

**Topics:** Selection (conditional) statement, while and for loops, methods, keyboard input using Scanner class

**Reading:** Sec 3.1-3.5, 3.7, 3.11; Sec 4.1-4.3, 4.5-4.7

## Example: Quadratic function, re-visited

Write a program to find the minimum value of the quadratic function  $q(x)=x^2+bx+c$  on the interval  $[L, R]$ .

```

/* Min value of q(x) = x^2 + bx + c on interval [L,R]
 */
public class MinQuadratic {
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        final double b=2, c=-1.5;
        double L=-3, R=5;
        double qMin, qL, qR; // Min value of q, q(L), q(R)

        double xc= -b/2;
        if (L<=xc && xc<=R)
            // qMin is q(xc)
            qMin= xc*xc + b*xc + c;
        else {
            // qMin is q(L) or q(R)
            qL= L*L + b*L + c;
            qR= R*R + b*R + c;
            if (qL < qR)
                qMin= qL;
            else
                qMin= qR;
        }

        System.out.println("Min value is " + qMin);
    }
}

```

## Conditional Statement

```

if ( condition1 )
    statement1;

```

```

if ( condition1 )
    statement1;
else
    statement2;

```

```

if ( condition1 )
    statement1;
else if ( condition2 )
    statement2;
else
    statement3;

```

Use `{ }` to enclose a *block statement*. For example,

```

if ( condition1 ) {
    statement1;
    statement2;
}
else
    statement3;

```

## The while loop

```
while ( condition )
    statement-to-repeat ;
```

### Pattern for doing something $n$ times

```
int i= 1;
while ( i<=n ) {
    // do something

    // increment counter
    i= i + 1;
}
```

## The for loop

```
for ( initialization; condition; update )
    statement-to-repeat ;
```

*Initialization*, *condition*, and *update* are not required, but the semi-colons (;) are required

How a **for** loop is executed:

- *Initialization* is done once, before loop begins
- *condition* is evaluated
- Loop body executes only if *condition* evaluates to **true**
- *update* is executed. Then **loop back to evaluate the condition**

## Shortcut expressions

Increment: `i++;`

Decrement: `i--;`

Assignment operators: `s += val;`  
`s -= val;`  
`s *= val;`  
`s /= val;`

### Pattern for doing something $n$ times

```
for ( int i=0; i<n; i++ )
    // do something
```

## Example: Factorial

Write two program fragments to calculate  $k!$  (the factorial of  $k$ ), one with a **while** loop and the other with a **for** loop. Assume  $k$  is given and  $k \geq 0$ .

## Methods

A method is a named, parameterized group of statements

```
modifiers return-type method-name ( parameter-list ) {
    statement-list
}
```

- *return-type* **void** means nothing is returned from the method
- There must be a **return** statement, unless return-type is **void**
- *parameter-list* :
  - type-name pairs separated by commas. Example: `int lo, int hi`
  - A parameter is a variable that is declared *in* the method

## Calling a static method

Calling a static method that is in a different class: `classname.methodname(...)`

Examples: `Math.random()`  
`Math.pow(2.5,2)`

Calling a static method that is in the same class: `methodname(...)`

For example, our class **MyRandom** has a **static** method **randInt**, so an example method call within the class can be

```
randInt(3,8)
```

*See the complete file with more methods and example method calls online!*

```
import java.util.Scanner;

/* Methods for generating random numbers and letters */
public class MyRandom {

    /* = a random integer in [lo..hi] */
    public static int randInt(int lo, int hi) {
        return (int) (Math.random()*(hi-lo+1)) + lo;
    }

    /* Example method call */
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        Scanner keyboard= new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.println("Enter lower bound: ");
        int L= keyboard.nextInt();
        System.out.println("Enter upper bound: ");
        int R= keyboard.nextInt();

        int r= randInt(L, R);
        System.out.println("Random int in [" + L + ".." + R + "]: " + r);
    }

} //class MyRandom
```

## User Input

We'll use the class **Scanner** to read in user input from the keyboard. First, you need to *import* the class using the **import** statement *outside of the class body*:

```
import java.util.Scanner;
```

Inside a method (e.g., **main** method), you create an object of the **Scanner** class. Below, we create such an object and refer to it with the variable **keyboard**:

```
Scanner keyboard= new Scanner(System.in);
```

Now we can use **keyboard** to read user input. Below are some example method calls. Read Sec 2.13 (*Gaddis*) for more information on the **Scanner** class.

Examples: `int var1= keyboard.nextInt();`  
`double var2= keyboard.nextDouble();`  
`char var3= keyboard.nextChar();`  
`boolean var4= keyboard.nextBoolean();`