

# Taichi-Lang

Cheat sheet

Version (1, 3, 0)

## Installation

```
pip install taichi
ti example
```

## Quick start

```
import taichi as ti
ti.init()

@ti.kernel
def monte_carlo_pi() -> float:
    total = 0
    for i in range(100000):
        x = ti.random()
        y = ti.random()
        if (x*x + y*y) < 1:
            total += 1

    return 4 * total / n
```

## Supported backends

ti.cpu, ti.cuda, ti.metal, ti.opengl, ti.vulkan

Choose a backend

```
ti.init(arch=ti.cuda)
```

Run in debug mode

```
ti.init(debug=True)
```

## Data types

primitive tyes

```
i8, i16, i32, i64, u8, u16, u32, u64, f16, f32, f64
```

types.vector(n, dtype)

```
vec3 = ti.types.vector(3, float)
v = vec3(1, 2, 3)
```

types.matrix(n, m, dtype)

```
mat2x2 = ti.types.matrix(2, 2, float)
m = mat2x2(1, 2, 3, 4)
```

types.struct(\*\*kwargs)

```
sphere = ti.types.struct(center=vec3, radius=float)
s = sphere(vec3(1, 2, 3), 1.0)
```

Quant types

```
u5 = ti.types.quant.int(bits=5, signed=False)
fixed_a = ti.types.quant.fixed(bits=10, max_value=20.0)
float_b = ti.types.quant.float(exp=6, frac=9, signed=False)
```

typecating

```
x = 1.0
y = ti.u8(x)
v = vec3(0.5, 1.0, 1.5)
w = v.cast(int)
```

## Operators

comparison operators

==, !=, >, <, >=, <=

logical operators

not, or, and

bitwise operators

~, &, ^, |, <<, >>

## Data container

field(dtype, shape, ...)

```
f = ti.field(int, shape=(3, 3, 3))
```

Vector.field(dim, dtype, shape, ...)

```
f = ti.Vector.field(3, float, (10, 10))
```

Matrix.field(dim, dtype, shape, ...)

```
f = ti.Matrix.field(3, 3, float, shape=(10, 10))
```

Struct.field(dict, shape)

```
sphere = ti.types.struct(center=vec3, radius=float)
s = sphere.field(shape=100)
```

fill(val) to set a field

```
f.fill(1)
```

from\_numpy(arr) to copy data from a NumPy array

```
f.from_numpy(arr)
```

to\_numpy(arr) to convert to a NumPy array

```
arr = f.to_numpy()
```

## Kernels and functions

@ti.kernel : Called from Python scope. Require type hints for arguments and return values. Can return scalar, vector and matrix.

@ti.func : Called from Taichi scope. Recommend type hints for arguments and return values. Can return scalar, vector, matrix and struct.

Top level for loops in a kernel are automatically parallelized

```
x = ti.field(int, 100)
@ti.kernel
def example():
    for i in range(100):
        ...

        for j in x:
            x[j] = j
```

Force a top level for loop to execute in serialize

```
x = ti.field(int, 100)
@ti.kernel
def example():
    ti.loop_config(serialize=True)
    for i in range(100):
        ...
```

Interactive with Numpy arrays

```
arr = numpy.arange(12).reshape(3, 4)

@ti.kernel
def example(x: ti.types.ndarray()):
    for i, j in ti.ndrange(arr.shape[0], arr.shape[1]):
        arr[i, j] = i + j
```

## Data-oriented programming

data-oriented class

A data-oriented class is used when your data is actively updated in the Python scope (such as current time and user input events) and tracked in Taichi kernels.

```
@ti.data_oriented
class TiArray:
    def __init__(self, n):
        self.x = ti.field(dtype=ti.i32, shape=n)

        @ti.kernel # Defines Taichi kernels in the data-oriented Python class
        def inc(self):
            for i in self.x:
                self.x[i] += 1
```

```
a = TiArray(32)
a.inc()
```

dataclass

A dataclass is a wrapper of 'ti.types.struct'. You can define Taichi functions as its methods and call these methods in the Taichi scope.

```
@ti.dataclass
class Sphere:
    center: vec3
    radius: float

    @ti.func
    def area(self): # Defines a Taichi function as method
        return 4 * math.pi * self.radius**2
```

```
@ti.kernel
def test():
    sphere = Sphere(vec3(0), radius=1.0)
    print(sphere.area())
```

## Commonly-used functions

ti.acos(x), ti.asin(x), ti.atan2(x), ti.ceil(x), ti.clamp(x, xmin, xmax), ti.cos(x), ti.cross(x, y), ti.dot(x,y), ti.exp(x), ti.floor(x),ti.fract(x), ti.inverse(mat), ti.norm(x), ti.log(x), ti.max(x, y, ...), ti.min(x, y, ...), tm.mod(x,y), tm.normalize(x), tm.pow(x, a), ti.round(x), ti.sign(x), ti.sin(x), tm.smoothstep(e0, e1, x), ti.sqrt(x), tm.step(edge, x),ti.tan(x), ti.tanh(x), tm.degrees(x), tm.radians(x)

## Global settings

Set default precision

```
ti.init(default_fp=ti.f64)
ti.init(default_ip=ti.i64)
```

Set random seed

```
ti.init(random_seed=0)
```

## Visualization

GUI system

```
gui = ti.GUI('Window Title', (640, 360)) # Creates a window
while not gui.get_event(ti.GUI.ESCAPE, ti.GUI.EXIT):
    gui.show() # Displays the window
```

GGUI system

```
pixels = ti.Vector.field(3, float, (640, 480))
window = ti.ui.Window("Window Title", (640, 360))# Creates a window
canvas = window.get_canvas() # Creates a canvas

while window.running:
    canvas.set_image(pixels)
    window.show()

window.save_imgae(filename)
```

2D Canvas drawing API

```
canvas.set_background_color(color)
canvas.triangles(vertices, color, indices, per_vertex_color)
canvas.circles(vertices, radius, color, per_vertex_color)
canvas.lines(vertices, width, indices, color, per_vertex_color)
```

3D scene drawing API

```
scene.lines(vertices, width, indices, color, per_vertex_color)
scene.mesh(vertices, indices, normals, color, per_vertex_color)
scene.particles(vertices, radius, color, per_vertex_color)
```

## Performance tuning

API

### Kernel profiler (CPU and CUDA only):

To analyze the performance of Taichi kernels

```
ti.init(ti.cpu, kernel_profiler=True)
ti.profiler.print_kernel_profiler_info()
```

### Configure loops:

To serialize the outermost for loop that immediately follows the line

```
ti.loop_config(serialize=True)
```

To designate No. of threads on the CPU backend

```
ti.loop_config(parallelize=8)
```

To designate No. of threads in each block of the GPU backend

```
ti.loop_config(block_dim=16)
```

## Debugging

API

### Activate debug mode:

```
ti.init(arch=ti.cpu, debug=True)
```

### Runtime print in Taichi scope:

```
@ti.kernel
def inside_taichi_scope():
    x = 256
    print('hello', x) #=> hello 256
```

### Runtime assert in Taichi scope:

```
ti.init(arch=ti.cpu, debug=True)

x = ti.field(ti.f32, 128)

@ti.kernel
def do_sqrt_all():
    for i in x:
        assert x[i] >= 0
        x[i] = ti.sqrt(x[i])
```

### Compile-time static-print:

```
x = ti.field(ti.f32, (2, 3))
y = 1

@ti.kernel
def inside_taichi_scope():
    ti.static_print(y) # => 1
    ti.static_print(x.shape) # => (2, 3)
    ti.static_print(x.dtype) # => DataType.float32
```

### Compile-time static-assert:

```
@ti.func
def copy(dst: ti.template(), src: ti.template()):
    ti.static_assert(dst.shape == src.shape, "copy() needs
        src and dst fields to be same shape")
    for I in ti.grouped(src):
        dst[I] = src[I]
```

**Serial execution:**

To serialize the program

```
ti.init(arch=ti.cpu, cpu_max_num_threads=1)
```

To serializes the for loop that immediately follows the line

```
ti.loop_config(serialize=True)
```

**Access a conciser version of traceback message:**

```
import sys
sys.tracebacklimit = 0
```