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Class BigInteger

[java.lang.Object](#)[java.lang.Number](#)[java.math.BigInteger](#)

All Implemented Interfaces:

[Serializable](#), [Comparable<BigInteger>](#)

```
public class BigInteger
    extends Number
    implements Comparable<BigInteger>
```

Immutable arbitrary-precision integers. All operations behave as if BigIntegers were represented in two's-complement notation (like Java's primitive integer types). BigInteger provides analogues to all of Java's primitive integer operators, and all relevant methods from java.lang.Math. Additionally, BigInteger provides operations for modular arithmetic, GCD calculation, primality testing, prime generation, bit manipulation, and a few other miscellaneous operations.

Semantics of arithmetic operations exactly mimic those of Java's integer arithmetic operators, as defined in *The Java Language Specification*. For example, division by zero throws an ArithmeticException, and division of a negative by a positive yields a negative (or zero) remainder. All of the details in the Spec concerning overflow are ignored, as BigIntegers are made as large as necessary to accommodate the results of an operation.

Semantics of shift operations extend those of Java's shift operators to allow for negative shift distances. A right-shift with a negative shift distance results in a left shift, and vice-versa. The unsigned right shift operator (>>>) is omitted, as this operation makes little sense in combination with the "infinite word size" abstraction provided by this class.

Semantics of bitwise logical operations exactly mimic those of Java's bitwise integer operators. The binary operators (and, or, xor) implicitly perform sign extension on the shorter of the two operands prior to performing the operation.

Comparison operations perform signed integer comparisons, analogous to those performed by Java's relational and equality operators.

Modular arithmetic operations are provided to compute residues, perform exponentiation, and compute multiplicative inverses. These methods always return a non-negative result, between 0 and (modulus - 1), inclusive.

Bit operations operate on a single bit of the two's-complement representation of their operand. If necessary, the operand is sign-extended so that it contains the designated bit. None of the single-bit operations can produce a BigInteger with a different sign from the BigInteger being operated on, as they affect only a single bit, and the "infinite word size" abstraction provided by this class ensures that there are infinitely many "virtual sign bits"

preceding each BigInteger.

For the sake of brevity and clarity, pseudo-code is used throughout the descriptions of BigInteger methods. The pseudo-code expression `(i + j)` is shorthand for "a BigInteger whose value is that of the BigInteger `i` plus that of the BigInteger `j`." The pseudo-code expression `(i == j)` is shorthand for "true if and only if the BigInteger `i` represents the same value as the BigInteger `j`." Other pseudo-code expressions are interpreted similarly.

All methods and constructors in this class throw `NullPointerException` when passed a null object reference for any input parameter. BigInteger must support values in the range `-2Integer.MAX_VALUE` (exclusive) to `+2Integer.MAX_VALUE` (exclusive) and may support values outside of that range. The range of probable prime values is limited and may be less than the full supported positive range of BigInteger. The range must be at least 1 to `25000000000`.

Implementation Note:

BigInteger constructors and operations throw `ArithmeticException` when the result is out of the supported range of `-2Integer.MAX_VALUE` (exclusive) to `+2Integer.MAX_VALUE` (exclusive).

Since:

JDK1.1

See Also:

[BigDecimal](#), [Serialized Form](#)

Field Summary

Fields

Modifier and Type	Field and Description
static BigInteger	ONE The BigInteger constant one.
static BigInteger	TEN The BigInteger constant ten.
static BigInteger	ZERO The BigInteger constant zero.

Constructor Summary

Constructors

Constructor and Description
BigInteger (byte[] val) Translates a byte array containing the two's-complement binary representation of a BigInteger into a BigInteger.
BigInteger (int signum, byte[] magnitude) Translates the sign-magnitude representation of a BigInteger into a BigInteger.

BigInteger(int bitLength, int certainty, **Random** rnd)

Constructs a randomly generated positive BigInteger that is probably prime, with the specified bitLength.

BigInteger(int numBits, **Random** rnd)

Constructs a randomly generated BigInteger, uniformly distributed over the range 0 to ($2^{\text{numBits}} - 1$), inclusive.

BigInteger(String val)

Translates the decimal String representation of a BigInteger into a BigInteger.

BigInteger(String val, int radix)

Translates the String representation of a BigInteger in the specified radix into a BigInteger.

Method Summary

All Methods **Static Methods** **Instance Methods** **Concrete Methods**

Modifier and Type	Method and Description
BigInteger	abs() Returns a BigInteger whose value is the absolute value of this BigInteger.
BigInteger	add(BigInteger val) Returns a BigInteger whose value is (<code>this + val</code>).
BigInteger	and(BigInteger val) Returns a BigInteger whose value is (<code>this & val</code>).
BigInteger	andNot(BigInteger val) Returns a BigInteger whose value is (<code>this & ~val</code>).
int	bitCount() Returns the number of bits in the two's complement representation of this BigInteger that differ from its sign bit.
int	bitLength() Returns the number of bits in the minimal two's-complement representation of this BigInteger, <i>excluding</i> a sign bit.
byte	byteValueExact() Converts this BigInteger to a byte, checking for lost information.
BigInteger	clearBit(int n) Returns a BigInteger whose value is equivalent to this BigInteger with the designated bit cleared.
int	compareTo(BigInteger val) Compares this BigInteger with the specified BigInteger.
BigInteger	divide(BigInteger val) Returns the BigInteger that is the quotient of this BigInteger divided by the specified BigInteger.

	Returns a <code>BigInteger</code> whose value is <code>(this / val)</code> .
<code>BigInteger[]</code>	<code>divideAndRemainder(BigInteger val)</code> Returns an array of two <code>BigInteger</code> s containing <code>(this / val)</code> followed by <code>(this % val)</code> .
<code>double</code>	<code>doubleValue()</code> Converts this <code>BigInteger</code> to a <code>double</code> .
<code>boolean</code>	<code>equals(Object x)</code> Compares this <code>BigInteger</code> with the specified <code>Object</code> for equality.
<code>BigInteger</code>	<code>flipBit(int n)</code> Returns a <code>BigInteger</code> whose value is equivalent to this <code>BigInteger</code> with the designated bit flipped.
<code>float</code>	<code>floatValue()</code> Converts this <code>BigInteger</code> to a <code>float</code> .
<code>BigInteger</code>	<code>gcd(BigInteger val)</code> Returns a <code>BigInteger</code> whose value is the greatest common divisor of <code>abs(this)</code> and <code>abs(val)</code> .
<code>int</code>	<code>getLowestSetBit()</code> Returns the index of the rightmost (lowest-order) one bit in this <code>BigInteger</code> (the number of zero bits to the right of the rightmost one bit).
<code>int</code>	<code>hashCode()</code> Returns the hash code for this <code>BigInteger</code> .
<code>int</code>	<code>intValue()</code> Converts this <code>BigInteger</code> to an <code>int</code> .
<code>int</code>	<code>intValueExact()</code> Converts this <code>BigInteger</code> to an <code>int</code> , checking for lost information.
<code>boolean</code>	<code>isProbablePrime(int certainty)</code> Returns <code>true</code> if this <code>BigInteger</code> is probably prime, <code>false</code> if it's definitely composite.
<code>long</code>	<code>longValue()</code> Converts this <code>BigInteger</code> to a <code>long</code> .
<code>long</code>	<code>longValueExact()</code> Converts this <code>BigInteger</code> to a <code>long</code> , checking for lost information.
<code>BigInteger</code>	<code>max(BigInteger val)</code> Returns the maximum of this <code>BigInteger</code> and <code>val</code> .
<code>BigInteger</code>	<code>min(BigInteger val)</code> Returns the minimum of this <code>BigInteger</code> and <code>val</code> .
<code>BigInteger</code>	<code>mod(BigInteger m)</code> Returns a <code>BigInteger</code> whose value is <code>(this mod m)</code> .

BigInteger	modInverse(BigInteger m) Returns a BigInteger whose value is $(\text{this}^{-1} \bmod m)$.
BigInteger	modPow(BigInteger exponent, BigInteger m) Returns a BigInteger whose value is $(\text{this}^{\text{exponent}} \bmod m)$.
BigInteger	multiply(BigInteger val) Returns a BigInteger whose value is $(\text{this} * \text{val})$.
BigInteger	negate() Returns a BigInteger whose value is $(-\text{this})$.
BigInteger	nextProbablePrime() Returns the first integer greater than this BigInteger that is probably prime.
BigInteger	not() Returns a BigInteger whose value is $(\sim \text{this})$.
BigInteger	or(BigInteger val) Returns a BigInteger whose value is $(\text{this} \text{val})$.
BigInteger	pow(int exponent) Returns a BigInteger whose value is $(\text{this}^{\text{exponent}})$.
static BigInteger	probablePrime(int bitLength, Random rnd) Returns a positive BigInteger that is probably prime, with the specified bitLength.
BigInteger	remainder(BigInteger val) Returns a BigInteger whose value is $(\text{this} \% \text{val})$.
BigInteger	setBit(int n) Returns a BigInteger whose value is equivalent to this BigInteger with the designated bit set.
BigInteger	shiftLeft(int n) Returns a BigInteger whose value is $(\text{this} \ll n)$.
BigInteger	shiftRight(int n) Returns a BigInteger whose value is $(\text{this} \gg n)$.
short	shortValueExact() Converts this BigInteger to a short, checking for lost information.
int	signum() Returns the signum function of this BigInteger.
BigInteger	subtract(BigInteger val) Returns a BigInteger whose value is $(\text{this} - \text{val})$.
boolean	testBit(int n) Returns true if and only if the designated bit is set.
byte[]	toByteArray() Returns a byte array containing the two's complement binary representation of the BigInteger value.

Returns a byte array containing the two's-complement representation of this BigInteger.

String

toString()

Returns the decimal String representation of this BigInteger.

String

toString(int radix)

Returns the String representation of this BigInteger in the given radix.

static **BigInteger** **valueOf(long val)**

Returns a BigInteger whose value is equal to that of the specified long.

BigInteger

xor(BigInteger val)

Returns a BigInteger whose value is (this ^ val).

Methods inherited from class java.lang.Number

byteValue, shortValue

Methods inherited from class java.lang.Object

clone, finalize, getClass, notify, notifyAll, wait, wait, wait

Field Detail

ZERO

public static final **BigInteger** ZERO

The BigInteger constant zero.

Since:

1.2

ONE

public static final **BigInteger** ONE

The BigInteger constant one.

Since:

1.2

TEN

public static final **BigInteger** TEN

The BigInteger constant ten.