Doin' MATH

Math?!?!

What are some basic mathematical operators that you guys can do on your calculators?

Mathematical Operators

Python can perform all the same basic operations as a calculator - Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division.

For each of these, 2 number values are necessary - int or float.

Either value can be a variable or a specific number.

Example:

Full List of Operators

Operator	Meaning	Example
+	Addition	10 + 4 = 14
-	Subtraction	10 - 4 = 6
*	Multiplication	10 * 4 = 40
1	Division	10 / 4 = 2.5
//	Integer Division	10 // 4 = 2
**	Exponentiation	10 ** 4 = 10,000
%	Modulus (Remainder)	10 % 4 = 2
-	Negation	-10 = -10

More about Modulus

The **Modulus** operator, represented by a %, is used when we want to do division and find the **remainder** instead of the **quotient**.

Remember back to doing long division in Elementary school!

Let's say I want to find the result of 17 % 5. $\frac{3}{5}$ If I do 17 / 5, I get a quotient of 3, and a remainder of 2. $\frac{3}{-15}$ Therefore, 17 % 5 = 2!

Useful Application of Modulus

One of the most frequent applications of the % operator will be determining if a value is **even** or **odd**.

A value is **even** when it is a multiple of 2 - when there is **no remainder** if it's divided by 2!

A value is **odd** when it isn't a multiple of 2 - when there is a **remainder of 1** if it's divided by 2!

Modulus Practice

1. What is 15 % 6?

That's because the biggest multiple of 6 that fits into 15 is 12, and 15 - 12 = 3.

2. What is 10 % 2?

That's because the biggest multiple of 2 that fits into 10 is 10. There is no remainder from this division!

2 Types of Operators

Binary Operators - take a value on **both** sides (most of those are binary operators)

Example: 2 + 2 - the + takes a value on both sides here.

Unary Operators - take a value on only **one** side (really just the **-**)

Example: - 4 - the - takes a value on only its right side.

Note: The - operator can operate in both a binary and unary capacity.

Remember PEMDAS?

P - Parentheses

Negation

E - Exponents

M - Multiplication (and Modulus)

D - **D**ivision

A - Addition

S - Subtraction

-6-3**2/2

-6-**3**2**/2

-6-9/2

-6-**9/2**

-6-4.5

- 10.5