

ACOL 202

Lecture 2 (17th Jan)

Basic Data Types

Most basic unit of data:

bit

every piece of
data on a (digital)
computer is stored
as a sequence of bits

1/0

true / false

on / off

yes / no

Boolean value

George Boole
(British Mathematician)

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Numbers

Integers, Reals, Rationals

\mathbb{Z}

\mathbb{R}

\mathbb{Q}

A real number that is not rational is called an irrational number.

$[a, b]$

(a, b)

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Absolute value, floor, ceiling

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

The floor of a real number x is the largest integer which is less than or equal to x .

The ceiling of a real no. x is the smallest integer which is greater than or equal to x .

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Exponentiation

$$b^0 = 1 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{by def}^n, \\ \text{even when} \\ b=0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$b^n = b \cdot b \cdot b \cdots b \quad (n \text{ times})$$

$$b^{m/n} = \left(b^{1/n} \right)^m$$

where $b^{1/n}$ denotes the
number y such that $y^n = b$.
 $b^{1/n}$ is called the n th root of b .

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$\sqrt[n]{b}$

$$b^{1/2} = \sqrt{b}$$

$$4^{3/2} = 8$$

When the exponent is negative,

b^a is defined as $\frac{1}{b^{-a}}$

$$25^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{125}$$

What if the exponent is irrational?
→ approximate by finding the closest rational

Properties of exponentiation

$$b^{x+y} = b^x \cdot b^y$$

$$(b^x)^y = b^{xy}$$

$$(ab)^x = a^x \cdot b^x$$

a, b - real

x, y -
rationals
irrationals

Logarithms (Inverse operation to exponentiation)

$\log_b x$ is the number of times that we must multiply b by itself so that we get x .

$$\log_3 81 = 4$$

For a real number $a \leq 0$
and any base b

$\log_b a$ is undefined.

Also, logarithms base 1 are
undefined.

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Properties

$$\log_b 1 = 0$$

$$\log_b b = 1$$

$$\log_b xy = \log_b x + \log_b y$$

$$\log_b a^y = y \log_b a$$

"Change of base" formula

r

$$\log_b a$$

$=$

$$\frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b} = p$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\log_b n &= r \\ \log_c n &= p \\ \log_c b &= q\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log_2(n) & \log n \\ & \log n\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}b^r &= n \\ \frac{c^p &= n}{c^q = b}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}c^{qr} &= b^r = n \\ &= c^p\end{aligned}$$

$$qr = p$$

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Modulus & Division

$$\frac{9}{2} = 4.5 \quad \text{regular}$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{9}{2} \right\rfloor = 4 \quad \text{integer division}$$

↳ remainder 1

For any integer $k > 0$ and (n) ,
the integer $n \bmod k$ is the remainder
when we divide n by k .

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$$-3 \bmod 5 = 2$$

$$n \bmod k = n - k \cdot \left\lfloor \frac{n}{k} \right\rfloor$$

$n \bmod k$ always lies between
0 and $(k-1)$.

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Even, Odd, Primes and Composite
for non-negative integers
defined for integers > 1 .

Summation

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i$$

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$$

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$$\sum_{i=0}^n (n-i) = \sum_{j=0}^n j$$

column $i=0$
 row $j=0$

	1	2	3	4
1	5	7	9	2
2	3	4	6	1
3	12	8	9	5

$$v_{ij}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n v_{ij}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n v_{ij}$$


$$v_{11} + v_{12} + v_{13} + v_{14}$$

$$+ v_{21} + v_{22} + v_{23} + v_{24}$$

$$+ v_{31} + v_{32} + v_{33} + v_{34}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma & & \Pi \\ \prod_{i=1}^n i & = & n! \\ \hline \sum_{i=1}^0 x_i = 0 & | & \prod_{i=1}^0 x_i = 1 \end{array}$$

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Sets

Unordered collection of
objects

(typically denoted by a capital
letter)

S

Membership

$x \in S$

$x \notin S$

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Cardinality

$|S|$

the number
of elements
in S

Explicit and Implicit Representation

The set of all perfect 2-digit
squares

$\{16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81\}$

is the same as

$\{n \in \mathbb{Z} : \sqrt{n} \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } n \geq 10 \text{ and } n \leq 99\}$

Empty set

$\{\}$

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Set complement

The complement of a set A , not the universe U , written as \overline{A} , is the set of all elements of U that are not contained in A .

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Set Union and Intersection

$$A = \{1, 3, 5\} \quad B = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

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Set difference

$A \setminus B$

the set of all elements of A
that are not in B .

Set equality

when they
contain exactly the
same elements.

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Subsets, Supersets

$$A \subseteq B$$

$$A \subset B$$

Disjoint

Sets of sets

Power set

empty intersection

$$\{\{3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$$

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$$\mathcal{P}(\{1,2,3\})$$
$$= \{ \{ \}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \\ \{1,2\}, \{2,3\}, \{1,3\}, \\ \{1,2,3\} \}$$

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