MA122 - Computer Programming and Applications

Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology

January 20, 2017

Lecture 5

The const qualifier


```
1 #include <iostream>
2 int main()
3 {
4
5     const int months=12;;
6
7
8
9     return 0;}
```

Lecture 5

Floating-point numbers

A floating-point number is composed of four elements:

- A sign: either negative or non-negative.
- A base (or radix): which expresses the different numbers that can be represented with a single digit (2 for binary, 10 for decimal, 16 for hexadecimal, and so on...).
- A significand (or mantissa): which is a series of digits of the aforementioned base. The number of digits in this series is what is known as precision.
- An exponent (also known as characteristic, or scale): which represents the offset of the significand, affecting the value in the following way:
  value of floating-point $=$ significand $\times$ base$^{\text{exponent}}$, with its corresponding sign.

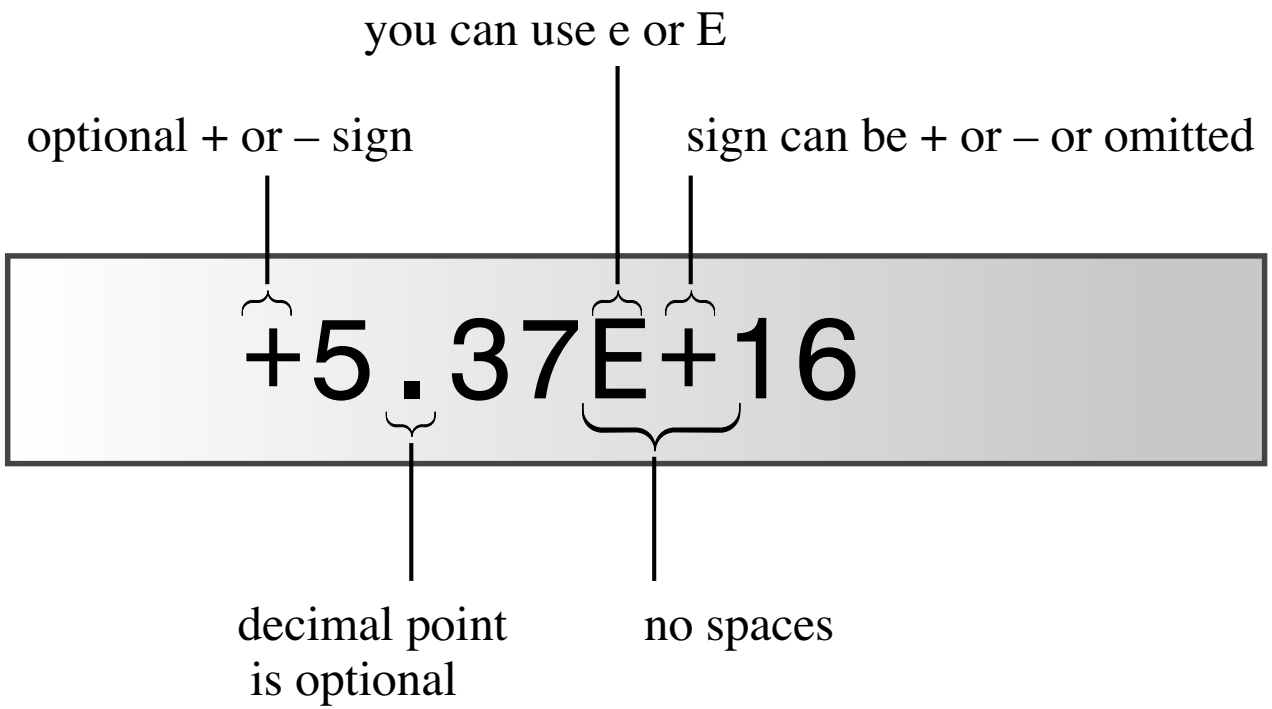
Writing floating-point numbers–first method


```
12.34          // floating-point
939001.32      // floating-point
0.00023        // floating-point
8.0            // still floating-point
```

Writing floating-point numbers–second method


```
2.52e+8          // can use E or e, + is optional
8.33E-4          // exponent can be negative
7E5              // same as 7.0E+05
-18.32e13        // can have + or - sign in front
1.69e12          // 2010 Brazilian public debt in reais
5.98E24          // mass of earth in kilograms
9.11e-31         // mass of an electron in kilograms
```

E notation


you can use e or E
optional + or – sign
sign can be + or – or omitted
+5.37E+16
decimal point is optional
no spaces

cfloat/float.h

1) Number of decimal digits that are guaranteed to be preserved in text
2) Number of base RADIX digits that can be represented without losing precision

```
// the following are the minimum number of significant digits
#define DBL_DIG 15          // double
#define FLT_DIG 6           // float
#define LDBL_DIG 18         // long double

// the following are the number of bits used to represent the mantissa
#define DBL_MANT_DIG     53
#define FLT_MANT_DIG     24
#define LDBL_MANT_DIG    64

// the following are the maximum and minimum exponent values
#define DBL_MAX_10_EXP   +308
#define FLT_MAX_10_EXP   +38
#define LDBL_MAX_10_EXP  +4932
```

example


```
1  #include <iostream>
2  int main()
3  {
4    using namespace std;
5    cout.setf(ios_base::fixed, ios_base::floatfield);
6    float tub = 10.0 / 3.0;  // good to about 6 places
7
8    double mint = 10.0 / 3.0; // good to about 15 places
9    const float million = 1.0e6;
10
11   cout << "tub = " << tub;
12   cout << ", a million tubs = " << million * tub;
13   cout << ",\nand ten million tubs = ";
14
15   cout << 10 * million * tub << endl;
16   cout << "mint=" << mint << "and a million mints= ";
17   cout << million * mint <<endl;
18   return 0; }
```

```
1.234f          // a float constant
2.45E20F        // a float constant
2.345324E28     // a double constant
2.2L            // a long double constant
```

precision problem


```
1  // fltadd.cpp -- precision problems with float
2  #include <iostream>
3  int main()
4  {
5    using namespace std;
6    float a = 2.34E+22f;
7    float b = a + 1.0f;
8    cout << "a = " << a << endl;
9    cout << "b - a = " << b - a << endl;
10   return 0;
11 }
```

Lecture 5

precision problem


```
1  // arith.cpp -- some C++ arithmetic
2  #include <iostream>
3  int main()
4  {
5    using namespace std;
6    float a, b;
7    cout.setf(ios_base::fixed, ios_base::floatfield);
8    cout << "Enter a number: ";
9    cin >> a;
10   cout << "Enter another number: ";
11   cin >> b;
12   cout << "a= " << a<< "; b = " << b << endl;
13   cout << "a + b = " << a + b << endl;
14   cout << "a - b = " << a - b << endl;
15   cout << "a * b = " << a * b << endl;
16   cout << "a / b = " << a/ b << endl;
17   return 0; }
```

Division diversions


```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <iomanip>
3  int main()
4  {
5    using namespace std;
6    cout.setf(ios_base::fixed, ios_base::floatfield);
7    cout << "Integer division: 9/5 = " << 9 / 5 << endl;
8
9    cout << "Floating-point division: 9.0/5.0 = ";
10   cout << 9.0 / 5.0 << endl;
11
12   cout << "Mixed division: 9.0/5 = " << 9.0 / 5 <<
         endl;
13   cout << "double constants: 1e7/9.0 = ";
14   cout << 1.e7 / 9.0 << endl;
```

Division diversions


```
1   cout << "float constants: 1e7f/9.0f = ";
2   cout << 1.e7f / 9.0f << endl;
3     cout << setprecision(17);
4
5
6
7     int f=383, m=3;
8     double a;
9     a=double(f)/m;
10
11
12 cout<< a<<endl;
13   return 0;
14 }
```