

Exercise walk-through

Casting and Range of Variables ■ 1.5

eXercise

You must be able to

- use a **cast** 强制类型转换 such as (int) or (double) to convert a numeric type
- understand that casting a double to an int **truncates** 截断 the fraction
- describe how **integer overflow** 整数溢出 occurs
- round a double by adding 0.5 before casting to int

Method — Casting

A **cast** converts a value from one numeric type to another. Casting a double to an `int` **truncates** (drops) the fractional part: `(int) 7.9` is 7.

Method — Range and overflow

An `int` can only hold values within a fixed **range**; a result too large causes **integer overflow**.

Method — Rounding

To round to the nearest integer, add 0.5 first: `(int)(x + 0.5)`.

Practice 2.1 ■ 1 mark

State what casting a `double` to an `int` does to the fractional part.

Solution 2.1

Method: Casting

Worked steps

it drops (truncates) it **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 1 mark

Evaluate `(int) 8.7`.

Solution 2.2

Worked steps

8 **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

Show how to round 4.6 to the nearest `int` using a cast, and give the result.

Solution 2.3

Method: Rounding

Worked steps

`(int)(4.6 + 0.5) = (int) 5.1 = 5` **M1** **A1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

`(int) 3.99` evaluates to

A 4

B 3

C 3.99

D 0

Solution 3.1

A 4

B 3



C 3.99

D 0

Worked steps

B.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

A result too large for the `int` type causes

- A** truncation
- B** integer overflow
- C** a syntax error
- D** rounding

Solution 3.2

Method: Range and overflow

- A truncation
- B integer overflow 
- C a syntax error
- D rounding

Worked steps

B.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

Let `double d = 5.8;`

- (a) State the value of `(int) d`.
- (b) State the value of `(int)(d + 0.5)`.
- (c) State what a cast from `double` to `int` drops.

Solution 3.3

Method: Casting

Worked steps

(a) 5 **B1**. (b) 6 **B1**. (c) the fractional part **B1**.