

**Topics:** Selection (conditional) statement, keyboard input using `Scanner` class, `while` loop

**Reading:** Sec 2.2, Sec 3.1 (exclude pp104-109), Sec 3.2 (exclude pp112-114), pp 130-135 of Sec 3.3 (exclude the `do-while` loop)

## 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);
    }
}

```

## 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 2.2 (*Savitch*) for more information on the **Scanner** class.

```

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

```

## Shortcut expressions

Increment: `i++;`

Decrement: `i--;`

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

## Conditional Statement

```
if ( condition1 )
    statement1;
```

```
if ( condition1 )
    statement1;
else
    statement2;
```

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

## The while loop

```
while ( condition )

    statement ;
```

### Pattern for doing something *n* times

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

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

### Pattern for doing something an indefinite number of times

```
% initialization

while ( not stopping signal ) {
    // do something

    // update status (variables)
}
```

## Example: Factorial

Write a program fragment to calculate  $k!$  (the factorial of  $k$ ). Assume  $k$  is given and  $k \geq 0$ . Use a **while** loop.

**Example: Eeeeeeeeeee!**

The exponential function can be approximated by the series  $e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$ . One expects that the approximation is “better” when more terms in the series are used.

We will use method **Math.exp()** to calculate the “true” value of  $e^x$  and attempt to determine “how good” the above series approximation is. The difference between the true value and the approximation is the *error*. When we approximate, the amount of error that we are willing to tolerate is called the *tolerance*.

Write a program to approximate  $e^x$  that starts with just the first term of the series and then adds one term at a time until an error tolerance of 0.0001 is satisfied.  $x$  is to be input by a user.

```
import java.util.Scanner;

/* Approximate e^x using series 1 + x/1! + (x^2)/2! + ...
 */
public class Eeee {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        Scanner keyboard= new Scanner(System.in);

        System.out.print("Enter power of e: ");
        double x= keyboard.nextDouble();
        double ans= Math.exp(x); // true value of e^x
        double ex= 1; // approx value of e^x so far
        double tol= 0.0001; // error tolerance
        int kfact; // k!
        int i, k;

        System.out.print("Error after " + k);
        System.out.println(" terms: " + Math.abs(ans-ex));
    }
}
```