

COMPARISON OPERATORS

Categories of Comparison Operators

- binary operators
- evaluate to a `bool` value

Identity Operations	is	is not	compares memory address – any type		
Value Comparisons	==	!=	compares values – different types OK, but must be compatible		
Ordering Comparisons	<	<=	>	>=	doesn't work for all types
Membership Operations	in	not in	used with iterable types		

Numeric Types

We will examine other types, including iterables, later in this course

Value comparisons will work with all numeric types

Mixed types (except complex) in value and ordering comparisons is supported

Note: Value equality operators work between floats and Decimals, but as we have seen before, using value equality with floats has some issues!

```
10.0 == Decimal('10.0') → True
```



```
0.1 == Decimal('0.1') → False
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```
Decimal('0.125') == Fraction(1, 8) → True
```

```
True == 1 → True
```

```
True == Fraction(3, 3) → True
```


Ordering Comparisons

Again, these work across all numeric types, except for complex numbers

`1 < 3.14` → True

`Fraction(22, 7) > math.pi` → True

`Decimal('0.5') <= Fraction(2, 3)` → True

`True < Decimal('3.14')` → True

`Fraction(2, 3) > False` → True

Chained Comparisons

`a == b == c` → `a == b and b == c`

`a < b < c` → `a < b and b < c`

`1 == Decimal('1.0') == Fraction(1,1)` → True

`1 == Decimal('1.5') == Fraction(3, 2)` → False

`1 < 2 < 3` → `1 < 2 and 2 < 3` → True

`1 < math.pi < Fraction(22, 7)`

→ `1 < math.pi and math.pi < Fraction(22, 7)`

→ True

Chained Comparisons

$a < b > c \rightarrow a < b \text{ and } b > c$

$5 < 6 > 2 \rightarrow 5 < 6 \text{ and } 6 > 2 \rightarrow \text{True}$

$5 < 6 > 10 \rightarrow 5 < 6 \text{ and } 6 > 10 \rightarrow \text{False}$

$a < b < c < d \rightarrow a < b \text{ and } b < c \text{ and } c < d$

$1 < 2 < 3 < 4 \rightarrow 1 < 2 \text{ and } 2 < 3 \text{ and } 3 < 4 \rightarrow \text{True}$

$1 < 10 > 4 < 5 \rightarrow 1 < 10 \text{ and } 10 > 4 \text{ and } 4 < 5 \rightarrow \text{True}$

```
if my_min == cnt < val > other <= my_max not in lst:  
    # do something
```



Code

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