

C PROGRAMMING FOR ENGINEERS

Basic Math & Character Functions

Basic Math Functions

- > **fabs(x)** Computes the absolute value of **x**.
- > **sqrt(x)** Computes the square root of **x**, where **x** ≥ 0.
- > **pow(x, y)** Used for exponentiation. Errors occur if **x** = 0 and **y** ≤ 0, or if **x** < 0 and **y** is not an integer.
- > **ceil(x)** Rounds **x** to the nearest integer toward ∞ (infinity).
Example, **ceil(2.01)** is equal to 3.
- > **floor(x)** Rounds **x** to the nearest integer toward $-\infty$ (negative infinity).
Example, **floor(2.01)** is equal to 2.
- > **exp(x)** Computes the value of e^x .
- > **log(x)** Returns $\ln x$, the natural logarithm of **x** to the base e . Errors occur if **x** ≤ 0.
- > **log10(x)** Returns logarithm of **x** to the base 10. Errors occur if **x** ≤ 0.

NOTE: Most mathematical functions assume that the arguments are **double** values. If a different type argument is used, it is converted to a **double** before the function is executed.

Trigonometric Functions

- **sin(x)** Computes the sine of x , where x is in radians.
- **cos(x)** Computes the cosine of x , where x is in radians
- **tan(x)** Computes the tangent of x , where x is in radians.
- **asin(x)** Computes the arcsine or inverse sine of x , where x must be in the range $[-1, 1]$. Returns an angle in radians in the range $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$.
- **acos(x)** Computes the arccosine or inverse cosine of x , where x must be in the range $[-1, 1]$. Returns an angle in radians in the range $[0, \pi]$.
- **atan(x)** Computes the arctangent or inverse tangent of x . Returns an angle in radians in the range $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$.
- **atan2(y,x)** Computes the arctangent or inverse tangent of the value y/x . Returns an angle in radians in the range $[-\pi, \pi]$.

NOTE: The trigonometric functions assume that all arguments are of double type and they return values of double type.

Character Functions

Character functions fall into two categories:

- Functions used to convert characters between upper and lower case.
- Functions used to perform character comparisons.

The preprocessor directive for character manipulation is:

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#include <ctype.h>
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Basic Character Functions Continued

- **toupper(ch)** If **ch** is a lowercase letter, this function returns the corresponding uppercase letter; otherwise, it returns **ch**
- **isdigit(ch)** Returns a nonzero value if **ch** is a decimal digit; otherwise, it returns a zero.
- **islower(ch)** Returns a nonzero value if **ch** is a lowercase letter; otherwise, it returns a zero.
- **isupper(ch)** Returns a nonzero value if **ch** is an uppercase letter; otherwise, it returns a zero.
- **isalpha(ch)** Returns a nonzero value if **ch** is an uppercase letter or a lowercase letter; otherwise, it returns a zero.
- **isalnum(ch)** Returns a nonzero value if **ch** is an alphabetic character or a numeric digit; otherwise, it returns a zero.
- **getchar()** Reads the next character from the keyboard and returns the integer value of the character.
- **putchar()** Prints a character to the computer screen.