

# Operation

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## Introduction to Operations

Operations are the building blocks of computation in Python, allowing us to manipulate data and make decisions in our code.

We'll cover four main types of operations:

1. Arithmetic Operations
2. Comparison Operations
3. Logical Operations
4. Membership Operations
5. Identity Operations

## Arithmetic Operations

Arithmetic operations in Python allow us to perform mathematical calculations. Let's look at the basic arithmetic operators:

```
# Addition
print("5 + 3 =", 5 + 3)
```

$5 + 3 = 8$

```
# Subtraction
print("5 - 3 =", 5 - 3)
```

$5 - 3 = 2$

```
# Multiplication
print("5 * 3 =", 5 * 3)
```

```
5 * 3 = 15
```

```
# Division (always returns a float)
print("5 / 3 =", 5 / 3)
```

```
5 / 3 = 1.6666666666666667
```

```
# Exponentiation
print("5 ** 3 =", 5 ** 3)
```

```
5 ** 3 = 125
```

```
# Floor Division (returns the largest integer <= the result)
print("5 // 3 =", 5 // 3)
```

```
5 // 3 = 1
```

```
# Modulus (remainder of division)
print("5 % 3 =", 5 % 3)
```

```
5 % 3 = 2
```

It's important to note the difference between `/` and `//` in division operations, especially when working with integers.

Python also provides augmented assignment operators that combine an arithmetic operation with assignment:

```
x = 5
x += 3 # Equivalent to x = x + 3
print("x after x += 3:", x)
```

```
x after x += 3: 8
```

```
x -= 2 # Equivalent to x = x - 2
print("x after x -= 2:", x)
```

```
x after x -= 2: 6
```

```
x *= 4 # Equivalent to x = x * 4
print("x after x *= 4:", x)
```

x after x \*= 4: 24

```
x /= 2 # Equivalent to x = x / 2
print("x after x /= 2:", x)
```

x after x /= 2: 12.0

## Comparison Operations

Comparison operations allow us to compare values and return boolean results (True or False). These are crucial for conditional statements and loops.

```
x, y = 5, 10
# Equal to
print("x == y:", x == y)

# Not equal to
print("x != y:", x != y)
```

x == y: False  
x != y: True

```
# Greater than
print("x > y:", x > y)

# Less than
print("x < y:", x < y)
```

x > y: False  
x < y: True

```
# Greater than or equal to
print("x >= y:", x >= y)

# Less than or equal to
print("x <= y:", x <= y)
```

x >= y: False  
x <= y: True

These operators work with numbers, strings, and other data types. For example, string comparisons are done lexicographically.

```
# String comparison
print("'apple' < 'banana':", 'apple' < 'banana')
print("'apple' == 'Apple':", 'apple' == 'Apple')
```

```
'apple' < 'banana': True
'apple' == 'Apple': False
```

When Python compares strings:

1. Character-by-Character Comparison:

- Python compares strings character by character, from left to right.
- It uses the Unicode code point of each character for comparison.

2. ASCII and Unicode Values:

- For ASCII characters, the comparison is straightforward. For example, a (97) comes before b (98).
- Unicode characters are compared based on their Unicode code points.

3. Case Sensitivity:

- String comparisons are case-sensitive by default.
- Uppercase letters have lower ASCII/Unicode values than lowercase letters.

4. String Length:

- If the characters are the same up to the length of the shorter string, the shorter string is considered “less than” the longer string.

5. Lexicographical Order:

- This is similar to dictionary order, but based on character codes rather than alphabet position.

In the examples:

- `apple < banana` is True because a comes before b in lexicographical order.
- `apple == Apple` is False because case matters, and uppercase A has a different Unicode value than lowercase a.

## Logical Operations

Logical operations allow us to combine boolean expressions. The three main logical operators in Python are and, or, and not.

```
x, y = 5, 10

# and operator
print("x < 10 and y > 5:", x < 10 and y > 5)

# or operator
print("x < 3 or y > 5:", x < 3 or y > 5)

# not operator
print("not x == y:", not x == y)
```

x < 10 and y > 5: True

x < 3 or y > 5: True

not x == y: True

X	Y	X and Y	X or Y
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T
F	F	F	F

## Membership Operations

Membership operations are used to test whether a value or variable is found in a sequence (such as a string, list, tuple, set or dictionary).

Python has two membership operators:

1. in: Returns True if a value is **in** the object
2. not in: Returns True if a value is **not in** the object

```
# List membership
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']
print('banana' in fruits)
print('orange' in fruits)
print('orange' not in fruits)
```

True  
False  
True

```
# String membership
text = "Hello, World!"
print('H' in text)
print('hello' in text)
print('Python' not in text)
```

True  
False  
True

```
# Dictionary membership
# (checks keys, not values)
person = {'name': 'Alice', 'age': 25}
print('name' in person)
print('Alice' in person)
print('height' not in person)
```

True  
False  
True

## Identity Operations

Identity operators are used to compare the memory locations of two objects. Python has two identity operators:

1. `is`: Returns True if both variables are the same object
2. `is not`: Returns True if both variables are not the same object

It's important to note that `is` is not the same as `==`. The `==` operator compares the value or equality of two objects, whereas `is` compares their identity.

It's generally recommended to use `==` for value comparisons and reserve `is` for comparing with `None` or when you explicitly want to check if two variables refer to the exact same object.

```
# None comparison
x = None
print(x is None)
print(x == None)
```

True

True

```
# Integer identity
a, b = 5, 5
print(a is b)
print(a == b)
print(f'id A: {id(a)}, id B: {id(b)}')
```

True

True

id A: 4398687352, id B: 4398687352

```
# Lists (mutable objects: can be changed after creation)
list1 = [1, 2, 3]
list2 = [1, 2, 3]
print(f"list1 == list2: {list1 == list2}")
print(f"list1 is list2: {list1 is list2}")
print(f"id(list1): {id(list1)}, id(list2): {id(list2)}")
```

list1 == list2: True

list1 is list2: False

id(list1): 4428005120, id(list2): 4427885056