

2. Upper-case letters 'A' through 'Z' may exist; if so, they are alphabetically ordered, but not necessarily consecutive (e.g., 'A' < 'B').
3. Lower-case letters 'a' through 'z' may exist; if so, they are alphabetically ordered, but not necessarily consecutive (e.g., 'a' < 'b').

The predeclared functions `ord` and `chr` allow the mapping of the character set onto the ordinal numbers of the character set — and vice versa; `ord` and `chr` are called *transfer functions*.

`ord(C)` is the ordinal number of the character `C` in the underlying ordered character set.

`chr(I)` is the character value with the ordinal number `I`.

You can see immediately that `ord` and `chr` are inverse functions, i.e.,

`chr(ord(C)) = C` and `ord(chr(I)) = I`

Furthermore, the ordering of a given character set is defined by

`C1 < C2` iff `ord(C1) < ord(C2)`

This definition can be extended to each of the relational operators: `=`, `<>`, `<`, `<=`, `>=`, `>`. If `R` denotes one of these operators, then

`C1 R C2` iff `ord(C1) R ord(C2)`

When the argument of the predeclared functions `pred` and `succ` is of type `Char`, the functions can be defined as:

`pred(C) = chr(ord(C)-1)`
`succ(C) = chr(ord(C)+1)`

Note: The predecessor (successor) of a character is dependent upon the underlying character set. The two properties hold only if the predecessor or successor exists.

2.E. The Type Real

A value of type `Real` is an element of the implementation-defined subset of real numbers.