kalc User's Manual

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Contents

1 Introduction and Disclaimer

This document describes **kalc** version 2.2.2, a full-featured scientific calculator using Reverse Polish Notation (see section 2.1). It includes many functions, and a built-in help system (see section 2.5).

kalc can work with real and complex numbers, and also with strings. It includes "unlimited" memory to store any object that can be put in the stack. ("Unlimited" here means that there is no arbitrary limit on the size of the memory. Obviously, you cannot store, for example, a 2Gb string in memory if you don't have that amount of RAM (or disk space, if your system supports virtual memory and swapping.)

The behaviour of **kalc** is very similar to the one of a HP48 or HP49 calculator. It is not, however, a HP48 emulator nor it uses any code from its ROM.

The source code of **kalc** distributed. For instructions on how to compile and install it, see the file `INSTALL`. There is also a package with a pre-compiled MS-DOS executable.

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2 Using kalc – a brief tutorial

To run **kalc**, just enter `kalc` at your shell prompt. If this is the first time you run the program, you'll see a message saying "Status file invalid/inexistent – using default settings". Ignore that message for now. You'll then see a `>` prompt. Whenever you see this prompt you can enter commands. For example, enter `2 3 +`. You'll see the result (5), and another prompt.

The entire section up to the above should look like this:

```
$ kalc
Status file invalid/inexistent -- using default settings

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> 2 3 +
1:                          5
```

```
>
```

The fact that there is prompt showing means that you can enter more commands. For example, let's divide the above result by 3. Just enter `3 /` and press ENTER. The result is shown.

2.1 Reverse Polish Notation

As you may have noted from the above two calculations, the operator (the + or the /) has come *after* the operands (the numbers.) This curious thing is called *Reverse Polish Notation*.

In RPN, the operators *always* come after the operands. For example, the expression $(5 + 2)/3$ would be written as "5 2 + 3 /". The order of evaluation is from left to right always; parenthesis are never necessary.

kalc uses a *stack* to do its calculations. **kalc**'s stack is just like a pile of plates: the first plate put on the pile is the last one to be used. The difference is that **kalc**'s stack is upside down, ie, the "plates" are put (and thus removed) from the bottom.

When you enter a number, it is put in the bottom of the stack, and any numbers previously there are shifted up. The operations you do remove numbers from the bottom of the stack, and them put their result(s) again in the bottom of the stack.

The bottommost stack level is numbered "1". The above levels get increasing numbers. Most calculations will take their arguments from level one (and sometimes level two also), and return their result to level one.

The stack in **kalc** doesn't have a fixed size, it is only limited by the amount of available memory. But only the four bottommost are displayed by default. (This can be changed, see sections 3 and 10.5.) If you want to see more, use the `=` command (see section 16.16.)

2.2 Other functions

Besides the basic arithmetic operators, **kalc** has a lot of built-in scientific functions. Try, for example, `sin`, `exp`, `cosh`. Remember that first you put the argument in the stack, then you run the function.

All mathematical functions are called in **kalc** by their symbols. So, even if I haven't told you how to do it, you can probably guess how to calculate the hyperbolic arc tangent of a number.

2.3 Complex numbers

kalc can work with complex numbers, too. To put a complex number in the stack, use the following syntax: `(`*x*`, `*y*`)`, where *x* is the real part and *y* is the imaginary

part. You can omit the space or comma delimiting the two parts, but not both.

Almost all operations that can be applied to real numbers can also be used with complex numbers. This included not only the basic functions like `+` but also functions like `cosh` or `ln`.

2.3.1 Polar form

Complex numbers can be entered and/or displayed in their polar forms. The format is `(r, <theta)`, where *r* is the magnitude and *theta* is the angle. You may omit the space and/or the comma if you wish.

To configure **kalc** to display complex numbers in polar form, see section 10.2.

The current angle mode (degrees or radians) is used to display the angle of complex numbers. Refer to section 10.1 to learn how to change the angle mode.

2.4 Entering commands

The most basic way to enter a command (and seldom used) is to enter that command and press ENTER. However, you can enter more than one command at a time, just separate them with spaces. Numbers should also be separated from commands and other numbers with a space.

If you just press ENTER without entering any command, the stack will be shown.

The case is not important when entering commands. `dup` is the same as `DUP` or `dUp`.

This program uses the GNU Readline Library. This allows you to edit the line with the commands using many powerful features. The most basic ones are moving the cursor and inserting text in arbitrary locations. But there is much more. See section 4 or the GNU Readline Manual for more information on what you can do.

2.5 Getting help

At any time, you can use the `help` command to get help. If you just type "`help`", you'll get a list of commands. To get help on a particular command, use `help` followed by that command's name, for example `help sin`.

3 Running kalc

kalc supports a few command line options that control its behaviour. The syntax is:

```
kalc [options] [--] [commands]
```

The options are `-d`, `-s`, `-m`, `-b`, `--help` and `--version`. Any unprocessed options will be taken as commands, and these will be executed as if they had been entered on the prompt. If you use `--` anywhere on the command line, everything that follows will be considered a command, even if it starts with a `-`.

The `-d` option must be followed by a numeric argument. It specifies how many levels of the stack will be shown by default. If you want the whole stack to be shown always, specify -1 as the argument. Note that if the argument is 0, the stack will not be displayed.

If this option is present, it overrides the number saved in the status file (see section 9.)

The `-s` and `-m` options tell **kalc** not to load the stack and memory, respectively, from the status file (see section 9.)

The `-b` options specifies that **kalc** should be run in *batch mode*. After processing all the commands in the command line and printing the stack, it exits.

The `--help` option prints a help message describing the command line options and exits successfully. The `--version` option prints **kalc**'s version and exits successfully.

4 Using Readline

kalc uses the GNU Readline Library. This allows you to edit the commands you've entered as if you were using a text editor. You can move the cursor, insert or delete text, and much more. If you are familiar with Readline, you probably want to skip this section. This is because the Readline library provides a consistent user interface between all programs that use it.

4.1 Readline essentials

You can enter characters as usual. Just type them, and they'll appear on the screen. Use the Backspace key (or the Delete key, if your keyboard doesn't have a Backspace key) to delete the last character. To move the cursor, use the left and right arrow keys. If your keyboard doesn't have arrow keys, the keys Control-b and Control-f will move the cursor to the left and right, respectively. To move forward or backward a word, use the Alt-b and Alt-f keys. The "Alt" key may be labelled "Edit" on some keyboards. If you don't have an Alt or Edit key, press ESC, release it and then press b (or f). This combination works for all commands that use the Alt key.

To move to the beginning of the line, use Control-a. To move to the end of the line, use Control-e.

Another useful command is Control-_ (underscore). It undoes the last action. So, if you make a mistake, just press Control-_ to undo it.

4.2 Killing text

Killing means deleting text from a line, but saving it somewhere it can be later brought again. The operation of bringing back killed text is called "yanking".

Whenever you use one of the kill commands, the text is saved in the "kill ring". Any number of consecutive kills saves the text together, so when you yank it you'll get it all back. The kill-ring is not line-specific, you may yank text from a previous line.

The most frequently used kill and yank commands are:

Control-k Kill text from the cursor position to the end of the line.

Alt-d Kill from the cursor postion to the end of the current word, or, if between words, to the end of the next word.

Alt-Backspace (or Alt-Del in some computers) Kill from the cursor postion to the start of the current word, or, if between words, to the start of the previous word.

Control-y Yank the most recently killed text back at the cursor position.

Alt-y Rotate the kill-ring. This command can only be used if the previous command was Control-y or Alt-y. This replaces the last yanked text with the text that was killed before it.

4.3 Numeric Arguments

Most Readline commands support numeric arguments. For example, if you give the argument 5 to the command Control-f (go forward a character) it goes five characters forward.

To enter an argument to a command, press Alt and the argument digit simultaneously. For example, to give the Control-f command an argument of 10, press Alt-1 0 Control-f. Arguments can also be negative, if you press Alt– (hyphen) as the first argument digit. If you just specify "-" as argument, it is equivalent to -1.

4.4 The history

All commands you type are saved in the history. To cycle through the commands in the history in order, use the up and down arrow keys or the Control-p and Control-n keys.

To search the history for a specific entry, press Control-r then enter part of the command. As your entry matches the history lines, they are shown. When you've found what you wanted, press Enter to execute the command or any other key to execute the action bound to that key. To finish a search, use Control-g.

4.5 Other commands

In **kalc**, use the Tab key to insert the element in level one at the command line. With an argument, inserts the number at the given level.

There are also many other commands for Readline, and it can also be customized for your personal taste. For more information, see the Readline manual.

5 Reusing the last arguments

Everytime you run a command, its arguments are stored in a special area called the "last arguments list", or "lastarg" for short. You can bring the commands from that list with the `lastarg` command. Here is an example of its use:

```
> 6 9 *
1:                          54
> lastarg
3:                          54
2:                           6
1:                           9
> +
2:                          54
1:                          15
```

5.1 Using lastarg for error recovery

The memory commands `purge` and `sto` (see 7) have a slightly different behavior regarding the last arguments.

When you run the `purge` command, the former contents of that variable are stored (and also the name), so that you can restore the variable with `lastarg sto`.

The `sto` command stores the name and the former contents of that variable, so that you can recover from an accidental `sto` with `lastarg sto lastarg`.

6 Working with other bases

kalc can work with integers (but not real numbers) in bases other than 10. You can convert numbers to and from any base between 2 and 10, and do several kinds of

manipulation to them.

To work with numbers in other bases, a new kind of object is used: the hexadecimal string (or hxs for short.) The name "string" comes from the HP48, and is kept for consistency, however, in **kalc** these objects are more closely related to integers. Despite the name, all bases from 2 to 10 can be used.

The syntax of that object is:

```
# <number><base specifier>
```

After the # sign, you may put spaces. However, the base specifier must not be separated from the number.

The number is simply the representation of the number. The valid characters depend on the base used (see below.) For bases greater than 10, the letter "a" represents 11, "b" represents 12, and so on. You can enter the letters in upper or lower case (but there is a catch — read on.)

The base specifier is an at sign (@) followed by the base (which is always written in decimal.) So, base 2 is represented as `@2` and base 27 is `@27`.

For the most commonly used bases 2, 8, 10, and 16 there are some shortcuts: appending a "`b`" after the number makes it binary (the same as "`@2`",) an "`o`" represents octal, a "`d`" decimal and "`h`". When the hexadecimal strings are displayed, that notation is also used.

If you do not specify a base, then the current base (see section 6.1) will be used to parse the number. You must be careful, however, because if the number ends with a lowercase "b", "o", "d" or "h", that will be taken as a base specifier. To avoid that happening, you can end the number with an uppercase letter or explicitly specify the base.

Here are some examples, all of them represent the number 123:

```
# 1111011b
# 443@5
# 173o
# 123d
# A3@12
# 7Bh
# 4N@25
# 3F@36
```

6.1 Options relevant to hexadecimal strings

There are two options that are relevant to hexadecimal strings: the current base and word size.

The current base is the base that the numbers will be displayed in the stack, and the numbers entered without a explicit base will be parsed in that base.

To set the base, use the `set` command:

```
> set base x
```

where `x` is the desired base, between 2 and 36. For the bases 2, 8, 10 and 16, you can use `set base bin`, `set base oct`, `set base dec` and `set base hex`, respectively. You can also simply type `bin`, `oct`, `dec` or `hex`.

6.2 The current word size

The current word size affects the way that numbers are displayed and used in calculations.

The word size can be this way:

```
> set wordsize x
```

where `x` is the desired word size. The minimum value is 1, the maximum depends on your system. When **kalc** was built, it checked wheter 64-bit numbers were available. If possible, they were used. If not, then 32-bit numbers were used. If you don't know the maximum word size, then just enter a big number such as 99, and **kalc** will use the greates word size possible. You can see the base with the `show wordsize` command.

Another way to set the current word size is by putting a real number or an hex string in the stack representing the desired word size and then run the `stws` command. The `rcws` command puts in the stack a real number representing the current word size.

Whenever an hexadecimal number is displayed, it is truncated to the n least significant bits, where n is the current word size setting. Whenever you do some operation on an hexadecimal number (see section 6.3, the result is also truncated to the current word size. Shifts and rotations (see section 6.3.1) only change the least significant bits, and the result is then truncated.

6.3 Hexadecimal string operations

All arithmetic commands also work for hexadecimal strings. You can add, subtract, divide and multiply hexadecimal strings normally. You can even mix real numbers in the calculation: they will be automatically be converted to hexadecimal strings (but the fractional part will be lost.) The `neg` command produces the two's complement of the number.

6.3.1 Shifts and rotations

kalc includes a wide variety of commands for shifting and rotating the hexadecimal string bits. They all take into consideration the current word size (see section 6.2.)

The available commands are:

sl This command shifts the hxs one bit to the left. The most significant bit is lost. Here is an example, assuming the current word size is 4:

```
1:                  # 1011b
> sl
1:                   # 110b
> sl
1:                  # 1100b
```

slb This command shifts the hxs one byte to the left. The most significant byte is lost. Here is an example, assuming the current word size is 32:

```
1:               # CAFEBABEh
> slb
1:               # FEBABE00h
> slb
1:               # BABE0000h
```

sr This command shifts the hxs one bit to the right. The least significant bit is lost. Here is an example, assuming the current wordsize is 4:

```
1:                  # 1101b
> sr
1:                   # 110b
> sr
1:                     # 11b
```

asr This command does an arithmetic shift one bit to the right. The most significant bit is preserved in the operation. The least significant bit is lost. Here is an example, assuming the current word size is 4:

```
1:                  # 1010b
> asr
1:                  # 1101b
> asr
1:                  # 1110b
```

srb This command shifts the hxs one byte to the right. The least significant byte is lost. Here is an example, assuming the current word size is 32:

```
1:                # DEADBEEFh
> srb
1:                  # DEADBEh
> srb
1:                    # DEADh
```

rl This command rotates the hxs one bit to the left. Here is an example, assuming the current word size is 4:

```
1:                    # 1101b
> rl
1:                    # 1011b
> rl
1:                     # 111b
```

rlb This command rotates the hxs one byte to the left. Here is an example, assuming the current word size is 32:

```
1:                # CAFEBABEh
> rlb
1:                # FEBABECAh
> rlb
1:                # BABECAFEh
```

rr This command rotates the hxs one bit to the right. Here is an example, assuming the current word size is 4:

```
1:                    # 1001b
> rr
1:                    # 1100b
> rr
1:                     # 110b
```

rrb This command rotates the hxs one byte to the right. Here is an example, assuming the current word size is 32:

```
1:                # DEADBEEFh
> rrb
1:                # EFDEADBEh
> rrb
1:                # BEEFDEADh
```

6.4 Converting to and from hexadecimal strings

There are two commands for converting to and from hexadecimal strings. Here they are:

r>b This command converts the real number in level one to an hexadecimal string. The fractional part is discarded. Example:

```
1:                      12345
> r>b
1:                    # 12345d
> 413442.4321
2:                    # 12345d
1:                 413442.4321
> r>b
2:                    # 12345d
1:                   # 413442d
```

b>r This command converts an hexadecimal string to a real number. Example:

```
1:                   # 134214d
> b>r
1:                      134214
```

7 Using the memory

Besides the stack, you can store all objects that can be present in **kalc**'s stack in the memory, a permanent place of storage. The memory has no fixed size, you can store as many objects as your computer's memory and disk can hold.

To store an object in memory, you must give it a name, which will be later used to bring it back when you want. Such names in **kalc** are called *identifiers*. It is a piece of text delimited by single quotes. Unlike in the HP48, identifiers in **kalc** can have any characters, even those not allowed on the HP48 such as +, *, space, etc. The identifier may even be a null identifier: `''`. When entering the identifier, you may include a single quote in it using the `\'` escape sequence.

To store an object, put that object in level two of the stack and an identifier in level one. Then, just run the command `sto` and the object is stored.

To recall an object from the stack, put in level one the identifier, and run the `rcl` command. A copy of the object is put in level one. The original object is not affected: you may recall it again if you want.

There is an easier way to recall objects: instead of putting the identifier on the stack (delimited by single quotes), just enter the identifier as if it were a command, without the quotes. You'll get the object in the stack. If there is no object with that name, you'll end up with the identifier in the stack. However, this shortcut will not work if the identifier has spaces in it. In this case, you'll need to use the standard approach.

The memory is stored in the status file (see section 9). When starting **kalc**, you can use the `-m` option to prevent the memory from being loaded. For more details on this, see section 3.

Here are some examples of the usage of the memory:

```
> pi
1:          3.14159265358979
> 'AConstant'
2:          3.14159265358979
1:               'AConstant'
> sto
> 'AConstant'
1:               'AConstant'
> rcl
1:          3.14159265358979
> AConstant
2:          3.14159265358979
1:          3.14159265358979
```

7.1 Listing and erasing the memory

When you want to see all the objects stored in memory, you can use the `vars` command. It will output a list of all objects in memory. Here is an example (continuation of the previous):

```
> 1 exp 'Another Constant'
2:          2.71828182845905
1:        'Another Constant'
> sto
> "Hello World"
1:             "Hello World"
> 'String'
2:             "Hello World"
1:                  'String'
> sto
> (3, -2) 'cmp' sto
> vars
'AConstant' 'cmp' 'String'
'Another Constant'
```

To erase one object from the memory, put that object's identifier in the stack and run the `purge` command.

If you want to erase the whole memory, use the `clvar` command. This command will erase **all your memory** and **there is no way of bringing it back**. Because of this, the command asks your for confirmation before doing the operation.

7.2 Saving objects to disk

In addition to saving objects in **kalc**'s memory, objects can also be saved to the disk. To do this, put the object in level two, and the path of the file you want to save in level one (this is an identifier). Then run the `diskstо` command. The object will be saved to the named file.

To recall an object from a file, put the file's path (an identifier) in the stack, and run the `diskrcl` command. If the file contains a valid object, it will be loaded in level one.

If you give a relative path as the name of the file, it is considered as relative to the current working directory. To discover which directory is this, run the `pwd` command. It will output the directory. To change the current directory, put the directory you want to go to in level one (an identifier) and run the `cd` command.

8 Other kinds of objects

8.1 Strings

In addition to being able of manipulating numbers, **kalc** can also work with strings. To include a string in the stack, surround it with double quotes, for example:

```
> "This is a string"
1:        "This is a string"
>
```

When entering a string, you may include a new-line character with the escape sequence `\n` or a double-quote with `\"`.

8.2 Tagged objects

Any object in **kalc** can have a *tag*, a short (or long, if you wish) string that identifies it. To create a tagged object, prefix it with `:`*`tag`*`:`, where *`tag`* is the name you want to give to the object.

To give an existing object a tag, put that object in level two and the tag (a string, or any other object, which will be converted to a string) in level one, and run the `>tag` command. Here are some examples:

```
> :Tag: 12345
1:                Tag: 12345
> (12 -5)
2:                Tag: 12345
1:                   (12,-5)
> Result
```

```
3:                Tag: 12345
2:                   (12,-5)
1:                  'Result'
> >tag
2:                Tag: 12345
1:           Result: (12,-5)
```

You can work with tagged objects as if they were normal objects. The tags will be removed, however, if you do any operation on them.

To strip all tags from an object, use the `dtag` command.

8.3 Inf and NaN's

Provided your system supports it, **kalc** has support for non-stop calculations. This means you'll never get an error while you're doing your calculations, except if you do not enter enough arguments or if you mistake the argument type. But you'll not get an error for dividing 1 by 0, or even 0 by 0.

To achieve this, two concepts are important: Inf and NaN. You'll get Inf as a result whenever you run a function which an argument that would result in a very large result, such as 1e300 * 1e300, or 2 divided by 0. You can read "Inf" as infinity, and that's what it means. Its complement is -Inf, which is negative infinity.

The other concept is NaN (short for not-a-number). You get this result when the result of a function you called is undefined, such as 0/0, Inf-Inf, and so on.

If you want to get one of this values in the stack, you can just use the commands `inf`, `-inf` and `nan`.

9 The status file

You do not have to worry about losing your work when you exit **kalc**. You can save the state of the calculator and load it again whenever necessary. You can even keep several saved states. This is achieved with the *status files*.

When **kalc** is started, it reads the last file that was used. If you haven't told **kalc** to use a different file, it will be a file called `.kalc` on your home directory (if you are using a UNIX system) or `kalc.ini` in the current directory (if you are using a MS-DOS system). In this file, all your preferences are saved (see section 10), the last arguments (see section 5), the stack (see section 2.1 and the memory (see section 7).

When you exit **kalc**, the status file is saved automatically. If for some reason you do not want this to happen, exit **kalc** with the `abort` command. This will not save the status file. At any moment, you can use the `save` command to save the status.

If you want to open another status file, put its name in the stack (a identifier), and run the `open` command. If it is necessary, you'll be asked to save the current if. Then, the new file will be opened.

To save the current status under a different name, use the `saveAs` command. Just put the file name (as an identifier) in level one, and run the command.

If for some reason you want to reset **kalc** to its default state, run the `cold-start` command. Note that this will erase the memory, the stack, the last arguments and return all the preferences to their default values without asking for confirmation.

10 Customization

Several aspects of **kalc** can be customized. These include, for example, the way to display numbers and the angle mode. The commands that allow this are `set` and `show`.

The `set` command, as you might have guessed, sets a specific option in **kalc**. A few of these options can also be set in a different way, more RPN-like. Details will be given in the appropriate sections. The `show` command displays the current value for a specific option.

Both commands, if given no option after it, display a list of options (equivalent to typing `help show`).

10.1 Angle mode

The angle mode can be set to either radians (the default) or degrees. To set it, use the `set` command this way:

```
> set anglemode {deg|rad}
```

Choosing the one you want. Or you can use the commands `deg` and `rad` to select degress and radians, respectively.

Note: when dealing with complex numbers, the angle mode is ignored, and is assumed to be always radians.

10.2 Coordinate mode

The coordinate used to represent complex numbers system can be set to rectangular (the default) or polar. It is set this way:

```
> set coordinate {rect|cylin}
```

Specifying `rect` selects rectangular coordinates, and `cylin` specifies cylindrical (polar) coordinates. You can also select rectangular mode with the `rect` command, and polar mode with the commands `polar` and `cylin` (both are equivalent.)

10.3 Number display format and precision

These options are closely related. The number display format specifies how the numbers will be shown (the four available formats are described below), and the precision the number of decimal places to show in each mode. Note that precision does not really alter the precision of the calculator; all calculations are done using all possible precision numbers, but not all must be shown should you want it this way.

To set the number format, use the command

```
> set number-format &lcub;std|fix|sci|eng&rcub;
```

The available number formats are:

std The "standard" mode is the common mode for displaying numbers: if possible, the number is not displayed in scientific notation, and decimal places are only shown if they are present. Up to 15 decimal places may be shown, but no trailing zeros are added.

fix The "fixed precision" mode always display the number of decimal places specified by the precision option. Trailing zeros are added if necessary.

sci The "scientific notation" mode always displays numbers using scientific notation, with the number of decimal places specified by the precision option.

eng The "engineering notation" mode displays precision + 1 significant digits using engineering notation. Engineering notation is like scientific notation, but the exponent is always a multiple of three.

To set the precision, use the `set` command as follows:

```
> set precision <n>
```

Where `<n>` is the number of decimal places you want. It must be between zero and fifteen, inclusive. Numbers less than zero are treated as zero, and numbers greater than fifteen are treated as fifteen. Only the integer part of the argument is considered.

Note that the precision is ignored for the **std** mode.

You can also set the precision with the commands `std`, `fix`, `sci` and `eng`. All but `std` take an argument in level one: the precision.

10.4 Prompt

You can change the prompt for commands **kalc** uses. You can set it to anything you want, up to 20 characters. Use the `set` command to change it:

```
> set prompt <text>
```

If you want to include spaces in the prompt, surround the entire prompt with double quotes.

10.5 Number of stack levels to display

By default, **kalc** displays only the bottommost four stack levels. You can change this number with the `set lines` command.

This option can be temporarily overriden with the `=` command (see section 16.16).

10.6 Screen width

The width of the screen can be set this way:

```
> set width <n>
```

Where `<n>` is the number of columns. The default is 78. The minimum is 25, values less than that will be rejected.

11 Arithmetic commands reference

11.1 The + command

This command adds two numbers.

Examples:

```
> 12.5
1:                      12.5
> 3.7
2:                      12.5
1:                       3.7
> +
 1:                      16.2
> (1, 3) (-2 4)
3:                      16.2
2:                     (1,3)
1:                    (-2,4)
```

```
> +
2:                      16.2
1:                    (-1,7)
```

11.2 The - command

This command subtracts two numbers.

Examples:

```
> 15.7 3.2
2:                      15.7
1:                       3.2
> -
1:                      12.5
> (4 -3) (1 -1)
3:                      12.5
2:                    (4,-3)
1:                    (1,-1)
> -
2:                      12.5
1:                    (3,-2)
```

11.3 The * command

This command multiplies two numbers.

Examples:

```
> 3.4 -5.2 *
1:                    -17.68
> (4, 2) (3 -1) *
2:                    -17.68
1:                    (14,2)
```

11.4 The / command

This command divides two numbers.

Examples:

```
> 10 3 /
1:           3.33333333333333
> (4 8) (2 2)
3:           3.33333333333333
2:                     (4,8)
1:                     (2,2)
> /
2:           3.33333333333333
1:                     (3,1)
```

11.5 The inv command

This command returns one divided by a number.

Examples:

```
> 5 inv
1:                        0.2
> (4 2)
2:                        0.2
1:                      (4,2)
> inv
2:                        0.2
1:                  (0.2,-0.1)
```

11.6 The mod command

This command returns the remainder of the division of *y* (level two) and *x* (level one).

Example:

```
> 10 3 mod
1:                          1
```

11.7 The chs and neg commands

Thesse commands change the sign of a number.

Examples:

```
> 4
1:                          4
> chs
1:                         -4
> neg
1:                          4
```

11.8 The abs command

This command returns the absolute value of a number. For real numbers, this is equal to the number without its sign. For complex number, it is the square root of the sum of the squares of the real and imaginary parts.

Examples:

```
> 4 abs
1:                          4
> -5 abs
```

```
2:                          4
1:                          5
> (3 4)
3:                          4
2:                          5
1:                      (3,4)
> abs
3:                          4
2:                          5
1:                          5
```

11.9 The ceil command

This command returns the smallest integer greater than or equal to its input.

Examples:

```
> 3.9 ceil
1:                          4
> -3.9 ceil
2:                          4
1:                         -3
```

11.10 The floor command

This command returns the greatest integer less than or equal to its input.

Examples:

```
> 3.9 floor
1:                          3
> -3.9 floor
2:                          3
1:                         -4
```

11.11 The ip command

This command returns the integer part of its input.

Examples:

```
> pi
1:           3.14159265358979
> ip
1:                          3
```

11.12 The fp command

This command returns the fractional part of its input.

Examples:

```
> pi
1:          3.14159265358979
> fp
1:         0.141592653589793
```

11.13 The % command

This command returns *y* (level two) percent of *x* (level one).

Examples:

```
> 200 25 %
1:                        50
> 314 13.9 %
2:                        50
1:                    43.646
```

11.14 The %t command

This command returns the percent of the level two argument that is represented by the level one argument.

Examples:

```
> 200 25 %t
1:                      12.5
> 520 52 %t
2:                      12.5
1:                        10
```

11.15 The %ch command

This command returns the percentage change from *y* (level two) to *x* (level 1) as a percentage of *y*.

Examples:

```
> 150 175 %ch
1:          16.6666666666667
> 215 190 %ch
2:          16.6666666666667
1:         -11.6279069767442
```

11.16 The gcd command

This command returns the greatest common divisor of two numbers.

Examples:

```
> 411056775237 61754894058 gcd
1:                       1257
> 895324789 3745907 gcd
2:                       1257
1:                          1
```

11.17 The lcm command

This command returns the least common multiple of two numbers.

Examples:

```
> 799984123 239874 lcm
1:            191895391520502
> 104890 2349002 lcm
2:            191895391520502
1:               123193409890
```

12 Exponential and Logarithmic Commands Reference

12.1 The exp command

This command returns *e* raised to its argument.

Examples:

```
> 1 exp
1:           2.71828182845905
> 3.7 exp
2:           2.71828182845905
1:           40.4473043600674
> pi (0, 1) * exp
3:           2.71828182845905
2:           40.4473043600674
1: (-1,1.22460635382238e-16)
```

12.2 The ln command

This command returns the natural logarithm (base *e*) of its argument.

Examples:

```
> 4
1:                          4
> ln
1:          1.38629436111989
> (3 2)
2:          1.38629436111989
1:                     (3,2)
> ln
2:          1.38629436111989
1: (1.28247467873077,
   0.588002603547568)
```

12.3 The ^ command

This command raises *y* (level two) to *x* (level one).

Examples:

```
> 2 10 ^
1:                       1024
> 3.75 2.48 ^
2:                       1024
1:           26.521467069654
> (2 3) (1 -1)
4:                       1024
3:           26.521467069654
2:                     (2,3)
1:                    (1,-1)
> ^
3:                       1024
2:           26.521467069654
1: (9.20434248861135,
   -2.84401950837022)
```

12.4 The xroot command

This command returns the *n*th (level one) root of *x* (level two).

Examples:

```
> 2472806570256 4 xroot
1:                       1254
```

12.5 The sq command

This command squares its argument.

Examples:

```
> 16 sq
1:                        256
> (2 1)
2:                        256
1:                      (2,1)
> sq
2:                        256
1:                      (3,4)
```

12.6 The sqrt command

This command returns the square root of its argument.

Examples:

```
> 32041 sqrt
1:                        179
> (14229, -37620) sqrt
2:                        179
1:                  (165,-114)
> -100 sqrt
3:                        179
2:                  (165,-114)
1: (6.12303176911189e-16,10)
```

12.7 The expm1 command

This command returns exp(*x*) - 1. It is more accurate than `exp` when *x* is close to zero.

Examples:

```
> 3.5 expm1
1:           32.1154519586923
> -4.2 expm1
2:           32.1154519586923
1:         -0.985004423179522
```

12.8 The lnp1 command

This command returns ln(1 + *x*). It is more accurate than `ln` when *x* is close to zero.

Examples:

```
> 45 lnp1
1:            3.8286413964891
> 72.5 lnp1
2:            3.8286413964891
1:           4.29728540621879
```

12.9 The log command

This command returns the decimal (base 10) logarithm of its argument.

Examples:

```
> 1e20 log
1:                          20
> 1724.3123 log
2:                          20
1:          3.23661592615434
```

12.10 The alog command

This command raises 10 to its argument.

Examples:

```
> 21 alog
1:                       1e+21
> 7.1524
2:                       1e+21
1:                      7.1524
> alog
2:                       1e+21
1:          14203651.2404801
```

12.11 The cis command

This function returns the complex exponential of its argument, that is, exp*(ix)*.

Examples:

```
> pi cis
1: (-1,
   1.22460635382238e-16)
> 1 cis
2: (-1,
   1.22460635382238e-16)
1: (0.54030230586814,
   0.841470984807897)
```

13 Trigonometric commands reference

13.1 The pi command

This command puts the constant pi (3.14159...) in the stack.

Example:

```
> pi
1:          3.14159265358979
```

13.2 The sin command

This command returns the sine of its argument.

Example:

```
> set anglemode rad
> pi 2 / sin
1:                          1
> pi 3 * 2 / sin
2:                          1
1:                         -1
```

13.3 The cos command

This command returns the co-sine of its argument.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> pi 2 / cos
1:      6.12303176911189e-17
> pi chs cos
2:      6.12303176911189e-17
1:                         -1
```

13.4 The tan command

This command returns the tangent of its argument.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> pi 4 / tan
1:        0.0137086425343941
> .5 tan
2:        0.0137086425343941
1:       0.00872686779075879
```

13.5 The sec command

This command returns the secant of its argument.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> pi sec
1:                          -1
> pi 4 / sec
2:                          -1
1:           1.41421356237309
```

13.6 The csc command

This command returns the co-secant of its argument.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> pi 2 / csc
1:                           1
> pi -3 / csc
2:                           1
1:          -1.15470053837925
```

13.7 The cot command

This command returns the co-tangent of its argument.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> pi 3 / cot
1:          0.577350269189626
> pi 1.2 * cot
2:          0.577350269189626
1:           1.37638192047117
```

13.8 The asin command

This command returns the arc sine of its argument.

Examples:

```
> .5 asin
1:          0.523598775598299
> 1 asin
2:          0.523598775598299
1:            1.5707963267949
> 2 asin
3:          0.523598775598299
2:            1.5707963267949
1: (1.5707963267949,
   -1.31695789692482)
```

13.9 The acos command

This command returns the arc co-sine of its argument.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> .5 acos
1:           1.0471975511966
> 1 acos
2:           1.0471975511966
1:                         0
> 2 acos
3:           1.0471975511966
2:                         0
1:     (0,-1.31695789692482)
```

13.10 The atan command

This command returns the arc tangent of its argument.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> 1 atan
1:         0.785398163397448
> 2 atan
2:         0.785398163397448
1:          1.10714871779409
> .2 atan
3:         0.785398163397448
2:          1.10714871779409
1:         0.197395559849881
```

13.11 The atan2 command

This command returns the arc tangent of y/x, where y is in level two and x is in level one. The signs of both arguments are used to calculate the quadrant of the result.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> -4 -1.7 / atan
1:          1.16892567935444
> -4 -1.7 atan2
2:          1.16892567935444
1:         -1.97266697423535
```

13.12 The asec command

This command returns the arc secant of its argument.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> 2 asec
1:           1.0471975511966
> 4.6 asec
2:           1.0471975511966
1:          1.35165526779736
> .5 asec
3:           1.0471975511966
2:          1.35165526779736
1:     (0,-1.31695789692482)
```

13.13 The acsc command

This command returns the arc co-secant of its argument.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> 2 acsc
1:         0.523598775598299
> 4.6 acsc
2:         0.523598775598299
1:         0.219141058997532
> .5 acsc
3:         0.523598775598299
2:         0.219141058997532
1: (1.5707963267949,
   -1.31695789692482)
```

13.14 The acot command

This command returns the arc co-tangent of its argument.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> 2 acot
1:         0.463647609000806
> 4.6 acot
2:         0.463647609000806
1:         0.214060683563822
> .5 acot
3:         0.463647609000806
2:         0.214060683563822
1:          1.10714871779409
```

13.15 The vers command

This command returns the versine of its argument. The versine of an angle *x* is defined as *1* - cos*(x)*.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> pi 4 / vers
1:         0.292893218813452
> pi 3 / vers
2:         0.292893218813452
1:                       0.5
```

13.16 The hav command

This command returns the haversine of its argument. The haversine of an angle *x* is defined as vers*(x)/2*.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode rad
> pi 4 / hav
1:         0.146446609406726
> pi 3 / hav
2:         0.146446609406726
1:                      0.25
```

13.17 The d¿r command

This command converts from degrees to radians.

Examples:

```
> 45 d>r
1:         0.785398163397448
> 60 d>r
2:         0.785398163397448
1:           1.0471975511966
```

13.18 The r¿d command

This command converts from radians to degrees.

Examples:

```
> pi r>d
1:                       180
> pi 3 / r>d
2:                       180
1:                        60
```

14 Hyperbolic commands reference

14.1 The sinh command

This command returns the hyperbolic sine of its argument.

Examples:

```
> 2 sinh
1:          3.62686040784702
> (3 4) sinh
2:          3.62686040784702
1: (-6.548120040911,
   -7.61923172032141)
```

14.2 The cosh command

This command returns the hyperbolic co-sine of its argument.

Examples:

```
> 2 cosh
1:          3.76219569108363
> (3 4) cosh
2:          3.76219569108363
1: (-6.58066304055116,
   -7.58155274274654)
```

14.3 The tanh command

This command returns the hyperbolic tangent of its argument.

Examples:

```
> 2 tanh
1:         0.964027580075817
> (3 4) tanh
2:         0.964027580075817
1: (1.00070953606723,
   0.00490825806749603)
```

14.4 The sech command

This command returns the hyperbolic secant of its argument.

Examples:

```
> 2 sech
1:        0.26580222883408
```

14.5 The csch command

This command returns the hyperbolic co-secant of its argument.
Examples:

```
> 2 csch
1:       0.275720564771783
```

14.6 The coth command

This command returns the hyperbolic co-tangent of its argument.
Examples:

```
> 2 coth
1:        1.03731472072755
```

14.7 The asinh command

This command returns the hyperbolic arc sine of its argument.
Examples:

```
> 2 asinh
1:          1.44363547517881
> (4 -1) asinh
2:          1.44363547517881
1: (2.12255012381007,
   -0.238317461809866)
```

14.8 The acosh command

This command returns the hyperbolic arc co-sine of its argument.
Exmamples:

```
> 2 acosh
1:          1.31695789692482
> (4 -1) acosh
2:          1.31695789692482
1: (2.09659645728889,
     -0.252179408716353)
> .5 acosh
3:          1.31695789692482
2: (2.09659645728889,
   -0.252179408716353)
1:       (0,1.0471975511966)
```

14.9 The atanh command

This command returns the hyperbolic arc tangent of its argument.

Examples:

```
> .5 atanh
1:         0.549306144334055
> (4 5) atanh
2:         0.549306144334055
1: (0.0964156202029962,
     1.44830699523146)
> 2 atanh
3:         0.549306144334055
2: (0.0964156202029962,
   1.44830699523146)
1: (0.549306144334055,
   -1.5707963267949)
```

14.10 The asech command

This command returns the hyperbolic arc secant of its argument.

Examples:

```
> .5 asech
1:        1.31695789692482
```

14.11 The acsch command

This command returns the hyperbolic arc co-secant of its argument.

Examples:

```
> 2 acsch
1:       0.481211825059603
```

14.12 The acoth command

This command returns the hyperbolic arc co-tangent of its argument.

Examples:

```
> 2 acoth
1:       0.549306144334055
```

14.13 The gd command

This command returns the Gudermannian function of its argument. The Gudermannian function of *x* is defined as gd*(x) = 2*atan*(e^x) - pi/2*.

Examples:

```
> 1 gd
1:       0.865769483239659
> (1.5 -1) gd
2:       0.865769483239659
1: (1.32229241744284,
   -0.374252799625128)
```

14.14 The invgd command

This command returns the inverse Gudermannian function of its argument. The inverse Gudermannian function of *x* is defined as invgd*(x)* = ln*(*sec*(x)* + tan*(x))*.

Examples:

```
> 1 invgd
1:        1.22619117088352
> (-0.5 1) invgd
2:        1.22619117088352
1:       -0.52223810327844
```

15 Stack manipulation commands reference

15.1 The dup command

This command makes a copy of the number in level one.

Examples:

```
> 11 22
2:                      11
1:                      22
> dup
3:                      11
2:                      22
1:                      22
```

15.2 The dupdup command

This command makes two copy of the number in level one.

Examples:

```
> 11 22
2:                          11
1:                          22
> dupdup
4:                          11
3:                          22
2:                          22
1:                          22
```

15.3 The ndupn command

This command makes makes $n - 1$ (n is in level one) copies of the object in level two. If n is zero, the object in level two is dropped.

Examples:

```
> 123
1:                         123
> 4 ndupn
4:                         123
3:                         123
2:                         123
1:                         123
```

15.4 The dup2 command

This command makes copies of the numbers in levels one and two.

Examples:

```
> 11 22
2:                          11
1:                          22
> dup2
4:                          11
3:                          22
2:                          11
1:                          22
```

15.5 The dupn command

This command takes a number as argument. Only the integer part of that number is considered. It makes copies of *n* (given as argument) stack elements.

Examples:

```
> 11 22 33 44
4:                          11
3:                          22
```

```
2:                          33
1:                          44
> 4 dupn
8:                          11
7:                          22
6:                          33
5:                          44
4:                          11
3:                          22
2:                          33
1:                          44
```

15.6 The drop command

This command removes the element in level one.

Examples:

```
> 11 22
2:                          11
1:                          22
> drop
1:                          11
> drop
```

15.7 The nip command

This command removes the element in level two.

Examples:

```
> 11 22
2:                          11
1:                          22
> nip
1:                          22
```

15.8 The drop2 command

This command removes the in levels one and two. **Caution**: once dropped, there is no way to bring a number back.

Examples:

```
> 11 22 33
3:                          11
2:                          22
1:                          33
> drop2
1:                          11
```

15.9 The dropn command

This command removes *n* (in level one) elements from the stack. **Caution**: once dropped, there is no way to bring a number back.

Examples:

```
> 11 22 33 44
4:                          11
3:                          22
2:                          33
1:                          44
> 3 dropn
1:                          11
```

15.10 The clear command

This command removes all elements from the stack. **Caution**: once dropped, there is no way to bring a number back.

Examples:

```
> 11 22 33 44
4:                          11
3:                          22
2:                          33
1:                          44
> clear
```

15.11 The swap command

This command swaps the elements in levels one and two, that is, the element that was in level one now is in level two, and the element that was in level two now is in level one.

Examples:

```
> 11 22
2:                          11
1:                          22
> swap
2:                          22
1:                          11
```

15.12 The over command

This command makes puts a copy of the element in level two in the stack. (Equivalent to `2 PICK`.)

Examples:

```
> 11 22
2:                      11
1:                      22
> over
3:                      11
2:                      22
1:                      11
```

15.13 The pick3 command

This command makes puts a copy of the element in level three in the stack. (Equivalent to `3 PICK`.)

Examples:

```
> 11 22 33
3:                      11
2:                      22
1:                      33
> pick3
4:                      11
3:                      22
2:                      33
1:                      11
```

15.14 The pick command

This command takes an argument *n*. It makes a copy of the element in level *n*+1.

Examples:

```
> 11 22 33 44
4:                      11
3:                      22
2:                      33
1:                      44
> 3 pick
5:                      11
4:                      22
3:                      33
2:                      44
1:                      22
```

15.15 The unpick command

This command replaces the object in level $n + 2$ (n is in level one) with the object in level two.

Example:

```
4:                          1
3:                          2
2:                          3
1:                          4
> 22 3 unpick
4:                          1
3:                         22
2:                          3
1:                          4
> 11 4 unpick
4:                         11
3:                         22
2:                          3
1:                          4
```

15.16 The rot command

This command rolls levels one, two and three upwards. The number in level three goes to level one, the number in level two goes to level three and the number in level one goes to level two. (Equivalent to `3 ROLL`.)

Examples:

```
> 11 22 33
3:                         11
2:                         22
1:                         33
> rot
3:                         22
2:                         33
1:                         11
```

15.17 The unrot command

This command rolls levels one, two and three downwards. The number in level one goes to level three, the number in level two goes to level one and the number in level three goes to level two. (Equivalent to `3 ROLLD`.)

Examples:

```
> 11 22 33
3:                         11
2:                         22
1:                         33
> unrot
3:                         33
2:                         11
1:                         22
```

15.18 The roll command

This command rolls levels from two to *n*+1 (*n* is in level one) upwards.

Examples:

```
> 11 22 33 44
4:                          11
3:                          22
2:                          33
1:                          44
> 4 roll
4:                          22
3:                          33
2:                          44
1:                          11
```

15.19 The rolld command

This command rolls levels from two to *n*+1 (*n* is in level one) downwards.

Examples:

```
> 11 22 33 44
4:                          11
3:                          22
2:                          33
1:                          44
> 4 rolld
4:                          44
3:                          11
2:                          22
1:                          33
```

15.20 The depth command

This command puts the number of elements in the stack in level one.

Examples:

```
> 11 22 33
3:                          11
2:                          22
1:                          33
> depth
4:                          11
3:                          22
2:                          33
1:                           3
```

15.21 The keep command

This command clears all stack levels above the *n*+1, where n is specified in the stack.

Examples:

```
> 1 2 3 4 5
5:                          1
4:                          2
3:                          3
2:                          4
1:                          5
> 2 keep
2:                          4
1:                          5
```

16 Miscellaneous commands reference

16.1 The rand command

This command returns a random number from 0 (inclusive) to 1 (exclusive).

16.2 The rdz command

This command takes a number as argument, and stores that number as the random number generator seed. If the argument is 0, then a seed is generated from the current time.

16.3 The ! command

This command returns the factorial of the number given as argument. For non-integers, it returns gamma(x + 1).

Examples:

```
> 5 !
1:                        120
> 6.3 !
2:                        120
1:          1271.42363366391
```

16.4 The lgamma command

This command returns the logarithm of the absolute value of the gamma function of its argument.

Examples:

```
> 6.3 lgamma
1:          5.30734288962476
```

16.5 The perm command

This command returns the number of permutations of *n* elements (level two) taken *m* by *m* (level one.)

Examples:

```
> 10 3 perm
1:                       720
```

16.6 The comb command

This command returns the number of combinations of *n* elements (level two) taken *m* by *m* (level one.)

Examples:

```
> 10 3 comb
1:                       120
```

16.7 The min command

This command returns the smallest of its two arguments.

Examples:

```
> 3 4 min
1:                         3
```

16.8 The max command

This command returns the largest of its two arguments.

Examples:

```
> 3 4 max
1:                         4
```

16.9 The sign command

For real numbers, this command returns -1 if the number is negative, 0 if it is zero or 1 if it is positive. For complex numbers, it returns the unit vector in the direction of a complex number.

Examples:

```
> -6 sign
1:                          -1
> 0 sign
2:                          -1
1:                           0
> 8 sign
3:                          -1
2:                           0
1:                           1
> (3, 4) sign
4:                          -1
3:                           0
2:                           1
1:                  (0.6,0.8)
```

16.10 The psign command

This command returns -1 if the number is negative, or 1 if it is positive or zero.

Examples:

```
> -6 psign
1:                          -1
> 0 psign
2:                          -1
1:                           1
> 8 psign
3:                          -1
2:                           1
1:                           1
```

16.11 The mant command

This command returns the mantissa of its argument.

Examples:

```
> 1.3515413566333e20
1:       1.3515413566333e+20
> mant
1:           1.3515413566333
```

16.12 The xpon command

This command returns the exponent of its argument.

Examples:

```
> 1.3515413566333e20
1:       1.3515413566333e+20
> xpon
1:                        20
```

16.13 The rnd command

This command truncates the level two argument (a real or complex number) to n (in level one) decimal places.

Examples:

```
> pi
1:          3.14159265358979
> 4 rnd
1:                    3.1416
```

16.14 The type command

This command returns the type of its argument. The type is one of the following:

0 Real number

1 Complex number

2 String

6 Identifier

8 Program

10 Hexadecimal string

12 Tagged object

18 Built-in function

Examples:

```
> 45 type
1:                        0
> "Hello World" type
2:                        0
1:                        2
```

16.15 The vtype command

This command returns the type of the object stored in the variable whose name is in the stack (an identifier), or -1 if that variable does not exist.

See the `type` command (section 16.14) for a list of type codes.

16.16 The = command

This command is special. It allows you to override the number of stack elements to show, but only for the next time the stack is displayed. It accepts an argument, but not from the stack. If there is a number **immediately** following the "=" command, it is treated as the number of elements to display. If there is no number, or the number is less than or equal to zero, the whole stack is displayed. Note that there must be **no space** between the number and the "=" sign.

16.17 The eval command

This command evaluates the object in level one of the stack.

16.18 The shell command

The shell command is used to run commands from **kalc**. To run a command, just enter `shell COMMAND`. The command will be run, and after it finishes, a message will be displayed asking you to press ENTER. When you're done examining the output of the command, press ENTER to return to **kalc**.

If you do not specify a command for The shell command, an interactive shell will be called instead. When you're finished, exit the shell as usual, normally by entering `exit` at the prompt or pressing CTRL-D.

17 Time and date commands reference

You can use **kalc** to do some operations on time and dates, such as calculating how many days are there between two dates.

Dates are entered in the format MM.DDYYYY, that is, the month is the integer part, the fractional part is the day and the year.

For example, the 26th of April of 1999 would be represented as 4.261999.

Times are entered in a similar format: HH.MMSS, that is, the hour is the integer part, and the fractional part contains the minutes and seconds. The hour is always in 24-hour format. So, 1:30:45pm would be represented as 13.3045.

You should not that whenever time is involved, the hours can be though as degrees, so the functions related to time are useful for dealing with angles in sexagesimal notation.

Here is a list of the commands related to time and dates:

17.1 The date command

This command puts the current date in the stack.

Example:

```
> date
1:                  5.021999
```

17.2 The time command

This command puts the current time in the stack.

Example:

```
> time
1:                   15.1941
```

17.3 The ¿hms command

This command converts time (or angles) in decimal format to HH.MMSS format.

Examples:

```
> 15.3030 >hms
1:                  15.18108
> 5.4559 >hms
2:                  15.18108
1:                  5.272124
```

17.4 The hms¿ command

This command converts time (or angles) in HH.MMSS format to decimal format.

Examples:

```
> 15.18108 hms>
1:                    15.303
> 5.272124 hms>
2:                    15.303
1:                    5.4559
```

17.5 The date+ command

This command adds an specified number of days (in level one) to a date (in level two).

Examples:

```
> 4.291999 15 date+
1:                  5.141999
> 6.201999 60 date+
2:                  5.141999
1:                  8.191999
```

17.6 The ddays command

This command returns the number of days between two dates.

Examples:

```
> 4.291999 5.141999 ddays
1:                        15
> 6.201999 8.191999 ddays
2:                        15
1:                        60
```

17.7 The hms+ command

This command adds time (or angles) in HH.MMSS format.

Examples:

```
> 22.59 .01 hms+
1:                        23
> 7.3045 .4530 hms+
2:                        23
1:                    8.1615
```

17.8 The hms- command

This command subtracts time (or angles) in HH.MMSS format.

Examples:

```
> 23 22.59 hms-
1:        0.0100000000000001
> 8.1615 7.3045 hms-
2:        0.0100000000000001
1:                     0.453
```

17.9 The dow command

This command returns the day of the week for a given date. The returned values are 0 for Sunday, 1 for Monday, etc...

Examples:

```
> date
1:                  5.021999
> dow
1:                         0
> 5.031999 dow
2:                         0
1:                         1
```

17.10 The dowstr command

This command returns a string with the three-letter abbreviation of the day of the week of a given date.

Examples:

```
> date
1:                  5.021999
> dowstr
1:                     "Sun"
> 5.031999 dowstr
2:                     "Sun"
1:                     "Mon"
```

17.11 The tstr command

This command takes as argument a date (in level two) and a time (in level one), and returns a string representing that time and date.

Example:

```
> date
1:                  4.271999
> time
2:                  4.271999
1:                   15.3257
> tstr
1: "Tue 04/27/1999  15:32:57...
```

18 Complex number commands reference

18.1 The r¿c command

This command takes two real numbers as arguments, and returns a complex number whose real part is the level two argument and whose imaginary part is the level one argument.

Examples:

```
> pi 1 exp
2:          3.14159265358979
1:          2.71828182845905
> r>c
1: (3.14159265358979,
   2.71828182845905)
```

18.2 The re¿c command

This command takes a real number as argument, and returns a complex number whose real part is its argument and whose imaginary part is zero.

Examples:

```
> pi
1:          3.14159265358979
> re>c
1:      (3.14159265358979,0)
```

18.3 The im¿c command

This command takes a real number as argument, and returns a complex number whose real part is zero and whose imaginary part is its argument.

Examples:

```
> pi
1:          3.14159265358979
> im>c
1:      (0,3.14159265358979)
```

18.4 The c¿r command

This command takes a complex number as argument and returns two real numbers, representing its real and imaginary parts.

Examples:

```
> (3, -4)
1:                    (3,-4)
> c>r
2:                         3
1:                        -4
```

18.5 The re command

This command takes a complex number as argument and returns a real number representing its real part.

Examples:

```
> (3, -4)
1:                    (3,-4)
> re
1:                         3
```

18.6 The im command

This command takes a complex number as argument and returns a real number representing its imaginary part.

Examples:

```
> (3, -4)
1:                    (3,-4)
> im
1:                        -4
```

18.7 The conj command

This command returns the conjugate of its argument.

```
> (3, -4)
1:                    (3,-4)
> conj
1:                     (3,4)
```

18.8 The arg command

This command returns the argument of a complex number, that is, it’s angle when represented in polar form.

Examples:

```
> set anglemode deg
> (4 4)
1:                      (4,4)
> arg
1:                         45
> (-2 4)
2:                         45
1:                     (-2,4)
> arg
2:                         45
1:           116.565051177078
```

19 Relational commands reference

The commands in this section deal with *flags*. A flag is just a real number. If its value is 0, the flag is *false*. Any other value means *true*.

19.1 The == command

This command compares its two arguments and returns 1 if they are equal.

Examples:

```
> 4 4 ==
1:                          1
> 4 5 ==
2:                          1
1:                          0
```

19.2 The != and # commands

These commands (they are actually the same command, but with two names) compare their two arguments and return 1 if they are not equal, that is, different.

Examples:

```
> 4 4 !=
1:                          0
> 4 5 #
2:                          0
1:                          1
```

19.3 The ¡ command

This command compares its arguments and returns 1 if the one in level two is less than the one in level one.

Examples:

```
> 4 6 <
1:                          1
> 4 -2 <
2:                          1
1:                          0
```

19.4 The ¿ command

This command compares its arguments and returns 1 if the one in level two is greater than the one in level one.

Examples:

```
> 4 6 >
1:                          0
> 4 -2 >
2:                          0
1:                          1
```

19.5 The ¡= command

This command compares its arguments and returns 1 if the one in level two is less than or equal to the one in level one.

Examples:

```
> 4 5 <=
1:                          1
> 4 4 <=
2:                          1
1:                          1
> 4 3 <=
3:                          1
2:                          1
1:                          0
```

19.6 The ¿= command

This command compares its arguments and returns 1 if the one in level two is greater than or equal to the one in level one.

Examples:

```
> 4 5 >=
1:                          0
> 4 4 >=
2:                          0
1:                          1
```

```
> 4 3 >=
3:                          0
2:                          1
1:                          1
```

19.7 The and command

This command performs a logical *and* between two flags. The result is 1 if both flags are true.

Examples:

```
> 1 0 and
1:                          0
> 1 1 and
2:                          0
1:                          1
```

19.8 The or command

This command performs a logical *or* between two flags. The result is 1 if either flag is true.

Examples:

```
> 1 0 or
1:                          1
> 0 0 or
2:                          1
1:                          0
```

19.9 The xor command

This command performs a logical *xor* between two flags. The result is 1 if only one of the flags is true.

Examples:

```
> 0 1 xor
1:                          1
> 1 1 xor
2:                          1
1:                          0
```

19.10 The not command

This command inverts the flag given as argument to it. A true becomes a false, and a false becomes a true.

Examples:

```
> 1 not
1:                          0
> not
1:                          1
```

20 String commands reference

20.1 The + command (for strings)

The + command, when at least one argument is a string, does string concatenation. The string at level one is appended at the end of the string at level two. If one of the two arguments is not a string, it will be converted to a string.

Examples:

```
> "Hello, " "World!"
2:                  "Hello, "
1:                   "World!"
> +
1:           "Hello, World!"
> 45 +
1:         "Hello, World!45"
```

20.2 The size command

This command returns a real number representing the size of the string given as argument, in bytes.

Examples:

```
> "Hello, World!"
1:           "Hello, World!"
> size
1:                         13
```

20.3 The ¿str command

This command converts its argument to a string representing it. Numbers are converted using the current setting of precision, number format and coordinate mode (see section 10). Strings are not modified.

Examples:

```
> (1, 3)
1:                      (1,3)
> >str
1:                    "(1,3)"
```

```
> 4 >str
2:                    "(1,3)"
1:                        "4"
```

20.4 The str¿ command

This command takes a string as argument, and evaluates it as if it were a series of commands typed at command line.

Example:

```
> "6 16 sqrt +"
1:              "6 16 sqrt +"
> str>
1:                          10
```

20.5 The num command

This command takes a string and returns a real number, whose value is the ASCII code for the first character of the string.

Examples:

```
> "A"
1:                         "A"
> num
1:                          65
> "c" num
2:                          65
1:                          99
```

20.6 The chr command

This command takes a real number representing an ASCII code as argument, and returns a string with the character that code represents.

Examples:

```
> 65 chr
1:                         "A"
> 99 chr
2:                         "A"
1:                         "c"
```

20.7 The head command

This command takes a string and returns another string containing just the first character of the string.

Examples:

```
> "Hello, World"
1:            "Hello, World"
> head
1:                       "H"
```

20.8 The tail command

This command takes a string and returns another string containing the input string minus its first character.

Examples:

```
> "Hello, World"
1:            "Hello, World"
> tail
1:             "ello, World"
```

20.9 The pos command

This command takes two strings as argument. The string in level one is searched in the string in level two. A real number is returned, representing the position of the start of the substring in the string. If no match was found, zero is returned.

Examples:

```
> "Hello, World" "W" pos
1:                         8
> "Hello, World" "x" pos
2:                         8
1:                         0
```

20.10 The sub command

This command takes three arguments: a string in level three, and two real numbers in levels two and one, representing the starting position and the ending position. A new string is returned, which is a the part of the input string between the starting and ending positions, inclusive.

If the starting position is less than one, it is considered as one. If the ending position is greater than the length of the string, it is considered as the length of the string. If the ending position is less than the starting position, an empty string is returned.

Examples:

```
> "Hello, World"
1:            "Hello, World"
> 4 8 sub
```

```
1:                    "lo, W"
> 3 3 sub
1:                        ","
```

20.11 The repl command

This command takes three arguments: a string in level three, a real number in level two and another string in level one. The characters of the string in level three, starting at the position in level two, are substituted by the string in level one.

Examples:

```
> "Hello John" 7 "Mary" repl
1:               "Hello Mary"
> 7 "L" repl
1:               "Hello Lary"
> 10 "ry" repl
1:              "Hello Larry"
```

20.12 The str¿id and $¿id commands

These command convert the string in level one to an identifier.

Examples:

```
> "Hello"
1:                    "Hello"
> str>id
1:                    'Hello'
> "World" $>id
2:                    'Hello'
1:                    'World'
```

20.13 The id¿str and id¿$ commands

These commands convert the identifier in level one to a string. The difference between these commands and `>str` is that the latter inserts the quotes as part of the string.

Examples:

```
> 'Hello'
1:                    'Hello'
> id>str
1:                    "Hello"
> 'World' id>$
2:                    "Hello"
1:                    "World"
```

```
> 'World' >str
3:                    "Hello"
2:                    "World"
1:                  "'World'"
```

21 Memory commands reference

21.1 The sto command

This command stores an object (in level two) in memory, with the name given in level one (an identifier).

21.2 The rcl command

This command recalls from memory the object whose name is in level one (an identifier).

21.3 The purge command

This command deletes from memory the object whose name is in level one (and identifier). Be careful: there is no way to bring back an erased object.

21.4 The clvar and clusr commands

These commands delete the whole contents of memory. Because **there is no way to bring back the memory contents**, these commands asks you for confirmation before. Answer 'y' at the prompt to delete the memory.

21.5 The _clvar command

This command deletes the whole memory, without asking you for confirmation before.

21.6 The coldstart command

This command resets **kalc** to its initial state. The whole memory is cleared, the options are set to their default values, the stack is cleared and the last arguments are erased. There is no prompt for confirmation, nor is there a way to undo this command.

21.7 The vars command

This command displays all objects stored in memory.

21.8 The disksto command

This command saves the object in level two to a file whose path is given in level one (as an identifier).

21.9 The diskrcl command

This command recalls an object saved in the file whose path is given as argument (and identifier) in level one.

21.10 The pwd command

This command prints the current working directory.

Examples:

```
> pwd
/home/ekalin/progs/kalc
```

21.11 The cd command

This command changes the current working directory to the directory given as argument (an identifier) in level one.

Examples:

```
> '/usr/bin'
1:                '/usr/bin'
> cd
> pwd
/usr/bin
```