Julia 1: Identifiers, simple types, basic operations

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Learning goals

In this session, we will look at:

- valid Julia identifiers + naming conventions
- give an overview of simple types
- give an overview of basic functions

Julia identifiers

What is an identifier?

By *identifier* (label) is meant a symbolic name for items/memory cells that are introduced by Julia or the user. Some general conventions in computer science:

- CamelCase (= CapitalizedWord = CapWords) where each word starts with a capital letter
- mixedCase where the first word starts with a lower case letter while each subsequent word starts with a capital letter
- underscore_separated_words where each word is separated by underscore
- **combinedwords** where words are simply concatenated

Valid symbols in identifiers

Variable names must begin with a letter (A-Z or a-z), underscore ("_"), or a subset of Unicode code points greater than 00A0. [A code point is a number assigned to represent an abstract character in a system for representing text (such as Unicode). In Unicode, a code point is expressed in the form "U+1234" where "1234" is the assigned number. For example, the character "A" is assigned a code point of U+0041].

Subsequent characters may also include! and digits (0-9 and some other characters), as well as other Unicode code points: diacritics and other modifying marks (categories Mn/Mc/Me/Sk), some punctuation connectors (category Pc), primes, and a few other characters.

Operators such as + are also valid identifiers, but are parsed specially. In some contexts, operators can be used just like variables; for example (+) refers to the addition function, and (+) = f will reassign it.

Assignment is expressed by symbol = in Julia. Thus, e.g., x = 2+3 means that the value (here: 5) on the right-hand-side of symbol = is assigned to identifier x on the left-hand-side of symbol = ; in other words "take the evaluated expression 2+3 -> 5 on the right-hand-side of symbol = and put this value into the memory location given by identifier x".

The only explicitly *illegal* names for variables are the names of the built-in Keywords, which at Julia v.1.9.3 are:

> reserved-words

(begin while if for try return break continue function macro quote let local global const do struct module baremodule using import export end else elseif catch finally true false)

Examples:

In [533...

```
pi
```

 $\pi = 3.1415926535897...$

Observe that pi is the mathematical constant π , which can also be written as Unicode character \pi + TAB.

Using non-ASCII symbols should be used with care, as some word processors don't support it.

Identifier conventions in Julia

- **Label** ("variable"): Lower case, word separation by underscore if a combined words sequence is difficult to read. *Examples*: temperature, temperature_indoor, Tin, T_in
- **Types and Modules**: CamelCase (not mixedCase). Examples: Float64, Base, DifferentialEquations
- **Functions and macros**: Lower case + avoid underscore. If function combines several actions, underscore may be needed; alternatively: split up into several functions. *Examples*: println, isequal, timed. *Note*: macros are specified with symbol @ at the start, e.g., macro benchmark is invoked by @benchmark.

• **Mutating functions**: Functions that modify their arguments *by convention* ends with exclamation mark ! (sometimes read out loud as "bang"). *Examples*: plot is non-mutating (creates a fresh plot), plot! ("plot bang") is mutating (modifies an existing plot).

Unevaluated identifiers

It is possible to tell Julia that the expression on the right-hand-side of an assignment should be assigned to the identifier without evaluating the right-hand-side -- this is done by prepending the identifier with: In other words: :x=2+3 means "assign the unevaluated expression 2+3 to identifier x. Unevaluated assignment is used in more advanced methods involving so-called macros, and is not discussed much in this introduction.

Memory location of identifiers

Julia does not provide direct information about the location in computer memory of an identifier. However, utility function objectid(x) provides a hexademical "expression" of the location, which means that two objects whose identifier has the same objectid, will have the same memory location, and thus be identical.

Note also that the memory location of an identifier is really a pointer to the first byte of the stored object. Objects taking more space than one byte may be spread over non-contiguous memory space; the data structure that is stored at the objectid location will hold information about where the object is stored in memory, and the user does not need to keep track of this.

However, the objectid function gives information about whether identifiers are moved in memory, etc.

Comments and multiline statement continuation

Anything on a line after character # is considered a comment, and is not executed.

Multiline comments are enclosed in #= and =#.

Any incomplete statement at line break leads to an assumed continuation of the statement to the next line.

```
In [534... # This is a comment
    a = 3 # This is also a comment

3
In [535... #=
    We can have multiline
    comments, too
    =#
    a = 3
```

```
In [536... # Because each of the lines *at line break* are complete statements, the
    # following code is treated as to separate statements
    a = 3
    + 3

In [537... # Because the statement of the first line is incomplete *at line break*,
    # the statement is assumed to continue on the next line
    a = 3 +
    3
```

Simple types

Checking type

Julia comes with built-in simple types (abstract and concrete types), collections, and the possibility of user-defined types.

Type information can be queried by base function typeof() where the argument is the type or an identifier holding the type.

As we will see later, the typeof() function also returns information about collection structure. For collections, we can query the *element type* by function eltype() . For scalars (as here), the result of typeof() and the result of eltype() will be the same.

Memory requirement (in Bytes) can be queried by sizeof() where the argument is the identifier.

```
In [538... typeof(x)

Float64

In [539... typeof(y)

Complex{Int64}

In [540... typeof())

Float64

In [541... sizeof(x)

8

In [542... sizeof())

8
```

```
In [543... sizeof(y)

16
```

Character

A *character* type Char is given by a single symbol enclosed in single quotation marks, e.g., 'c', 'O'' . NOTE: a character is not the same as a string.

Number

Types and subtypes

A (super-) type is related to a subtype as subtype <: supertype, where symbol <: means "is subtype of", and in some ways is similar to a subset. Essentially, if some code works for a supertype, it should work for its subtypes.

Abstract number types

- Number is an abstract supertype for all number types
- Real is a supertype for all real numbers, and is a subtype of Number (Real <: Number in Julia syntax, where symbol <: means subtype and is in some ways similar to subset)
- AbstractFloat is a supertype for all floating point numbers; AbstractFloat <: Real.
- AbstractIrrational represents an exact irrational value; AbstractIrrational <: Real.
 In computations, an AbstractIrrational is rounded to correct precision upon operations with other types.
- Integer is a supertype of all integer numbers; Integer <: Real.
- Signed is a supertype of all signed integer numbers; Signed <: Integer.
- Unsigned is a supertype of all unsigned integer numbers; Unsigned <: Integer.

Concrete number types

Float16 is an IEEE 16 bit floating point number; Float16 <: AbstractFloat

- Float32 is an IEEE 32 bit floating point number; Float32 <: AbstractFloat
- Float64 is an leEE 64 bit floating point number; Float64 <: AbstractFloat
- BigFloat is a variable precision floating point number; BigFloat <: AbstractFloat
- Bool is a boolean number (value: true or false); Bool <: Integer . Note: false is numerically equal to 0 and true is numerically equal to 1
- Int8 is a signed 8 bit integer; Int8 <: Signed
- Int16 is a signed 16 bit integer; Int16 <: Signed
- Int32 is a signed 32 bit integer; Int32 <: Signed
- Int64 is a signed 64 bit integer; Int64 <: Signed
- Int128 is a signed 128 bit integer; Int128 <: Signed
- BigInt is a signed variable precision integer; BigInt <: Signed
- UInt8 is an unsigned 8 bit integer; UInt8 <: Unsigned
- UInt16 is an unsigned 16 bit integer; UInt16 <: Unsigned
- UInt32 is an unsigned 32 bit integer; UInt32 <: Unsigned
- UInt64 is an unsigned 64 bit integer; UInt64 <: Unsigned
- UInt128 is an unsigned 128 bit integer; UInt128 <: Unsigned
- Complex is a complex number; Complex <: Number . The real and imaginary numbers can be of various types.
- Rational is a rational number; Rational <: Real. The numerator and denominators are
 of type Integer
- Irrational is an irrational number; Irrational <: AbstractIrrational.

Creating numbers

- By default, a consecutive sequence of numbers without decimal point becomes an integer word size matching the Operating System/Julia version. Thus, 123 is of type Int64 by default on a 64 bit computer. System label Sys.WORD_SIZE holds the machine word size.
- By default, a consecutive sequence of numbers with one decimal point becomes a floating point number matching the OS/Julia word size, hence 1.23 is of type Float64 by default on a 64 bit computer.
- In order to increase readability, underscore _ can be inserted to group digits, e.g., 12_103 is easier to read than 12103; both numbers have the same value in Julia.
- To specify a certain type for a number, the (Absctract or Concrete) type name operates as an instantiator.
- If possible a number can be converted from the existing type to a new type using the type name as a convertion function.
- Negative numbers (except unsigned numbers) are created by prepending the number with symbol . Prepending *Unsigned* numbers with creates the complement number.

Some integers

```
In [548...
           Sys.WORD_SIZE
           64
In [549...
           x = 123
           123
In [550...
           typeof(x)
           Int64
In [551...
                           # Observe the hex number for the object identification
            objectid(x)
           0x1cf1facf3ea7e006
In [552...
           x = Int8(123)
           123
In [553...
            typeof(x)
           Int8
In [554...
            objectid(x)
                             # Observe that by re-assigning a new value to `x`, the new
                             # value is stored in a different memory location than
                             # above
           0x0000000027a694ee
In [555...
           x = 1_2_3
           123
In [556...
           typeof(x)
           Int64
In [557...
           x = BigInt(123)
           123
In [558...
            typeof(x)
           BigInt
In [559...
           x = false
           false
In [560...
            typeof(x)
```

```
Bool
In [561...
            x = Bool(1)
           true
In [562...
            typeof(x)
           Bool
In [563...
            x = -1
           -1
In [564...
            typeof(x)
           Int64
In [565...
            x = -UInt64(1)
           0xffffffffffffffff
In [566...
            typeof(x)
           UInt64
          Hexadecimal, octal, binary integers. Unsigned integers
          Hexidecimal integers are written with prefix 0x followed by hexadecimal digits
           0,...,9,a,...,f . Octale integers are input with prefix 00 followed by octal digits 0,...,7,
          but are internally represented as hexadecimal numbers. Binary integers are input with prefix 0b
```

followed by binary digits 0,1, but are internally represented as hexadecimal numbers.

Unsigned integers may be input as hexadecimal numbers.

```
In [567...
             x = 0x1b
            0x1b
In [568...
             Int(x)
            27
In [569...
             x = 0017
            0x0f
In [570...
             Int(x)
```

```
In [571...
           x = 0b10011
           0x13
In [572...
           Int(x)
           19
In [573...
           UInt8(19)
           0x13
          Some real numbers
In [574...
           x = 1.23
           1.23
In [575...
           typeof(x)
           Float64
In [576...
           x = Float32(1.23)
           1.23f0
In [577...
           x = BigFloat(1.23)
           1.22999999999999982236431605997495353221893310546875
In [578...
           typeof(x)
           BigFloat
In [579...
           x = 12/13
           0.9230769230769231
In [580...
           typeof(x)
           Float64
          Hexadecimal floating point numbers
```

Hexadecimal floating point numbers can be written with notation xpn where x is a hexadecimal mantissa and n is an decimal integer; such numbers can be represented as Float64.

```
In [581...
            x = 0xb.acap-2
```

2.9185791015625

```
In [582...
            typeof(x)
          Float64
          Some rational numbers
In [583...
           x = 12//13
           12//13
In [584...
            typeof(x)
           Rational{Int64}
In [585...
           x = Int16(12)//Int16(13)
           12//13
In [586...
            typeof(x)
           Rational{Int16}
In [587...
           x = Int16(12)//Int32(13)
          12//13
In [588...
            typeof(x)
           Rational{Int32}
In [589...
           x = Rational(12,13)
          12//13
          Some complex numbers
In [590...
           x = 12 + 3im
           12 + 3im
In [591...
            typeof(x)
           Complex{Int64}
In [592...
           x = Complex(12,3)
           12 + 3im
```

Some number conversion

```
In [593...
            x = 123
           123
In [594...
            typeof(x)
           Int64
In [595...
            x = Int32(x)
           123
In [596...
            typeof(x)
           Int32
In [597...
            x = BigFloat(1.23)
           1.22999999999999982236431605997495353221893310546875
In [598...
            Float64(22//7) # A simple rational accproximation of \pi
           3.142857142857143
In [599...
            x = Float32(x)
           1.23f0
```

Floating point numbers in form $x \cdot 10^n$

A number $x\cdot 10^n$ where x is an integer or floating point number and n is an integer, is written as xen (Float64) or xfn (Float32), e.g., $1.0\cdot 10^{-2}$ is written 1.0e-2, which leads to a Float64 type, or as 1.0f-2 which leads to a Float32 type.

x = Int64(x) # this is not possible: it is necessary to first round a floating point number to a

whole number before it can be converted to an integer; see section on functions.

NOTE: do *not* write $x \cdot 10^n$ as $x*10^n$; see section on *Algebraic operations* below and the warning about *type overflow*.

```
-320.0f0
```

```
In [603...
```

```
x = -3.2f2
```

-320.0f0

Number properties and special numbers

The largest and smallest numbers that can be represented by a type is given by functions typemax() and typemin(), where the argument is a type or a number with given type.

The machine precision for *floating point* numbers is the distance between 1.0 in the given type, and the smallest larger number which can be distinguised. The machine precision indicates the possible accuracy with the given type, and is found by function eps() (epsilon) where the argument is a type or a number with given type.

For *floating point numbers*, symbols for (plus/minus) infinity as well as not being a number like any other number (including itself), exists.

- Positive infinity: Inf (Float64), Inf32 (Float32), Inf16 (Float16)
- Negative infinity: -Inf (Float64), -Inf32 (Float32), -Inf16 (Float16)
- Not-a-number: NaN (Float64), NaN32 (Float32), NaN16 (Float16)

```
In [604...
            # max/min type values
            typemax(Int16)
           32767
In [605...
            typemin(Int16)
           -32768
In [606...
            typemax(UInt16)
           0xffff
In [607...
            Int32(typemax(UInt16))
           65535
In [608...
            typemin(UInt16)
           0x0000
In [609...
            # Floating point machine precision
            eps(Float64)
           2.220446049250313e-16
In [610...
            x = 1.7
```

```
1.7
In [611...
            eps(x)
            2.220446049250313e-16
In [612...
            eps(Float32)
           1.1920929f-7
In [613...
            eps(BigFloat)
           1.727233711018888925077270372560079914223200072887256277004740694033718360632485 {\rm e}{-77}
In [614...
            # Special floating point numbers
            1/Inf
           0.0
In [615...
            1/(-Inf)
            -0.0
In [616...
            Inf/Inf
           NaN
In [617...
            Inf-Inf
           NaN
```

Mathematical operations

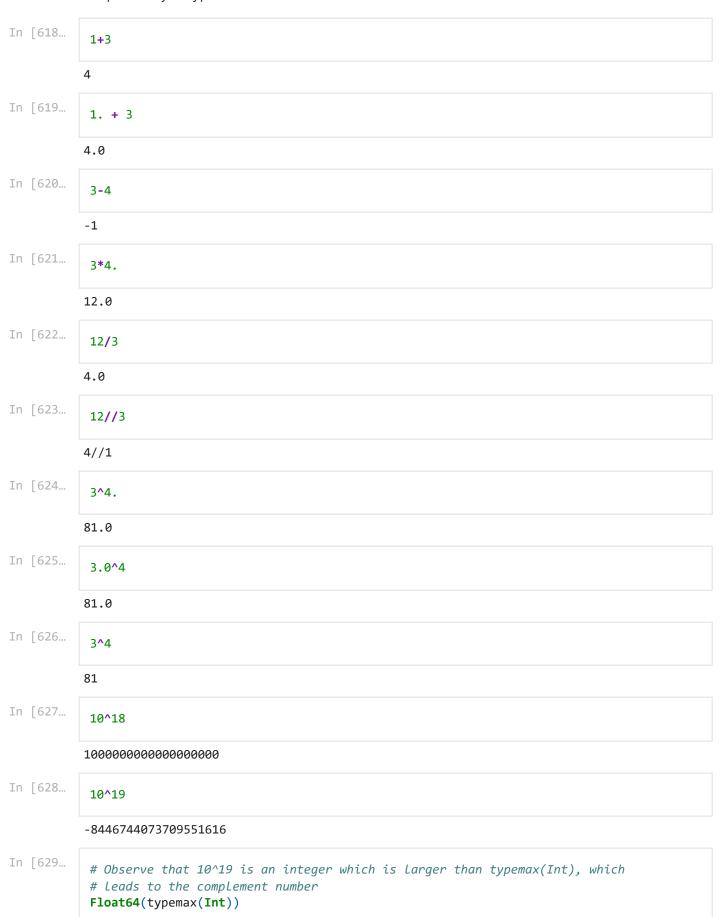
The following is a simplified overview.

Algebraic operations

Infix notation for addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (*), division (/), power (^); grouping of operation by parenthesis in the normal way. [Infix implies that a binary operator (say) + is placed between the two arguments such as in a+b; the alternative is a function notation + (a,b).]

- For *multiplication*, the multiplication operator (*) can be *skipped* between an identifier and a number (just as in mathematics), e.g., with identifier x, 3x is the same as 3*x
- If the operations are applied to different datatypes, then the numbers are automatically converted to the most general datatype before execution.
- Division (/) leads to a floating point number.
- If division between integers is meant to denote integer division, use operator // , which leads to an exact rational number.

• Taking the power between two integers always leads to an integer. **Note**: beware of the possibility of type overflow



9.223372036854776e18

```
# To avoid overflow, use exponent notation!, which produces a
# floating point number.
1e19

1.0e19

In [631... 1+2/(3-4)
```

Updating operators

-1.0

```
• Addition: x = x + y can be written as x += y
```

- **Subtraction**: x = x y can be written as x -= y
- Multiplication: x = x*y can be written x *= y
- Division: x = x/y can be written as x /= y; x = x\y can be written as x \= y; x = x\y can be written as x \= y
- **Power**: $x = x^y$ can be written as $x ^= y$

```
In [632... x = 3

x = x^2

9

In [633... x = 3

x = 2
```

Relational operators

Relational operators are operators on various datatypes which gives a Boolean outcome. Infix notation for equality (==), greater than (>), greater or equal than (>=), less than (<), less than or equal (<=), not equal to (!=), identical equal to (!==), not identical equal to (!==); grouping of operation by parenthesis in the normal way.

Because floating point numbers are approximated in a binary representation, we really often will accept numbers as equal if they are *approximatly* equal. Julia privides function <code>isapproximate()</code> for that.

```
In [634...

Float64(1/2) == Float32(1/2) # 0.5 = 2^(-1) can be represented exactly # in binary number systems

true

In [635...

Float64(1/3) == Float32(1/3) # 1/3 can *not* be represented exactly # in binary number systems
```

```
false
In [636...
            Float64(1/3) > Float32(1/3)
           false
In [637...
            Float64(1/3) < Float32(1/3)
           true
In [638...
                        # Using LaTeX notation, \le + TAB gives Unicode symbol ≤
            pi ≤ 3.15
           true
In [639...
            Float64(1/3) != Float32(1/3)
           true
In [640...
            x = 2
            y = x
            z = 2
           2
In [641...
            x === y
           true
In [642...
            x === z
           true
In [643...
            x !== z
           false
In [644...
            <(2,3)
           true
In [645...
            isapprox(Float64(1/3),Float32(1/3))
           true
```

Logical operators

Logical operators are operators on the Bool datatype which gives a Boolean outcome. Infix notation for negation (!), logical and (&&), logical or (||); grouping of operation by parenthesis in the normal way.

Observe that logical *and* and logical *or* are *short-circuiting* in the sense that in a && b , b is not evaluated if a is false , while in a || b , b is not evaluated if a is true . This short-circuiting helps speed up the execution of the code.

```
In [646... true == false

false

In [647... (2<3) && (5>4)

true

In [648... (2<3) || (5<4)

true
```

Mathematical functions

Algebraic operations as functions

Infix operators can also be written as functions:

• **Subtraction**: x-y can be written as -(x,y)

• **Division**: x/y can be written as /(x,y)

• Addition: x+y+...+z can be written as +(x,y,...,z)

• Multiplication: x*y*...*z can be written as *(x,y,...,z)

Relational operators as functions

Infix relational operators can be writtens as functions:

- **Equality**: x==y can be written as ==(x,y); x!=y can be written as !=(x,y); x===y can be written as !=(x,y).
- Larger than: x>y can be written as >(x,y); x>=y can be written as >=(x,y).
- Less than: x>y can be written as $\langle (x,y) \rangle$; x<=y can be written as $\langle (x,y) \rangle$.

Because computers use finite wordlength binary representation, floating point numbers can not be represented exactly. We are therefore often interested in whether numbers are *approximately* equal, within the given machine precision. Julia provides function <code>isapprox(x,y)</code> for that.

```
In [653... ==(Float64(1/3),Float32(1/3))
false
```

In [654...

```
isapprox(Float64(1/3),Float32(1/3))
```

true

Basic mathematical functions: single argument

The following *single argument* mathematical functions are given in the on-line Julia documentation at https://julialang.org/:

- Trigonometric [radians]: \sin , \cos , \tan , \sec , \csc , \cot represent $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$, $\tan(x)$, $\sec(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$, $\csc(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$, $\cot(x) = \frac{1}{\tan(x)}$, respectively, where x is given in radians.
- Trigonometric [degrees]: $\sin d$, $\cos d$, $\tan d$, $\sec d$, $\csc d$, $\cot d$ represent $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$, $\tan(x)$, $\sec(x)$, $\csc(x)$, $\cot(x)$, respectively, where x is given in degrees.
- Inverse trigonometric [radians]: asin , acos , atan , asec , acsc , acot represent $\arcsin(x)$, $\arccos(x)$, $\arctan(x)$, $\arccos(x)$, $\arccos(x)$, $\arccos(x)$, $\arccos(x)$, respectively, where the result is given in radians.
- Inverse trigonometric [degrees]: asind , acosd , atand , asecd , acscd , acotd represent $\arcsin(x)$, $\arccos(x)$, $\arctan(x)$, $\arccos(x)$, $\arccos(x)$, $\arccos(x)$, $\arccos(x)$, respectively, where the result is given in degrees.
- Special trigonometric [radians]: sincos, sinpi, cospi, sincospi, sinc, cosc represent tuple (sin(x), cos(x)), $sin(\pi x)$, $cos(\pi x)$, tuple $(sin(\pi x), cos(\pi x))$, $sinc(x) = \frac{sin(\pi x)}{\pi x}$, $cosc(x) = \frac{d}{dx}sinc(x)$, respectively.
- Hyperbolic trigonometric [radians]: \sinh , \cosh , \tanh , sech , csch , cosh , cosh , $\operatorname{cosh}(x)$, $\operatorname{sech}(x) = \frac{1}{\cosh(x)}$, $\operatorname{csch}(x) = \frac{1}{\sinh(x)}$, $\operatorname{coth}(x) = \frac{1}{\tanh(x)}$, respectively, where x is given in radians.
- Inverse hyperbolic [radians]: asinh , acosh , atanh , asech , acsch , acoth represent $\operatorname{arcsinh}(x)$, $\operatorname{arccosh}(x)$, $\operatorname{arccsch}(x)$, $\operatorname{arccsch}(x)$, $\operatorname{arccosh}(x)$, respectively, where x is given in radians.

- **Angle conversion**: deg2rad , rad2deg represent $x o rac{2\pi \cdot x}{360}$ and $x o rac{360 \cdot x}{2\pi}$, respectively.
- Logarithmic/exponential: \log , \log 2, \log 10, \log 10, \log 10, \exp 1, \exp 2, \exp 10, \exp 10, \exp 10 represent $\ln(x) = \log_e(x)$, $\log_2(x)$, $\log(x) = \log_{10}(x)$, $\ln(1+x)$, $\exp(x)$, 2^x , 10^x , and $\exp(x) 1$, respectively. \log 1p is more accurate than \log when the argument is close to 1 in value.
- **Roots**: sqrt , cbrt represent \sqrt{x} (with an error if x is real and negative) and $\sqrt[3]{x}$, respectively.
- **Absolute values**: abs , abs2 represent |x| and $|x|^2$, respectively. sign returns zero if x==0 and x/|x| otherwise (i.e., ± 1 for real x).
- Complex numbers: with $j=\sqrt{-1}$ and $z=x+y\cdot j$, functions real , imag , reim , conj , angle , cis , cispi return x, y, tuple (x,y), $\bar{z}=x-y\cdot j$, $\arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$, $\exp\left(z\cdot j\right)$, $\exp\left(2\pi z\cdot j\right)$, respectively.
- **Combinatorics**: factorial(n) returns n!
- Rational numbers: numerator(x) returns the numerator of rational number x, denominator(x) returns the denominator of rational number x

```
In [655...
            sin(pi/2)
           1.0
In [656...
            sind(90)
           1.0
In [657...
            sincos(pi/3)
            (0.8660254037844386, 0.5000000000000001)
In [658...
            rad2deg(pi/2)
           90.0
In [659...
            log10(10)
           1.0
In [660...
            cbrt(8)
           2.0
In [661...
            abs2(-2)
```

```
In [662...
            sign(-2), sign(0)
           (-1, 0)
In [663...
            real(2+3im)
In [664...
           reim(2+3im)
           (2, 3)
In [665...
            conj(2+3im)
           2 - 3im
In [666...
            angle(2+3im)
           0.982793723247329
In [667...
            rad2deg(angle(2+3im))
           56.309932474020215
In [668...
            cis(2+3im)
           -0.02071873100224288 + 0.045271253156092976im
In [669...
            exp(im*(2+3im))
           -0.02071873100224288 + 0.045271253156092976im
In [670...
            cispi(2+3im)
           8.069951757030463e-5 + 0.0im
In [671...
            exp(pi*im*(2+3im))
           8.069951757030463e-5 - 1.976568117704183e-20im
In [672...
            factorial(1),factorial(2),factorial(3),factorial(4)
           (1, 2, 6, 24)
In [673...
           denominator(22//7)
           7
```

Basic mathematical functions: two or more arguments

The following *multiple argument* mathematical functions are given in the on-line Julia documentation at https://julialang.org/:

- **Geometry**: hypot [hypotenuse] represents $(x_1,\ldots,x_n) o \sqrt{\sum_1^n |x_i|^2}$, base b logarithm of x . For a complex number z , hypot(z) is hypot(re(z),im(z)) .
- **Logarithm**: $\log(b,x)$ represents the logarithm of x at base b , i.e., $\log_b(x) = \frac{\log_c(x)}{\log_c(b)}$
- Modulo, etc.: div(x,y) (or: ÷(x,y), x÷y) represents x/y truncated to an integer;
 mod(x,y) represents x modulo y; rem(x,y) (or: %(x,y), x%y) returns the remainder from Euclidian division; rem2pi(x) returns rem(x,pi); mod2pi(x) returns mod(x,pi).
- **Integer**: gcd(x1,...,xn) returns greatest common divisor of arguments, lcm(x1,...,xn) returns least common multiple.
- Combinatorics: binomial(n,k) returns $\binom{n}{k}$ where n and k are integers.
- **Min-max**: min(x, y, ...) returns the minimum of the arguments; max(x, y, ...) returns the maximum of the arguments; minmax(x, y) returns the tuple of min and max of the arguments; clamp(x, lo, hi) returns the saturation of x in the interval [lo,hi].

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In [674...
            hypot(2,3), hypot(2+3im)
           (3.605551275463989, 3.605551275463989)
In [675...
            log(3,8), log2(8)/log2(3)
           (1.892789260714372, 1.8927892607143724)
In [676...
           div(14,3), div(14.,3)
           (4, 4.0)
In [677...
           mod(14,3)
In [678...
           rem(14,3)
In [679...
           div(14,3)*3 + mod(14,3)
           14
In [680...
           gcd(12,36,45)
           3
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In [681...
             lcm(12,36,45)
            180
In [682...
             binomial(12,12)
            1
In [683...
             binomial(12,9)
            220
In [684...
            min(-1,0,-2,3)
            -2
In [685...
            \max(-1,0,-2,3)
            3
In [686...
             clamp(1, -1, 3)
In [687...
             clamp(-2, -1, 3)
            -1
In [688...
             clamp(4, -1, 3)
            3
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Operation on numbers

Floating point deconstruction

- Mantissa: significand(x) extracts the mantissa of x in binary representation, with value of the same type as x in the interval [1,2)
- **Exponent**: exponent(x) returns the exponent of a normalized floating point number (i.e., with mantissa in [1,2)). The result is the largest integer y such that $2^y \le abs(x)$.

Rounding

- Rounding: round(x) rounds x to an integer of the same type as x;
 round(x;digits=val) where val is an integer, returns x rounded to val digits;
 round(x;sigdigits=val) where val is an integer returns x rounded to val significant digits.
- **Ceiling**: ceil(x) returns the nearest integral value of the same type as x that is greater than or equal to x; ceil(x;digits=val) where val is an integer, returns the nearest integral

- value of the same type as x that is greater than or equal to x to val digits; ceil(x;sigdigits=val) where val is an integer, returns the nearest integral value of the same type as x that is greater than or equal to x to val significant digits.
- **Floor**: floor(x) returns the nearest integral value of the same type as x that is less than or equal to x; floor(x;digits=val) where val is an integer, returns the nearest integral value of the same type as x that is less than or equal to x to val digits; floor(x;sigdigits=val) where val is an integer, returns the nearest integral value of the same type as x that is less than or equal to x to val significant digits.
- **Trunc**: trunc(x) returns the nearest integral value of the same type as x whose *absolute* value is less than or equal to x; trunc(x;digits=val) where val is an integer, returns the nearest integral value of the same type as x whose absolute value is less than or equal to x to val digits; trunc(x;sigdigits=val) where val is an integer, returns the nearest integral value of the same type as x whose absolute value is less than or equal to x to val significant digits.

Rational approximation

• Rational numbers: rationalize(x) with x a floating point number returns a rational number approximately equal to x, rationalize(x;tol=val) returns a rational approximation of x to tolerance given by val, rationalize(T,x) returns a rational number with numerator/denominator given by type T.

BigFloat precision

• **BigFloat**: BigFloat(x;precision=val) produces a BigFloat type of x, with val (integer) number of digits in the mantissa (significand). Function precision(x) checks the precision of x.

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In [689... x=100pi

314.1592653589793

In [690... s_x = significand(x)

1.227184630308513

In [691... e_x = exponent(x)

8

In [692... s_x*2^e_x

314.1592653589793

In [693... round(x)
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314.0
In [694...
            round(x,digits=3)
           314.159
In [695...
            round(x,sigdigits=4)
           314.2
In [696...
            ceil(x),ceil(-x)
           (315.0, -314.0)
In [697...
            floor(x),floor(-x)
           (314.0, -315.0)
In [698...
            trunc(x),trunc(-x)
           (314.0, -314.0)
In [699...
            ceil(-x)
           -314.0
In [700...
            floor(-x)
           -315.0
In [701...
            trunc(-x)
           -314.0
In [702...
            rationalize(Float64(pi)), rationalize(Float64(pi);tol=1e-3), rationalize(Int16,Float64(
           (165707065//52746197, 201//64, 355//113, 22//7)
In [703...
            x = BigFloat(pi;precision=12)
           3.1416
In [704...
            significand(x)
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1.57080078125