## The operators supported in Groovy and the methods they map to

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\begin{split} a == b & \text{a.equals(b) or a.compareTo(b)} == 0 **\\ a != b & ! \text{ a.equals(b)}\\ a <=> b \text{ a.compareTo(b)}\\ a > b & \text{a.compareTo(b)} > 0\\ a >= b & \text{a.compareTo(b)} >= 0\\ a < b & \text{a.compareTo(b)} < 0\\ a <= b & \text{a.compareTo(b)} <= 0 \end{split}
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The comparison operators handle nulls gracefully avoiding the throwing of java.lang.NullPointerException

Method

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a + b	a.plus(b)
a - b	a.minus(b)
a * b	a.multiply(b)
a ** b	a.power(b)
a / b	a.div(b)
a % b	a.mod(b)
a   b	a.or(b)
a & b	a.and(b)
a ^ b	a.xor(b)
a++ or ++a	a.next()
a ora	a.previous()
a[b]	a.getAt(b)
a[b] = c	a.putAt(b, c)
a << b	a.leftShift(b)
a >> b	a.rightShift(b)
<pre>switch(a) { case(b) : }</pre>	b.isCase(a)
~a	a.bitwiseNegate()
-a	a.negative()
+a	a.positive()

**Operator**