

Chapter 5: Data Types

Exercise1:

1. Understand the difference, also in the context of memory footprint and range, between different numeric types in Scala. What are the limitations of each and when does it make sense to use one over the other?
2. Research what functions are available in the integer data type, i.e. addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Use them in Scala REPL.
3. Research which operators on numeric types have precedence, i.e., in an expression, which operation will be executed before the other. Understand these basic concepts on your own.

Answer1 :

1.

Sr.No	Data Type & Description
1	Byte 8 bit signed value. Range from -128 to 127
2	Short 16 bit signed value. Range -32768 to 32767
3	Int 32 bit signed value. Range -2147483648 to 2147483647
4	Long 64 bit signed value. -9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807
5	Float 32 bit IEEE 754 single-precision float
6	Double 64 bit IEEE 754 double-precision float

2.

```
scala> var x = 12.0
x: Double = 12.0

scala> x.
!= + < > byteValue compareTo floor isInfinite isNegInfinity isValidChar isWhole min shortValue toByte toDouble
  toLong unary_+ until
% - <= >= ceil doubleValue getClass isInfinity isPosInfinity isValidInt longValue round signum toChar toFloat
  toRadians unary_-
* / == abs compare floatValue intValue isNaN isValidByte isValidShort max self to toDegrees toInt
  toShort underlying

scala> var y = 15
y: Int = 15

scala> y.
!= + << >= abs compareTo getClass isNaN isValidChar isWhole round to toDegrees toInt
  toShort underlying
% - <= > byteValue doubleValue intValue isNegInfinity isValidInt longValue self toBinaryString toDouble toLong
  unary_+ until
& / == >> ceil floatValue isInfinite isPosInfinity isValidLong max shortValue toByte toFloat toOctals
tring unary_- |
* < > ^ compare floor isInfinity isValidByte isValidShort min signum toChar toHexString toRadian
s unary_~

scala> v.
```

3. Operators Precedence in Scala

Operator precedence determines the grouping of terms in an expression. This affects how an expression is evaluated. Certain operators have higher precedence than others; for example, the multiplication operator has higher precedence than the addition operator –

For example, $x = 7 + 3 * 2$; here, x is assigned 13, not 20 because operator $*$ has higher precedence than $+$, so it first gets multiplied with $3*2$ and then adds into 7.

Take a look at the following table. Operators with the highest precedence appear at the top of the table and those with the lowest precedence appear at the bottom. Within an expression, higher precedence operators will be evaluated first.

Category	Operator	Associativity
Postfix	() []	Left to right
Unary	! ~	Right to left
Multiplicative	* / %	Left to right

Additive	+ -	Left to right
Shift	>> >>> <<	Left to right
Relational	> >= < <=	Left to right
Equality	== !=	Left to right
Bitwise AND	&	Left to right
Bitwise XOR	^	Left to right
Bitwise OR		Left to right
Logical AND	&&	Left to right
Logical OR		Left to right
Assignment	= += -= *= /= %= >>= <<= &= ^= =	Right to left
Comma	,	

Exercise2:

4. Research the different types of logical operators available in Scala. Try to use them in Scala REPL.
5. Try assigning a Boolean variable to an Integer variable. What do you get? Research whether you can do this in other languages.
6. Try adding two Boolean values. What do you get?

Answer 2:

1. Logical Operators

The following logical operators are supported by Scala language. For example, assume variable A holds 1 and variable B holds 0, then –

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Operat or	Description	Example
&&	It is called Logical AND operator. If both the operands are non zero then condition becomes true.	(A && B) is false.
	It is called Logical OR Operator. If any of the two operands is non zero then condition becomes true.	(A B) is true.

!	It is called Logical NOT Operator. Use to reverses the logical state of its operand. If a condition is true then Logical NOT operator will make false.	!(A && B) is true.
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2.

```
scala> val bool = true
bool: Boolean = true

scala> bool
res14: Boolean = true

scala> bool = 12
<console>:12: error: reassignment to val
      bool = 12
        ^

scala> val myBool = true
myBool: Boolean = true

scala> bool + myBool
<console>:14: error: type mismatch;
 found   : Boolean
 required: String
      bool + myBool
        ^

scala> 
```

Exercise3:

7. Create a string variable and then type `.` (the dot character) and press Tab. You will see a list of functions. Many of them are covered in this book; however, explore them and learn what they do. The more you know about them, the better.
8. Try converting numeric types and Boolean types to String types. Did you have any issue in doing so? You shouldn't.

Answer 3:

```
scala> var myString = "Moi je me nomme Janot"
myString: String = Moi je me nomme Janot

scala> myString.
*      collect      filter      init      minBy      repr      stripLineEnd  toList
+      collectFirst  filterNot  inits      mkString    reverse      stripMargin   toLong
++     combinations  find      intern     nonEmpty    reverseIterator stripPrefix    toLowerCase
++:    companion     flatMap   intersect  offsetByCodePoints reverseMap    stripSuffix    toMap
+:     compare       flatten   isBlank    orElse      runWith      stripTrailing  toSeq
/:     compareTo      fold      isDefinedAt padTo       sameElements  subSequence    toSet
:+     compareToIgnoreCase foldLeft   isEmpty    par         scan         substring      toShort
:\     compose        foldRight isTraversableAgain partition    scanLeft      sum            toStream
<      concat         forall    iterator    patch       scanRight     tail           toString
<=     contains        foreach   last        permutations segmentLength  tails          toTraversable
>      containsSlice  format    lastIndexOf prefixLength self          take           toUpperCase
>=     contentEquals   formatLocal lastIndexOfSlice product      seq           takeRight      toVector
addString copyToArray      genericBuilder lastIndexWhere r           size          takeWhile      transpose
aggregate copyToBuffer      getBytes    lastOption    reduce      slice         to            trim
andThen  corresponds     getChars    length         reduceLeft  sliding       toArray       union
apply    count          groupBy     lengthCompare  reduceLeftOption sortBy        toBoolean     unzip
applyOrElse diff           grouped     lift           reduceOption sortWith      toBuffer      unzip3
canEqual distinct       hasDefiniteSize lines         reduceRight  sorted        toByte        updated
capitalize drop           hashCode    linesIterator reduceRightOption span          toCharArray   view
charAt   dropRight      head        linesWithSeparators regionMatches split          toDouble      withFilter
chars    dropWhile      headOption  map            repeat       splitAt       toFloat       zip
codePointAt endsWith       indexOf     matches         replace      startsWith    toIndexedSeq  zipAll
codePointBefore equals         indexOfSlice max           replaceAll   stringPrefix  toInt         zipWithIndex
codePointCount equalsIgnoreCase indexWhere  maxBy        replaceAllLiterally strip          toIterable
codePoints exists        indices     min           replaceFirst stripLeading  toIterator
```

```
scala> myString.capitalize
```

```
res16: String = Moi je me nomme Janot
```

```
scala> myString.reverse
```

```
res17: String = tonaJ emmon em ej ioM
```

```
scala> myString.map
```

```
<console>:13: error: missing argument list for method map in trait TraversableLike
```

```
Unapplied methods are only converted to functions when a function type is expected.
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```
You can make this conversion explicit by writing `map _` or `map(_)(_)` instead of `map`.
```

```
    myString.map
```

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```

```
scala> myString.split(" ")
```

```
res19: Array[String] = Array(Moi, je, me, nomme, Janot)
```

Exercise4:

9. Try converting a Double (e.g., 10.5) to Int. What happens? It will drop the portion of number after the decimal. Beware of such nuances.
10. Try running "10".toInt. Does it work? It should. Try to convert "two".toInt. Does it work? It shouldn't. You can't type cast all the time.
11. Research how you generally work with nulls in Scala. You will find specific types, such as Option and its concrete subtypes (Some, None). Research them and make sure you understand their use.

Answer 4:

```
scala> var x = 10.5
x: Double = 10.5

scala> x.
!= + < > byteValue compareTo floor isInfinite isNegInfinity isValidChar isWhole min shortValue toByte toDouble
e toLong unary_+ until
% - <= >= ceil doubleValue getClass isInfinity isPosInfinity isValidInt longValue round signum toChar toFloat
toRadians unary_-
* / == abs compare floatValue intValue isNaN isValidByte isValidShort max self to toDegrees toInt
toShort underlying

scala> x.toInt
res21: Int = 10
```

```
scala> x.
!= + < > byteValue compareTo floor isInfinite isNegInfinity isValidChar isWhole min shortValue toByte toDouble
e toLong unary_+ until
% - <= >= ceil doubleValue getClass isInfinity isPosInfinity isValidInt longValue round signum toChar toFloat
toRadians unary_-
* / == abs compare floatValue intValue isNaN isValidByte isValidShort max self to toDegrees toInt
toShort underlying

scala> x.toInt
res21: Int = 10

scala> "10".toInt
res22: Int = 10

scala> "two".toInt
java.lang.NumberFormatException: For input string: "two"
    at java.base/java.lang.NumberFormatException.forInputString(NumberFormatException.java:65)
    at java.base/java.lang.Integer.parseInt(Integer.java:652)
    at java.base/java.lang.Integer.parseInt(Integer.java:770)
    at scala.collection.immutable.StringLike$class.toInt(StringLike.scala:273)
    at scala.collection.immutable.StringOps.toInt(StringOps.scala:29)
    ... 32 elided

scala>
```


The Empty values in Scala are represented by Null, null, Nil, Nothing, None, and Unit. The explication of these empty values are as follows:

- **null:**

The reference types such as Objects, and Strings can be null and the value types such as Int, Double, Long, etc, cannot be null, the null in Scala is analogous to the null in Java.

- **Null:**

It is a Trait, which is a subset of each of the reference types but is not at all a sub-type of value types and a single instance of Null is null. The reference types can be assigned null but the value types cannot be assigned null.

- **Nothing:**

Nothing is also a Trait, which has no instances. It is a subset of each of the distinct types. The major motive of this Trait is to supply a return type for the methods which consistently throws an exception i.e, not even a single time returns generally. It is also helpful in providing a type for Nil.

- **Unit:**

The Unit in Scala is analogous to the void in Java, which is utilized as a return type of a function that is used with a function when the stated function does not return anything.

- **Nil:**

Nil is considered as a List which has zero elements in it. The type of *Nil* is List[Nothing] and as stated above, that *Nothing* has no instances, we can have a List which is confirmed to be desolated.