



CSCI 141

Lecture 6:

The `bool` data type
Boolean Expressions
Boolean Operators

Happenings

Tuesday, 4/16 – [Artificial Intelligence Association Presents: Tableau and Power BI](#) – 6 pm in PH 228

Wednesday, 4/17 – [Cybersecurity Lecture Series: Information Security with Austin Tipton](#) – 5 pm in CF 105

Wednesday, 4/17 – [Peer Lecture Series: Vim Workshop](#) – 5 pm in CF 162

Thursday, 4/18 – [Group Advising to Declare the CS Major](#) – 3 pm in CF 420

Thursday, 4/18 – [Western Information Systems Connection](#) – 5 pm in the WWU Library

Announcements

- A2 is out.
 - Due next Monday night
- Assignments will get more involved as the quarter progresses - start early.

Goals

- Know how to apply **operator precedence** rules to determine the order in which pieces of an expression are evaluated.
- Understand the use and values of the type **bool** and the meaning of a boolean expression.
- Understand the behavior of the arithmetic comparison operators (**<**, **>**, **<=**, **>=**, **==**, **!=**).
- Understand the behavior of the boolean logical operators **and**, **or**, and **not**

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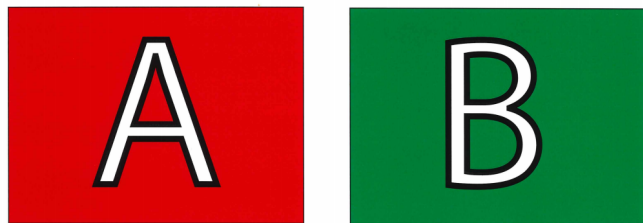
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- Working with a neighbor: do your answers agree? (2 minutes)

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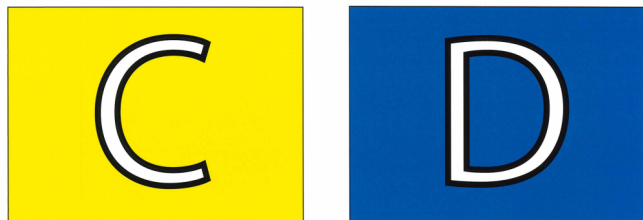
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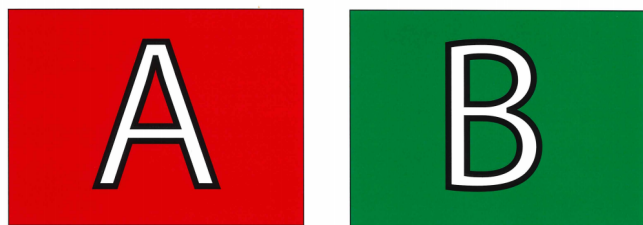
Let's try it out...

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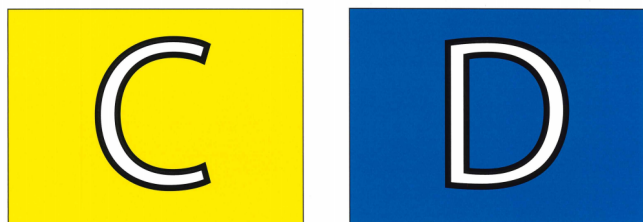
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Bugs

- We had a bug in our code!
- Why are they called bugs? An anecdote from the history of computing:

September 9th, 1945(!)

At 3:45 p.m., Grace Murray Hopper records 'the first computer bug' in the Harvard Mark II computer's log book. The problem was traced to a moth stuck between relay contacts in the computer, which Hopper duly taped into the Mark II's log book with the explanation: "First actual case of bug being found." The bug was actually found by others but Hopper made the logbook entry.



Grace Hopper

“First actual case of a bug being found”

9/9

0800 Anttan started

1000 " stopped - anttan ✓

13⁰⁰ MC (032) MP - MC $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1.2700 \quad 9.037847025 \\ 9.037846995 \text{ correct} \end{array} \right.$

(033) PRO 2 $\frac{1.582147000}{2.130476415}$ $4.615925059(-2)$


correct 2.130676415

Relays 6-2 in 033 failed special speed test
in relay " 10.000 test.

Relays changed

1100 Started Cosine Tape (Sine check)

1525 Started Multi Adder Test.

1545  Relay #70 Panel F
(moth) in relay.

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1630 Anttan started.

1700 closed down.

Relay 2145
Relay 337

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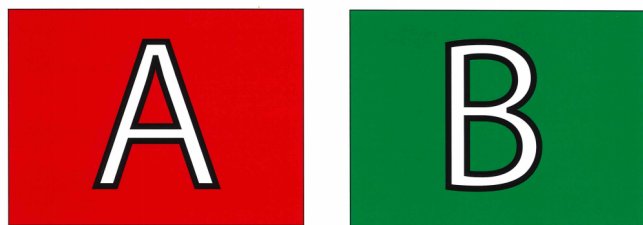
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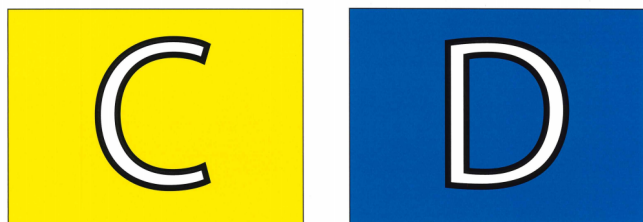
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result = 2
```

Order of Operations

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What if we took the parentheses out:

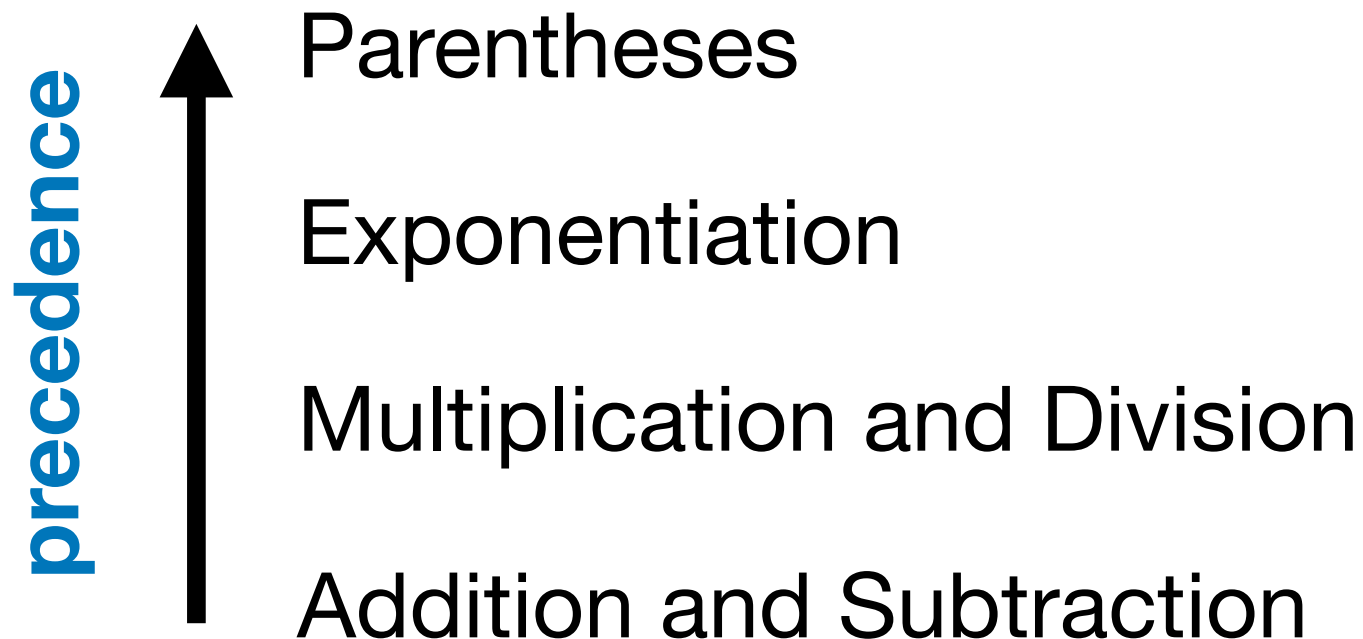
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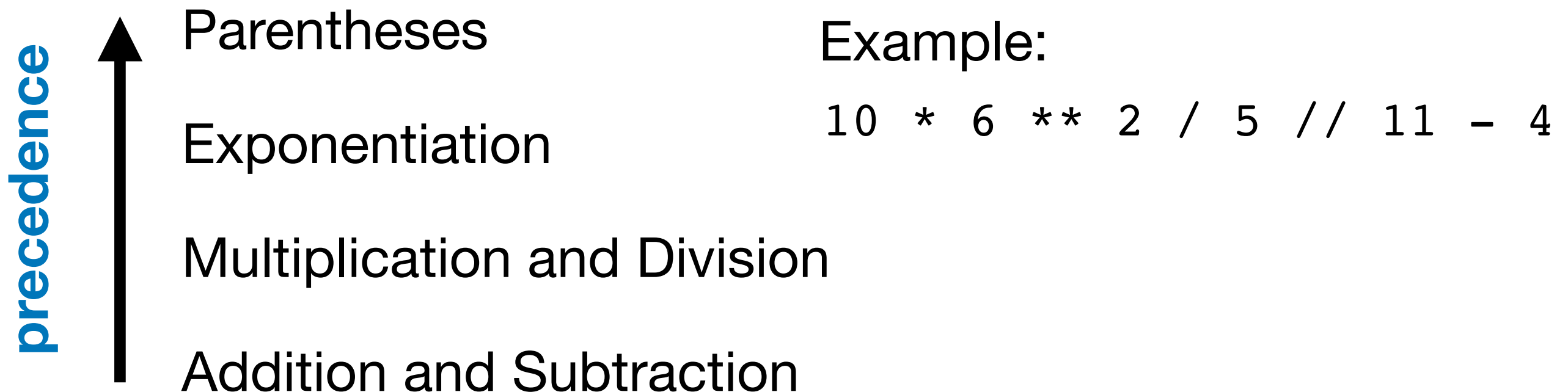
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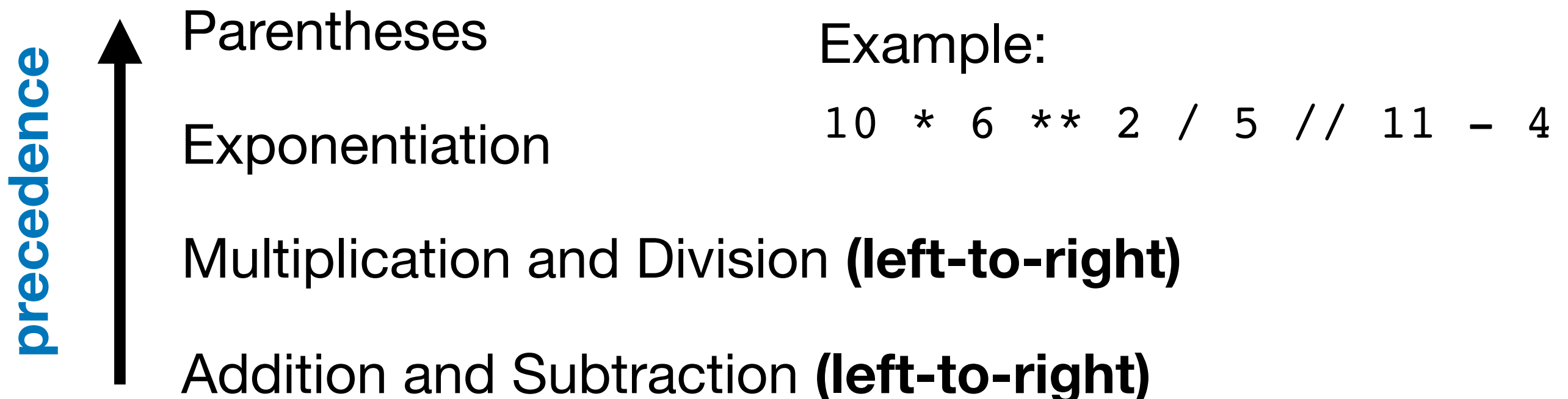
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Example:

$$2 ** 2 ** 4$$

$$(2 ** 2) ** 4 = 4^4 = 16$$

$$2 ** (2 ** 4) = 2^{16} = 65536$$

precedence



Parentheses

Exponentiation

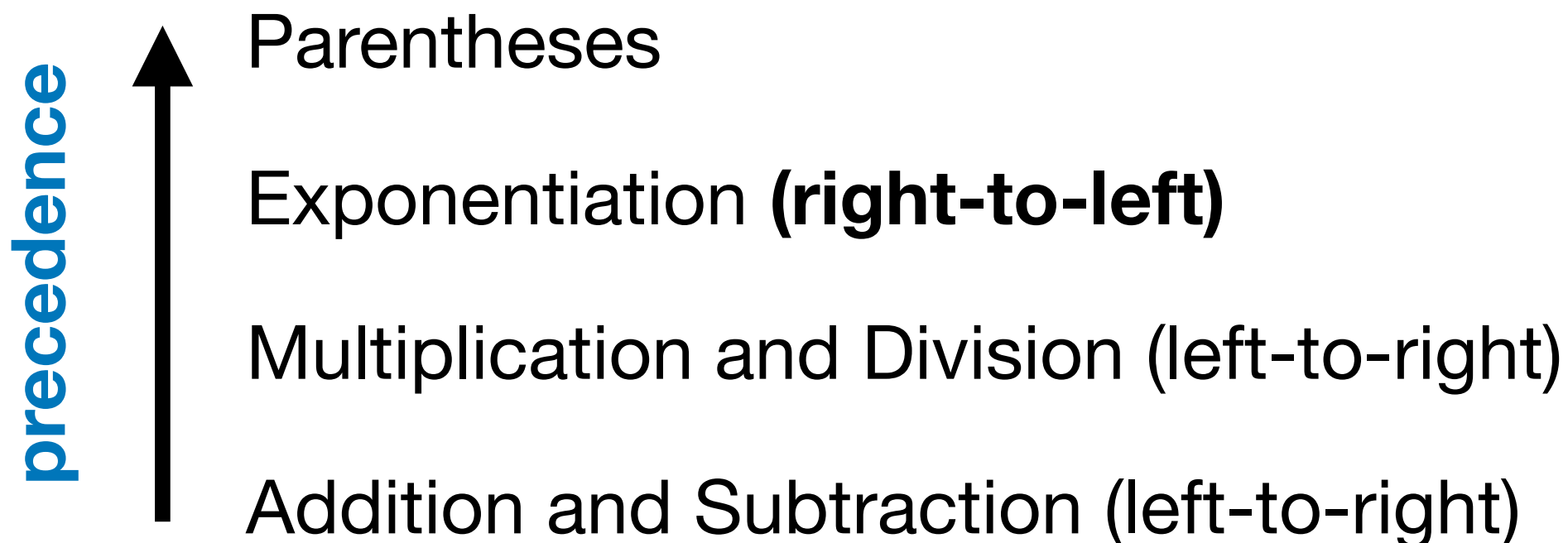
Multiplication and Division (left-to-right)

Addition and Subtraction (left-to-right)

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Questions?

Some more familiar operators

< Less than
> Greater than
<= Less than or equal to
>= Greater than or equal to

==

!=

These ones do what you think.

3 < 4

4 <= 4

6.7 > 6.3

1000 >= 1000

What does `3 < 4` evaluate to?

What does `type(3 < 4)` evaluate to?

We need a new data type!

$a < b$

can only be one of two things:
a **true** statement or a **false** statement.

Boolean expressions are expressions that evaluate to one of two possible values: **True** or **False**

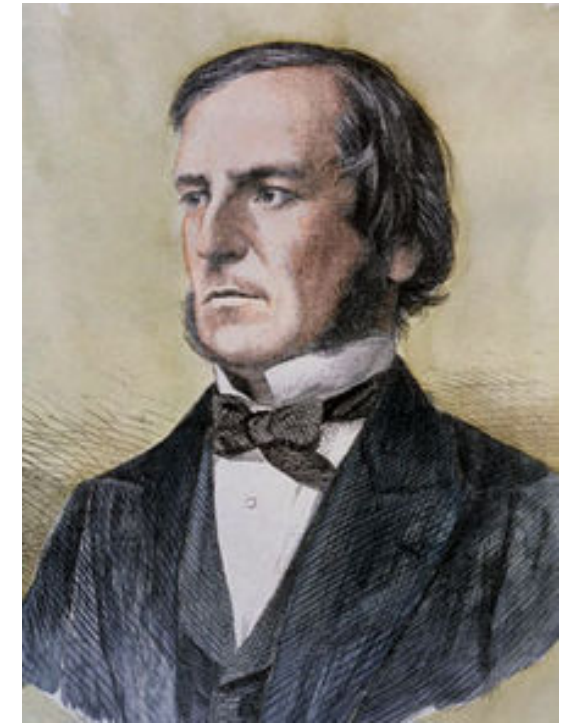
What does `3 < 4` evaluate to? **True**

What does `type(3 < 4)` evaluate to? **bool**

The `bool` data type

- Named after 19th century philosopher/mathematician George Boole, who developed Boolean algebra
- A `boolean value` (`bool`) represents logical propositions that can be either **true** or **false**.
- In Python, these values are reserved keywords: `True` and `False`. Note capitalization.
- Can be used for things like `3 < 4` or `a < b`, but also anything else that can be true or false:

```
isRaining = False
```



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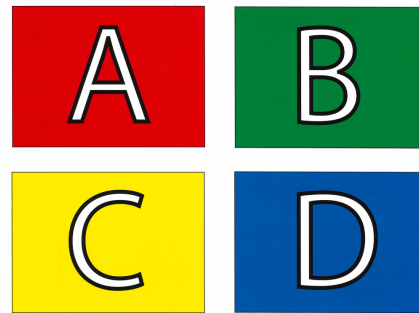
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C. 7

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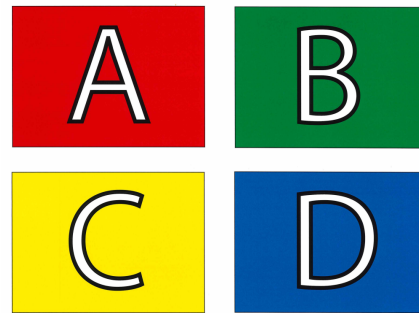
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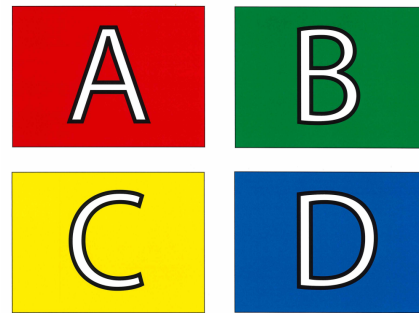
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What does $16 = 4 * 4$ evaluate to?



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B. True

C. 7

D. None of the above

A classic mistake:

mixing up = and ==

Some more familiar operators

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`and` logical conjunction, logical and

`or` logical disjunction, logical or

`not` logical negation, logical not

`a and b` is true only when **both** `a` and `b` evaluate to `True`

`a or b` is true when **at least one** of `a` and `b` evaluates to `True`

`not` switches the value:
`not True => False`
`not False => True`

Binary vs Unary Operators

- We have already seen some binary operators and one unary operator.
- **Binary operators** take two operands:

a + b
c // d etc.
12 != 4

- **Unary operators** take one operand:

-b
not False

Notice: minus (—) can behave as a unary **or** binary operator!

Truth Tables for and, or

		x and y	
		y	
x	T	T	F
	F	F	F

If x is true and y is false, x and y is false.

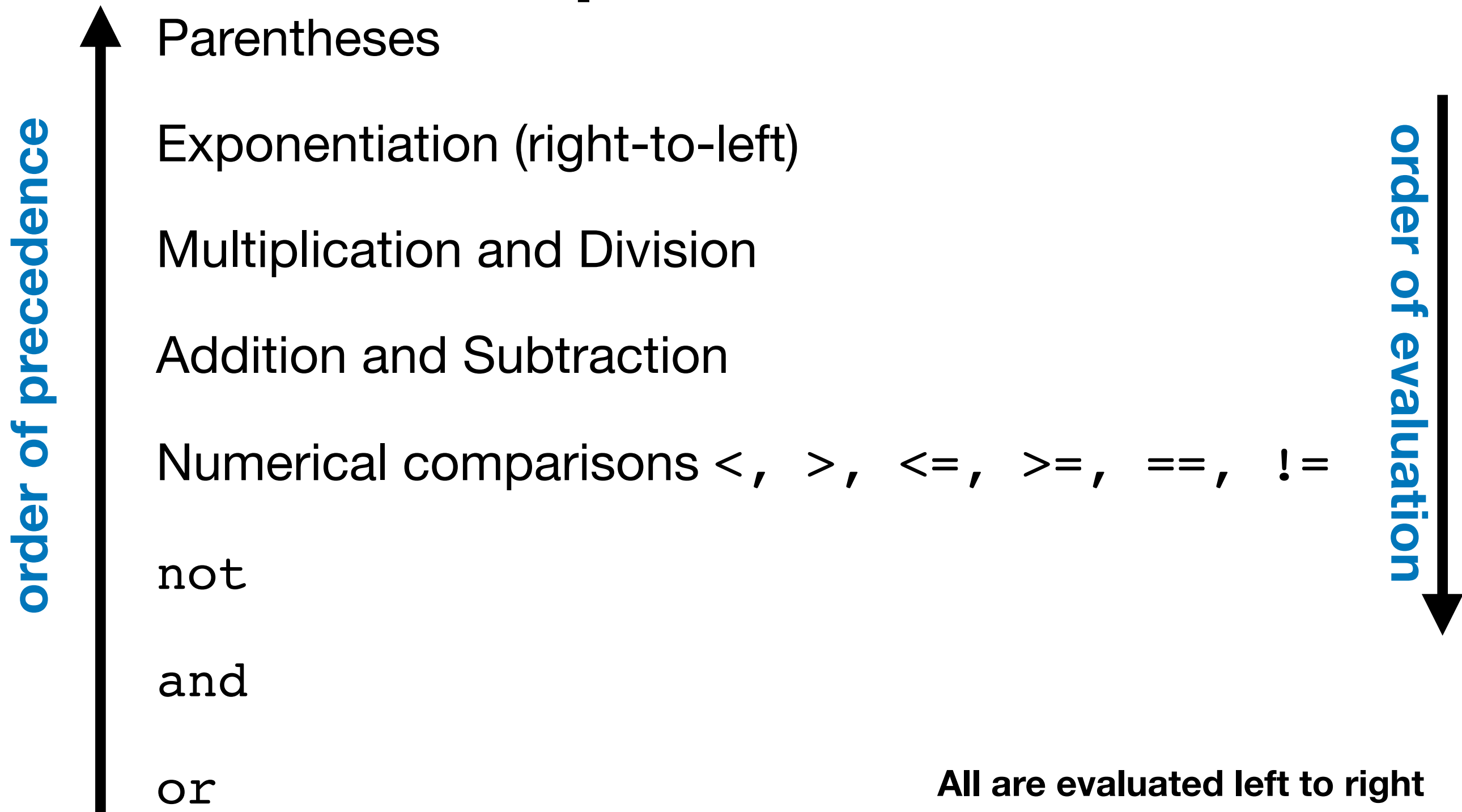
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Operator Precedence, Updated



All are evaluated left to right
except for exponentiation.

Examples

```
print(3 != 5 and 4 < 7)
```

```
=> True and True => True
```

```
print(3 == 5 or 4 < 7)
```

```
=> False or True => True
```

```
print(not False)
```

```
=> True
```

```
print(3 == 5 or 4 > 7)
```

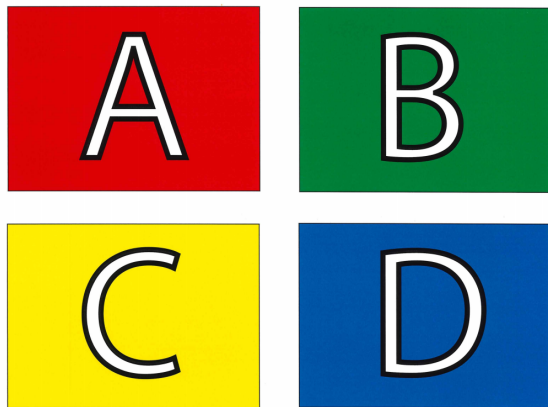
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```

```
print(not 6 < 8)
```

```
=> not True => False
```

Evaluate This

`1 == 6 and True or (1.2 < (5 % 3))`



- A. False
- B. True
- C. 16
- D. None of the above

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`1 == 6 and True or (1.2 < (5 % 3))`

`1 == 6 and True or (1.2 < 2)`

`1 == 6 and True or True`

`False and True or True`

`False or True`

`True`

Next Time: `if` statements

Conditionals: making decisions about what code to execute based on the value of a boolean expression