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# simd

Perform computations on small vectors and matrices.

## Overview

simd provides types and functions for small vector and matrix computations. The types include integer and floating-point vectors and matrices, and the functions provide basic arithmetic operations, element-wise mathematical operations, and geometric and linear algebra operations.



simd supports vectors containing up to 16 elements (for single-precision values) or 8 elements (for double-precision values), and matrices up to 4 x 4 elements in size. Other frameworks, such as [vForce](#), allow you to work with larger vectors.

## Topics

### Boolean Scalar Data Type

```
typealias simd_bool  
    A Boolean scalar value.
```

### Signed Integer Vectors

-  8-Bit Signed Integer Vectors  
Perform operations on vectors that contain signed 8-bit integer elements.
-  16-Bit Signed Integer Vectors  
Perform operations on vectors that contain signed 16-bit integer elements.

### 32-Bit Signed Integer Vectors

Perform operations on vectors that contain signed 32-bit integer elements.

### 64-Bit Signed Integer Vectors

Perform operations on vectors that contain signed 64-bit integer elements.

## Unsigned Integer Vectors

### 8-Bit Unsigned Integer Vectors

Perform operations on vectors that contain unsigned 8-bit integer elements.

### 16-Bit Unsigned Integer Vectors

Perform operations on vectors that contain unsigned 16-bit integer elements.

### 32-Bit Unsigned Integer Vectors

Perform operations on vectors that contain unsigned 32-bit integer elements.

### 64-Bit Unsigned Integer Vectors

Perform operations on vectors that contain unsigned 64-bit integer elements.

## Floating-Point Vectors

### Working with Vectors

Use vectors to calculate geometric values, calculate dot products and cross products, and interpolate between values.

### Half-precision floating-point vectors

Perform operations on vectors that contain half-precision floating-point elements.

### Single-precision floating-point vectors

Perform operations on vectors that contain single-precision floating-point elements.

### Double-precision floating-point vectors

Perform operations on vectors that contain double-precision floating-point elements.

## Matrices

### Working with Matrices

Solve simultaneous equations and transform points in space.

- ⋮ Half-precision floating-point matrices  
Perform operations on matrices that contain half-precision floating-point elements.
- ⋮ Single-precision floating-point matrices  
Perform operations on matrices that contain single-precision floating-point elements.
- ⋮ Double-precision floating-point matrices  
Perform operations on matrices that contain double-precision floating-point elements.

## Quaternions

- 📄 Working with Quaternions  
Rotate points around the surface of a sphere, and interpolate between them.
- { } Rotating a cube by transforming its vertices  
Rotate a cube through a series of keyframes using quaternion interpolation to transition between them.

```
struct simd_quatf
```

A single-precision quaternion.

```
struct simd_quatd
```

A double-precision quaternion.

## Constants

```
var SIMD_COMPILER_HAS_REQUIRED_FEATURES: Int32
```

```
var SIMD_LIBRARY_VERSION: Int32
```

## Macros

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## See Also

### Vectors, Matrices, and Quaternions



## Working with Vectors

Use vectors to calculate geometric values, calculate dot products and cross products, and interpolate between values.



## Working with Matrices

Solve simultaneous equations and transform points in space.



## Working with Quaternions

Rotate points around the surface of a sphere, and interpolate between them.



## Rotating a cube by transforming its vertices

Rotate a cube through a series of keyframes using quaternion interpolation to transition between them.



## vForce

Perform transcendental and trigonometric functions on vectors of any length.