

# Python Operators

Python can be used like a calculator. Simply type in expressions to get them evaluated.

## What are operators in python?

Operators are special **symbols** in Python that carry out **arithmetic** or **logical computation**. The value that the operator operates on is called the **operand**.

For example:

```
>>>6+3
```

```
9
```

Here, `+` is the operator that performs addition. `2` and `3` are the operands and `5` is the output of the **operation**.

```
In [1]: 6+3
```

```
Out[1]: 9
```

## 1. Arithmetic Operators

Arithmetic operators are used to perform **mathematical operations** like **addition, subtraction, multiplication** etc.

Symbol	Task Performed	Meaning	Example
<code>+</code>	Addition	add two operands or unary plus	<code>x + y</code> or <code>+2</code>
<code>-</code>	Subtraction	subtract right operand from the left or unary minus	<code>x - y</code> or <code>-2</code>
<code>*</code>	Multiplication	Multiply two operands	<code>x * y</code>
<code>/</code>	Division	Divide left operand by the right one (always results into float)	<code>x / y</code>
<code>%</code>	Modulus (remainder)	remainder of the division of left operand by the right	<code>x % y</code> (remainder of <code>x/y</code> )
<code>//</code>	Integer/Floor division	division that results into whole number adjusted to the left in the number line	<code>x // y</code>
<code>**</code>	Exponentiation (power)	left operand raised to the power of right	<code>x ** y</code> ( <code>x</code> to the power <code>y</code> )

As expected these operations generally promote to the most general type of any of the numbers involved i.e. `int` -> `float` -> `complex`.

### Example : Arithmetic operators in Python

```
In [2]: print('Addition: ', 1 + 2)
print('Subtraction: ', 2 - 1)
print('Multiplication: ', 2 * 3)
print ('Division: ', 4 / 2)                                # Division in python gives floating number
r
print('Division: ', 6 / 2)
print('Division: ', 7 / 2)
print('Division without the remainder: ', 7 // 2)      # gives without the floating number or wi
thout the remaining
print('Modulus: ', 3 % 2)                                 # Gives the remainder
print ('Division without the remainder: ',7 // 3)
print('Exponential: ', 3 ** 2)                            # it means 3 * 3
```

```
Addition: 3
Subtraction: 1
Multiplication: 6
Division: 2.0
Division: 3.0
Division: 3.5
Division without the remainder: 3
Modulus: 1
Division without the remainder: 2
Exponential: 9
```

```
In [3]: x = 16
y = 3

print('x + y =',x+y) # 19
print('x - y =',x-y) # 13
print('x * y =',x*y) # 48
print('x / y =',x/y) # 5.333
print('x // y =',x//y) # 519
```

```
x + y = 19
x - y = 13
x * y = 48
x / y = 5.333333333333333
x // y = 5
```

In [4]: 1+2+3

Out[4]: 6

In [5]: 7-1

Out[5]: 6

In [6]: 6 \* (3+0j) \* 1.0

Out[6]: (18+0j)

In [7]: 5/6

Out[7]: 0.8333333333333334

In many languages (and older versions of python)  $\frac{1}{2}=0$  (truncated division). In Python 3 this behaviour is captured by a separate operator that rounds down: (i.e.,  $a // b=\lfloor \frac{a}{b} \rfloor$ )

In [8]: 5//6.0

Out[8]: 0.0

In [9]: 15%10

Out[9]: 5

```
In [10]: 3 ** 2      # it means 3 * 3
```

```
Out[10]: 9
```

Python natively allows (nearly) infinite length integers while floating point numbers are double precision numbers:

```
In [11]: 22**600
```

```
Out[11]: 284189804538526226038838564947097313112181583622932247004455439407966437769117881295085772463  
09929258069598467896008287596053863082109746801947722807837200326498181984644523753583486191  
200211357972518570195570325656386596677454211151944685590215412690274387467884863926495814053  
275166587183170114538584652187798809721406125515041497010821641793674841985707342300035283558  
265456442237947799117239171158452137399213278204090054607085479424452349064988805884112767551  
200021089635109552765346305229659661779516260380639949371812289388442526680985153850457184286  
635477881221737987047175109793197498340834190043552220120437158551236152496820395878444312462  
690176127282917107188213888406272774071898635097899293391024066551157868996968299020322826669  
83426897111750208839152830573688512831984602085360572485861376
```

```
In [12]: 22.0**600
```

```
-----  
OverflowError                                     Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-12-bfc5aa62a0ff> in <module>  
----> 1 22.0**600
```

```
OverflowError: (34, 'Result too large')
```

## 2. Comparison/Relational operators

Comparison operators are used to **compare values**. It either returns **True** or **False** according to the **condition**.

Symbol	Task Performed	Meaning	Example
>	greater than	True if left operand is greater than the right	x > y
<	less than	True if left operand is less than the right	x < y
==	equal to	True if both operands are equal	x == y
!=	not equal to	True if both operands are not equal	x != y
>=	greater than or equal to	True if left operand is greater than or equal to the right	x >= y
<=	less than or equal to	True if left operand is less than or equal to the right	x <= y

Note the difference between `==` (equality test) and `=` (assignment)

**Example : Comparison operators in Python**

```
In [13]: print(6 > 3)          # True, because 3 is greater than 2
         print(6 >= 3)        # True, because 3 is greater than 2
         print(6 < 3)         # False, because 3 is greater than 2
         print(3 < 6)         # True, because 2 is Less than 3
         print(3 <= 6)        # True, because 2 is Less than 3
         print(6 == 3)         # False, because 3 is not equal to 2
         print(6 != 3)        # True, because 3 is not equal to 2
         print(len("apple") == len("avocado")) # False
         print(len("apple") != len("avocado")) # True
         print(len("apple") < len("avocado")) # True
         print(len("banana") != len("orange")) # False
         print(len("banana") == len("orange")) # True
         print(len("tomato") == len("potato")) # True
         print(len("python") > len("coding")) # False
```

```
True
True
False
True
True
False
True
False
True
True
False
True
True
True
False
```

```
In [14]: x = 30
         y = 22

         print('x > y is',x>y)    # False
         print('x < y is',x<y)    # True
         print('x >= y is',x>=y) # False
         print('x <= y is',x<=y) # True
```

```
x > y is True
x < y is False
x >= y is True
x <= y is False
```

```
In [15]: z = 3 # 3 is assign to variable z
         z == 3 # 3 is equal to z
```

```
Out[15]: True
```

```
In [16]: z > 3
```

```
Out[16]: False
```

Comparisons can also be chained in the mathematically obvious way. The following will work as expected in Python (but not in other languages like C/C++):

```
In [17]: 0.5 < z <= 1 # z == 3
```

```
Out[17]: False
```

### 3. Logical/Boolean operators

Logical operators are the `and`, `or`, `not` operators.

Symbol	Meaning	Example
<code>and</code>	True if both the operands are true	<code>x and y</code>
<code>or</code>	True if either of the operand is true	<code>x or y</code>
<code>not</code>	True if operand are false (complements the operand)	<code>not x</code>

#### Example : Logical operators in Python

```
In [18]: print('True == True: ', True == True)
print('True == False: ', True == False)
print('False == False:', False == False)
print('True and True: ', True and True)
print('True or False:', True or False)
```

```
True == True:  True
True == False: False
False == False: True
True and True: True
True or False: True
```

```
In [19]: # Another way comparison
```

```
print('1 is 1', 1 is 1)                      # True - because the data values are the same
print('1 is not 2', 1 is not 2)                # True - because 1 is not 2
print('A in Milaan', 'A' in 'Milaan')         # True - A found in the string
print('B in Milaan', 'B' in 'Milaan')          # False - there is no uppercase B
print('python' in 'python is fun')             # True - because coding for all has the word coding
print('a in an:', 'a' in 'an')                 # True
print('27 is 3 ** 3:', 27 is 3**3)            # True
```

```
1 is 1 True
1 is not 2 True
A in Milaan False
B in Milaan False
True
a in an: True
27 is 3 ** 3: True

<>:3: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal. Did you mean "=="?
<>:4: SyntaxWarning: "is not" with a literal. Did you mean "!="?
<>:9: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal. Did you mean "=="?
<>:3: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal. Did you mean "=="?
<>:4: SyntaxWarning: "is not" with a literal. Did you mean "!="?
<>:9: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal. Did you mean "=="?
<ipython-input-19-7c9145eb11e9>:3: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal. Did you mean "=="?
    print('1 is 1', 1 is 1)                      # True - because the data values are the same
<ipython-input-19-7c9145eb11e9>:4: SyntaxWarning: "is not" with a literal. Did you mean "!="?
    print('1 is not 2', 1 is not 2)                # True - because 1 is not 2
<ipython-input-19-7c9145eb11e9>:9: SyntaxWarning: "is" with a literal. Did you mean "=="?
    print('27 is 3 ** 3:', 27 is 3**3)            # True
```

```
In [20]: print(6 > 3 and 5 > 3) # True - because both statements are true
print(6 > 3 and 5 < 3) # False - because the second statement is false
print(6 < 3 and 5 < 3) # False - because both statements are false
print(6 > 3 or 5 > 3) # True - because both statements are true
print(6 > 3 or 5 < 3) # True - because one of the statement is true
print(6 < 3 or 5 < 3) # False - because both statements are false
print(not 6 > 3) # False - because 6 > 3 is true, then not True gives False
print(not True) # False - Negation, the not operator turns true to false
print(not False) # True
print(not not True) # True
print(not not False) # False
```

```
True
False
False
True
True
False
False
False
True
True
False
```

```
In [21]: x = True
y = False

print('x and y is',x and y) # False
print('x or y is',x or y) # True
print('not x is',not x) # False
```

```
x and y is False
x or y is True
not x is False
```

```
In [22]: True and (not(not False)) or (True and (not True)) # What will be output?

# True and (not(True)) or (True and (False))
# True and False or (False)
# False or False
# False
```

```
Out[22]: False
```

Here is the [truth table \(@\\_and,\\_or,\\_not\)](#).

([https://github.com/milaan9/01\\_Python\\_Introduction/blob/main/Python\\_Keywords\\_List.ipynb](https://github.com/milaan9/01_Python_Introduction/blob/main/Python_Keywords_List.ipynb)) for these operators.

## 4. Bitwise operators

Bitwise operators act on operands as if they were string of binary digits. It operates **bit by bit**, hence the name.

For example: 2 is **10** in binary and 7 is **111**.

In the table below: Let **x = 10** (**0000 1010** in binary) and **y = 4** (**0000 0100** in binary)

Operator	Meaning	Symbol	Task Performed	Example
and	Logical and	&	Bitwise And	$x \& y = 0$ ( <b>0000 0000</b> )
or	Logical or	<code>\$mid\$</code>	Bitwise OR	$x   y = 14$ ( <b>0000 1110</b> )
not	Not	$\sim$	Bitwise NOT	$\sim x = -11$ ( <b>1111 0101</b> )
		$\wedge$	Bitwise XOR	$x \wedge y = 14$ ( <b>0000 1110</b> )
		$\gg$	Bitwise right shift	$x \gg 2 = 2$ ( <b>0000 0010</b> )
		$\ll$	Bitwise left shift	$x \ll 2 = 40$ ( <b>0010 1000</b> )

```
In [23]: a = 2 #binary: 0010
b = 3 #binary: 0011
print('a & b =',a & b,"=",bin(a&b))
```

a & b = 2 = 0b10

```
In [24]: 5 >> 1

# 0 → 0000 0101
#      0000 0010
# 0010 is 2 in decimal
```

Out[24]: 2

### Explanation:

0000 0101 -> 5 (5 is 0101 in binary)

Shifting the digits by 1 to the right and zero padding that will be: 0 → 0000 0101 = 0000 0010

0000 0010 -> 2

```
In [25]: 5 << 1

# 0000 0101 ← 0
# 0000 1010
# 1010 is 10 in decimal
```

Out[25]: 10

### Explanation:

0000 0101 -> 5

Shifting the digits by 1 to the left and zero padding will be: 0000 0101 ← 0 = 0000 1010

0000 1010 -> 10

```
In [26]: 6 >> 2 # What will be output???
```

Out[26]: 1

```
In [27]: print(not (True and False), "==" , not True or not False)
#          TRUE                      ==      True
```

True == True

```
In [28]: print (False and (not False) or (False and True), "==" , not (True and (not False) or (not Tru
e)))
#          False and (not False) or (False and True) == not (True and (not False) or (not Tru
e))
```

False == False

## 5. Assignment operators

Assignment operators are used in Python to **assign values to variables**.

`a = 5` is a simple assignment operator that assigns the value 5 on the right to the variable `a` on the left.

There are various compound operators in Python like `a += 5` that adds to the variable and later assigns the same. It is equivalent to `a = a + 5`.

Symbol	Example	Equivalent to
=	<code>x = 5</code>	<code>x = 5</code>
+=	<code>x += 5</code>	<code>x = x + 5</code>
-=	<code>x -= 5</code>	<code>x = x - 5</code>
*=	<code>x *= 5</code>	<code>x = x * 5</code>
/=	<code>x /= 5</code>	<code>x = x / 5</code>
%=	<code>x %= 5</code>	<code>x = x % 5</code>
//=	<code>x //= 5</code>	<code>x = x // 5</code>
**=	<code>x **= 5</code>	<code>x = x ** 5</code>
&=	<code>x &amp;= 5</code>	<code>x = x &amp; 5</code>
=	<code>x  = 5</code>	<code>x = x   5</code>
^=	<code>x ^= 5</code>	<code>x = x ^ 5</code>
>>=	<code>x &gt;&gt;= 5</code>	<code>x = x &gt;&gt; 5</code>
<<=	<code>x &lt;&lt;= 5</code>	<code>x = x &lt;&lt; 5</code>

The binary operators can be combined with assignment to modify a variable value. For example:

```
In [29]: x = 1
x += 2 # add 2 to x
print("x is",x)
x <<= 2 # Left shift by 2 (equivalent to x *= 4)
print('x is',x)
x **= 2 # x := x^2
print('x is',x)
```

x is 3  
x is 12  
x is 144

## 6. Special operators

Python language offers some special types of operators like the identity operator or the membership operator. They are described below with examples.

## 1. Identity operators

`is` and `is not` are the identity operators in Python. They are used to check if two values (or variables) are located on the same part of the **memory**. Two variables that are equal does not imply that they are **identical**.

Symbol	Meaning	Example
<code>is</code>	True if the operands are identical (refer to the same object)	<code>x is True</code>
<code>is not</code>	True if the operands are not identical (do not refer to the same object)	<code>x is not True</code>

### Example : Identity operators in Python

```
In [30]: x1 = 6
y1 = 6
x2 = 'Hello'
y2 = 'Hello'
x3 = [1,2,3] # list
y3 = [1,2,3] # list

# Output: False
print(x1 is not y1)

# Output: True
print(x2 is y2)

# Output: False because two List [] can never be equal
print(x3 is y3)
```

```
False
True
False
```

### Explanation:

Here, we see that `x1` and `y1` are integers of same values, so they are equal as well as identical. Same is the case with `x2` and `y2` (strings).

But `x3` and `y3` are list. They are equal but not identical. It is because interpreter locates them **separately in memory** although they are equal.

## 2. Membership operators

`in` and `not in` are the membership operators in Python. They are used to test whether a value or variable is found in a sequence ([string](https://github.com/milaan9/02_Python_Datatypes/blob/main/002_Python_String.ipynb), [list](https://github.com/milaan9/02_Python_Datatypes/blob/main/003_Python_List.ipynb), [tuple](https://github.com/milaan9/02_Python_Datatypes/blob/main/004_Python_Tuple.ipynb), [set](https://github.com/milaan9/02_Python_Datatypes/blob/main/006_Python_Sets.ipynb) and [dictionary](https://github.com/milaan9/02_Python_Datatypes/blob/main/005_Python_Dictionary.ipynb)).

In a dictionary we can only test for presence of **key, not the value**.

Symbol	Meaning	Example
<code>in</code>	True if value/variable is found in sequence	<code>5 in x</code>
<code>not in</code>	True if value/variable is not found in sequence	<code>5 not in x</code>

### Example : Membership operators in Python

```
In [31]: x = 'Hello world'
y = {1:'a',2:'b'} # dictionary 1 is key and 'a' is element. So we access element without its
key.

# Output: True
print('H' in x) # Do we have 'H' in 'Hello World' ?

# Output: True
print('hello' not in x) # Do we have 'hello' in 'Hello World' ?

# Output: True
print(1 in y)

# Output: False because we cannot identify 'a' without its key hence it is Flase.
print('a' in y)
```

```
True
True
True
False
```

### Explanation:

Here, ' H ' is in x but ' hello ' is not present in x (remember, Python is case sensitive). Similary, 1 is key and ' a ' is the value in dictionary y. Hence, 'a'in y returns False .



## Exercises →

### Operators

1. Declare your age as integer variable
2. Declare your height as a float variable
3. Declare a variable that store a complex number
4. Write a code that prompts the user to enter base and height of the triangle and calculate an area of this triangle (area =  $0.5 \times b \times h$ ).

Enter base: 20

Enter height: 10

The area of the triangle **is** 100

1. Write a code that prompts the user to enter side a, side b, and side c of the triangle. Calculate the perimeter of the triangle (perimeter =  $a + b + c$ ).

Enter side a: 5

Enter side b: 4

Enter side c: 3

The perimeter of the triangle **is** 12

1. Get length and width of a rectangle using prompt. Calculate its area (**area = length x width**) and perimeter (**perimeter = 2 x (length + width)**)
2. Get radius of a circle using prompt. Calculate the area (**area = pi x r x r**) and circumference (**c = 2 x pi x r**) where  $\pi = 3.14$ .
3. Calculate the slope, x-intercept and y-intercept of  $y = 2x - 2$
4. Slope is  $(m = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1))$ . Find the slope and [Euclidean distance](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euclidean_distance#:~:text=In%20mathematics%2C%20the%20Euclidean%20distance,beir)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euclidean\\_distance#:~:text=In%20mathematics%2C%20the%20Euclidean%20distance,beir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euclidean_distance#:~:text=In%20mathematics%2C%20the%20Euclidean%20distance,beir)  
between point (2, 2) and point (6,10)
5. Compare the slopes in tasks 8 and 9.
6. Calculate the value of y ( $y = x^2 + 6x + 9$ ). Try to use different x values and figure out at what x value y is going to be 0.
7. Find the length of 'python' and 'datascience' and make a falsy comparison statement.
8. Use **and** operator to check if **on** is found in both **python** and **cannon**
9. **I hope this course is not full of jargon**. Use **in** operator to check if **jargon** is in the sentence.
10. There is no **on** in both **python** and **cannon**
11. Find the length of the text **python** and convert the value to float and convert it to string
12. Even numbers are divisible by 2 and the remainder is zero. How do you check if a number is even or not using python?
13. Check if the floor division of 7 by 3 is equal to the int converted value of 2.7.
14. Check if type of "10" is equal to type of 10
15. Check if **int("9.6")** is equal to 10
16. Write a code that prompts the user to enter hours and rate per hour. Calculate pay of the person?

Enter hours: 40

Enter rate per hour: 30

Your weekly earning **is** 1200

1. Write a script that prompts the user to enter number of years. Calculate the number of seconds a person can live. Assume a person can live hundred years

Enter number of years you have lived: 100

You have lived **for** 3153600000 seconds.

1. Write a Python code that displays the following table

```
1 2 3 4 5  
2 4 6 8 10  
3 6 9 12 15  
4 8 12 16 20  
5 10 15 20 25
```

In [ ]: