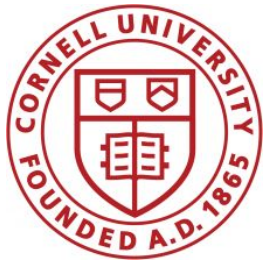

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Spring 2018

Lecture 4

Data Types

Announcements

- Easy URL for website: datascienceforall.org
- What if you just added?
- HW 01 due Thursday (bonus point for early submission)

Tables

(leftover from Lecture 03)

Arithmetic

Arithmetic Operators

Operation	Operator	Example	Value
Addition	+	2 + 3	5
Subtraction	-	2 - 3	-1
Multiplication	*	2 * 3	6
Division	/	7 / 3	2.66667
Remainder	%	7 % 3	1
Exponentiation	**	2 ** 0.5	1.41421

(Demo)

Ints and Floats

Python has two numeric types

- **`int`**: an integer of any size
- **`float`**: a number with an optional fractional part

An **`int`** never has a decimal point; a **float** always does

A **`float`** might be printed using scientific notation

Three limitations of float values:

- They have limited size (but the limit is huge)
- They have limited precision of 15-16 decimal places
- After arithmetic, the final few decimal places can be wrong

Strings

Text and Strings

A string value is a snippet of text of any length

- `'a'`
- `'word'`
- `"there can be 2 sentences. Here's the second!"`

Strings that contain numbers can be converted to numbers

- `int('12')`
- `float('1.2')`

Any value can be converted to a string

- `str(5)`

(Demo)

Discussion Question

Assume you have run the following statements

```
x = 3
y = '4'
z = '5.6'
```

What's the source of the error in each example?

A. `x + y`
B. `x + int(y + z)`
C. `str(x) + int(y)`
D. `str(x, y) + z`

Arrays and Ranges

Arrays

An array contains a sequence of values

- All elements of an array should have the same type
- Arithmetic is applied to each element individually
- When two arrays are added, they must have the same size; corresponding elements are added in the result
- A column of a table is an array

(Demo)

Ranges

A range is an array of consecutive numbers

- **`np.arange(end)`**:
  An array of increasing integers from 0 up to **`end`**
- **`np.arange(start, end)`**:
  An array of increasing integers from **`start`** up to **`end`**
- **`np.arange(start, end, step)`**:
  A range with **`step`** between consecutive values

The range always includes **`start`** but excludes **`end`**