control the **visibility** of classes and also members.

- One public class in the java file whose filename is identical to that of the public class.
- There must be **at most** one public class in one java file.

²⁶We will visit the access control later when it comes to encapsulation. ▶

How To Run A Java Program²⁷



²⁷See Figure 1.14 in YDL, p.20.

Table of Special Characters²⁸

<i>Character</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Description</i>
{ }	Opening and closing braces	Denote a block to enclose statements.
()	Opening and closing parentheses	Used with methods.
[]	Opening and closing brackets	Denote an array.
//	Double slashes	Precede a comment line.
" "	Opening and closing quotation marks	Enclose a string (i.e., sequence of characters).
;	Semicolon	Mark the end of a statement.

²⁸See Table 1.2 in YDL, p.18.

Bugs

A bug is an error, flaw, failure, or fault in a computer program or system, producing an incorrect or unexpected result, or misbehaving in unintended ways.

- **Compile-time error**: most of them are syntax errors
- **Runtime error**: occurs when Java program runs, e.g. $1/0$
- **Logic error**: introduced by the programmer by implementing the functional requirement incorrectly

Note that logic errors are the obscurest in programs since they are hard to be found.

*“If debugging is the process of **removing** software bugs, then programming must be the process of **putting** them in.”*

– Edsger W. Dijkstra (1930–2002)

Programming Style

- **Good programming style** makes a program easy to read and helps programmers prevent from errors.
 - **Indentation**: enhance the **structural** relationships by visual
 - Curly braces by: next-line style or end-of-line style
 - Be consistent through the whole program!
- For example, [Google Java Style](#).

```
1 class Lecture2 {  
2  
3     "Data types, Variables, and Operators"  
4  
5 }  
6  
7 // Keywords:  
8 byte, short, int, long, char, float, double, boolean, true,  
    false, import, new
```

Example

Given the radius of a circle, say 10, determine the area.

Recall that a program comprises data and algorithms.

- How to store the data?
→ variables, data types
- How to compute the area?
→ arithmetic operators
- How to show the result?
→ `System.out.println()`

```
1 public class ComputeArea {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         // input  
4         int r = 10;  
5         // algorithm  
6         double area = r * r * 3.14;  
7         // output  
8         System.out.println(area);  
9     }  
10 }
```

- The type `int` and `double` are two of **primitive data types**.
- We use two variables `r` and `area`.



Variable \approx Box

Variable Declaration

- You give a name for the variable, say x.
- Additionally, you need to assign a type for the variable.
- For example,

```
1 ...  
2     int x; // x is a variable declared an interger type.  
3 ...
```

- Variable declaration tells the compiler to **allocate** appropriate memory space for the variable based on its **data type**.²⁹
- It is worth to mention that, **the date type determines the size**, which is measured in **bytes**³⁰.

²⁹Actually, all declared variables are created at the **compile time**.

³⁰1 byte = 8 bits; bit = binary digit.

Naming Rules

- Identifiers are the names that identify the elements such as variables, methods, and classes in the program.
- The naming rule excludes the following situations:
 - cannot start with a digit
 - cannot be any reserved word³¹
 - cannot include any blank between letters
 - cannot contain +, -, *, / and %
- Note that Java is case sensitive³².

³¹See the next page.

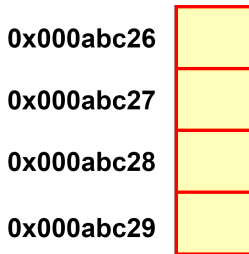
³²The letter A and a are different.

Reserved Words³³


abstract	double	int	super
assert	else	interface	switch
boolean	enum	long	synchronized
break	extends	native	this
byte	final	new	throw
case	finally	package	throws
catch	float	private	transient
char	for	protected	try
class	goto	public	void
const	if	return	volatile
continue	implements	short	while
default	import	static	
do	instanceof	strictfp*	

³³See Appendix A in YDL, p. 1253.

Variable as Alias of Memory Address



- The number 0x000abc26 stands for one memory address in hexadecimal (0-9, and a-f).³⁴
- The variable `x` itself refers to 0x000abc26 in the program after compilation.

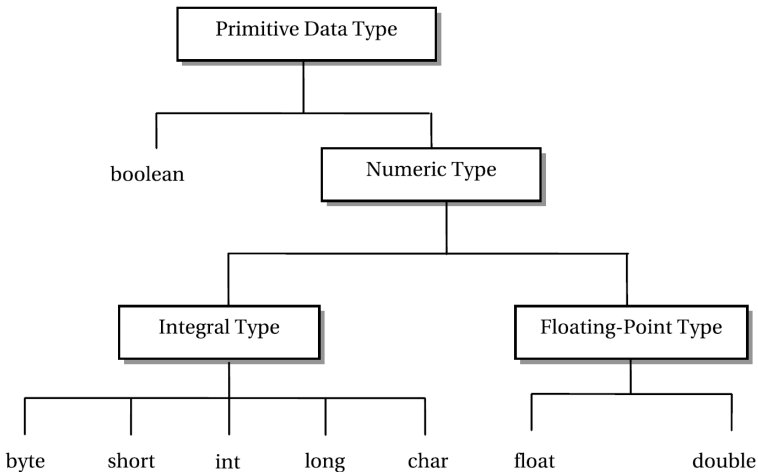
³⁴See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hexadecimal>. 

Data Types

- Java is a **strongly typed**³⁵ programming language.
- Every variable has a type.
- Also, every (mathematical) expression has a type.
- There are two categories of data types: **primitive** data types, and **reference** data types.

³⁵You cannot change the type of the variable after declaration.

Primitive Data Types³⁶



³⁶See Figure 3-4 in Sharan, p. 67.

Integers

Name	Width	Range
long	64	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807
int	32	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
short	16	-32,768 to 32,767
byte	8	-128 to 127

- The most commonly used integer type is **int**.
- If the integer values are larger than its feasible range, then an **overflow** occurs.

Floats

Name	Width in Bits	Approximate Range
double	64	4.9e-324 to 1.8e+308
float	32	1.4e-045 to 3.4e+038

- Floats are used when evaluating expressions that require fractional precision.
 - For example, `sin()`, `cos()`, and `sqrt()`.
- The performance for the **double** values is actually faster than that for **float** values on modern processors that have been optimized for high-speed mathematical calculations.
- Be aware that floating-point arithmetic can only **approximate** real arithmetic.³⁷ (Why?)

³⁷See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Numerical_error.

Example: $0.5 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 = 0?$

```
1 public class FloatsDemo {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         System.out.println(0.5 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1);  
4     }  
5 }
```

- The result is surprising. (Why?)
- You may try this [decimal-binary converter](#).
- This issue occurs not only in decimal numbers, but also big integers represented in floats.³⁸
- So the floats are not reliable unless the algorithm is designed elaborately for numerical errors.³⁹

³⁸Thanks to a lively discussion on June 26, 2016.

³⁹See

Example: Loss of Significance

- For example,

```
1 ...  
2     System.out.println(3.14 + 1e20 - 1e20); // output ?  
3     System.out.println(3.14 + (1e20 - 1e20)); // output ?  
4 ...
```

- Can you explain why?

IEEE Floating-Point Representation⁴⁰

$$x = (-1)^s \times M \times 2^E$$

- The sign s determines whether the number is negative ($s = 1$) or positive ($s = 0$).
- The significand M is a fractional binary number that ranges either between 1 and $2 - \epsilon$, or between 0 and $1 - \epsilon$.
- The exponent E weights the value by a (possibly negative) power of 2.

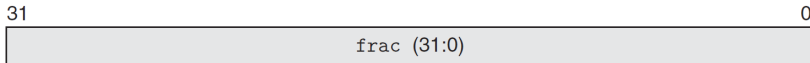
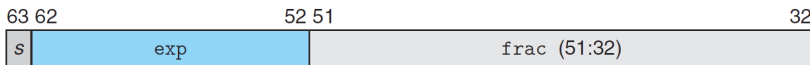
⁴⁰William Kahan (1985); Aka IEEE754.

Illustration⁴¹

Single precision



Double precision



- That is why we call a **double** value.

⁴¹See Figure 2-31 in Byrant, p. 104.

Assignments

- An assignment statement designates a value to the variable.

```
1      int x; // make a variable declaration
2      ...
3      x = 1; // assign 1 to x
```

- The equal sign (=) is used as the **assignment operator**.
 - For example, is the expression $x = x + 1$ correct?
 - Direction: **from the right-hand side to the left-hand side**
- To assign a value to a variable, you must place the variable name to the left of the assignment operator.⁴²
 - For example, $1 = x$ is wrong.
 - **1 cannot be resolved to a memory space.**

⁴² x can be a l-value and r-value, but 1 and other numbers can be only r-value but not l-value. See [Value](#).

Two “Before” Rules

- Every variable has a **scope**.
 - The scope of a variable is the range of the program where the variable can be referenced.⁴³
- **A variable must be declared before it can be assigned a value.**
 - In practice, do not declare the variable until you need it.
- **A declared variable must be assigned a value before it can be used.**⁴⁴

⁴³The detail of variable scope is introduced later.

⁴⁴In symbolic programming, such as Mathematica and Maple, a variable can be manipulated without assigning a value. For example, $x + x$ returns $2x$.

Arithmetic Operators⁴⁵

<i>Name</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Example</i>	<i>Result</i>
+	Addition	$34 + 1$	35
-	Subtraction	$34.0 - 0.1$	33.9
*	Multiplication	$300 * 30$	9000
/	Division	$1.0 / 2.0$	0.5
%	Remainder	$20 \% 3$	2

- Note that the operator depends on the operands involved.

⁴⁵See Table 2-3 in YDL, p. 46.

Tricky Pitfalls

- Can you explain this result?

```
1 ...  
2     double x = 1 / 2;  
3     System.out.println(x); // output?  
4 ...
```

- Revisit $0.5 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 = 0$.⁴⁶

```
1 ...  
2     System.out.println(1 / 2 - 1 / 10 - 1 / 10 - 1 / 10 - 1 / 10 - 1  
3         / 10 - 1 / 10); // output 0; however, this is not  
         the real solution to the original problem.  
4 ...
```

⁴⁶Thanks to a lively discussion on on June 7, 2016.

Type Conversion and Compatibility

- If a type is **compatible** to another, then the compiler will perform the conversion **implicitly**.
 - For example, the integer 1 is compatible to a **double** value 1.0.
- However, there is no automatic conversion from **double** to **int**. (Why?)
- To do so, you must use a **cast**, which performs an **explicit** conversion for compilation.
- Similarly, a **long** value is not compatible to **int**.

Casting

```
1 ...  
2     int x = 1;  
3     double y = x; // compatible; implicit conversion  
4     x = y; // incompatible; need an explicit conversion by  
           casting  
5     x = (int) y; // succeed!!  
6 ...
```

- Note that the Java compiler does only **type-checking** but no real execution before compilation.
- In other words, the values of *x* and *y* are unknown until they are really executed.

Type Conversion and Compatibility (concluded)

- small-size types \rightarrow large-size types
- small-size types \nleftrightarrow large-size types (need a cast)
- simple types \rightarrow complicated types
- simple types \nleftrightarrow complicated types (need a cast)

Characters

- A character stored by the machine is represented by a sequence of 0's and 1's.
 - For example, ASCII code. (See the next page.)
- The `char` type is a 16-bit unsigned primitive data type.⁴⁷

⁴⁷ Java uses **Unicode** to represent characters. Unicode defines a fully international character set that can represent all of the characters found in all human languages.

ASCII (7-bit version)

Hex	Dec	Char	Hex	Dec	Char	Hex	Dec	Char	Hex	Dec	Char
0x00	0	NULL null	0x20	32	Space	0x40	64	@	0x60	96	`
0x01	1	SOH Start of heading	0x21	33	!	0x41	65	A	0x61	97	a
0x02	2	STX Start of text	0x22	34	"	0x42	66	B	0x62	98	b
0x03	3	ETX End of text	0x23	35	#	0x43	67	C	0x63	99	c
0x04	4	EOT End of transmission	0x24	36	\$	0x44	68	D	0x64	100	d
0x05	5	ENQ Enquiry	0x25	37	%	0x45	69	E	0x65	101	e
0x06	6	ACK Acknowledge	0x26	38	&	0x46	70	F	0x66	102	f
0x07	7	BELL Bell	0x27	39	'	0x47	71	G	0x67	103	g
0x08	8	BS Backspace	0x28	40	(0x48	72	H	0x68	104	h
0x09	9	TAB Horizontal tab	0x29	41)	0x49	73	I	0x69	105	i
0x0A	10	LF New line	0x2A	42	*	0x4A	74	J	0x6A	106	j
0x0B	11	VT Vertical tab	0x2B	43	+	0x4B	75	K	0x6B	107	k
0x0C	12	FF Form Feed	0x2C	44	,	0x4C	76	L	0x6C	108	l
0x0D	13	CR Carriage return	0x2D	45	-	0x4D	77	M	0x6D	109	m
0x0E	14	SO Shift out	0x2E	46	.	0x4E	78	N	0x6E	110	n
0x0F	15	SI Shift in	0x2F	47	/	0x4F	79	O	0x6F	111	o
0x10	16	DLE Data link escape	0x30	48	0	0x50	80	P	0x70	112	p
0x11	17	DC1 Device control 1	0x31	49	1	0x51	81	Q	0x71	113	q
0x12	18	DC2 Device control 2	0x32	50	2	0x52	82	R	0x72	114	r
0x13	19	DC3 Device control 3	0x33	51	3	0x53	83	S	0x73	115	s
0x14	20	DC4 Device control 4	0x34	52	4	0x54	84	T	0x74	116	t
0x15	21	NAK Negative ack	0x35	53	5	0x55	85	U	0x75	117	u
0x16	22	SYN Synchronous idle	0x36	54	6	0x56	86	V	0x76	118	v
0x17	23	ETB End transmission block	0x37	55	7	0x57	87	W	0x77	119	w
0x18	24	CAN Cancel	0x38	56	8	0x58	88	X	0x78	120	x
0x19	25	EM End of medium	0x39	57	9	0x59	89	Y	0x79	121	y
0x1A	26	SUB Substitute	0x3A	58	:	0x5A	90	Z	0x7A	122	z
0x1B	27	FSC Escape	0x3B	59	;	0x5B	91	[0x7B	123	{
0x1C	28	FS File separator	0x3C	60	<	0x5C	92	\	0x7C	124	
0x1D	29	GS Group separator	0x3D	61	=	0x5D	93]	0x7D	125	}
0x1E	30	RS Record separator	0x3E	62	>	0x5E	94	^	0x7E	126	~
0x1F	31	US Unit separator	0x3F	63	?	0x5F	95	_	0x7F	127	DEL

Example

- Characters can also be used as (positive) integers on which you can perform arithmetic operations.⁴⁸
- For example,

```
1 ...  
2     char x = 'a'; // single-quoted: a char value  
3     System.out.println(x + 1); // output 98!!  
4     System.out.println((char)(x + 1)); // output b  
5  
6     String s = "Java"; // double-quoted: a String object  
7 ...
```

- You can imagine that a String object comprises characters equipped with plentiful tools.⁴⁹

⁴⁸See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cryptography>.

⁴⁹As an analogy, a molecule (string) consists of atoms (characters).

Boolean Values

- The program is supposed to do **decision making** by itself, for example, Google Driverless Car.⁵⁰
- To do this, Java has the **boolean**-type flow controls (selections and iterations).
- This type has only two possible values, **true** and **false**.
- Note that a **boolean** value **cannot** be cast into a value of another type, nor can a value of another type be cast into a **boolean** value. (Why?)

⁵⁰See <https://www.google.com/selfdrivingcar/>

Rational Operators⁵¹

<i>Java Operator</i>	<i>Mathematics Symbol</i>	<i>Name</i>
<	<	less than
<=	≤	less than or equal to
>	>	greater than
>=	≥	greater than or equal to
==	=	equal to
!=	≠	not equal to

- These operators take two operands.
- Rational expressions return a **boolean** value.
- Note that the equality operator is double equality sign (==), not single equality sign (=).

⁵¹See Table 3-1 in YDL, p. 82.

Example

```
1 ...  
2     int x = 2;  
3     boolean a = x > 1;  
4     boolean b = x < 1;  
5     boolean c = x == 1;  
6     boolean d = x != 1;  
7     boolean e = 1 < x < 3; // sorry?  
8 ...
```

- Be aware that e is logically correct but **syntactically wrong**.
- Usually, the boolean expression consists of a **combination** of rational expressions.
 - For example, $1 < x < 3$ should be $(1 < x) \&\& (x < 3)$, where $\&\&$ refers to the AND operator.

Logical Operators⁵²

<i>Operator</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Description</i>
!	not	logical negation
&&	and	logical conjunction
	or	logical disjunction
^	exclusive or	logical exclusion

⁵²See Table 3-2 in YDL, p. 102.

Truth Table

- Let X and Y be two Boolean variables.
- Then the **truth table** for logical operators is as follows:

X	Y	$\neg X$	$X \& Y$	$X \parallel Y$	$X \wedge Y$
T	T	F	T	T	F
T	F	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	F	F	F

- Note that the instructions of computers, such as arithmetic operations, are implemented by **logic gates**.⁵³

⁵³See any textbook for digital circuit design.