

Chapter 02. Expressions

Python Programming for Bioinformatics

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Agenda

- Literals
- Variables
- Operators

Expression



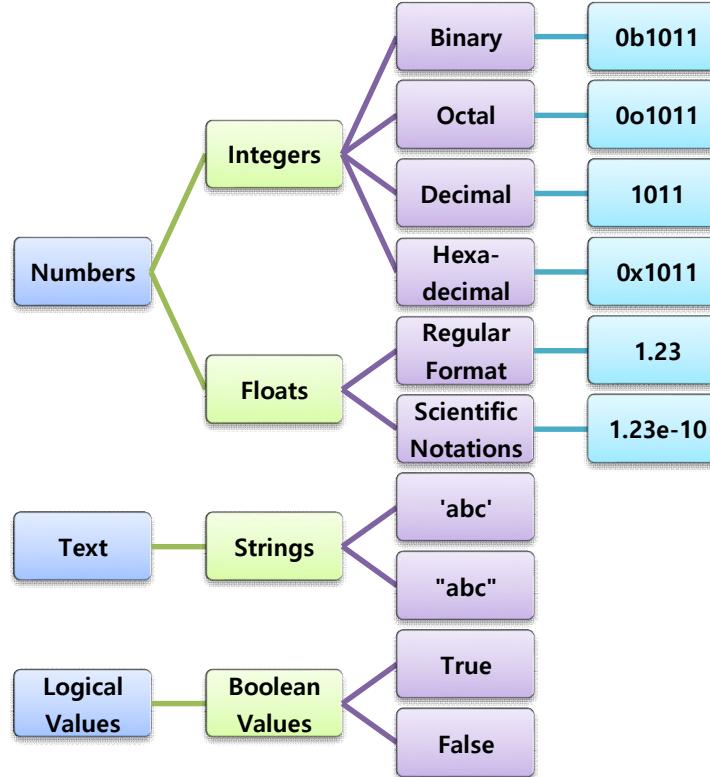
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LITERALS

Literals in Python





The error of floating points

- Example:

```
>>> 0.1 + 0.2 == 0.3  
False
```

Surprise!!

```
>>> 0.1 + 0.2  
0.3000000000000004  
>>> 0.3  
0.3
```

Most of the time,
Error <= 1×10^{-16}

The error of floating points

- Why $0.1 + 0.2$ is not 0.3 ?

	.1	x 2
0	.2	x 2
0	.4	x 2
0	.8	x 2
1	.6	x 2
1	.2	x 2
0	.4	x 2
0	.8	x 2
1	.6	x 2
1	.2	x 2

Finte₁₀ → Infinite₂

	.2	x 2
0	.4	x 2
0	.8	x 2
1	.6	x 2
1	.2	x 2
0	.4	x 2
0	.8	x 2
1	.6	x 2
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Finte₁₀ → Infinite₂

May Have Errors!

$$(0.1)_{10} = (0.00011001100110011\dots)_2$$

$$(0.2)_{10} = (0.0011001100110011\dots)_2$$



The error of floating points

- How to compare two floating points if they are "equal"?
 - $|A - B| < \delta \rightarrow \delta = \text{a very small number}$

abs((0.1 + 0.2) – 0.3) < 0.000001



I am used to let $\delta = 0.000001$

```
>>> abs((0.1+0.2) - 0.3) < 0.000001  
True
```


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VARIABLES

Naming Convention

	First Char	Other Chars
	N	_69PST_85Q
_ (Underscore)	✓	✓
A~Z	✓	✓
a~z	✓	✓
0~9	✗	✓

➤ Case Sensitive!

Legal Examples:

_98QA4zp

APTX486_aq

Illegal Examples:

98QA_4zp


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OPERATORS



Arithmetic Operators

Operators	Usage	Explanation
+	X + Y	X plus Y
-	X - Y	X minus Y
*	X * Y	X multiplied by Y
/	X / Y	X divided by Y
//	X // Y	The quotient of X divided by Y
%	X % Y	The remainder of X divided by Y
**	X ** Y	Y th power of X

Comparison Operators

Operators	Usage	The Condition of Returning True
<	X < Y	X is smaller than Y
<=	X <= Y	X is less than or equal to Y
==	X == Y	X is equal to Y
!=	X != Y	X is not equal to Y
>=	X >= Y	X is greater than or equal to Y
>	X > Y	X is greater than Y



Logical Operators

- Integrating **multiple** logical conditions into **one**

Operators	Usage	The Condition of Returning True
and	X and Y	X and Y must both be true
or	X or Y	One of X and Y is true
not	not X	X is false



Logical Operators

- **Truth Table**

and	False	True
False	False	False
True	False	True

or	False	True
False	False	True
True	True	True

not	
False	True
True	False

Assignment Operators

Operators	Usage	Equivalent to
=	X = Y	X = Y
+=	X += Y	X = X + Y
-=	X -= Y	X = X - Y
*=	X *= Y	X = X * Y
/=	X /= Y	X = X / Y
//=	X // Y	X = X // Y
%=	X %= Y	X = X % Y
**=	X **= Y	X = X ** Y