JavaScript Day 5 Notes - Comparisons

6 1. Basic Comparisons

In JavaScript, comparisons between different types are tricky because JS tries to convert values before comparing. Let's break it down:

console.log("2" > 1); // Output: true

 \checkmark Why?: "2" (string) is converted to 2 (number), and 2 > 1 → true.

console.log("02" > 1); // Output: true

 \checkmark Why?: "02" becomes 2, and 2 > 1 → true.

Q 2. Comparisons with null

console.log(null > 0); // Output: false

console.log(null == 0); // Output: false

console.log(null >= 0); // Output: true

✓ Why?:

- null $> 0 \rightarrow$ false (null converts to 0, and 0 is not greater than 0).
- null == 0 → false (null is only equal to undefined in loose comparison).
- null $\geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$ (null converts to 0, and $0 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$).

3. Comparisons with undefined

console.log(undefined == 0); // Output: false

console.log(undefined > 0); // Output: false

console.log(undefined < 0); // Output: false

✓ Why?:

undefined is not converted to 0 in comparisons. It remains undefined, which is
incomparable with numbers. Hence, all results → false.

♦ 4. Difference Between == and ===

== (Loose Equality): Checks only value, converts types if needed.

console.log("5" == 5); // Output: true (string "5" converts to number 5)

=== (Strict Equality): Checks value + type, no type conversion.

console.log("5" === 5); // Output: false (string vs number — different types)

☑ Rule: Always prefer === for better, bug-free code.