

# Lecture 4: Boolean Expressions

**Comp 102**

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# Recap

# Pop Quiz: What type is it?

- ① 42
- ② 3.14
- ③ "hello"
- ④ True
- ⑤ None

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`int`

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# The Boolean Type



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True

False

# bool in Python

```
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```

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```

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```

```
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```

**Recall:** bool is a **scalar** type, like int, float, NoneType

# Booleans are Everywhere

Light switch

on

off

→ True / False

Door

open

closed

→ True / False

Attendance

present

absent

→ True / False

# Careful: Case Matters!

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True ✓

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true ✗ `NameError`

FALSE ✗ `NameError`

TRUE ✗ `NameError`

# Comparison Operators

## Boolean Expressions:

- evaluate to either **True** or **False**

## Comparison:

**Math**

$x = 5$

**CS**

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```

-----> assigns a value to a variable

```
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```

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## Syntax:

```
< some_exp > == < other_exp >
```

*This entire line will be replaced with **True** or **False***

# Comparison Operators

Compares two objects and returns a **True** or **False** value

- $i < j$  → less than
- $i \leq j$  → less than or equal to
- $i > j$  → greater than
- $i \geq j$  → greater than or equal to
- $i == j$  → equality test, **True** if  $i$  and  $j$  are the same
- $i != j$  → inequality test, **True** if  $i$  and  $j$  are not the same

# Equality: == and !=

```
>>> 5 == 5
```

```
True
```

# Equality: == and !=

```
>>> 5 == 5
```

```
True
```

```
>>> 5 == 6
```

```
False
```

== returns **True** when both sides are **equal**

# Equality: == and !=

```
>>> 5 == 5
```

```
True
```

```
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```

```
False
```

```
>>> 5 != 6
```

```
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```

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```

```
False
```

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```

```
True
```

```
>>> 5 != 5
```

```
False
```

`==` returns **True** when both sides are **equal**

`!=` returns **True** when both sides are **not equal**

# Ordering: < > <= >=

```
>>> 3 < 5
```

```
True
```

# Ordering: < > <= >=

```
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```

```
True
```

```
>>> 5 < 3
```

```
False
```

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```

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False
```

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```

```
True
```

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```
False
```

```
>>> 5 <= 5
```

```
True
```

**Watch out for <= and >=**

5 <= 5 is **True** because  
5 is *equal to* 5

The “**or equal to**” part matters!

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```
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```

```
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```
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```
>>> max(4, 7) == min(7, 9)
```

```
True
```

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# You Try

Type the following in the Python shell. Let:

```
x = 2
```

```
y = 3
```

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②  $(x + 1) == \max(x, y)$

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Type the following in the Python shell. Let:

```
x = 2  
y = 3
```

- |   |                                   |       |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------|
| ① | <code>x &gt; y</code>             | False |
| ② | <code>(x + 1) == max(x, y)</code> | True  |
| ③ | <code>x &gt; x</code>             | False |
| ④ | <code>x != (y - 1)</code>         | False |

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Now let:

`a = 10`

`b = 3`

① `a >= 10`

② `a == (b * 3)`

③ `(a // b) == 3`

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True

# Logical Operators

# The `not` Operator

Flips a boolean value: `True`  $\leftrightarrow$  `False`

A	not A
<code>True</code>	
<code>False</code>	

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```
>>> not True
```

```
False
```

```
>>> not (5 > 3)
```

```
False
```

# not Step by Step

not (5 > 3)

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Step 1: Evaluate inside the parentheses

5 > 3 → True

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Step 2: Apply not

not True → False

# The `and` Operator

**True** only when **both** are **True**

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A	B	A and B
True	True	
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False	True	False
False	False	False

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

```
True
```

```
>>> True and False
```

```
False
```

# and Step by Step

$(5 > 3)$  and  $(2 > 4)$

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Step 1: Evaluate left side

$5 > 3 \rightarrow \text{True}$

Step 2: Evaluate right side

$2 > 4 \rightarrow \text{False}$

# and Step by Step

$(5 > 3)$  and  $(2 > 4)$

Step 1: Evaluate left side

$5 > 3 \rightarrow \text{True}$

Step 2: Evaluate right side

$2 > 4 \rightarrow \text{False}$

Step 3: Combine with and

$\text{True}$  and  $\text{False} \rightarrow \text{False}$

# The `or` Operator

True when **at least one** is True

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False	False	False

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

```
True
```

```
>>> False or False
```

```
False
```

# or Step by Step

`(10 < 5) or (3 == 3)`

# or Step by Step

$(10 < 5) \text{ or } (3 == 3)$

Step 1: Evaluate left side

$10 < 5 \rightarrow \text{False}$

Step 2: Evaluate right side

$3 == 3 \rightarrow \text{True}$

# or Step by Step

$(10 < 5) \text{ or } (3 == 3)$

Step 1: Evaluate left side

$10 < 5 \rightarrow \text{False}$

Step 2: Evaluate right side

$3 == 3 \rightarrow \text{True}$

Step 3: Combine with or

$\text{False or True} \rightarrow \text{True}$

# Logical Operators on Bool

a and b are variable names (*with boolean values*)

`not a` → True if a is False; False if a is True

`a and b` → True if both are True

`a or b` → True if either or both are True

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True	False		
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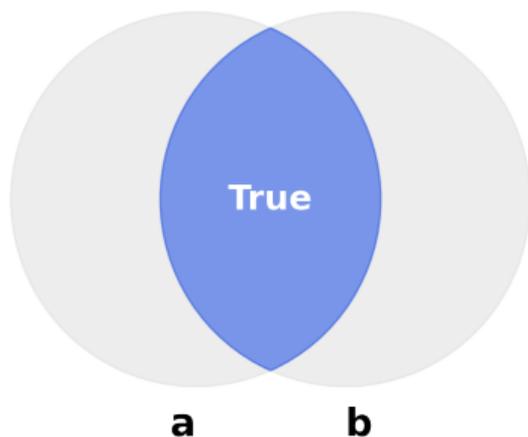
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True	False	False	True
False	True	False	True
False	False	False	False

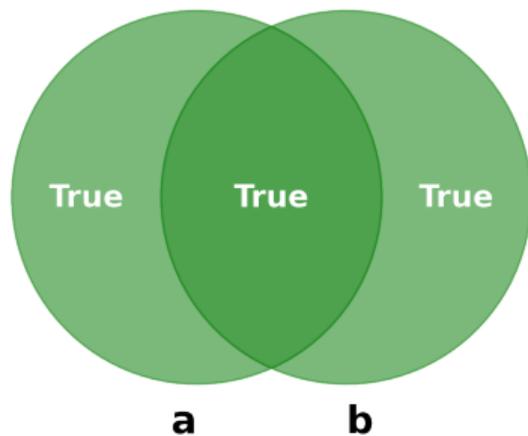
# Remember

a and b



and is strict — Both!

a or b



or is generous — Either!

# You Try

Evaluate each expression:

- 1 not (10 > 5)
- 2 (3 > 1) and (2 > 4)
- 3 (3 > 1) or (2 > 4)
- 4 not False and True

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False

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- |   |  |       |
|---|--|-------|
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| ② | <code>(3 &gt; 1) and (2 &gt; 4)</code> | False |
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| ④ | not False and True  | True  |

Hint for #4: not applies to False first  $\rightarrow$  True and True

# not Binds First

not applies to the **next value only**, before and/or

Example 1: not False and True

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Step 1: not False → True

Step 2: True and True → True

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Step 1: not False  $\rightarrow$  True

Step 2: True and True  $\rightarrow$  True

Example 2: not True or False

Step 1: not True  $\rightarrow$  False

Step 2: False or False  $\rightarrow$  False

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Example 2: not True or False

Step 1: not True → False

Step 2: False or False → False

**Tip:** Use parentheses to be explicit!

(not True) or False vs not (True or False)

# Compound Boolean Expressions

# Is x between 1 and 10?

x = 5

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x = 5

**Expression:**  $x \geq 1$  and  $x \leq 10$

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x = 5

**Expression:**  $x \geq 1$  and  $x \leq 10$

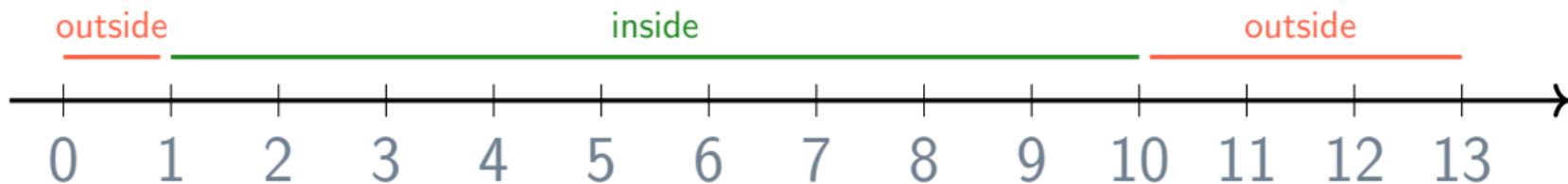
Step 1:  $5 \geq 1 \rightarrow \text{True}$

Step 2:  $5 \leq 10 \rightarrow \text{True}$

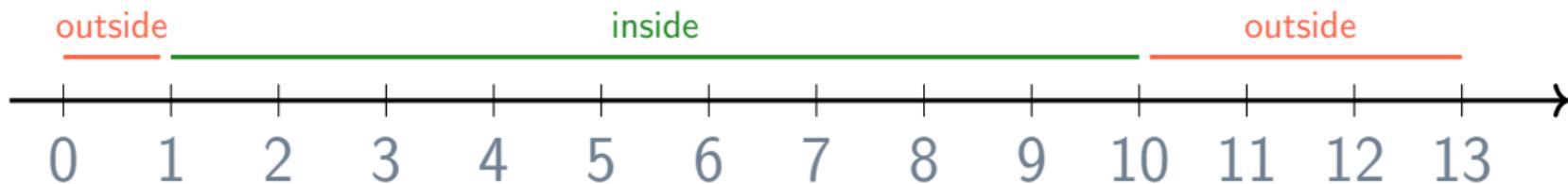
x is in range!

Step 3:  $\text{True}$  and  $\text{True} \rightarrow \text{True}$

# Is $x$ outside 1 to 10?



# Is $x$ outside 1 to 10?



**Expression:**  $x < 1$  or  $x > 10$

Use **or** because  $x$  can't be in **both** regions at once

# Comparison Example

```
hw_time = 15
```

```
reading_time = 8
```

```
print(reading_time > hw_time)
```

```
exercise = True
```

```
coding = False
```

```
both = exercise and coding
```

```
print(both)
```

hw\_time → 15

reading\_time → 8

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coding → False

both → False

# You Try

Let `age = 20` and `gpa = 3.5`

Translate three English phrases into Python boolean expressions:

- 1 “age is between 18 and 65”
- 2 “gpa is above 3.0 or age is under 25”
- 3 “age is NOT under 18”

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- 3 “age is NOT under 18”  
`not (age < 18)` → True

# Operator Precedence

# Order of Operations

Python evaluates in this order (highest priority first):

Priority	Operators	Example
1 (highest)	**	2 ** 3
2	* / // %	6 / 2
3	+ -	3 + 4
4	< <= > >= == !=	x > 5
5	not	not True
6	and	a and b
7 (lowest)	or	a or b

Arithmetic → Comparison → not → and → or

# Precedence in Action

`3 + 2 > 4` and not `False`

# Precedence in Action

`3 + 2 > 4 and not False`

Step 1 (arithmetic): `3 + 2 > 4 and not False`

→ `5 > 4 and not False`

# Precedence in Action

$3 + 2 > 4$  and not False

Step 1 (arithmetic):  $3 + 2 > 4$  and not False

→  $5 > 4$  and not False

Step 2 (comparison):  $5 > 4$  and not False

→ True and not False

# Precedence in Action

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→  $5 > 4$  and not False

Step 2 (comparison):  $5 > 4$  and not False

→ True and not False

Step 3 (not): True and not False

→ True and True

# Precedence in Action

$3 + 2 > 4$  and not False

Step 1 (arithmetic):  $3 + 2 > 4$  and not False

→  $5 > 4$  and not False

Step 2 (comparison):  $5 > 4$  and not False

→ True and not False

Step 3 (not): True and not False

→ True and True

Step 4 (and): True and True → True

# Tricky!

True or False and False

# Tricky!

True or False and False

`and` binds tighter than `or`, so:

→ True or (False and False)

→ True or False

→ True

# Tricky!

True or False and False

`and` binds tighter than `or`, so:

→ True or (False and False)

→ True or False

→ True

**Big Idea:** When in doubt, use **parentheses!** They make your code readable and remove ambiguity.

# You Try

Add parentheses to show the order, then evaluate:

① not True or True

② 5 > 3 and 2 + 1 == 3

③ not 4 > 5 or 3 < 2

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(not True) or True → False or True → True

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②  $5 > 3 \text{ and } 2 + 1 == 3$

$(5 > 3) \text{ and } ((2 + 1) == 3) \rightarrow \text{True and True} \rightarrow \text{True}$

③ not  $4 > 5 \text{ or } 3 < 2$

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② 5 > 3 and 2 + 1 == 3

$(5 > 3) \text{ and } ((2 + 1) == 3) \rightarrow \text{True and True} \rightarrow \text{True}$

③ not 4 > 5 or 3 < 2

$(\text{not } (4 > 5)) \text{ or } (3 < 2) \rightarrow \text{True or False} \rightarrow \text{True}$

# Truthy and Falsy

# Type Casting: bool()

Just like `int()`, `float()`, `str()` — we can cast to `bool`:

```
>>> bool(1)
```

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```
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```

```
True
```

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```
>>> bool(1)      >>> bool(0)
True            False
```

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```

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**Rule:** For numbers, **zero is False**, everything else is **True**

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Summary of “Falsy” values:

Falsy (= False)	Truthy (= True)
0, 0.0	Any non-zero number
"" (empty string)	Any non-empty string
None	Almost everything else
False	True

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True (contains a space!)

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```
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False
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```
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```

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**Case matters!**

"apple" and "Apple" are  
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**Uppercase** letters come  
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"A" < "Z" < "a" < "z"
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# Common Mistakes

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## Pitfall #2: Case Sensitivity

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# Pitfall #4: Range with wrong operator

“x is NOT between 1 and 10”:

**X**  $x < 1$  **and**  $x > 10$

(impossible! always False)

**✓**  $x < 1$  **or**  $x > 10$

(correct!)

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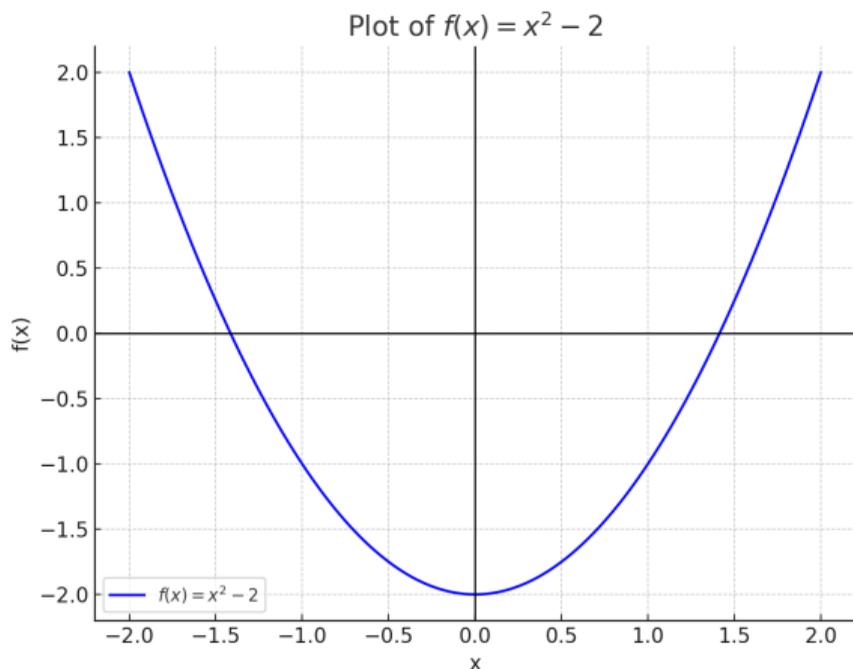
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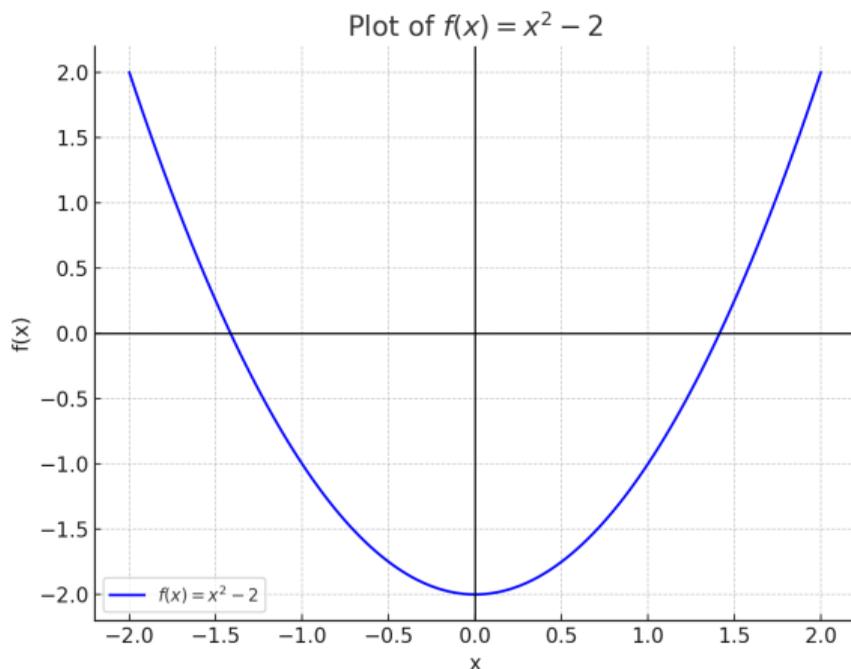
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**Answer:** when  $x < -\sqrt{2}$  or  $x > \sqrt{2}$

In Python:

```
x**2 - 2 > 0
```

This is a boolean expression!

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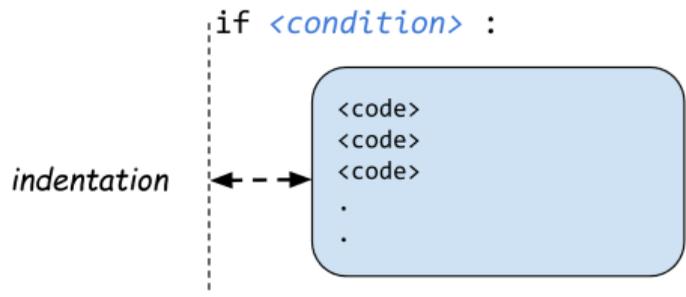
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# Summary

- bool type: only `True` or `False`
- **Comparison operators:** `==` `!=` `<` `>` `<=` `>=`
- **Logical operators:** `not`, `and`, `or`
- **Precedence:** arithmetic  $\rightarrow$  comparison  $\rightarrow$  not  $\rightarrow$  and  $\rightarrow$  or
- **Truthy/Falsy:** `0`, `""`, `None` are False; most other values are True
- **Strings** can be compared with `==`, `<`, etc.
- When in doubt, use **parentheses!**

# Questions?