

Julia Reference Card

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1 Variable Types

1.0 On All Objects or Collections (c)

is(a, b) or === object identity
isequal(x,y) or == value identity
isa(x, type) test if x is a type
isless(x,y) consistent x<y test
typeof(x) get x's concrete type
tuple(x's) tuple([...] create tuple
ntuple(n, f::Function) tuple f(i) for i:n
object_id(x) ; hash(x) id equiv to === & ==
copy(x) ; deepcopy(x) shallow or recursive copies
eltype(d) type of elements
eval ; evalfile evaluate expression
collect(c) ; (c...) array of all items with
k,v tuples for dicts

s=[c,x] ; s=vcat(c,x) Add to s vertically
s=[c x] ; s=hcatt(c,x) Add horizontally
hvcatt(a,r,c) ; [a b;c d;...] Concatenate r+c
empty!(c) ; isempty(c) empty or test c
x in s ; in(s,x) ; !in(s,x) is x a member of s
length(c) ; endof(c) length and last index of c
size(c[,d]) size of c in dimension d
sum(c[,d]) ; prod(c[,d]) fn over dimensions
fill!(c,x) fill A with value x

minimum(c[,d]); maximum of seq or array (with dims)
findmin(c) ; findmax returns max and index
any(c[,dims]) ; all boolean tests
count(f(x),x) num where f(x) is true
first(c) ; last(c) O(1) first or last element
getindex(c,i) get value at index i
unique(c) ordered array of uniques

filter(f(x),c) or f(k,v) return items where true
filter!(f(x),c) or update collection
map(f,c) map!(f,c) transformations
reduce(op,v0,c) ; reduce with operator
mapreduce(f,op,c) from init value v0

1.1 Numbers

42 0x2A 0o52 0b101010 42 (dec,hex,oct,bin,)
0.2 .8 4. 1e10 1e-7 3.2f0 floating point value
Inf NaN
z = 5 - 2im complex number
z = complex(real, imag) complex number
real(z); imag(z) real and imag part of z
2//3 - 1//2 rational numbers (gcd)
true; false boolean constants
abs(n) absolute value of n
divrem(x, y) (x/y, x%y)
cmp(x,y) x<y: -1, x==y: 0, x>y: 1

42 0x2A 0o52 0b101010
round(x,n)
int() int8() to int128()
float("3.14") float16()
float32() float64()
string(3.14)
hex(n) dec(n) oct(n)
base(b,n)
int('x')

1.2 Sequences (arrays are mutable, tuples and strings are immutable). 1 dimensional arrays (column) replace vectors and arrays are indexed from 1 to end. Arrays use [] but heterogeneous arrays, cells, use {} and can replace lists.

a=l=[1, 2, 3, 4] or [] create 1 dim Array
s=l={1,"ba",{1+2im,1.4}, 4} list or 1d cell creation
s=t=(1,"ba",[1+2j,1.4], 4) tuple creation
s=l=linospace(start, stop, n) n items between start & ...
l=[t...] ; t=tuple(l...) list / tuple conversion
s=1:1000 range of integers
a=[1:1000] 1d array of ints
s[3][1] get element (1+2im)
l[end-1][end] get element (1.4)
s[i:j] ; s[i:] ; s[:j] slicing (i & j inclusive)
s[i:k:j] slice with stride k
s[2:2:] ; s[end:-1:1] every 2nd ; reverses
l[i:j]='a','b','c','d' replace equal slice

push!(a,x) x = pop!(a) Add/remove end of a
unshift!(a,x) x = shift!(a) Add/remove start of a
append!(l,l2) ; prepend append l2 at end of l
insert!(l,i,x) insert x at pos. i
splice(a,i:j[,newarray]) remove i to j
reverse!(l,i,j) reverse l from i to j
sort!(l) sort (many options)
zip(s,t,...) [(s[0],t[0],...),...]

1.3 Dictionaries

d={'x'=>42,'y'=>3.14,'z'=>7} dict creation
d={i => f(i) for i=1:n} using comprehension
[] for inferred types {} for any type
d['x'] get entry for key 'x'
length(d) number of keys
delete!(d,'x') delete entry from dict
has_key(d, k) does key exist?
keys(d) iter of all keys
values(d) iter of all values
collect(d) array of keys / values
get(d,k,x) get value, default x
getkey(d,k,x) get key, default to x
merge(dict, ...) merge dicts
pop!(d,k,x) return & delete item

42 (dec,hex,oct,bin,)
round x to n dec places
int from string or num
float from string or num
conversion
create hex, dec, oct,
base b string
code point of char

1.4 Sets

s=Set(s...) create set
s=IntSet(i...) create sorted int set
add!(s,key) add an element
issubset(s,t); s<=t all s in t?
union!(s,t) array if t is array
intersect(s,t) elements in s and t
setdiff!(s,t) | (s,c) all s not in t
symdiff!(s,t) | (s,n) (s,c) all either s excl or t
complement!(s) set-complement intset

1.5 Strings and Regular Expressions

"bla"; 'hello "world"' string (of bytes)
\\ backslash
\N{id} \uhhhh \Uhhhhhhh unicode char
\xhh hex
'\u78' '\u2200' '\U10ffff' unicode string
@sprintf("%Fmt", args...) string formatting
%s %03d %.2f %+.0e %E string, int 3char + lead
zero, float 2 precision
t="eat" ; "\$t here" var interpolation
s*s ; *(s,s1,s2) concatenate strings
s^n ; ^(s,n) repeat s n times
join((s,s,s),sep) join string with separator
collect(s) return an array from
utf8(s) s to utf-8 string
char(i) char from code point

Other String Methods:

search & replace: search(s,pat,i), rsearch(s,pat,i),
in(pat,s) index(s,pat,i), rindex(s,pat,i),
beginswith(s,pat), endswith(s,pat),
replace(string, pat, r[, n])
formatting: lowercase, uppercase, ucfirst, lcfirst
splitting: split(s,m), rsplit(s,m), chop, chomp
padding: lpad(s,n,p), rpad(s,n,p), lstrip(s,c),
rstrip(s,c), strip(s,c)
checking: isalnum, isalpha, isascii, isblank, iscntrl,
isdigit, isgraph, islower, isprint, ispunct,
isspace, isupper, isxdigit

Regexes:

rm=match(r"regex",s,i) 1st. nothing if no match
rm.match substring matched
rm.captures tuple of matches
rm.offset offset to match
rm.offsets vector of offsets
matchall(r"",s) -> [s s ...] vector of matches
eachmatch(r"",s[,o]) -> iter iterator over matches
flags after the double quote
i case insensitive
m multiline string
s single line string
x ignore whitespace

1.6 Arrays (homogeneous & type may be specified)

Array(T, dims) Uninitialized dense dim
 array of Type T

Initialize different arrays (sometimes with T else just dims):

zeros ones trues falses rand randdf randn
eye eye(n) linspace(start, stop, n)

Vector = 1 dim column array or cell is like a list in Python
Functions on arrays:

nnz (num non zero values) stride(A,n) strides(A)
ndims, transpose & ctranspose .' & '
cell(dims ...)

Array{Int32,0} [] {}
reshape(A, dims)
similar reinterpret
[a,x] [a x] {c,x} {c x}
a = [f(x,y,...) for x=rx,
y=ry, ...]

uninitialized
heterogeneous array
Empty array or cell
new shape, same data

add element
array comprehensions

1.7 DataFrames (using DataFrames)

DataArray NA NAtype Array with missing values
DataFrame(A=1:4,B=[...]) Tabular hetero dataset
removeNA replaceNA(dv,val) remove or replace NAs
failNA
df[2,"A"] df[[rows,1:2] get & slice
df[1:2,["A","B"]]
df[df["A"] % 2 .== 0, :]
colnames!(df[,newnames]) read or insert col names
head, tail, describe
join(df..., jointype) join two dataframes
groupby(df,catvar) split df by categorical var
by(df,catvar, df->f(df[])) split and apply fn or
by(df,catvar,.(n=...; m=...)) expression to subset
stack(df,categorical var) reshape data
readtable(fname,header=false, defaults are true, comma
separator='\t') also, writetable(f, fname)

2 Basic Syntax

if expr statements Conditional
elseif expr statements ; if on same line
else statements end terminate with end
z = cond ? x : y ternary version
z = ifelse(cond, x, y) as ? but all args evaluated
z = cond && x short circuit

while expr statements end while loop
while true .. if cond break do .. while equivalent
for target in iter for loop
 statements ; end
for i=itr, j=itr ... end over multiple variables
for key in keys(d)... over dictionary
break, continue end loop / jump to next
s=start(I);while !done(I,s) iterator from sequence
 (i,s) = next(I,s)
print("hello world") print or println (new line)
[expr for x in seq lc] list comprehension
nothing empty statement

```
function f(params) ... end
f(x, y=0) = return x+y
f(a,b,c...) =
f(a,b; dir="nth") =
f(a,b; d=5,e...) =
... |> (x,f)
f(1,1), f(2), f(y=3, x=4)
(x) -> x+a
```

```
function make_adder_2(a)
    add(b) = return a+b
    return add
end
let v=1,w=" " ... ; end
@time()              gc_disable()
@profile              Profile.print
```

```
global v
: ... ; quote ... end
eval(expr)
```

```
using name      fn()
import name     name.fn()
require(filepath)
reload(filepath)
include(filepath)
evalfile(file)
cd("data") do
    open("outfile", "w") do f
        write(f,data)
    end
end
```

4 Exception Handling & Debugging

```
try ...                      Try-block
catch [y]                    catch exception as var
    print data
    error("...")
```

```
end
finally ...
@assert expression
throw(e)
using Debug
@debug @bp
    l    p var1, ...
    s    c
```

5 System Interaction

```
run(`cmd`) or ;cmd                      system call
spawn(`cmd`)                            run asynchronously
success(`cmd`)                           bool for exit condition
process_running(process)                determine if running
process_exited(process)                determine if has exited
kill(process, signal)
readsfrom(command)                      (its stdout, process)
writesto(command)                        runs asynch & returns
                                         (its stdin, process)
```

function definition
optional parameter
varargs c = [] or ()
named args
varargs as of k,v tuples
apply fn to preceding args
function calls
anonymous function

closure, alternatively,
function mkadr(a)
 b -> a+b
end
scope block with vars
report time elapsed
profile, print & clear

bind to global variable
create an expression
evaluate expression

load module namespace
import gives named access
Load file once
and reload it
set dir & load source
execute file
safely write file in a
directory and close after.

```
readsandwrite(command)
detach(command)
setenv(command,env)
ENV    EnvHash->EnvHash
getpid()
clipboard(x)
s = clipboard()
@time() @elapsed()->secs
strftime([f,]time())
cd(f[,dir])
```

(its in, its out, process)
run & outlive Julia process
set vars for running
Sys environment vars
get Julia's pid
print x to clipboard
or s from clipboard
time and expression
time as string
run f in temporary dir

Filesystem Operations

```
gethostname(), getipaddr(), pwd(), cd('dir'),
mkdir(p,mode), mkpath(p,mode), rmdir(p),
ignorestatus(cmd),
redirect in run commands: |> std output, |>> append
stdout, |.> stderr to process, file or DevNull
```

6 Input/Output

```
open(filename, mode)                    open file (a & w create,
mode = r r+ w w+ a a+                   + is both r&w, w truncates)
open(f[,args])                          f(result of open args)
close(stream)                           flush and close
write(stream, x)                        write binary x to stream
writedlm writescv                       array, dlm with csv delimiter
read(stream, type[,dims])              read value from stream
readbytes readdlm readcsv              nb bytes, array, csv
readall readline[s]                    all as string, line or lines
position(s)                            get position of a stream
seek(s, pos)                           seek stream to position
seekstart(s), seekend(s)               to start to end
skip(s, offset)                        seek relative
isopen eof isreadonly                  open? end of file? read only?
ltoh(x) htol(x)                        little endian conversions
[de]serialize(stream,val)
download(url[,localfile])              unix download
+ others
```

7 Areas Not Covered

Julia has a dynamic type system but with a rich language of types including parametric. Type declaration is optional so the casual user can usually ignore it.
Multiple dispatch permits methods to be called based on the types of all unnamed arguments.
Object orientated design can be achieved by combining type definition and multiple dispatch to associate methods with new classes of objects
Tasks or Coroutines permit computations to be flexibly suspended and resumed, effectively enhanced generators.
Parallel and distributed computing and metaprogramming are supported.

```
help(name)                              get help on object
apropos("search string")                search docs for string
```