This Candidate Specification of the 5th edition of ECMAScript is subject to change and should only be used for review and evaluation purposes.

All feedback should be sent by July 15, 2009 to

ES5-feedback@Ecma-International.org
Final Draft
Standard
ECMA-262
5th Edition / April 2009

ECMAScript Language Specification
Introduction

This Ecma Standard is based on several originating technologies, the most well known being JavaScript (Netscape) and JScript (Microsoft). The language was invented by Brendan Eich at Netscape and first appeared in that company’s Navigator 2.0 browser. It has appeared in all subsequent browsers from Netscape and in all browsers from Microsoft starting with Internet Explorer 3.0.

The development of this Standard started in November 1996. The first edition of this Ecma Standard was adopted by the Ecma General Assembly of June 1997.

That Ecma Standard was submitted to ISO/IEC JTC 1 for adoption under the fast-track procedure, and approved as international standard ISO/IEC 16262, in April 1998. The Ecma General Assembly of June 1998 approved the second edition of ECMA-262 to keep it fully aligned with ISO/IEC 16262. Changes between the first and the second edition are editorial in nature.


Since publication of the third edition, ECMAScript has achieved massive adoption in conjunction with the World Wide Web where it has become the programming language that is supported by essentially all web browsers. Significant work was done to develop a fourth edition of ECMAScript. Although that work was not completed and not published as the fourth edition of ECMAScript, it informs continuing evolution of the language. The present fifth edition of ECMAScript (published as ECMA-262 5th edition) codifies de facto interpretations of the language specification that have become common among browser implementations and adds support for new features that have emerged since the publication of the third edition. Such features include accessor properties, reflective creation and inspection of objects, program control of property attributes, additional array manipulation functions, support for the JSON object encoding format, and a strict mode that provides enhanced error checking and program security.

ECMAScript is a vibrant language and the evolution of the language is not complete. Significant technical enhancement will continue with future editions of this specification.

This Ecma Standard has been adopted by the General Assembly of <month> <year>.

1 Note: Please note that for ECMAScript Edition 4 the Ecma standard number “ECMA-262 Edition 4” was reserved but not used in the Ecma publication process. Therefore “ECMA-262 Edition 4” as an Ecma International publication does not exist.
8.10.2 IsDataDescriptor (Desc)
8.10.3 IsGenericDescriptor (Desc)
8.10.4 FromPropertyDescriptor (Desc)
8.10.5 ToPropertyDescriptor (Obj)
8.11 The Lexical Environment and Environment Record Specification Types
8.12 Algorithms for Object Internal Methods
8.12.1 [[GetOwnProperty]] (P)
8.12.2 [[GetProperty]] (P)
8.12.3 [[Get]] (P)
8.12.4 [[CanPut]] (P)
8.12.5 [[ThrowingPut]] (P, V, Throw)
8.12.6 [[Put]] (P, V)
8.12.7 [[HasProperty]] (P)
8.12.8 [[Delete]] (P, Throw)
8.12.9 [[DefaultValue]] (hint)
8.12.10 [[DefineOwnProperty]] (P, Desc, Throw)

9 Type Conversion and Testing
9.1 ToPrimitive
9.2 ToBoolean
9.3 ToNumber
9.3.1 ToNumber Applied to the String Type
9.4 ToInteger
9.5 ToInt32: (Signed 32 Bit Integer)
9.6 ToUint32: (Unsigned 32 Bit Integer)
9.7 ToUint16: (Unsigned 16 Bit Integer)
9.8 ToString
9.8.1 ToString Applied to the Number Type
9.9 ToObject
9.10 CheckObjectCoercible
9.11 IsCallable
9.12 The SameValue Algorithm

10 Executable Code and Execution Contexts
10.1 Types of Executable Code
10.1.1 Strict Mode Code
10.2 Lexical Environments
10.2.1 Environment Records
10.2.2 Lexical Environment Operations
10.2.3 The Global Environment
10.3 Execution Contexts
10.3.1 Identifier Resolution
10.4 Establishing an Execution Context
10.4.1 Global Code
10.4.2 Eval Code
10.4.3 Function Code
10.5 Arguments Object
11 Expressions

11.1 Primary Expressions
11.1.1 The this Keyword
11.1.2 Identifier Reference
11.1.3 Literal Reference
11.1.4 Array Initialiser
11.1.5 Object Initialiser
11.1.6 The Grouping Operator

11.2 Left-Hand-Side Expressions
11.2.1 Property Accessors
11.2.2 The new Operator
11.2.3 Function Calls
11.2.4 Argument Lists
11.2.5 Function Expressions

11.3 Postfix Expressions
11.3.1 Postfix Increment Operator
11.3.2 Postfix Decrement Operator

11.4 Unary Operators
11.4.1 The delete Operator
11.4.2 The void Operator
11.4.3 The typeof Operator
11.4.4 Prefix Increment Operator
11.4.5 Prefix Decrement Operator
11.4.6 Unary + Operator
11.4.7 Unary - Operator
11.4.8 Bitwise NOT Operator (~)
11.4.9 Logical NOT Operator ( ! )

11.5 Multiplicative Operators
11.5.1 Applying the * Operator
11.5.2 Applying the / Operator
11.5.3 Applying the % Operator

11.6 Additive Operators
11.6.1 The Addition operator ( + )
11.6.2 The Subtraction Operator ( - )
11.6.3 Applying the Additive Operators ( + , - ) to Numbers

11.7 Bitwise Shift Operators
11.7.1 The Left Shift Operator ( << )
11.7.2 The Signed Right Shift Operator ( >> )
11.7.3 The Unsigned Right Shift Operator ( >>> )

11.8 Relational Operators
11.8.1 The Less-than Operator ( < )
11.8.2 The Greater-than Operator ( > )
11.8.3 The Less-than-or-equal Operator ( <= )
11.8.4 The Greater-than-or-equal Operator ( >= )
1 Scope
This Standard defines the ECMAScript scripting language.

2 Conformance
A conforming implementation of ECMAScript must provide and support all the types, values, objects, properties, functions, and program syntax and semantics described in this specification.

A conforming implementation of this International standard shall interpret characters in conformance with the Unicode Standard, Version 3.0 or later and ISO/IEC 10646-1 with either UCS-2 or UTF-16 as the adopted encoding form, implementation level 3. If the adopted ISO/IEC 10646-1 subset is not otherwise specified, it is presumed to be the BMP subset, collection 300. If the adopted encoding form is not otherwise specified, it presumed to be the UTF-16 encoding form.

A conforming implementation of ECMAScript is permitted to provide additional types, values, objects, properties, and functions beyond those described in this specification. In particular, a conforming implementation of ECMAScript is permitted to provide properties not described in this specification, and values for those properties, for objects that are described in this specification.

A conforming implementation of ECMAScript is permitted to support program and regular expression syntax not described in this specification. In particular, a conforming implementation of ECMAScript is permitted to support program syntax that makes use of the “future reserved words” listed in 7.5.3 of this specification.

3 References
ISO/IEC 9899:1996 Programming Languages – C, including amendment 1 and technical corrigenda 1 and 2.
ISO/IEC 10646-1:1993 Information Technology -- Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS) plus its amendments and corrigenda.

4 Overview
This section contains a non-normative overview of the ECMAScript language.

ECMAScript is an object-oriented programming language for performing computations and manipulating computational objects within a host environment. ECMAScript as defined here is not intended to be computationally self-sufficient; indeed, there are no provisions in this specification for input of external data or output of computed results. Instead, it is expected that the computational environment of an ECMAScript program will provide not only the objects and other facilities described in this specification but also certain environment-specific host objects, whose description and behaviour are beyond the scope of this specification except to indicate that they may provide certain properties that can be accessed and certain functions that can be called from an ECMAScript program.

A scripting language is a programming language that is used to manipulate, customise, and automate the facilities of an existing system. In such systems, useful functionality is already available through a user interface, and the scripting language is a mechanism for exposing that functionality to program control. In this way, the existing system is said to provide a host environment of objects and facilities, which completes the capabilities of the scripting language. A scripting language is intended for use by both professional and non-professional programmers.

ECMAScript was originally designed to be a Web scripting language, providing a mechanism to enliven Web pages in browsers and to perform server computation as part of a Web-based client-server architecture. ECMAScript can provide core scripting capabilities for a variety of host environments, and therefore the core scripting language is specified in this document apart from any particular host environment.
Some of the facilities of ECMAScript are similar to those used in other programming languages; in particular Java™, Self, and Scheme as described in:


4.1 Web Scripting

A web browser provides an ECMAScript host environment for client-side computation including, for instance, objects that represent windows, menus, pop-ups, dialog boxes, text areas, anchors, frames, history, cookies, and input/output. Further, the host environment provides a means to attach scripting code to events such as change of focus, page and image loading, unloading, error and abort, selection, form submission, and mouse actions. Scripting code appears within the HTML and the displayed page is a combination of user interface elements and fixed and computed text and images. The scripting code is reactive to user interaction and there is no need for a main program.

A web server provides a different host environment for server-side computation including objects representing requests, clients, and files; and mechanisms to lock and share data. By using browser-side and server-side scripting together, it is possible to distribute computation between the client and server while providing a customised user interface for a Web-based application.

Each Web browser and server that supports ECMAScript supplies its own host environment, completing the ECMAScript execution environment.

4.2 Language Overview

The following is an informal overview of ECMAScript—not all parts of the language are described. This overview is not part of the standard proper.

ECMAScript is object-based: basic language and host facilities are provided by objects, and an ECMAScript program is a cluster of communicating objects. An ECMAScript object is a collection of properties each with zero or more attributes that determine how each property can be used—for example, when the Writable attribute for a property is set to false, any attempt by executed ECMAScript code to change the value of the property fails. Properties are containers that hold other objects, primitive values, or methods/functions. A primitive value is a member of one of the following built-in types: Undefined, Null, Boolean, Number, and String; an object is a member of the remaining built-in type Object; and a method/function is a callable object. A function that is a function associated with an object via a property is a method.

ECMAScript defines a collection of built-in objects that round out the definition of ECMAScript entities. These built-in objects include the Global object, the Object object, the Function object, the Array object, the String object, the Boolean object, the Number object, the Math object, the Date object, the RegExp object, the JSON object, and the Error objects Error, EvalError, RangeError, ReferenceError, SyntaxError, TypeError and URIError.

ECMAScript also defines a set of built-in operators. ECMAScript operators include various unary operations, multiplicative operators, additive operators, bitwise shift operators, relational operators, equality operators, binary bitwise operators, binary logical operators, assignment operators, and the comma operator.

ECMAScript syntax intentionally resembles Java syntax. ECMAScript syntax is relaxed to enable it to serve as an easy-to-use scripting language. For example, a variable is not required to have its type declared nor are types associated with properties, and defined functions are not required to have their declarations appear textually before calls to them.

4.2.1 Objects

ECMAScript does not contain use classes such as those in C++, Smalltalk, or Java. Instead objects may be created in various ways including via a literal notation or via constructors which create objects by and then executing execute code that allocates storage for the objects and initialises all or part of them
by assigning initial values to their properties. Each constructor is a function that has a property named “prototype” that is used to implement prototype-based inheritance and shared properties. Objects are created by using constructors in new expressions; for example, new Date(2009,11) creates a new Date object. Invoking a constructor without using new has consequences that depend on the constructor. For example, Date() produces a string representation of the current date and time rather than an object.

ECMAScript supports prototype-based inheritance. Every object created by a constructor has an implicit reference (called the object’s prototype) to the value of its constructor’s “prototype” property. Furthermore, a prototype may have a non-null implicit reference to its prototype, and so on; this is called the prototype chain. When a reference is made to a property in an object, that reference is to the property of that name in the first object in the prototype chain that contains a property of that name. In other words, first the object mentioned directly is examined for such a property; if that object contains the named property, that is the property to which the reference refers; if that object does not contain the named property, the prototype for that object is examined next; and so on.

In a class-based object-oriented language, in general, state is carried by instances, methods are carried by classes, and inheritance is only of structure and behaviour. In ECMAScript, the state and methods are carried by objects, and structure, behaviour, and state are all inherited.

All objects that do not directly contain a particular property that their prototype contains share that property and its value. The following diagram illustrates this:

CF is a constructor (and also an object). Five objects have been created by using new expressions: cf₁, cf₂, cf₃, cf₄, and cf₅. Each of these objects contains properties named q₁ and q₂. The dashed lines represent the implicit prototype relationship; so, for example, cf₁’s prototype is CFp. The constructor, CF, has two properties itself, named P₁ and P₂, which are not visible to CFp, cf₁, cf₂, cf₃, cf₄, or cf₅. The property named CFP₁ in CFp is shared by cf₁, cf₂, cf₃, cf₄, and cf₅ (but not by CF), as are any properties found in CFp’s implicit prototype chain that are not named q₁, q₂, or CFP₁. Notice that there is no implicit prototype link between CF and CFp.

Unlike class-based object languages, properties can be added to objects dynamically by assigning values to them. That is, constructors are not required to name or assign values to all or any of the constructed object’s properties. In the above diagram, one could add a new shared property for cf₁, cf₂, cf₃, cf₄, and cf₅ by assigning a new value to the property in CFp.

4.2.2 The Strict Variant of ECMAScript

The ECMAScript Language recognizes the possibility that some users of the language may wish to restrict their usage of some features available in the language. They might do so in the interests of
security, to avoid what they consider to be error prone features, to get enhanced error checking, or for other reasons of their choosing. In support of this possibility, ECMAScript defines a strict variant of the language. The strict variant of the language excludes some specific syntactic and semantic features of the regular ECMAScript language and modifies the detailed semantics of some features. The strict variant also specifies additional error conditions that must be reported by throwing error exceptions in situations that are not specified as errors by the non-strict form of the language.

The strict variant of ECMAScript is commonly referred to as the strict mode of the language. Strict mode selection and use of the strict mode syntax and semantics of ECMAScript is explicitly made at the level of individual ECMAScript code units. Because strict mode is selected at the level of a syntactic code unit, strict mode only imposes restrictions that have local effect within such a code unit. Strict mode does not restrict or modify any aspect of the ECMAScript semantics that must operate consistently across multiple code units. A complete ECMAScript program may be composed for both strict mode and non-strict mode ECMAScript code units. In this case, strict mode only applies when actually executing code that is defined within a strict mode code unit.

In order to conform to this specification, an ECMAScript implementation must implement both the full unrestricted ECMAScript language and the strict mode variant of the ECMAScript language as defined by this specification. In addition, an implementation must support the combination of unrestricted and strict mode code units into a single composite program.

4.3 Definitions

The following are informal definitions of key terms associated with ECMAScript.

4.3.1 Type

A type is a set of data values as defined in section 8 of this specification.

4.3.2 Primitive Value

A primitive value is a member of one of the types Undefined, Null, Boolean, Number, or String. A primitive value is a datum that is represented directly at the lowest level of the language implementation.

4.3.3 Object

An object is a member of the type Object. It is a collection of properties.

4.3.4 Constructor

A constructor is a Function object that creates and initialises objects. The value of a constructor’s “prototype” property is a prototype object that is used to implement inheritance and shared properties.

4.3.5 Prototype

A prototype is an object used to implement structure, state, and behaviour inheritance in ECMAScript. When a constructor creates an object, that object implicitly references the constructor’s “prototype” property for the purpose of resolving property references. The constructor’s “prototype” property can be referenced by the program expression constructor.prototype, and properties added to an object’s prototype are shared, through inheritance, by all objects sharing the prototype. Alternatively, a new object may be created with an explicitly specified prototype by using the Object.create built-in function.

4.3.6 Native Object

A native object is any object supplied by an ECMAScript implementation whose semantics are fully defined by this specification rather than by independent of the host environment. Standard native objects are defined in this specification. Some native objects are built-in; others may be constructed during the course of execution of an ECMAScript program.

4.3.7 Built-in Object

A built-in object is any object supplied by an ECMAScript implementation, independent of the host environment, which is present at the start of the execution of an ECMAScript program. Standard built-in objects are defined in this specification, and an ECMAScript implementation may specify and define others. Every built-in object is a native object. A built-in constructor is a built-in object that is also a constructor.
4.3.8 Host Object
A host object is any object supplied by the host environment to complete the execution environment of ECMAScript. Any object that is not native is a host object.

4.3.9 Undefined Value
The undefined value is a primitive value used when a variable has not been assigned a value.

4.3.10 Undefined Type
The type Undefined has exactly one value, called undefined.

4.3.11 Null Value
The null value is a primitive value that represents the null, empty, or non-existent reference intentional absence of any other value.

4.3.12 Null Type
The type Null has exactly one value, called null.

4.3.13 Boolean Value
A boolean value is a primitive value that is a member of the type Boolean and is one of two unique values, true and false.

4.3.14 Boolean Type
The type Boolean represents a logical entity and consists of exactly two unique values. One is called true and the other is called false.

4.3.15 Boolean Object
A Boolean object is a member of the type Object and is an instance of the standard built-in Boolean object constructor. That is, a Boolean object is created by using the Boolean constructor in a new expression, supplying a boolean as an argument. The resulting object has an implicit (unnamed) property that is the boolean. A Boolean object can be coerced to a boolean value.

4.3.16 String Value
A string value is a primitive value that is a member of the type String and is a finite ordered sequence of zero or more 16-bit unsigned integer values.

NOTE
Although each value usually represents a single 16-bit unit of UTF-16 text, the language does not place any restrictions or requirements on the values except that they must be 16-bit unsigned integers.

4.3.17 String Type
The type String is the set of all string values.

4.3.18 String Object
A String object is a member of the type Object and is an instance of the standard built-in String object constructor. That is, a String object is created by using the String constructor in a new expression, supplying a string as an argument. The resulting object has an implicit (unnamed) property that is the string. A String object can be coerced to a string value by calling the String constructor as a function (15.5.1).

4.3.19 Number Value
A number value is a primitive value that is a member of the type Number and is a direct representation of a number.

4.3.20 Number Type
The type Number is a set of primitive values representing numbers. In ECMAScript, the set of values represents the double-precision 64-bit format IEEE 754 values including the special “Not-a-Number” (NaN) values, positive infinity, and negative infinity.
4.3.21 Number Object
A **Number object** is a member of the type **Object** and is an instance of the **standard built-in Number object constructor**. That is, a Number object is created by using the Number constructor in a **new** expression, supplying a number as an argument. The resulting object has an implicit (unnamed) property that is the number. A Number object can be coerced to a number value by calling the Number constructor as a function (15.7.1).

4.3.22 Infinity
The primitive value **Infinity** represents the positive infinite number value. This value is a member of the Number type.

4.3.23 NaN
The primitive value **NaN** represents the set of IEEE 754 “Not-a-Number” values. This value is a member of the Number type.

4.3.24 Function
A **function** is a member of the type **Object** that may be invoked as a subroutine. In addition to its named properties, a function contains executable code and state that determine how it behaves when invoked. A function’s code may or may not be written in ECMAScript.

4.3.25 Built-in Function
A built-in function is a native function that is a built-in object of the language, such as **parseInt** and **Math.exp**. An implementation may also provide implementation-dependent built-in functions that are not described in this specification.

4.3.26 Property
A **property** is an association between a name and a value that is part of an object. Depending upon the form of the property the value may be represented either directly as a data value (a primitive value, an object, or a function **object**) or indirectly by a pair of accessor functions.

4.3.27 Method
A **method** is a function that is the value of a property. **When a function is called as a method of an object, the object is passed to the function as its this value.**

4.3.28 Attribute
An **attribute** is an internal value that defines some characteristic of a property.

4.3.29 Own Property
An own property of an object is a property that is directly present on that object.

4.3.30 Inherited Property
An **inherited property** is a property of an object that is not one of its own properties but is a property (either own or inherited) of the object’s prototype.

4.3.31 Built-in Method
A **built-in method** is any method that is a built-in function. Standard built-in methods are defined in this specification, and an ECMAScript implementation may specify and define others. A built-in method is a Built-in function.
5 Notational Conventions

5.1 Syntactic and Lexical Grammars

This section describes the context-free grammars used in this specification to define the lexical and syntactic structure of an ECMAScript program.

5.1.1 Context-Free Grammars

A context-free grammar consists of a number of productions. Each production has an abstract symbol called a nonterminal as its left-hand side, and a sequence of zero or more nonterminal and terminal symbols as its right-hand side. For each grammar, the terminal symbols are drawn from a specified alphabet.

Starting from a sentence consisting of a single distinguished nonterminal, called the goal symbol, a given context-free grammar specifies a language, namely, the (perhaps infinite) set of possible sequences of terminal symbols that can result from repeatedly replacing any nonterminal in the sequence with a right-hand side of a production for which the nonterminal is the left-hand side.

5.1.2 The Lexical and RegExp Grammars

A lexical grammar for ECMAScript is given in clause 7. This grammar has as its terminal symbols the characters of the Unicode character set. It defines a set of productions, starting from the goal symbol InputElementDiv or InputElementRegExp, that describe how sequences of Unicode characters are translated into a sequence of input elements.

Input elements other than white space and comments form the terminal symbols for the syntactic grammar for ECMAScript and are called ECMAScript tokens. These tokens are the reserved words, identifiers, literals, and punctuators of the ECMAScript language. Moreover, line terminators, although not considered to be tokens, also become part of the stream of input elements and guide the process of automatic semicolon insertion (7.9). Simple white space and single-line comments are discarded and do not appear in the stream of input elements for the syntactic grammar. A MultiLineComment (that is, a comment of the form “/*…*/” regardless of whether it spans more than one line) is likewise simply discarded if it contains no line terminator; but if a MultiLineComment contains one or more line terminators, then it is replaced by a single line terminator, which becomes part of the stream of input elements for the syntactic grammar.

A RegExp grammar for ECMAScript is given in 15.10. This grammar also has as its terminal symbols the characters of the Unicode character set. It defines a set of productions, starting from the goal symbol Pattern, that describe how sequences of Unicode characters are translated into regular expression patterns.

Productions of the lexical and RegExp grammars are distinguished by having two colons “::” as separating punctuation. The lexical and RegExp grammars share some productions.

5.1.3 The Numeric String Grammar

A second grammar is used for translating strings into numeric values. This grammar is similar to the part of the lexical grammar having to do with numeric literals and has as its terminal symbols the characters of the Unicode character set. This grammar appears in 9.3.1.

Productions of the numeric string grammar are distinguished by having three colons “:::” as punctuation.

5.1.4 The Syntactic Grammar

The syntactic grammar for ECMAScript is given in clauses 11, 12, 13 and 14. This grammar has ECMAScript tokens defined by the lexical grammar as its terminal symbols (5.1.2). It defines a set of productions, starting from the goal symbol Program, that describe how sequences of tokens can form syntactically correct ECMAScript programs.

When a stream of Unicode characters is to be parsed as an ECMAScript program, it is first converted to a stream of input elements by repeated application of the lexical grammar; this stream of input elements is then parsed by a single application of the syntax grammar. The program is syntactically in error if the tokens in the stream of input elements cannot be parsed as a single instance of the goal nonterminal Program, with no tokens left over.
Productions of the syntactic grammar are distinguished by having just one colon “:” as punctuation.

The syntactic grammar as presented in sections 11, 12, 13 and 14 is actually not a complete account of which token sequences are accepted as correct ECMAScript programs. Certain additional token sequences are also accepted, namely, those that would be described by the grammar if only semicolons were added to the sequence in certain places (such as before line terminator characters). Furthermore, certain token sequences that are described by the grammar are not considered acceptable if a terminator character appears in certain “awkward” places.

5.1.5 The Use Strict Directive Grammar

The Use Strict Directive grammar is given in 14.1. This grammar is similar to the syntactic grammar in that it has ECMAScript tokens defined by the lexical grammar as its terminal symbols (5.1.2).

Productions of the Use Strict Directive grammar are distinguished by having just one colon “:” as separating punctuation. The Use Strict Directive grammar is only used in 14.1 and shares no productions with the ECMAScript syntactic grammar.

5.1.6 The JSON Grammar

The JSON grammar is used to translate a string describing a set of ECMAScript objects into actual objects. The JSON grammar is given in 15.12.1.

The JSON grammar consists of the JSON lexical grammar and the JSON syntactic grammar. The JSON lexical grammar is used to translate Unicode character sequences into token and is similar to parts of the ECMAScript lexical grammar. The JSON syntactic grammar describes how sequences of tokens from the JSON lexical grammar can form syntactically correct JSON object descriptions.

Productions of the JSON lexical grammar are distinguished by having two colons “::” as separating punctuation. The JSON lexical grammar uses some productions from the ECMAScript lexical grammar. The JSON syntactic grammar is similar to parts of the ECMAScript syntactic grammar. Productions of the JSON syntactic grammar are distinguished by using one colon “:” as separating punctuation.

5.1.7 Grammar Notation

Terminal symbols of the lexical and string grammars, and some of the terminal symbols of the syntactic grammar, are shown in fixed width font, both in the productions of the grammars and throughout this specification whenever the text directly refers to such a terminal symbol. These are to appear in a program exactly as written. All nonterminal symbols characters specified in this way are to be understood as the appropriate Unicode character from the ASCII range, as opposed to any similar-looking characters from other Unicode ranges.

Nonterminal symbols are shown in italic type. The definition of a nonterminal is introduced by the name of the nonterminal being defined followed by one or more colons. (The number of colons indicates to which grammar the production belongs.) One or more alternative right-hand sides for the nonterminal then follow on succeeding lines. For example, the syntactic definition:

WhileStatement:
 while ( Expression ) Statement

states that the nonterminal WhileStatement represents the token while, followed by a left parenthesis token, followed by an Expression, followed by a right parenthesis token, followed by a Statement. The occurrences of Expression and Statement are themselves nonterminals. As another example, the syntactic definition:

ArgumentList:
 AssignmentExpression
 ArgumentList , AssignmentExpression

states that an ArgumentList may represent either a single AssignmentExpression or an ArgumentList, followed by a comma, followed by an AssignmentExpression. This definition of ArgumentList is recursive, that is, it is defined in terms of itself. The result is that an ArgumentList may contain any positive number of arguments, separated by commas, where each argument expression is an AssignmentExpression. Such recursive definitions of nonterminals are common.
The subscripted suffix “opt”, which may appear after a terminal or nonterminal, indicates an optional symbol. The alternative containing the optional symbol actually specifies two right-hand sides, one that omits the optional element and one that includes it. This means that:

**VariableDeclaration**: 
Identifier Initialiser\textsubscript{opt}

is a convenient abbreviation for:

**VariableDeclaration**: 
Identifier 
Identifier Initialiser

and that:

**IterationStatement**: 
\textbf{for} ( ExpressionNoIn\textsubscript{opt} ; Expression\textsubscript{opt} ; Expression\textsubscript{opt} ) Statement

is a convenient abbreviation for:

**IterationStatement**: 
\textbf{for} ( ; Expression\textsubscript{opt} ; Expression\textsubscript{opt} ) Statement 
\textbf{for} ( ExpressionNoIn ; Expression\textsubscript{opt} ; Expression\textsubscript{opt} ) Statement

which in turn is an abbreviation for:

**IterationStatement**: 
\textbf{for} ( ; ; Expression\textsubscript{opt} ) Statement 
\textbf{for} ( ; ; Expression ) Statement 
\textbf{for} ( ; ; Expression ; ) Statement 
\textbf{for} ( ; ExpressionNoIn ; ; ) Statement 
\textbf{for} ( ExpressionNoIn ; ; Expression ) Statement 
\textbf{for} ( ExpressionNoIn ; Expression ; ) Statement

which in turn is an abbreviation for:

**IterationStatement**: 
\textbf{for} ( ; ; ) Statement

so the nonterminal **IterationStatement** actually has eight alternative right-hand sides.

If the phrase “[empty]” appears as the right-hand side of a production, it indicates that the production's right-hand side contains no terminals or nonterminals.

If the phrase “(lookahead \in set)” appears in the right-hand side of a production, it indicates that the production may not be used if the immediately following input terminal token is a member of the given set. The set can be written as a list of terminals enclosed in curly braces. For convenience, the set can also be written as a nonterminal, in which case it represents the set of all terminals to which that nonterminal could expand. For example, given the definitions

**DecimalDigit** :: **one of**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

**DecimalDigits** ::

DecimalDigit 
DecimalDigits DecimalDigit
the definition

LookaheadExample ::
  n [lookahead \(\not{\in}\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}\)] DecimalDigits
  DecimalDigit [lookahead \(\not{\in}\) DecimalDigit ]

matches either the letter \(n\) followed by one or more decimal digits the first of which is even, or a decimal digit not followed by another decimal digit.

If the phrase “\([\text{no LineTerminator here}]\)” appears in the right-hand side of a production of the syntactic grammar, it indicates that the production is a restricted production: it may not be used if a LineTerminator occurs in the input stream at the indicated position. For example, the production:

ReturnStatement :
  return [no LineTerminator here] Expression_opt ;

indicates that the production may not be used if a LineTerminator occurs in the program between the return token and the Expression.

Unless the presence of a LineTerminator is forbidden by a restricted production, any number of occurrences of LineTerminator may appear between any two consecutive tokens in the stream of input elements without affecting the syntactic acceptability of the program.

When the words “\(\text{one of}\)” follow the colon(s) in a grammar definition, they signify that each of the terminal symbols on the following line or lines is an alternative definition. For example, the lexical grammar for ECMAScript contains the production:

NonZeroDigit :: one of
  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

which is merely a convenient abbreviation for:

NonZeroDigit ::
  1
  2
  3
  4
  5
  6
  7
  8
  9

When an alternative in a production of the lexical grammar or the numeric string grammar appears to be a multi-character token, it represents the sequence of characters that would make up such a token.

The right-hand side of a production may specify that certain expansions are not permitted by using the phrase “\(\text{but not}\)” and then indicating the expansions to be excluded. For example, the production:

Identifier ::
  IdentifierName but not ReservedWord

means that the nonterminal Identifier may be replaced by any sequence of characters that could replace IdentifierName provided that the same sequence of characters could not replace ReservedWord.

Finally, a few nonterminal symbols are described by a descriptive phrase in roman type in cases where it would be impractical to list all the alternatives:

SourceCharacter ::
  any Unicode character
5.2 Algorithm Conventions

The specification often uses a numbered list to specify steps in an algorithm. These algorithms are used to precisely specify the required semantics of ECMAScript language constructs. The algorithms are not intended to imply the use of any specific implementation technique. In practice, there may be more efficient algorithms available to implement a given feature.

In order to facilitate their use in multiple parts of this specification some algorithms, called abstract operations, are named and written in parameterized functional form so that they may be referenced by name from within other algorithms.

When an algorithm is to produce a value as a result, the directive “return x” is used to indicate that the result of the algorithm is the value of x and that the algorithm should terminate. The notation Result(n) is used as shorthand for “the result of step n”.

For clarity of expression, algorithm steps may be subdivided into sequential substeps. Substeps are indented and may themselves be further divided into indented substeps. Outline numbering conventions are used to identify substeps with the first level of substeps labeled with lower case alphabetic characters and the second level of substeps labelled with lower case roman numerals. If more than three levels are required these rules repeat with the fourth level using numeric labels. For example:

1. Top-level step
   a. Substep.
   b. Substep
      i. Subsubstep.
      ii. Subsubstep.
         1. Subsubsubstep
            a. Subsubsubsubstep

A step or substep may be written as a predicate that conditions its substeps. In this case, the substeps are only applied if the predicate is true. If a step or substep begins with the word “else” it is a predicate that is the negation of the preceding predicate step at the same level.

A step may specify the iterative application of its substeps.

Mathematical operations such as addition, subtraction, negation, multiplication, division, and the mathematical functions defined later in this section should always be understood as computing exact mathematical results on mathematical real numbers, which do not include infinities and do not include a negative zero that is distinguished from positive zero. Algorithms in this standard that model floating-point arithmetic include explicit steps, where necessary, to handle infinities and signed zero and to perform rounding. If a mathematical operation or function is applied to a floating-point number, it should be understood as being applied to the exact mathematical value represented by that floating-point number; such a floating-point number must be finite, and if it is +0 or −0 then the corresponding mathematical value is simply 0.

The mathematical function abs(x) yields the absolute value of x, which is −x if x is negative (less than zero) and otherwise is x itself.

The mathematical function sign(x) yields 1 if x is positive and −1 if x is negative. The sign function is not used in this standard for cases when x is zero.

The notation “x modulo y” (y must be finite and nonzero) computes a value k of the same sign as y (or zero) such that abs(k) < abs(y) and x−k = q × y for some integer q.

The mathematical function floor(x) yields the largest integer (closest to positive infinity) that is not larger than x.

NOTE
floor(x) = x−(x modulo 1).

If an algorithm is defined to “throw an exception”, execution of the algorithm is terminated and no result is returned. The calling algorithms are also terminated, until an algorithm step is reached that explicitly deals with the exception, using terminology such as “If an exception was thrown...”. Once such an algorithm step has been encountered the exception is no longer considered to have occurred.
6 Source Text

ECMAScript source text is represented as a sequence of characters in the Unicode character encoding, version 3.0 or later, using the UTF-16 transformation format. The text is expected to have been normalised to Unicode Normalised Form C (canonical composition), as described in Unicode Technical Report #15. Conforming ECMAScript implementations are not required to perform any normalisation of text, or behave as though they were performing normalisation of text, themselves.

SourceCharacter ::= any Unicode character

Throughout the rest of this document, the phrase “code unit” and the word “character” will be used to refer to a 16-bit unsigned value used to represent a single 16-bit unit of UTF-16 text. The phrase “Unicode character” will be used to refer to the abstract linguistic or typographical unit represented by a single Unicode scalar value (which may be longer than 16 bits and thus may be represented by more than one code unit). This only refers to entities represented by single Unicode scalar values: the components of a combining character sequence are still individual “Unicode characters,” even though a user might think of the whole sequence as a single character.

In string literals, regular expression literals and identifiers, any character (code unit) may also be expressed as a Unicode escape sequence consisting of six characters, namely \u plus four hexadecimal digits. Within a comment, such an escape sequence is effectively ignored as part of the comment. Within a string literal or regular expression literal, the Unicode escape sequence contributes one character to the value of the literal. Within an identifier, the escape sequence contributes one character to the identifier.

NOTE 1
Although this document sometimes refers to a “transformation” between a “character” within a “string” and the 16-bit unsigned integer that is the code unit of that character, there is actually no transformation because a “character” within a “string” is actually represented using that 16-bit unsigned value.

ECMAScript differs from the Java programming language in the behaviour of Unicode escape sequences. In a Java program, if the Unicode escape sequence \u000A, for example, occurs within a single-line comment, it is interpreted as a line terminator (Unicode character 000A is line feed) and therefore the next character is not part of the comment. Similarly, if the Unicode escape sequence \u000A occurs within a string literal in a Java program, it is likewise interpreted as a line terminator, which is not allowed within a string literal—one must write \n instead of \u000A to cause a line feed to be part of the string value of a string literal. In an ECMAScript program, a Unicode escape sequence occurring within a comment is never interpreted and therefore cannot contribute to termination of the comment. Similarly, a Unicode escape sequence occurring within a string literal in an ECMAScript program always contributes a character to the string value of the literal and is never interpreted as a line terminator or as a quote mark that might terminate the string literal.

7 Lexical Conventions

The source text of an ECMAScript program is first converted into a sequence of input elements, which are tokens, line terminators, comments, or white space. The source text is scanned from left to right, repeatedly taking the longest possible sequence of characters as the next input element.

There are two goal symbols for the lexical grammar. TheInputElementDiv symbol is used in those syntactic grammar contexts where a division (/) or division-assignment (/=) operator is permitted. TheInputElementRegExp symbol is used in other syntactic grammar contexts.

Note that contexts exist in the syntactic grammar where both a division and a RegularExpressionLiteral are permitted by the syntactic grammar; however, since the lexical grammar uses the InputElementDiv goal symbol in such cases, the opening slash is not recognised as starting a regular expression literal in such a context. As a workaround, one may enclose the regular expression literal in parentheses.
Syntax

InputElementDiv ::
    WhiteSpace
    LineTerminator
    Comment
    Token
    DivPunctuator

InputElementRegExp ::
    WhiteSpace
    LineTerminator
    Comment
    Token
    RegularExpressionLiteral

7.1 Unicode Format-Control Characters

The Unicode format-control characters (i.e., the characters in category “Cf” in the Unicode Character Database such as LEFT-TO-RIGHT MARK or RIGHT-TO-LEFT MARK) are control codes used to control the formatting of a range of text in the absence of higher-level protocols for this (such as mark-up languages). It is useful to allow these in source text to facilitate editing and display.

The format control characters may be used in identifiers, within comments, and within string literals and regular expression literals.

7.2 White Space

White space characters are used to improve source text readability and to separate tokens (indivisible lexical units) from each other, but are otherwise insignificant. White space characters may occur between any two tokens, and may occur within strings, a StringLiteral or a RegularExpressionLiteral (where they are considered significant characters forming part of the literal string value) or within a Comment, but cannot appear within any other kind of token.

The following characters are considered to be white space:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code Point Value</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Formal Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>\</td>
<td>Tab</td>
<td>&lt;TAB&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\</td>
<td>Vertical Tab</td>
<td>&lt;VT&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\</td>
<td>Form Feed</td>
<td>&lt;FF&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\</td>
<td>Space</td>
<td>&lt;SP&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\</td>
<td>Next Line</td>
<td>&lt;NEL&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\ </td>
<td>No-break space</td>
<td>&lt;NBSP&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\​</td>
<td>Zero width space</td>
<td>&lt;ZWSP&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\﻿</td>
<td>Byte Order Mark</td>
<td>&lt;BOM&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other category “Zs”</td>
<td>Any other Unicode “space separator”</td>
<td>&lt;USP&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ECMAScript implementations must recognize all of the white space characters defined in Unicode 3.0. Later editions of the Unicode Standard may define other white space characters. ECMAScript implementations may recognize white space characters from later editions of the Unicode Standard.
7.3 Line Terminators

Like white space characters, line terminator characters are used to improve source text readability and to separate tokens (indivisible lexical units) from each other. However, unlike white space characters, line terminators have some influence over the behaviour of the syntactic grammar. In general, line terminators may occur between any two tokens, but there are a few places where they are forbidden by the syntactic grammar. A line terminator cannot occur within any token, except a `MultiLineComment` or a `StringLiteral`. Any line terminators within a `StringLiteral` token that line terminators that are must be preceded by an escape sequence may occur within a string literal token. Line terminators also affect the process of automatic semicolon insertion (7.9).

Line terminators are included in the set of white space characters that are matched by the \s class in regular expressions.

The following characters are considered to be line terminators:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code Point Value</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Formal Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>\u000A</td>
<td>Line Feed</td>
<td>&lt;LF&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\u000D</td>
<td>Carriage Return</td>
<td>&lt;CR&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\u2028</td>
<td>Line separator</td>
<td>&lt;LS&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\u2029</td>
<td>Paragraph separator</td>
<td>&lt;PS&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Only the Unicode characters in the above table are treated as line terminators. Other new line or line breaking characters are treated as white space but not as line terminators. The character sequence `<CR><LF>` is commonly used as a line terminator. It should be considered a single character for the purpose of reporting line numbers.

Syntax

Syntax

**WhiteSpace ::**

- `<TAB>`
- `<VT>`
- `<FF>`
- `<SP>`
- `<NEL>`
- `<NBSP>`
- `<ZWSP>`
- `<BOM>`
- `<USP>`

**LineTerminator ::**

- `<LF>`
- `<CR>`
- `<LS>`
- `<PS>`

**LineTerminatorSequence ::**

- `<LF>`
- `<CR>` [lookahead \! = `<LF>` ]
- `<LS>`
- `<PS>`
- `<CR>` `<LF>`
7.4 Comments

Description

Comments can be either single or multi-line. Multi-line comments cannot nest.

Because a single-line comment can contain any character except a `LineTerminator` character, and because of the general rule that a token is always as long as possible, a single-line comment always consists of all characters from the `//` marker to the end of the line. However, the `LineTerminator` at the end of the line is not considered to be part of the single-line comment; it is recognised separately by the lexical grammar and becomes part of the stream of input elements for the syntactic grammar. This point is very important, because it implies that the presence or absence of single-line comments does not affect the process of automatic semicolon insertion (7.9).

Comments behave like white space and are discarded except that, if a `MultiLineComment` contains a line terminator character, then the entire comment is considered to be a `LineTerminator` for purposes of parsing by the syntactic grammar.

Syntax

```
Comment ::
  MultiLineComment
  SingleLineComment

MultiLineComment ::
  /* MultiLineCommentChars_opt */

MultiLineCommentChars ::
  MultiLineNotAsteriskChar MultiLineCommentChars_opt
  * PostAsteriskCommentChars_opt

PostAsteriskCommentChars ::
  MultiLineNotForwardSlashOrAsteriskChar MultiLineCommentChars_opt
  * PostAsteriskCommentChars_opt

MultiLineNotAsteriskChar ::
  SourceCharacter but not asterisk *

MultiLineNotForwardSlashOrAsteriskChar ::
  SourceCharacter but not forward-slash / or asterisk *

SingleLineComment ::
  // SingleLineCommentChars_opt

SingleLineCommentChars ::
  SingleLineCommentChar SingleLineCommentChars_opt

SingleLineCommentChar ::
  SourceCharacter but not LineTerminator
```

7.5 Tokens

Syntax

```
Token ::
  IdentifierName
  Punctuator
  NumericLiteral
  StringLiteral
```

7.5.1 Reserved Words

Description
Reserved words cannot be used as identifiers.

**Syntax**

ReservedWord ::
  Keyword
  FutureReservedWord
  NullLiteral
  BooleanLiteral

### 7.5.2 Keywords

The following tokens are ECMAScript keywords and may not be used as identifiers in ECMAScript programs.

**Syntax**

Keyword :: one of

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Token</th>
<th>Token</th>
<th>Token</th>
<th>Token</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>break</td>
<td>do</td>
<td>instanceof</td>
<td>typeof</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>case</td>
<td>else</td>
<td>new</td>
<td>var</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>catch</td>
<td>finally</td>
<td>return</td>
<td>void</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>continue</td>
<td>for</td>
<td>switch</td>
<td>while</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>debugger</td>
<td>function</td>
<td>this</td>
<td>with</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>default</td>
<td>if</td>
<td>throw</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>delete</td>
<td>in</td>
<td>try</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 7.5.3 Future Reserved Words

The following words are used as keywords in proposed extensions and are therefore reserved to allow for the possibility of future adoption of those extensions.

**Syntax**

FutureReservedWord :: one of

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Token</th>
<th>Token</th>
<th>Token</th>
<th>Token</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>abstract</td>
<td>export</td>
<td>interface</td>
<td>static</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>extends</td>
<td>long</td>
<td>super</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>byte</td>
<td>final</td>
<td>native</td>
<td>synchronized</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>package</td>
<td>throws</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>class</td>
<td>goto</td>
<td>private</td>
<td>transient</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>const</td>
<td>implements</td>
<td>protected</td>
<td>volatile</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>double</td>
<td>import</td>
<td>public</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>enum</td>
<td>int</td>
<td>short</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**NOTE**

The identifiers tokens 'let', and 'yield' may be used in a future version of this standard when they occur within strict mode code (10.1.1). The occurrence of either of these tokens within strict mode code in any context where the occurrence of a FutureReservedWord would produce an error must also produce an equivalent error.

### 7.6 Identifier Names and Identifiers

**Description**

Identifiers Names are tokens that are interpreted according to the grammar given in the “Identifiers” section of chapter 5 of the Unicode standard, with some small modifications. An Identifier is an IdentifierName that is not a ReservedWord. This The Unicode identifier grammar is based on both normative and informative character categories specified by the Unicode Standard. The characters in the specified categories in version 3.0 of the Unicode standard must be treated as in those categories by all conforming ECMAScript implementations.

This standard specifies specific character additions: The dollar sign ($) and the underscore (_) are permitted anywhere in an IdentifierName.
Unicode escape sequences are also permitted in an identifier, where they contribute a single character to the identifier, as computed by the CV of the Unicode escape sequence (see 7.8.4). The \ preceding the Unicode escape sequence does not contribute a character to the identifier. A Unicode escape sequence cannot be used to put a character into an identifier that would otherwise be illegal. In other words, if a Unicode escape sequence sequence were replaced by its Unicode escape sequence’s CV, the result must still be a valid identifier that has the exact same sequence of characters as the original identifier. All interpretations of identifiers within this specification are based upon their actual characters regardless of whether or not an escape sequence was used to contribute any particular characters.

Two identifiers that are canonically equivalent according to the Unicode standard are not equal unless they are represented by the exact same sequence of code units (in other words, conforming ECMAScript implementations are only required to do bitwise comparison on identifiers). The intent is that the incoming source text has been converted to normalized form C before it reaches the compiler.

ECMAScript implementations may recognize identifier characters defined in later editions of the Unicode Standard. If portability is a concern, programmers should only employ identifier characters defined in Unicode 3.0.

**Syntax**

**Identifier ::**

IdentifierName **but not** ReservedWord

**IdentifierName ::**

IdentifierStart IdentifierName IdentifierPart

**IdentifierStart ::**

UnicodeLetter

$  

\ UnicodeEscapeSequence

**IdentifierPart ::**

IdentifierStart

UnicodeCombiningMark

UnicodeDigit

UnicodeConnectorPunctuation

**UnicodeLetter**

any character in the Unicode categories “Uppercase letter (Lu)”, “Lowercase letter (Ll)”, “Titlecase letter (Lt)”, “Modifier letter (Lm)”, “Other letter (Lo)”, or “Letter number (Nl)”.

**UnicodeCombiningMark**

any character in the Unicode categories “Non-spacing mark (Mn)” or “Combining spacing mark (Mc)”

**UnicodeDigit**

any character in the Unicode category “Decimal number (Nd)”

**UnicodeConnectorPunctuation**

any character in the Unicode category “Connector punctuation (Pc)”

**UnicodeEscapeSequence**

see 7.8.4.

**HexDigit ::** one of

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 a b c d e f A B C D E F
7.7 Punctuators

Syntax

\[\text{Punctuator} :: \text{one of}\]
\[
\{\} \quad (\quad ) \quad [\quad ] \\
. \quad ; \quad , \quad < \quad > \quad \leq \quad \geq \\
>\equiv \equiv !\equiv \equiv \equiv \equiv !\equiv \\
+ \quad - \quad * \quad \% \quad ++ \quad -- \\
<< \quad >> \quad >>> \quad & \quad | \quad ^\quad \\
! \quad \sim \quad && \quad || \quad ? \quad :
\]

\[\text{DivPunctuator} :: \text{one of}\]
\[
/ \quad /=
\]

7.8 Literals

Syntax

\[\text{Literal} ::\]
\[
\text{NullLiteral} \\
\text{BooleanLiteral} \\
\text{NumericLiteral} \\
\text{StringLiteral}
\]

7.8.1 Null Literals

Syntax

\[\text{NullLiteral} ::\]
\[
\text{null}
\]

Semantics

The value of the null literal \text{null} is the sole value of the Null type, namely \text{null}.

7.8.2 Boolean Literals

Syntax

\[\text{BooleanLiteral} ::\]
\[
\text{true} \\
\text{false}
\]

Semantics

The value of the Boolean literal \text{true} is a value of the Boolean type, namely \text{true}.

The value of the Boolean literal \text{false} is a value of the Boolean type, namely \text{false}.

7.8.3 Numeric Literals

Syntax

\[\text{NumericLiteral} ::\]
\[
\text{DecimalLiteral} \\
\text{HexIntegerLiteral}
\]

\[\text{DecimalLiteral} ::\]
\[
\text{DecimalIntegerLiteral} \quad . \quad \text{DecimalDigits}_{\text{opt}} \quad \text{ExponentPart}_{\text{opt}} \\
. \quad \text{DecimalDigits} \quad \text{ExponentPart}_{\text{opt}} \\
\text{DecimalIntegerLiteral} \quad \text{ExponentPart}_{\text{opt}}
\]
**DecimalIntegerLiteral ::**

- 0
- NonZeroDigit DecimalDigits<sub>opt</sub>

**DecimalDigits ::**

- DecimalDigit
- DecimalDigits DecimalDigit

**DecimalDigit ::** one of

- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

**NonZeroDigit ::** one of

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

**ExponentPart ::**

- ExponentIndicator SignedInteger

**ExponentIndicator ::** one of

- e E

**SignedInteger ::**

- DecimalDigits
- + DecimalDigits
- - DecimalDigits

**HexIntegerLiteral ::**

- 0x HexDigit
- 0X HexDigit
- HexIntegerLiteral HexDigit

**HexDigit ::** one of

- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 a b c d e f A B C D E F

The source character immediately following a **NumericLiteral** must not be an **IdentifierStart** or **DecimalDigit**.

**NOTE**

For example:

```plaintext
3in
```

is an error and not the two input elements 3 and in.

**Semantics**

A numeric literal stands for a value of the Number type. This value is determined in two steps: first, a mathematical value (MV) is derived from the literal; second, this mathematical value is rounded as described below.

- The MV of **NumericLiteral :: DecimalLiteral** is the MV of **DecimalLiteral**.
- The MV of **NumericLiteral :: HexIntegerLiteral** is the MV of **HexIntegerLiteral**.
- The MV of **DecimalLiteral :: DecimalIntegerLiteral** . is the MV of **DecimalIntegerLiteral**.
- The MV of **DecimalLiteral :: DecimalIntegerLiteral . DecimalDigits** is the MV of **DecimalIntegerLiteral** plus (the MV of **DecimalDigits** times 10<sup>-n</sup>), where <i>n</i> is the number of characters in **DecimalDigits**.
- The MV of **DecimalLiteral :: DecimalIntegerLiteral . ExponentPart** is the MV of **DecimalIntegerLiteral** times 10<sup>e</sup>, where <i>e</i> is the MV of **ExponentPart**.
- The MV of **DecimalLiteral :: DecimalIntegerLiteral . DecimalDigits ExponentPart** is (the MV of **DecimalIntegerLiteral** plus (the MV of **DecimalDigits** times 10<sup>-n</sup>)) times 10<sup>e</sup>, where <i>n</i> is the number of characters in **DecimalDigits** and <i>e</i> is the MV of **ExponentPart**.
The MV of \( \text{DecimalLiteral} :: \text{DecimalDigits} \) is the MV of \( \text{DecimalDigits} \) times \( 10^{-n} \), where \( n \) is the number of characters in \( \text{DecimalDigits} \).

The MV of \( \text{DecimalLiteral} :: \text{DecimalDigits \ ExponentPart} \) is the MV of \( \text{DecimalDigits} \) times \( 10^{-n} \), where \( n \) is the number of characters in \( \text{DecimalDigits} \) and \( e \) is the MV of \( \text{ExponentPart} \).

The MV of \( \text{DecimalLiteral} :: \text{DecimalIntegerLiteral} \) is the MV of \( \text{DecimalIntegerLiteral} \).

The MV of \( \text{DecimalLiteral} :: \text{DecimalIntegerLiteral \ ExponentPart} \) is the MV of \( \text{DecimalIntegerLiteral} \) times \( 10^e \), where \( e \) is the MV of \( \text{ExponentPart} \).

The MV of \( \text{DecimalIntegerLiteral} :: 0 \) is 0.

The MV of \( \text{DecimalIntegerLiteral} :: \text{NonZeroDigit \ DecimalDigits} \) is (the MV of \( \text{NonZeroDigit} \) times \( 10^n \)) plus the MV of \( \text{DecimalDigits} \), where \( n \) is the number of characters in \( \text{DecimalDigits} \).

The MV of \( \text{DecimalDigits} :: \text{DecimalDigit} \) is the MV of \( \text{DecimalDigit} \).

The MV of \( \text{DecimalDigits} :: \text{DecimalDigits \ DecimalDigit} \) is (the MV of \( \text{DecimalDigits} \) times 10) plus the MV of \( \text{DecimalDigit} \).

The MV of \( \text{ExponentPart} :: \text{ExponentIndicator SignedInteger} \) is the MV of \( \text{SignedInteger} \).

The MV of \( \text{SignedInteger} :: \text{DecimalDigits} \) is the MV of \( \text{DecimalDigits} \).

The MV of \( \text{SignedInteger} :: + \text{DecimalDigits} \) is the MW of \( \text{DecimalDigits} \).

The MV of \( \text{SignedInteger} :: - \text{DecimalDigits} \) is the negative of the MW of \( \text{DecimalDigits} \).

The MV of \( \text{DecimalDigit} :: 0 \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: 0 \) is 0.

The MV of \( \text{DecimalDigit} :: 1 \) or \( \text{NonZeroDigit} :: 1 \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: 1 \) is 1.

The MV of \( \text{DecimalDigit} :: 2 \) or \( \text{NonZeroDigit} :: 2 \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: 2 \) is 2.

The MV of \( \text{DecimalDigit} :: 3 \) or \( \text{NonZeroDigit} :: 3 \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: 3 \) is 3.

The MV of \( \text{DecimalDigit} :: 4 \) or \( \text{NonZeroDigit} :: 4 \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: 4 \) is 4.

The MV of \( \text{DecimalDigit} :: 5 \) or \( \text{NonZeroDigit} :: 5 \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: 5 \) is 5.

The MV of \( \text{DecimalDigit} :: 6 \) or \( \text{NonZeroDigit} :: 6 \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: 6 \) is 6.

The MV of \( \text{DecimalDigit} :: 7 \) or \( \text{NonZeroDigit} :: 7 \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: 7 \) is 7.

The MV of \( \text{DecimalDigit} :: 8 \) or \( \text{NonZeroDigit} :: 8 \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: 8 \) is 8.

The MV of \( \text{DecimalDigit} :: 9 \) or \( \text{NonZeroDigit} :: 9 \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: 9 \) is 9.

The MV of \( \text{HexDigit} :: a \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: A \) is 10.

The MV of \( \text{HexDigit} :: b \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: B \) is 11.

The MV of \( \text{HexDigit} :: c \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: C \) is 12.

The MV of \( \text{HexDigit} :: d \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: D \) is 13.

The MV of \( \text{HexDigit} :: e \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: E \) is 14.

The MV of \( \text{HexDigit} :: f \) or \( \text{HexDigit} :: F \) is 15.

The MV of \( \text{HexIntegerLiteral} :: 0x \text{HexDigit} \) is the MV of \( \text{HexDigit} \).

The MV of \( \text{HexIntegerLiteral} :: 0X \text{HexDigit} \) is the MV of \( \text{HexDigit} \).

The MV of \( \text{HexIntegerLiteral} :: \text{HexIntegerLiteral \ HexDigit} \) is (the MV of \( \text{HexIntegerLiteral} \) times 16) plus the MV of \( \text{HexDigit} \).

Once the exact MV for a numeric literal has been determined, it is then rounded to a value of the Number type. If the MV is 0, then the rounded value is +0; otherwise, the rounded value must be the number value for the MV (in the sense defined in 8.5), unless the literal is a \( \text{DecimalLiteral} \) and the literal has more than 20 significant digits, in which case the number value may be either the number value for the MV of a literal produced by replacing each significant digit after the 20th with a 0 digit or the number value for the MV of a literal produced by replacing each significant digit after the 20th with a 0 digit and then incrementing the literal at the 20th significant digit position. A digit is significant if it is not part of an \( \text{ExponentPart} \) and

- it is not 0; or
- there is a nonzero digit to its left and there is a nonzero digit, not in the \( \text{ExponentPart} \), to its right.

A conforming implementation, when processing strict mode code(10.1.1), may not extend the syntax of \( \text{NumericLiteral} \) to include \( \text{OctalIntegerLiteral} \) as described in B.1.1.
7.8.4 String Literals

A string literal is zero or more characters enclosed in single or double quotes. Each character may be represented by an escape sequence. All Unicode characters may appear literally in a string literal except for the closing quote character, backslash, carriage return, line separator, paragraph separator, and line feed. Any character may appear in the form of an escape sequence.

Syntax

StringLiteral ::
  " DoubleStringCharacters_opt "
  ' SingleStringCharacters_opt '

DoubleStringCharacters ::
  DoubleStringCharacter DoubleStringCharacters_opt

SingleStringCharacters ::
  SingleStringCharacter SingleStringCharacters_opt

DoubleStringCharacter ::
  SourceCharacter but not double-quote " or backslash \ or LineTerminator
  \ EscapeSequence
  LineContinuation

SingleStringCharacter ::
  SourceCharacter but not single-quote ' or backslash \ or LineTerminator
  \ EscapeSequence
  LineContinuation

LineContinuation ::
  \ LineTerminatorSequence

EscapeSequence ::
  CharacterEscapeSequence
  0 [lookahead ≠ DecimalDigit]
  HexEscapeSequence
  UnicodeEscapeSequence

CharacterEscapeSequence ::
  SingleEscapeCharacter
  NonEscapeCharacter

SingleEscapeCharacter :: one of
  " \ b f n r t v

NonEscapeCharacter ::
  SourceCharacter but not EscapeCharacter or LineTerminator

EscapeCharacter ::
  SingleEscapeCharacter
  DecimalDigit
  x
  u
  U

HexEscapeSequence ::
  x HexDigit HexDigit

UnicodeEscapeSequence ::
  u HexDigit HexDigit HexDigit HexDigit
The definitions of the nonterminal *HexDigit* is given in section 7.6. *SourceCharacter* is described in sections 2 and 6.

A string literal stands for a value of the String type. The string value (SV) of the literal is described in terms of character values (CV) contributed by the various parts of the string literal. As part of this process, some characters within the string literal are interpreted as having a mathematical value (MV), as described below or in section 7.8.3.

- The SV of *StringLiteral* :: "" is the empty character sequence.
- The SV of *StringLiteral* :: ' ' is the empty character sequence.
- The SV of *StringLiteral* :: " *DoubleStringCharacters* " is the SV of *DoubleStringCharacters*.
- The SV of *StringLiteral* :: ' *SingleStringCharacters* ' is the SV of *SingleStringCharacters*.
- The SV of *DoubleStringCharacters* :: *DoubleStringCharacter* is a sequence of one character, the CV of *DoubleStringCharacter*.
- The SV of *DoubleStringCharacters* :: *DoubleStringCharacter* *DoubleStringCharacters* is a sequence of the CV of *DoubleStringCharacter* followed by all the characters in the SV of *DoubleStringCharacters* in order.
- The SV of *SingleStringCharacters* :: *SingleStringCharacter* is a sequence of one character, the CV of *SingleStringCharacter*.
- The SV of *SingleStringCharacters* :: *SingleStringCharacter* *SingleStringCharacters* is a sequence of the CV of *SingleStringCharacter* followed by all the characters in the SV of *SingleStringCharacters* in order.
- The SV of *LineTerminatorSequence* :: \ *LineTerminatorSequence* \ is the empty character sequence.
- The CV of *DoubleStringCharacter* :: *SourceCharacter* but not *double-quote"* or *backslash\"* or *LineTerminator* is the *SourceCharacter* character itself.
- The CV of *DoubleStringCharacter* :: \ *EscapeSequence* is the CV of the *EscapeSequence*.
- The CV of *SingleStringCharacter* :: *SourceCharacter* but not *single-quote'* or *backslash\'* or *LineTerminator* is the *SourceCharacter* character itself.
- The CV of *SingleStringCharacter* :: \ *EscapeSequence* is the CV of the *EscapeSequence*.
- The CV of *EscapeSequence* :: *CharacterEscapeSequence* is the CV of the *CharacterEscapeSequence*.
- The CV of *EscapeSequence* :: 0 [lookahead ! DecimalDigit] is a <NUL> character (Unicode value 0000).
- The CV of *EscapeSequence* :: *HexEscapeSequence* is the CV of the *HexEscapeSequence*.
- The CV of *EscapeSequence* :: *UnicodeEscapeSequence* is the CV of the *UnicodeEscapeSequence*.
- The CV of *CharacterEscapeSequence* :: *SingleEscapeCharacter* is the character whose code unit value is determined by the *SingleEscapeCharacter* according to the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Escape Sequence</th>
<th>Code Unit Value</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>\b</td>
<td>\u0008</td>
<td>backspace</td>
<td>&lt;BS&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\t</td>
<td>\u0009</td>
<td>horizontal tab</td>
<td>&lt;HT&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\n</td>
<td>\u000A</td>
<td>line feed (new line)</td>
<td>&lt;LF&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\v</td>
<td>\u000B</td>
<td>vertical tab</td>
<td>&lt;VT&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\f</td>
<td>\u000C</td>
<td>form feed</td>
<td>&lt;FF&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\r</td>
<td>\u000D</td>
<td>carriage return</td>
<td>&lt;CR&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>\u0022</td>
<td>double quote</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>'</td>
<td>\u0027</td>
<td>single quote</td>
<td>'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\</td>
<td>\u005C</td>
<td>backslash</td>
<td>\</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- The CV of *CharacterEscapeSequence* :: *NonEscapeCharacter* is the CV of the *NonEscapeCharacter*.
- The CV of *NonEscapeCharacter* :: *SourceCharacter* but not *EscapeCharacter* or *LineTerminator* is the *SourceCharacter* character itself.
- The CV of *HexEscapeSequence* :: *x HexDigit HexDigit* is the character whose code unit value is (16 times the MV of the first *HexDigit*) plus the MV of the second *HexDigit*.
The CV of UnicodeEscapeSequence :: u HexDigit HexDigit HexDigit HexDigit is the character whose code unit value is \((4096 \text{ (that is, } 16^3) \text{ times the MV of the first HexDigit) plus } 256 \text{ (that is, } 16^2) \text{ times the MV of the second HexDigit) plus } 16 \text{ times the MV of the third HexDigit) plus the MV of the fourth HexDigit}.

A conforming implementation, when processing strict mode code(10.1.1), may not extend the syntax of EscapeSequence to include OctalEscapeSequence as described in B.1.1.

NOTE
A line terminator character cannot appear in a string literal, except when preceded by a backslash \ as a "LineContinuation" to produce the empty character sequence. The correct way to cause a line terminator character to be part of the string value of a string literal is to use an escape sequence such as \n or \u000A.

7.8.5 Regular Expression Literals
A regular expression literal is an input element that is converted to a RegExp object (section 15.10) each time the literal is evaluated. Two regular expression literals in a program evaluate to regular expression objects that never compare as == to each other even if the two literals' contents are identical. A RegExp object may also be created at runtime by new RegExp (section 15.10.4) or calling the RegExp constructor as a function (section 15.10.3).

The productions below describe the syntax for a regular expression literal and are used by the input element scanner to find the end of the regular expression literal. The strings of characters comprising the RegularExpressionBody and the RegularExpressionFlags are passed uninterpreted to the regular expression constructor, which interprets them according to its own, more stringent grammar. An implementation may extend the regular expression constructor's grammar, but it **should not** extend the RegularExpressionBody and RegularExpressionFlags productions or the productions used by these productions.

Syntax

RegularExpressionLiteral ::
/ RegularExpressionBody / RegularExpressionFlags

RegularExpressionBody ::
RegularExpressionFirstChar RegularExpressionChars

RegularExpressionChars ::
[empty]
RegularExpressionChars RegularExpressionChar

RegularExpressionFirstChar ::
RegularExpressionNonTerminator but not * or \ or / or [ ]
RegularExpressionBackslashSequence
RegularExpressionClass

RegularExpressionChar ::
RegularExpressionNonTerminator but not \ or / or [ ]
RegularExpressionBackslashSequence
RegularExpressionClass

RegularExpressionBackslashSequence ::
\ NonTerminator

RegularExpressionNonTerminator ::
SourceCharacter but not LineTerminator

RegularExpressionClass ::
[RegularExpressionClassChars ]
NOTE
Regular expression literals may not be empty; instead of representing an empty regular expression literal, the characters // start a single-line comment. To specify an empty regular expression, use /(?:)/.

Semantics
A regular expression literal evaluates to a value of the Object type that is an instance of the standard built-in constructor RegExp. This value is determined in two steps: first, the characters comprising the regular expression's RegularExpressionBody and RegularExpressionFlags production expansions are collected uninterpreted into two strings Pattern and Flags, respectively. Then each time the literal is evaluated, a new object is created as if by the expression new RegExp(Pattern, Flags) where RegExp is the standard built-in constructor with that name. The newly constructed object becomes the value of the RegularExpressionLiteral. If the call to new RegExp would generate an error specified in 15.10.4.1, the error must be treated as an early error (Section 16).

7.9 Automatic Semicolon Insertion
Certain ECMAScript statements (empty statement, variable statement, expression statement, do-while statement, continue statement, break statement, return statement, and throw statement) must be terminated with semicolons. Such semicolons may always appear explicitly in the source text. For convenience, however, such semicolons may be omitted from the source text in certain situations. These situations are described by saying that semicolons are automatically inserted into the source code token stream in those situations.

7.9.1 Rules of Automatic Semicolon Insertion

- When, as the program is parsed from left to right, a token (called the offending token) is encountered that is not allowed by any production of the grammar, then a semicolon is automatically inserted before the offending token if one or more of the following conditions is true:
  1. The offending token is separated from the previous token by at least one LineTerminator.
  2. The offending token is }.

- When, as the program is parsed from left to right, the end of the input stream of tokens is encountered and the parser is unable to parse the input token stream as a single complete ECMAScript Program, then a semicolon is automatically inserted at the end of the input stream.

- When, as the program is parsed from left to right, a token is encountered that is allowed by some production of the grammar, but the production is a restricted production and the token would be the first token for a terminal or nonterminal immediately following the annotation "[no LineTerminator here]" within the restricted production (and therefore such a token is called a restricted token), and the restricted token is separated from the previous token by at least one LineTerminator, then a semicolon is automatically inserted before the restricted token.

However, there is an additional overriding condition on the preceding rules: a semicolon is never inserted automatically if the semicolon would then be parsed as an empty statement or if that semicolon would become one of the two semicolons in the header of a for statement (section 12.6.3).

NOTE
These are the only restricted productions in the grammar:
PostfixExpression:
  LeftHandSideExpression [no LineTerminator here] ++
  LeftHandSideExpression [no LineTerminator here] --

ContinueStatement:
  continue [no LineTerminator here] Identifieropt ;

BreakStatement:
  break [no LineTerminator here] Identifieropt ;

ReturnStatement:
  return [no LineTerminator here] Expressionopt ;

ThrowStatement:
  throw [no LineTerminator here] Expression;

The practical effect of these restricted productions is as follows:

• When a ++ or -- token is encountered where the parser would treat it as a postfix operator, and at least one LineTerminator occurred between the preceding token and the ++ or -- token, then a semicolon is automatically inserted before the ++ or -- token.

• When a continue, break, return, or throw token is encountered and a LineTerminator is encountered before the next token, a semicolon is automatically inserted after the continue, break, return, or throw token.

The resulting practical advice to ECMAScript programmers is:

• A postfix ++ or -- operator should appear on the same line as its operand.
• An Expression in a return or throw statement should start on the same line as the return or throw token.
• A label in a break or continue statement should be on the same line as the break or continue token.

7.9.2 Examples of Automatic Semicolon Insertion

The source

```
{ 1 2 } 3
```

is not a valid sentence in the ECMAScript grammar, even with the automatic semicolon insertion rules. In contrast, the source

```
{ 1
  2 } 3
```

is also not a valid ECMAScript sentence, but is transformed by automatic semicolon insertion into the following:

```
{ 1
  ;2 ;} 3;
```

which is a valid ECMAScript sentence.

The source

```javascript
for (a; b
)
```

is not a valid ECMAScript sentence and is not altered by automatic semicolon insertion because the semicolon is needed for the header of a for statement. Automatic semicolon insertion never inserts one of the two semicolons in the header of a for statement.

The source
is transformed by automatic semicolon insertion into the following:

```
return;
return; //NOTE
a + b;
```

The expression `a + b` is not treated as a value to be returned by the `return` statement, because a `Line Terminator` separates it from the token `return`.

The source

```
   a = b
   ++c
```

is transformed by automatic semicolon insertion into the following:

```
a = b;
++c;
```

 NOTE

The token `++` is not treated as a postfix operator applying to the variable `b`, because a `Line Terminator` occurs between `b` and `++`.

The source

```
   if (a > b)
      else c = d
```

is not a valid ECMAScript sentence and is not altered by automatic semicolon insertion before the `else` token, even though no production of the grammar applies at that point, because an automatically inserted semicolon would then be parsed as an empty statement.

The source

```
   a = b + c
   (d + e).print() //NOTE
```

is not transformed by automatic semicolon insertion, because the parenthesised expression that begins the second line can be interpreted as an argument list for a function call:

```
a = b + c(d + e).print()
```

In the circumstance that an assignment statement must begin with a left parenthesis, it is a good idea for the programmer to provide an explicit semicolon at the end of the preceding statement rather than to rely on automatic semicolon insertion.

8 Types

Algorithms within this specification manipulate values each of which has an associated type. The possible value types are exactly those defined in this section. Types are further subclassed into ECMAScript language types and specification types.

An ECMAScript language type corresponds to values that are directly manipulated by an ECMAScript programmer using the ECMAScript language. The ECMAScript language types are Undefined, Null, Boolean, String, Number, and Object.

A specification type corresponds to meta-values that are used within algorithms to describe the semantics of ECMAScript language constructs and ECMAScript language types. The specification types are Reference, List, Completion, Property Descriptor, Property Identifier, Lexical Environment, and Environment Record. Specification type values are specification artefacts that do not necessarily correspond to any specific entity
within an ECMAScript implementation. Specification type values may be used to describe intermediate results of ECMAScript expression evaluation but such values cannot be stored as properties of objects or values of ECMAScript language variables.

Within this specification, the notation “Type(x)” is used as shorthand for “the type of x” where “type” refers to the ECMAScript language and specification types defined in this section.

8.1 The Undefined Type
The Undefined type has exactly one value, called undefined. Any variable that has not been assigned a value has the value undefined.

8.2 The Null Type
The Null type has exactly one value, called null.

8.3 The Boolean Type
The Boolean type represents a logical entity having two values, called true and false.

8.4 The String Type
The String type is the set of all finite ordered sequences of zero or more 16-bit unsigned integer values (“elements”). The String type is generally used to represent textual data in a running ECMAScript program, in which case each element in the string is treated as a code unit value (see section 6). Each element is regarded as occupying a position within the sequence. These positions are indexed with nonnegative integers. The first element (if any) is at position 0, the next element (if any) at position 1, and so on. The length of a string is the number of elements (i.e., 16-bit values) within it. The empty string has length zero and therefore contains no elements.

When a string contains actual textual data, each element is considered to be a single UTF-16 code unit. Whether or not this is the actual storage format of a String, the characters within a String are numbered by their initial code unit element position as though they were represented using UTF-16. All operations on Strings (except as otherwise stated) treat them as sequences of undifferentiated 16-bit unsigned integers; they do not ensure the resulting string is in normalised form, nor do they ensure language-sensitive results.

NOTE The rationale behind these decisions was to keep the implementation of Strings as simple and high-performing as possible. The intent is that textual data coming into the execution environment from outside (e.g., user input, text read from a file or received over the network, etc.) be converted to Unicode Normalised Form C before the running program sees it. Usually this would occur at the same time incoming text is converted from its original character encoding to Unicode (and would impose no additional overhead). Since it is recommended that ECMAScript source code be in Normalised Form C, string literals are guaranteed to be normalised (if source text is guaranteed to be normalised), as long as they do not contain any Unicode escape sequences.

8.5 The Number Type
The Number type has exactly 18437736874454810627 (that is, 2^64−2^53+3) values, representing the double-precision 64-bit format IEEE 754 values as specified in the IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic, except that the 9007199254740990 (that is, 2^53−2) distinct “Not-a-Number” values of the IEEE Standard are represented in ECMAScript as a single special NaN value. (Note that the NaN value is produced by the program expression NaN.) In some implementations, external code might be able to detect a difference between various Not-a-Number values, but such behaviour is implementation-dependent; to ECMAScript code, all NaN values are indistinguishable from each other.

There are two other special values, called positive Infinity and negative Infinity. For brevity, these values are also referred to for expository purposes by the symbols +∞ and −∞, respectively. (Note that these two infinite number values are produced by the program expressions +Infinity or simply Infinity and −Infinity.)

The other 18437736874454810624 (that is, 2^64−2^53) values are called the finite numbers. Half of these are positive numbers and half are negative numbers; for every finite positive number there is a corresponding negative number having the same magnitude.
Note that there is both a positive zero and a negative zero. For brevity, these values are also referred to for expository purposes by the symbols +0 and −0, respectively. (Note that these two zero number values are produced by the program expressions +0 (or simply 0) and −0.)

The 18437736874454810622 (that is, $2^{64} - 2^{53} - 2$) finite nonzero values are of two kinds:

18428729675200069632 (that is, $2^{64} - 2^{54}$) of them are normalised, having the form

$$s \times m \times 2^e$$

where $s$ is +1 or −1, $m$ is a positive integer less than $2^{53}$ but not less than $2^{52}$, and $e$ is an integer ranging from −1074 to 971, inclusive.

The remaining 9007199254740990 (that is, $2^{53} - 2$) values are denormalised, having the form

$$s \times m \times 2^e$$

where $s$ is +1 or −1, $m$ is a positive integer less than $2^{52}$, and $e$ is −1074.

Note that all the positive and negative integers whose magnitude is no greater than $2^{53}$ are representable in the Number type (indeed, the integer 0 has two representations, +0 and −0).

A finite number has an odd significand if it is nonzero and the integer $m$ used to express it (in one of the two forms shown above) is odd. Otherwise, it has an even significand.

In this specification, the phrase “the number value for $x$” where $x$ represents an exact nonzero real mathematical quantity (which might even be an irrational number such as $\pi$) means a number value chosen in the following manner. Consider the set of all finite values of the Number type, with −0 removed and with two additional values added to it that are not representable in the Number type, namely $2^{1024}$ (which is $+1 \times 2^{53} \times 2^{971}$) and $-2^{1024}$ (which is $-1 \times 2^{53} \times 2^{971}$). Choose the member of this set that is closest in value to $x$.

If two values of the set are equally close, then the one with an even significand is chosen; for this purpose, the two extra values $2^{1024}$ and $-2^{1024}$ are considered to have even significands. Finally, if $2^{1024}$ was chosen, replace it with $+\infty$; if $-2^{1024}$ was chosen, replace it with $-\infty$; if +0 was chosen, replace it with 0 if and only if $x$ is less than zero; any other chosen value is used unchanged. The result is the number value for $x$. (This procedure corresponds exactly to the behaviour of the IEEE 754 “round to nearest” mode.)

Some ECMAScript operators deal only with integers in the range $-2^{31}$ through $2^{31}-1$, inclusive, or in the range 0 through $2^{32}-1$, inclusive. These operators accept any value of the Number type but first convert each such value to one of $2^{32}$ integer values. See the descriptions of the ToInt32 and ToUint32 operators in sections 9.5 and 9.6, respectively.

8.6 The Object Type

An Object is a collection of properties. Each property is either a named data property, a named accessor property, or an internal property.

- A named data property associates a name with an ECMAScript language value attribute and a set of Boolean attributes.

- A named accessor property associates a name with one or a get two accessor method functions attribute, a set method, and a set of boolean-Boolean attributes. The accessor functions are used to store or retrieve an ECMAScript language value that is associated with the property.

- An internal property has no name and is not directly accessible via the property accessor ECMAScript language operators. Internal properties exist purely for specification purposes. How and when internal properties are used is specified by the language specification below.

There are two types of access for named (non-internal) properties: get and put, corresponding to retrieval and assignment, respectively.

8.6.1 Property Attributes

Attributes are used in this specification to define and explain the state of named properties. A named data property associates a name with the following attributes:
Table 1 Attributes of a Named Data Property

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Attribute Name</th>
<th>Value Domain</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[[Value]]</td>
<td>Any ECMAScript language type</td>
<td>The value retrieved by reading the property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Writable]]</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>If false, attempts by ECMAScript code to change the property’s [[Value]] attribute using [[Put]] will not succeed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Enumerable]]</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>If true, the property will be enumerated by a for-in enumeration (section 12.6.4). Otherwise, the property is said to be non-enumerable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Configurable]]</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>If false, attempts to delete the property, change the property to be an accessor property, or change its attributes (other than [[Value]]) will fail.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A named accessor property associates a name with the following attributes:

Table 2 Attributes of a Named Accessor Property

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Attribute Name</th>
<th>Value Type Domain</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[[Get]]</td>
<td>Object or Undefined</td>
<td>If the value is an Object it must be a function. The function is called as a method with no arguments to return the property value each time the property is read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Set]]</td>
<td>Object or Undefined</td>
<td>If the value is an Object it must be a function. The function is called as a method with the assigned value as its sole argument each time the property is assigned. The effect of a property's [[Set]] internal method may, but is not required to, have an effect on the value returned by subsequent calls to the property's [[Get]] internal method.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Enumerable]]</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>If true, the property is to be enumerated by a for-in enumeration (section 12.6.4). Otherwise, the property is said to be non-enumerable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Configurable]]</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>If false, attempts to delete the property, change the property to be a data property, or change its attributes will fail.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If the value of an attribute is not explicitly specified by this specification for a named property, the default value defined in the following table is used:
Table 3 Default Attribute Values

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Attribute Name</th>
<th>Default Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[[Value]]</td>
<td>undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Get]]</td>
<td>undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Set]]</td>
<td>undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Writable]]</td>
<td>false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Enumerable]]</td>
<td>false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Configurable]</td>
<td>false</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

8.6.2 Object Internal Properties and Methods

This specification uses various internal properties and methods to define the semantics of object values. These internal properties and methods are not part of the ECMAScript language. They are defined by this specification purely for expository purposes. An implementation of ECMAScript must behave as if it produced and operated upon internal properties in the manner described here. For the purposes of this document, the names of internal properties are enclosed in double square brackets `[[ ]].` When an algorithm uses an internal property of an object and the object does not implement the indicated internal property, a `TypeError` exception is thrown.

The following table summarises the internal properties used by this specification that are applicable to all ECMAScript objects. The description indicates their behaviour for native ECMAScript objects, unless stated otherwise in this document for particular types of ECMAScript objects. In particular, Array objects have a slightly different definition of the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method (see 15.4.5.1) and String objects have a different definition of the `[[GetOwnProperty]]` internal method. Host objects may support these internal properties with any implementation-dependent behaviour, or it may be that a host object supports only some internal properties and not others.

The “Value Type Domain” columns of the following tables define the types of values associated with internal properties. The type names refer to the types defined in section 8 augmented by the following additional names. “any” means the value may be any ECMAScript language type. “primitive” means Undefined, Null, Boolean, String, or Number. “SpecOp” means the internal property is an implementation provided procedure defined by an abstract operation specification. “SpecOp” is followed by a list of descriptive parameter names. If a parameter name is the same as a type name then the name describes the type of the parameter. If a “SpecOp” returns a value its parameter list is followed by the symbol “→” and the type of the returned value.
Table 4 Internal Properties Common to All Objects

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Internal Property</th>
<th>Value Type Domain</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[[Prototype]]</td>
<td>Object or Null</td>
<td>The prototype of this object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Class]]</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>A string value indicating a specification defined classification of objects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[PrimitiveValue]]</td>
<td>primitive</td>
<td>Internal state information associated with this object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Extensible]]</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>If true, own properties may be added to the object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Get]]</td>
<td>SpecOp(propertyName) → any</td>
<td>Returns the value of the named property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[GetOwnProperty]]</td>
<td>SpecOp (propertyName) →</td>
<td>Returns the Property Descriptor of the named own property of this object, or undefined if absent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Undefined or Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Descriptor</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[GetProperty]]</td>
<td>SpecOp (propertyName) →</td>
<td>Returns the fully populated Property Descriptor of the named property of this object, or undefined if absent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Undefined or Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Descriptor</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Put]]</td>
<td>SpecOp (propertyName, any,</td>
<td>Sets the specified named property to the value of the second parameter. The flag controls failure handling.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boolean)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[CanPut]]</td>
<td>SpecOp (propertyName) →</td>
<td>Returns a Boolean value indicating whether a [[Put]] operation with PropertyName can be performed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[HasProperty]]</td>
<td>SpecOp (propertyName) →</td>
<td>Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the object already has a property with the given name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>booleanBoolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Delete]]</td>
<td>SpecOp (PropertyName,</td>
<td>Removes the specified named own property from the object. The flag controls failure handling.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boolean) → Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[DefaultValue]]</td>
<td>SpecOp (Hint) → primitive</td>
<td>Hint is a string. Returns a default value for the object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[DefineOwnProperty]]</td>
<td>SpecOp (propertyName,</td>
<td>Creates or alters the named own property to have the state described by a Property Descriptor. The flag controls failure handling.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>PropertyDescriptor, Boolean)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>→ Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[ThrowingPut]]</td>
<td>SpecOp (propertyName, any,</td>
<td>Sets the specified named property to the value of the second parameter. The flag controls failure handling.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boolean)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All ECMAScript objects have an internal property called [[Prototype]]. The value of this property is either null or an object and is used for implementing inheritance. Whether or not a native object can have a host object as its [[Prototype]] depends on the implementation. Every [[Prototype]] chain must have finite length (that is, starting from any object, recursively accessing the [[Prototype]] internal property must eventually lead to a null value). Named data properties of the [[Prototype]] object are inherited (are visible as properties of the child object) for the purposes of get access, but not for put access. Named accessor properties are inherited for both get access and put access.

Every object (including host objects) must implement the [[Prototype]], [[Class]], and [[Extensible]] internal data properties and the [[Get]], [[GetProperty]], [[GetOwnProperty]], [[DefineOwnProperty]], [[Put]], [[CanPut]], [[ThrowingPut]], [[HasProperty]], [[Delete]], and [[DefaultValue]] internal methods. (Note, however, that the [[DefaultValue]] internal method may, for some objects, simply throw a TypeError exception.)

The value of the [[Class]] internal property is defined by this specification for every kind of built-in object. The value of the [[Class]] internal property of a host object may be any String value except one of 'Arguments', 'Array', 'Boolean', 'Date', 'Error', 'Function', 'JSON', 'Math', 'Number', 'Object', 'RegExp', and 'String'. The value of a [[Class]] internal property is used internally to distinguish different kinds of built-in objects. Note that this specification does not provide any means for a program to access that value except through Object.prototype.toString (see 15.2.4.2).

For most native objects the common internal methods behave as described in described in 8.12, except that Array objects have a slightly different implementation of the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method (see 15.4.5.1) and String objects have a slightly different implementation of the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method (see 15.5.5.2). Arguments objects (10.56) have different implementations of [[Get]], [[GetOwnProperty]], [[DefineOwnProperty]], and [[Delete]]. Host objects
may implement these methods in any manner unless specified otherwise; for example, one possibility is that
[[Get]] and [[Put]] for a particular host object indeed fetch and store property values but
[[HasProperty]] always generates false.

If a host object provides its own internal [[GetOwnProperty]] method, the mutability implied by the
property descriptors (8.10) it returns must be an upper bound on the possible mutations of the described
property. For example, if a property is described as a data property and it may return different values
over time, then the [[Writable]] attribute must be true even if no mechanism to change the value is
exposed via the other internal methods. If the attributes may change over time or if the property might
disappear, then the [[Configurable]] attribute must be true. If [[Writable]] and [[Configurable]] are both
false and the property is described as a data property, then the host is effectively promising that the
[[Value]] will be stable and may validly be cached.
Table 5 Internal Properties Only Defined for Some Objects

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Internal Property</th>
<th>Value Type Domain</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[[Construct]]</td>
<td>SpecOp(a List of any) → Object</td>
<td>Constructs an object. Invoked via the <code>new</code> operator. The arguments to the SpecOp are the arguments passed to the <code>new</code> operator. Objects that implement this internal method are called constructors.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Call]]</td>
<td>SpecOp(any, a List of any) → any or Reference</td>
<td>Executes code associated with the object. Invoked via a function call expression. The arguments to the SpecOp are a this object and a list containing the arguments passed to the function call expression. Objects that implement this internal method are <code>functions-callable</code>. Only <code>functions-callable objects</code> that are host objects may return Reference values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[HasInstance]]</td>
<td>SpecOp(any) → Boolean</td>
<td>Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the argument is likely an Object that delegates behaviour to this object was constructed by this object. Of the standard built-in ECMAScript objects, only <code>Object</code>-<code>Function objects</code> that are instances of the standard built-in constructor <code>Function</code> implement [[HasInstance]].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Scope]]</td>
<td>Lexical Environment</td>
<td>A lexical environment that defines the environment in which a Function object is executed. Of the standard built-in ECMAScript objects, only <code>Function objects</code> that are instances of the standard built-in constructor <code>Function</code> implement [[Scope]].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[FormalParameters]]</td>
<td>List of Strings</td>
<td>A possibly empty List containing the identifier strings of a Function’s <code>FormalParameterList</code>. Of the standard built-in ECMAScript objects, only <code>Function objects</code> that are instances of the standard built-in constructor <code>Function</code> implement [[FormalParameterList]].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Code]]</td>
<td>ECMAScript code</td>
<td>The ECMAScript code of a function. Of the standard built-in ECMAScript objects, only <code>Function objects</code> that are instances of the standard built-in constructor <code>Function</code> implement [[FormalParameterList]].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[TargetFunction]]</td>
<td>Object</td>
<td>The target function of a function object created using the standard built-in <code>Function.prototype.bind</code> method. Only ECMAScript objects created using <code>Function.prototype.bind</code> have a [[TargetFunction]] internal property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[BoundThis]]</td>
<td>any</td>
<td>The pre-bound this value of a function Object created using the standard built-in <code>Function.prototype.bind</code> method. Only ECMAScript objects created using <code>Function.prototype.bind</code> have a [[BoundThis]] internal property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[BoundArguments]]</td>
<td>List of any</td>
<td>The pre-bound argument values of a function Object created using the standard built-in <code>Function.prototype.bind</code> method. Only ECMAScript objects created using <code>Function.prototype.bind</code> have a [[BoundArguments]] internal property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[Match]]</td>
<td>SpecOp(string, index) → MatchResult</td>
<td>Tests for a regular expression match and returns a <code>MatchResult</code> value (see section 15.10.2.1). Of the standard built-in ECMAScript objects, only <code>objects</code> that are instances of the standard built-in constructor <code>RegExp</code> objects implement [[Match]].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[[ParameterMap]]</td>
<td>Object</td>
<td>Provides a mapping between the properties of an arguments object (10.56) and the formal parameters of the associated function. Only ECMAScript objects that are arguments objects have a [[ParameterMap]] internal property.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
8.7 The Reference Specification Type

The Reference type is used to explain the behaviour of such operators as delete, typeof, and the assignment operators. For example, the left-hand operand of an assignment is expected to produce a reference. The behaviour of assignment could, instead, be explained entirely in terms of a case analysis on the syntactic form of the left-hand operand of an assignment operator, but for one difficulty: function calls are permitted to return references. This possibility is admitted purely for the sake of host objects. No built-in ECMAScript function defined by this specification returns a reference and there is no provision for a user-defined function to return a reference. (Another reason not to use a syntactic case analysis is that it would be lengthy and awkward, affecting many parts of the specification.)

A Reference is a resolved name binding. A Reference consists of three components, the base value, the referenced name and the Boolean valued strict reference flag. The base value is either null, undefined, an Object, a Boolean, a String, a Number, or an environment record (10.2.1). A base value of null or undefined indicates that the reference could not be resolved to a binding. The referenced name is a String.

The following abstract operations are used in this specification to access the components of references:

- GetBase(V). Returns the base value component of the reference V.
- GetReferencedName(V). Returns the referenced name component of the reference V.
- IsStrictReference(V). Returns the strict reference component of the reference V.
- HasPrimitiveBase(V). Returns true if the base value is a Boolean, String, or Number.
- IsPropertyReference(V). Returns true if either the base value is an object or HasPrimitiveBase(V) is true; otherwise false is returned.
- IsUnresolvableReference(V). Returns true if the base value is null or undefined and false otherwise.

The following abstract operations are used in this specification to operate on references:

8.7.1 GetValue (V)

1. If Type(V) is not Reference, return V.
2. Let base be the result of calling GetBase(V).
3. If UnresolvableReference(V), throw a ReferenceError exception.
4. If IsPropertyReference(V), then
   a. If HasPrimitiveBase(V), then let base be ToObject(base) (9.9)
   b. Return the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of base, passing
      GetReferencedName(V) for the argument.
5. Else, base must be an environment record.
   a. Return the result of calling the GetBindingValue(N, S) concrete method of base passing
      GetReferencedName(V) and IsStrictReference(V) as arguments.

NOTE
The object that may be created in step 4.a is immediately discarded after its use in the next step. An implementation might choose to avoid the actual creation of the object.

8.7.2 PutValue (V, W)

1. If Type(V) is not Reference, throw a ReferenceError exception.
2. Let base be the result of calling GetBase(V).
3. If UnresolvableReference(V), then
   a. If IsStrictReference(V) is true, then
      i. If GetReferencedName(V) is "eval", then throw an EvalError exception.
      ii. Else, throw ReferenceError exception.
   b. Call the [[ThrowingPut]][[Put]] internal method for the global object, passing
      GetReferencedName(V) for the property name, W for the value, and false for the Throw flag.
4. Else if IsPropertyReference(V), then
   a. If HasPrimitiveBase(V) is false, then let put be the [[ThrowingPut]][[Put]] internal method of
      base, otherwise let put be the special [[ThrowingPut]][[Put]] internal method defined below.
   b. Call the put internal method using base as its this object, and passing
      GetReferencedName(V) for the property name, W for the value, and IsStrictReference(V) for
      the Throw flag.
5. Else base must be a reference whose base is an environment record. So,
a. If IsStrictReference(V) is true and GetReferencedName(V) is "eval", then throw an EvalError exception.

b. Call the SetMutableBinding (10.2.1.3) concrete method of base, passing GetReferencedName(V), W, and IsStrictReference(V) as arguments.

6. Return.

The following [[ThrowingPut]][[Put]] internal method is used by PutValue when V is a property reference with a primitive base value. It is called using base as its this value and with property P, value V, and boolean flag Throw as arguments. The following steps are taken:

1. Let O be ToObject(Base).
2. If the result of calling the [[CanPut]] internal method of O with argument P is false, then
   a. If Throw is true, then throw a TypeError exception.
   b. Else return.
3. Let ownDesc be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of O with argument P.
4. If IsDataDescriptor(ownDesc) is true, then
   a. If Throw is true, then throw a TypeError exception.
   b. Else Return.
5. Let desc be the result of calling the [[GetProperty]] internal method of O with argument P. This may be either an own or inherited accessor property descriptor or an inherited data property descriptor.
6. If IsAccessorDescriptor(desc) is true, then
   a. Let setter be desc.][[Set]] which cannot be undefined.
   b. Call the [[Call]] internal method of setter providing Base as the this value and an argument list containing only V.
7. Else, this is a request to create an own property on the transient object O
   a. If Throw is true, then throw a TypeError exception.
8. Return.

NOTE
The object that may be created in step 1 is not accessible outside of the above method. An implementation might choose to avoid the actual creation of that transient object. The only situations where such an actual property assignment that uses this internal method can have visible effect are when it either invokes an accessor function or is in violation of a Throw conditioned-predicated error check. When Throw is true any property assignment that would create a new property on the transient object throws an error.

8.8 The List Specification Type
The List type is used to explain the evaluation of argument lists (see 11.2.4) in new expressions, in function calls, and in other algorithms where a simple list of values is needed. Values of the List type are simply ordered sequences of values. These sequences may be of any length.

8.9 The Completion Specification Type
The Completion type is used to explain the behaviour of statements (break, continue, return and throw) that perform nonlocal transfers of control. Values of the Completion type are triples of the form (type, value, target), where type is one of normal, break, continue, return, or throw, value is any ECMAScript language value or empty, and target is any ECMAScript identifier or empty.

The term “abrupt completion” refers to any completion with a type other than normal.

8.10 The Property Descriptor and Property Identifier Specification Types
The Property Descriptor type is used to explain the manipulation and reification of named property attributes. Values of the Property Descriptor type are records composed of named fields where each field’s name is an attribute name and its value is a corresponding attribute value. In addition, any field may be present or absent.

Property Descriptor values may be further classified as data property descriptors and accessor property descriptors based upon the existence or use of certain fields. A data property descriptor is one that includes any fields named either [[Value]], or [[Writable]]. An accessor property descriptor is one that includes any fields named either [[Get]], or [[Set]]. Any property descriptor may have fields named [[Enumerable]], and [[Configurable]]. A Property Descriptor value may not be both a data property descriptor and an accessor
property descriptor however it may be neither. A generic property descriptor is a Property Descriptor value that is neither a data property descriptor nor an accessor property descriptor.

For notational convenience within this specification, an object literal-like syntax can be used to define a property descriptor value. For example, Property Descriptor {[[Value]]: 42, [[Writable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: true} defines a data property descriptor. The order of listing field names is not significant. Any fields that are not explicitly listed are considered to be absent.

In specification text and algorithms, dot notation may be used to refer to a specific field of a Property Descriptor. For example, if D is a property descriptor then D.[[Value]] is short hand for “the field of D named [[Value]]”.

The Property Identifier type is used to associate a property name with a Property Descriptor. Values of the Property Identifier type are pairs of the form (name, descriptor), where name is a string and descriptor is a Property Descriptor value.

The following abstract operations are used in this specification to operate upon Property Descriptor values:

8.10.1 IsAccessorDescriptor ( Desc )
When the abstract operation IsAccessorDescriptor is called with property descriptor Desc the following steps are taken:
1. If Desc is undefined, then return false.
2. If both Desc.[[Get]] and Desc.[[Set]] are absent, then return false.
3. Return true.

8.10.2 IsDataDescriptor ( Desc )
When the abstract operation IsDataDescriptor is called with property descriptor Desc the following steps are taken:
1. If Desc is undefined, then return false.
2. If both Desc.[[Value]] and Desc.[[Writable]] are absent, then return false.
3. Return true.

8.10.3 IsGenericDescriptor ( Desc )
When the abstract operation IsGenericDescriptor is called with property descriptor Desc the following steps are taken:
1. If Desc is undefined, then return false.
2. If IsAccessorDescriptor(Desc) and IsDataDescriptor(Desc) are both false, then return true.
3. Return false.

8.10.4 FromPropertyDescriptor ( Desc )
When the abstract operation FromPropertyDescriptor is called with property descriptor Desc, the following steps are taken:

The following algorithm assumes that Desc is a fully populated Property Descriptor, such as that returned from [[GetOwnProperty]](8.12.1).
1. If Desc is undefined, then return undefined.
2. Let obj be the result of creating a new object as if by the expression new Object() where Object is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
3. If IsDataDescriptor(Desc) is true, then
   a. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of obj with arguments "value", Property Descriptor {[[Value]]: Desc.[[Value]], [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true}, and false.
   b. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of obj with arguments "writable", Property Descriptor {[[Value]]: Desc.[[Writable]], [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true}, and false.
4. Else, IsAccessorDescriptor(Desc) must be true, so
a. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of \( \text{obj} \) with arguments "get", Property Descriptor \([[\text{Value}]]: \text{Desc}.[[\text{Get}]], [[\text{Writable}]]: \text{true}, [[\text{Enumerable}]]: \text{true}, [[\text{Configurable}]]: \text{true}, \) and false.

b. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of \( \text{obj} \) with arguments "set", Property Descriptor \([[\text{Value}]]: \text{Desc}.[[\text{Set}]], [[\text{Writable}]]: \text{true}, [[\text{Enumerable}]]: \text{true}, [[\text{Configurable}]]: \\
\text{true}, \) and false.

c. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of \( \text{obj} \) with arguments "enumerable", Property Descriptor \([[\text{Value}]]: \text{Desc}.[[\text{Enumerable}]], [[\text{Writable}]]: \text{true}, [[\text{Enumerable}]]: \text{true}, [[\text{Configurable}]]: \\
\text{true}, \) and false.

d. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of \( \text{obj} \) with arguments "configurable", Property Descriptor \([[\text{Value}]]: \text{Desc}.[[\text{Configurable}]], [[\text{Writable}]]: \text{true}, [[\text{Enumerable}]]: \text{true}, [[\text{Configurable}]]: \\
\text{true}, \) and false.

5. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of \( \text{obj} \) with arguments "enumerable", Property Descriptor \([[\text{Value}]]: \text{Desc}.[[\text{Enumerable}]], [[\text{Enumerable}]]: \text{true}, [[\text{Enumerable}]]: \text{true}, [[\text{Configurable}]]: \\
\text{true}, \) and false.

6. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of \( \text{obj} \) with arguments "configurable", Property Descriptor \([[\text{Value}]]: \text{Desc}.[[\text{Configurable}]], [[\text{Configurable}]]: \text{true}, [[\text{Configurable}]]: \\
\text{true}, \) and false.

7. Return \( \text{obj} \).

### 8.10.5 ToPropertyDescriptor ( \( \text{Obj} \) )

When the abstract operation ToPropertyDescriptor is called with object \( \text{Desc} \), the following steps are taken:

1. If `Type(\text{Obj})` is not `Object` throw a `TypeError` exception.

2. Let \( \text{desc} \) be the result of creating a new Property Descriptor that initially has no fields.

3. If the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of \( \text{Obj} \) with argument "enumerable" is \( \text{true} \), then
   a. Let \( \text{enum} \) be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of \( \text{Obj} \) with "enumerable".
   b. Set the [[Enumerable]] field of \( \text{desc} \) to `ToBoolean(enum)`.

4. If the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of \( \text{Obj} \) with argument "configurable" is \( \text{true} \), then
   a. Let \( \text{conf} \) be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of \( \text{Obj} \) with argument "configurable".
   b. Set the [[Configurable]] field of \( \text{desc} \) to `ToBoolean(conf)`.

5. If the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of \( \text{Obj} \) with argument "value" is \( \text{true} \), then
   a. Let \( \text{value} \) be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of \( \text{Obj} \) with argument "value".
   b. Set the [[Value]] field of \( \text{desc} \) to \( \text{value} \).

6. If the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of \( \text{Obj} \) with argument "writable" is \( \text{true} \), then
   a. Let \( \text{writable} \) be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of \( \text{Obj} \) with argument "writable".
   b. Set the [[Writable]] field of \( \text{desc} \) to `ToBoolean(writable)`.

7. If the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of \( \text{Obj} \) with argument "get" is \( \text{true} \), then
   a. Let \( \text{getter} \) be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of \( \text{Obj} \) with argument "get".
   b. If `IsCallable(getter)` is \( \text{false} \) and `getter` is not \( \text{undefined} \), then throw a `TypeError` exception.
   c. Set the [[Get]] field of \( \text{desc} \) to \( \text{getter} \).

8. If the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of \( \text{Obj} \) with argument "set" is \( \text{true} \), then
   a. Let \( \text{setter} \) be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of \( \text{Obj} \) with argument "set".
   b. If `IsCallable(setter)` is \( \text{false} \) and `setter` is not \( \text{undefined} \), then throw a `TypeError` exception.
   c. Set the [[Set]] field of \( \text{desc} \) to \( \text{setter} \).

9. If either \( \text{desc}.[[\text{Get}]] \) or \( \text{desc}.[[\text{Set}]] \) are present, then
   a. If either \( \text{desc}.[[\text{Value}]] \) or \( \text{desc}.[[\text{Writable}]] \) are present, then throw a `TypeError` exception.

10. Return \( \text{desc} \).

### 8.11 The Lexical Environment and Environment Record Specification Types

The Lexical Environment and Environment Record types are used to explain the behaviour of name resolution in nested functions and blocks. These types and the operations upon them are defined in section 10.
8.12 Algorithms for Object Internal Methods

In the following algorithm descriptions, assume $O$ is a native ECMAScript object, $P$ is a string, $Desc$ is a Property Description record, and $Throw$ is a Boolean flag.

8.12.1 [[GetOwnProperty]] (P)

When the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of $O$ is called with property name $P$, the following steps are taken:

1. If $O$ doesn’t have an own property with name $P$, return undefined.
2. Let $D$ be a newly created Property Descriptor (Section 8.10) with no fields.
3. Let $X$ be $O$’s own property named $P$.
4. If $X$ is a data property, then
   a. Set $D.[[Value]]$ to the value of $X$’s [[Value]] attribute.
   b. Set $D.[[Writable]]$ to the value of $X$’s [[Writable]] attribute.
5. Else $X$ is an accessor property, so
   a. Set $D.[[Get]]$ to the value of $X$’s [[Get]] attribute.
   b. Set $D.[[Set]]$ to the value of $X$’s [[Set]] attribute.
6. Set $D.[[Enumerable]]$ to the value of $X$’s [[Enumerable]] attribute.
7. Set $D.[[Configurable]]$ to the value of $X$’s [[Configurable]] attribute.
8. Return $D$.

Note, however, that if $O$ is a String object it has a more elaborate [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method (15.5.5.2).

8.12.2 [[GetProperty]] (P)

When the [[GetProperty]] internal method of $O$ is called with property name $P$, the following steps are taken:

1. Let prop be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of $O$ with property name $P$.
2. If prop is not undefined, return prop.
3. Let proto be the value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of $O$.
4. If the proto is null, return undefined.
5. Return the result of calling the [[GetProperty]] internal method of proto with argument $P$.

8.12.3 [[Get]] (P)

When the [[Get]] internal method of $O$ is called with property name $P$, the following steps are taken:

1. Let desc be the result of calling the [[GetProperty]] internal method of $O$ with property name $P$.
2. If desc is undefined, return undefined.
3. If IsDataDescriptor(desc) is true, return desc.[[Value]].
4. Otherwise, IsAccessorDescriptor(desc) must be true so, let getter be desc.[[Get]].
5. If getter is undefined, return undefined.
6. Return the result calling the [[Call]] internal method of getter providing $O$ as the this value and providing no arguments.

8.12.4 [[CanPut]] (P)

When the [[CanPut]] internal method of $O$ is called with property name $P$, the following steps are taken:

1. Let desc be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of $O$ with argument $P$.
2. If desc is not undefined, then
   a. If IsAccessorDescriptor(desc) is true, then
      i. If desc.[[Set]] is undefined, then return false.
      ii. Else return true.
   b. Else, desc must be a DataDescriptor so return the value of desc.[[Writable]].
3. Let proto be the [[Prototype]] internal property of $O$.
4. If proto is null, then return the value of the [[Extensible]] internal property of $O$.
5. Let inherited be the result of calling the [[GetProperty]] internal method of proto with property name $P$.
6. If inherited is undefined, return the value of the [[Extensible]] internal property of $O$.
7. If IsAccessorDescriptor(inherited) is true, then
a. If \( \text{inherited.}[\text{Set}] \) is \text{undefined}, then return \text{false}.
b. Else return \text{true}.

8. Else, \( \text{inherited} \) must be a \( \text{DataDescriptor} \)
   a. If the \( \text{[[Extensible]]} \) internal property of \( O \) is \text{false}, return \text{false}.
   b. Else return the value of \( \text{inherited.}[\text{Writable}] \).

\text{NOTE}
Host objects may define additional constraints upon \( \text{[[Put]]} \) operations. If possible, host objects should not allow \( \text{[[Put]]} \) operations in situations where this definition of \( \text{[[CanPut]]} \) returns false.

\text{8.12.5} \( \text{[[ThrowingPut]]} \) \( \text{[[Put]]} \) ( \( P \), \( V \), \( \text{Throw} \) )
When the \( \text{[[ThrowingPut]]} \) \( \text{[[Put]]} \) internal method of \( O \) is called with property \( P \), value \( V \), and boolean flag \( \text{Throw} \) the following steps are taken:

1. If the result of calling the \( \text{[[CanPut]]} \) internal method of \( O \) with argument \( P \) is \text{false}, then
   a. If \( \text{Throw} \) is \text{true}, then throw a \text{TypeError} exception.
   b. Else return.
2. Let \( \text{ownDesc} \) be the result of calling the \( \text{[[GetOwnProperty]]} \) internal method of \( O \) with argument \( P \).
3. If \( \text{IsDataDescriptor(ownDesc)} \) is \text{true}, then
   a. Let \( \text{valueDesc} \) be the Property Descriptor \{\text{[[Value]]}: \( V \)\}.
   b. Call the \( \text{[[DefineOwnProperty]]} \) internal method of \( O \) passing \( P \), \( \text{valueDesc} \), and \( \text{Throw} \) as arguments.
   c. Return.
4. Let \( \text{desc} \) be the result of calling the \( \text{[[GetProperty]]} \) internal method of \( O \) with argument \( P \). This may be either an own or inherited accessor property descriptor or an inherited data property descriptor.
5. If \( \text{IsAccessorDescriptor(desc)} \) is \text{true}, then
   a. Let \( \text{setter be desc.}[\text{Set}] \) which cannot be \text{undefined}.
   b. Call the \( \text{[[Call]]} \) internal method of \( \text{setter} \) providing \( O \) as the \text{this} value and providing \( V \) as the sole argument.
6. Else, create a named data property named \( P \) on object \( O \) as follows
   a. Let \( \text{newDesc be the Property Descriptor} \)
      \{\text{[[Value]]}: \( V \), [[Writable]]: \text{true}, [[Enumerable]]: \text{true}, [[Configurable]]: \text{true}, \}
   b. Call the \( \text{[[DefineOwnProperty]]} \) internal method of \( O \) passing \( P \), \( \text{newDesc} \), and \( \text{Throw} \) as arguments.
7. Return.

\text{8.12.6} \( \text{[[Put]]} \) ( \( P \), \( V \) )
\( \text{[[Put]]} \) is primarily used in the specification of built-in methods. Algorithms that require explicit control over the handling of invalid property stores should call \( \text{[[ThrowingPut]]} \) directly.

When the \( \text{[[Put]]} \) internal method of \( O \) is called with property \( P \) and value \( V \), the following steps are taken:

1. Call the \( \text{[[ThrowingPut]]} \) internal method of \( O \) with arguments \( P \), \( V \), and \( \text{false} \).
2. Return.

\text{8.12.76} \( \text{[[HasProperty]]} \) ( \( P \) )
When the \( \text{[[HasProperty]]} \) internal method of \( O \) is called with property name \( P \), the following steps are taken:

Let \( \text{desc be the result of calling the [[GetProperty]] internal method of O with property name P.} \)
If \( \text{desc} \) is \text{undefined}, then return \text{false}.
Else return \text{true}.

\text{8.12.87} \( \text{[[Delete]]} \) ( \( P \), \( \text{Throw} \) )
When the \( \text{[[Delete]]} \) internal method of \( O \) is called with property name \( P \) and the boolean flag \( \text{Throw} \), the following steps are taken:

1. Let \( \text{desc be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of O with property name P.} \)
2. If \( \text{desc} \) is \text{undefined}, then return \text{true}.
3. If \( \text{desc.}[\text{[Configurable]]} \) is \text{true}, then
a. Remove the own property with name \( P \) from \( O \).
   b. Return \texttt{true}.
4. Else if \( \text{Throw} \), then throw a \texttt{TypeError} exception.
5. Return \texttt{false}.

8.12.98 \texttt{[[DefaultValue]]} (hint)

When the \texttt{[[DefaultValue]]} internal method of \( O \) is called with hint \texttt{String}, the following steps are taken:

1. Let \( 	ext{toString} \) be the result of calling the \texttt{[[Get]]} internal method of object \( O \) with argument \texttt{"toString"}.
2. If \texttt{IsCallable(toString)} is \texttt{true} then,
   a. Let \( \text{str} \) be the result of calling the \texttt{[[Call]]} internal method of \( \text{toString} \), with \( O \) as the \texttt{this} value and an empty argument list.
   b. If \( \text{str} \) is a primitive value, return \( \text{str} \).
3. Let \( valueOf \) be the result of calling the \texttt{[[Get]]} internal method of object \( O \) with argument \texttt{"valueOf"}.
4. If \texttt{IsCallable(valueOf)} is \texttt{true} then,
   a. Let \( \text{val} \) be the result of calling the \texttt{[[Call]]} internal method of \( \text{valueOf} \), with \( O \) as the \texttt{this} value and an empty argument list.
   b. If \( \text{val} \) is a primitive value, return \( \text{val} \).
5. Throw a \texttt{TypeError} exception.

When the \texttt{[[DefaultValue]]} internal method of \( O \) is called with hint \texttt{Number}, the following steps are taken:

1. Let \( valueOf \) be the result of calling the \texttt{[[Get]]} internal method of object \( O \) with argument \texttt{"valueOf"}.
2. If \texttt{IsCallable(valueOf)} is \texttt{true} then,
   a. Let \( \text{val} \) be the result of calling the \texttt{[[Call]]} internal method of \( \text{valueOf} \), with \( O \) as the \texttt{this} value and an empty argument list.
   b. If \( \text{val} \) is a primitive value, return \( \text{val} \).
3. Let \( 	ext{toString} \) be the result of calling the \texttt{[[Get]]} internal method of object \( O \) with argument \texttt{"toString"}.
4. If \texttt{IsCallable(toString)} is \texttt{true} then,
   a. Let \( \text{str} \) be the result of calling the \texttt{[[Call]]} internal method of \( \text{toString} \), with \( O \) as the \texttt{this} value and an empty argument list.
   b. If \( \text{str} \) is a primitive value, return \( \text{str} \).
5. Throw a \texttt{TypeError} exception.

When the \texttt{[[DefaultValue]]} internal method of \( O \) is called with no hint, then it behaves as if the hint were \texttt{Number}, unless \( O \) is a Date object (see 15.9.6), in which case it behaves as if the hint were \texttt{String}.

The above specification of \texttt{[[DefaultValue]]} for native objects can return only primitive values. If a host object implements its own \texttt{[[DefaultValue]]} internal method, it must ensure that its \texttt{[[DefaultValue]]} internal method can return only primitive values.

8.12.102 \texttt{[[DefineOwnProperty]]} (\( P \), \( \text{Desc} \), \( \text{Throw} \))

In the following algorithm, the term “Reject” means “If \( \text{Throw} \) is \texttt{true}, then throw a \texttt{TypeError} exception, otherwise return \texttt{false}.”

When the \texttt{[[DefineOwnProperty]]} internal method of \( O \) is called with property name \( P \), property descriptor \( \text{Desc} \), and boolean flag \( \text{Throw} \), the following steps are taken:

1. Let \( \text{current} \) be the result of calling the \texttt{[[GetOwnProperty]]} internal method of \( O \) with property name \( P \).
2. Let \( \text{extensible} \) be the value of the \texttt{[[Extensible]]} internal property of \( O \).
3. If \( \text{current} \) is \texttt{undefined} and \( \text{extensible} \) is \texttt{false}, then Reject.
4. If \( \text{current} \) is \texttt{undefined} and \( \text{extensible} \) is \texttt{true}, then
   a. If \texttt{IsGenericDescriptor(Desc)} or \texttt{IsDataDescriptor(Desc)} is \texttt{true}, then
      i. Create an own data property named \( P \) of object \( O \) whose \texttt{[[Value]], [[Writable]], [[Enumerable]]} and \texttt{[[Configurable]]} attribute values are described by \( \text{Desc} \). If
the value of an attribute field of \( \text{Desc} \) is absent, the attribute of the newly created property is set to its default value.

b. Else, \( \text{Desc} \) must be an accessor Property Descriptor so,
   i. Create an own accessor property named \( P \) of object \( O \) whose \([\text{Get}],[\text{Set}],\)
      \([\text{Enumerable}],\) and \([\text{Configurable}]\) attribute values are described by \( \text{Desc} \).
      If the value of an attribute field of \( \text{Desc} \) is absent, the attribute of the newly created property is set to its default value.

c. Return \( \text{true} \).

5. Return \( \text{true} \), if every field in \( \text{Desc} \) is absent.
6. Return \( \text{true} \), if every field in \( \text{Desc} \) also occurs in \( \text{current} \) and the value of every field in \( \text{Desc} \) is the same value as the corresponding field in \( \text{current} \).

7. If the \([\text{Configurable}]\) field of \( \text{current} \) is \text{false} then
   a. Reject, if the \([\text{Configurable}]\) field of \( \text{Desc} \) is \text{true}.
   b. Reject, if the \([\text{Enumerable}]\) fields of \( \text{current} \) and \( \text{Desc} \) are the Boolean negation of each other.

8. If IsGenericDescriptor(\( \text{Desc} \)) is \text{true}, then no further validation is required.
9. Else, if IsDataDescriptor(\( \text{current} \)) and IsDataDescriptor(\( \text{Desc} \)) have different results, then
   a. Reject, if the \([\text{Configurable}]\) field of \( \text{current} \) is \text{false}.
   b. If IsDataDescriptor(\( \text{current} \)) is \text{true}, then
      i. Convert the property named \( P \) of object \( O \) from a data property to an accessor property. Preserve the existing values of the converted property’s
         \([\text{Configurable}]\) and \([\text{Enumerable}]\) attributes and set the rest of the property’s attributes to their default values.
   
   c. Else,
      i. Convert the property named \( P \) of object \( O \) from an accessor property to a data property. Preserve the existing values of the converted property’s
         \([\text{Configurable}]\) and \([\text{Enumerable}]\) attributes and set the rest of the property’s attributes to their default values.

10. Else, if IsDataDescriptor(\( \text{current} \)) and IsDataDescriptor(\( \text{Desc} \)) are both \text{true}, then
    a. If the \([\text{Configurable}]\) field of \( \text{current} \) is \text{false}, then
       i. Reject, if the \([\text{Writable}]\) field of \( \text{current} \) is \text{false} and the \([\text{Writable}]\) field of
          \( \text{Desc} \) is \text{true}.
       ii. If the \([\text{Writable}]\) field of \( \text{current} \) is \text{false}, then
            1. Reject, if the \([\text{Value}]\) field of \( \text{Desc} \) is present and
               SameValue(\( \text{Desc}.[[\text{Value}]], \text{current}.[[\text{Value}]] \)) is \text{false}.
       
    b. Else, the \([\text{Configurable}]\) field of \( \text{current} \) is \text{true}, so any change is acceptable.
11. Else, IsAccessorDescriptor(\( \text{current} \)) and IsAccessorDescriptor(\( \text{Desc} \)) are both \text{true} so,
    a. If the \([\text{Configurable}]\) field of \( \text{current} \) is \text{false}, then
       i. Reject, if the \([\text{Set}]\) field of \( \text{Desc} \) is present and SameValue(\( \text{Desc}.[[\text{Set}]], \text{current}.[[\text{Set}]] \)) is \text{false}.
       ii. Reject, if the \([\text{Get}]\) field of \( \text{Desc} \) is present and SameValue(\( \text{Desc}.[[\text{Get}]], \text{current}.[[\text{Get}]] \)) is \text{false}.

12. For each attribute field of \( \text{Desc} \) that is present, set the correspondingly named attribute of the property named \( P \) of object \( O \) to the value of the field.

13. Return \( \text{true} \).

\textbf{Note.} However, that if \( O \) is an Array object, it has a more elaborate \([\text{DefineOwnProperty}]\) internal method (15.4.5.1).

\textbf{NOTE}
Step 10.b allows any field of \( \text{Desc} \) to be different from the corresponding field of \( \text{current} \) if current’s
\([\text{Configurable}]\) field is \text{true}. This even permits changing the \([\text{Value}]\) of a property those \([\text{Writable}]\) attribute is \text{false}. This is allowed because a \text{true} \([\text{Configurable}]\) attribute would permit an equivalent sequence of calls where \([\text{Writable}]\) is first set to \text{true}, a new \([\text{Value}]\) is set, and then \([\text{Writable}]\) is set to \text{false}.

9 Type Conversion and Testing
The ECMAScript runtime system performs automatic type conversion as needed. To clarify the semantics of certain constructs it is useful to define a set of conversion abstract operations. These abstract operations are
not a part of the language; they are defined here to aid the specification of the semantics of the language. The conversion abstract operations are polymorphic; that is, they can accept a value of any ECMAScript language type, but not of specification types.

9.1 ToPrimitive

The abstract operation ToPrimitive takes an `Value input` argument and an optional argument `PreferredType`. The abstract operation ToPrimitive converts its `input value` argument to a non-Object type. If an object is capable of converting to more than one primitive type, it may use the optional hint `PreferredType` to favour that type. Conversion occurs according to the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Input Type</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Undefined</td>
<td>The result equals the <code>input</code> argument (no conversion).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Null</td>
<td>The result equals the <code>input</code> argument (no conversion).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>The result equals the <code>input</code> argument (no conversion).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number</td>
<td>The result equals the <code>input</code> argument (no conversion).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String</td>
<td>The result equals the <code>input</code> argument (no conversion).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Object</td>
<td>Return a default value for the Object. The default value of an object is retrieved by calling the <code>[[DefaultValue]]</code> internal method of the object, passing the optional hint <code>PreferredType</code>. The behaviour of the <code>[[DefaultValue]]</code> internal method is defined by this specification for all native ECMAScript objects (8.12.48).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

9.2 ToBoolean

The abstract operation ToBoolean converts its argument to a value of type Boolean according to the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Input Argument Type</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Undefined</td>
<td><code>false</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Null</td>
<td><code>false</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>The result equals the <code>input</code> argument (no conversion).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number</td>
<td>The result is <code>false</code> if the argument is <code>+0, −0,</code> or <code>NaN</code>; otherwise the result is <code>true</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String</td>
<td>The result is <code>false</code> if the argument is the empty string (its length is zero); otherwise the result is <code>true</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Object</td>
<td><code>true</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

9.3 ToNumber

The abstract operation ToNumber converts its argument to a value of type Number according to the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Input Argument Type</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Undefined</td>
<td><code>false</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Null</td>
<td><code>false</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>The result equals the <code>input</code> argument (no conversion).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number</td>
<td>The result is <code>false</code> if the argument is <code>+0, −0,</code> or <code>NaN</code>; otherwise the result is <code>true</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String</td>
<td>The result is <code>false</code> if the argument is the empty string (its length is zero); otherwise the result is <code>true</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Object</td>
<td><code>true</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 9.3.1 ToNumber Applied to the String Type

ToNumber applied to strings applies the following grammar to the input string. If the grammar cannot interpret the string as an expansion of `StringNumericLiteral`, then the result of ToNumber is `NaN`.

- **StringNumericLiteral**:
  - `StrWhiteSpace_opt StrWhiteSpace_opt StrNumericLiteral StrWhiteSpace_opt`
  - `StrWhiteSpace`: `StrWhiteSpaceChar StrWhiteSpace_opt`
  - `StrWhiteSpaceChar`: `WhiteSpace LineTerminator`
  - `StrNumericLiteral`:
    - `StrDecimalLiteral` `HexStringLiteral`
  - `StrDecimalLiteral`:
    - `StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral` `+ StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral` `- StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral`
  - `StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral`:
  - `DecimalDigits`:
    - `DecimalDigit` `DecimalDigits DecimalDigit`
  - `DecimalDigit`:
    - one of `0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9`
  - `ExponentPart`:
    - `ExponentIndicator SignedInteger`
  - `ExponentIndicator`:
    - one of `e E`
SignedInteger :::  
  DecimalDigits  
  + DecimalDigits  
  - DecimalDigits

HexIntegerLiteral :::  
  0x HexDigit  
  0X HexDigit  
  HexIntegerLiteral HexDigit

HexDigit ::: one of  
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 a b c d e f A B C D E F

Some differences should be noted between the syntax of a StringNumericLiteral and a NumericLiteral (see 7.8.3):

- A StringNumericLiteral may be preceded and/or followed by white space and/or line terminators.
- A StringNumericLiteral that is decimal may have any number of leading 0 digits.
- A StringNumericLiteral that is decimal may be preceded by + or - to indicate its sign.
- A StringNumericLiteral that is empty or contains only white space is converted to +0.

The conversion of a string to a number value is similar overall to the determination of the number value for a numeric literal (see 7.8.3), but some of the details are different, so the process for converting a string numeric literal to a value of Number type is given here in full. This value is determined in two steps: first, a mathematical value (MV) is derived from the string numeric literal; second, this mathematical value is rounded as described below.

- The MV of StringNumericLiteral ::: [empty] is 0.
- The MV of StringNumericLiteral ::: StrWhiteSpace is 0.
- The MV of StringNumericLiteral ::: StrWhiteSpace opt StrNumericLiteral StrWhiteSpace opt is the MV of StrNumericLiteral, no matter whether white space is present or not.
- The MV of StrNumericLiteral ::: StrDecimalLiteral is the MV of StrDecimalLiteral.
- The MV of StrNumericLiteral ::: HexIntegerLiteral is the MV of HexIntegerLiteral.
- The MV of StrDecimalLiteral ::: StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral is the MV of StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral.
- The MV of StrDecimalLiteral ::: + StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral is the MV of StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral.
- The MV of StrDecimalLiteral ::: - StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral is the negative of the MV of StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral. (Note that if the MV of StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral is 0, the negative of this MV is also 0. The rounding rule described below handles the conversion of this signless mathematical zero to a floating-point +0 or -0 as appropriate.)
- The MV of StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral::: Infinity is $10^{10000}$ (a value so large that it will round to $+\infty$).
- The MV of StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral::: DecimalDigits . is the MV of DecimalDigits.
- The MV of StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral::: DecimalDigits . DecimalDigits is the MV of the first DecimalDigits plus (the MV of the second DecimalDigits times $10^n$), where $n$ is the number of characters in the second DecimalDigits.
- The MV of StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral::: DecimalDigits . ExponentPart is the MV of DecimalDigits times $10^e$, where $e$ is the MV of ExponentPart.
- The MV of StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral::: DecimalDigits . DecimalDigits ExponentPart is (the MV of the first DecimalDigits plus (the MV of the second DecimalDigits times $10^n$)) times $10^e$, where $n$ is the number of characters in the second DecimalDigits and $e$ is the MV of ExponentPart.
- The MV of StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral::: DecimalDigits is the MV of DecimalDigits times $10^n$, where $n$ is the number of characters in DecimalDigits.
- The MV of StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral::: DecimalDigits ExponentPart is the MV of DecimalDigits times $10^n$, where $n$ is the number of characters in DecimalDigits and $e$ is the MV of ExponentPart.
The MV of \texttt{StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral:: DecimalDigits} is the MV of \texttt{DecimalDigits}.

The MV of \texttt{StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral:: DecimalDigits ExponentPart} is the MV of \texttt{DecimalDigits} times 10^e, where e is the MV of \texttt{ExponentPart}.

The MV of \texttt{DecimalDigits :: DeciDigit} is the MV of \texttt{DeciDigit}.

The MV of \texttt{DecimalDigits :: DecimalDigits DeciDigit} is (the MV of \texttt{DecimalDigits} times 10) plus the MV of \texttt{DeciDigit}.

The MV of \texttt{ExponentPart :: ExponentIndicator SignedInteger} is the MV of \texttt{SignedInteger}.

The MV of \texttt{SignedInteger :: DeciDigit} is the MV of \texttt{DeciDigit}.

The MV of \texttt{SignedInteger :: + DeciDigit} is the MV of \texttt{DeciDigit}.

The MV of \texttt{SignedInteger :: – DeciDigit} is the negative of the MV of \texttt{DeciDigit}.

The MV of \texttt{DeciDigit :: 0} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: 0} is 0.

The MV of \texttt{DeciDigit :: 1} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: 1} is 1.

The MV of \texttt{DeciDigit :: 2} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: 2} is 2.

The MV of \texttt{DeciDigit :: 3} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: 3} is 3.

The MV of \texttt{DeciDigit :: 4} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: 4} is 4.

The MV of \texttt{DeciDigit :: 5} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: 5} is 5.

The MV of \texttt{DeciDigit :: 6} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: 6} is 6.

The MV of \texttt{DeciDigit :: 7} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: 7} is 7.

The MV of \texttt{DeciDigit :: 8} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: 8} is 8.

The MV of \texttt{DeciDigit :: 9} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: 9} is 9.

The MV of \texttt{HexDigit :: a} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: A} is 10.

The MV of \texttt{HexDigit :: b} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: B} is 11.

The MV of \texttt{HexDigit :: c} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: C} is 12.

The MV of \texttt{HexDigit :: d} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: D} is 13.

The MV of \texttt{HexDigit :: e} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: E} is 14.

The MV of \texttt{HexDigit :: f} or of \texttt{HexDigit :: F} is 15.

The MV of \texttt{HexIntegerLiteral :: 0x DeciDigit} is the MV of \texttt{DeciDigit}.

The MV of \texttt{HexIntegerLiteral :: 0X DeciDigit} is the MV of \texttt{DeciDigit}.

The MV of \texttt{HexIntegerLiteral :: HexIntegerLiteral DeciDigit} is (the MV of \texttt{HexIntegerLiteral} times 16) plus the MV of \texttt{DeciDigit}.

Once the exact MV for a string numeric literal has been determined, it is then rounded to a value of the Number type. If the MV is 0, then the rounded value is +0 unless the first non white space character in the string numeric literal is ‘−’, in which case the rounded value is −0. Otherwise, the rounded value must be the number value for the MV (in the sense defined in 8.5), unless the literal includes a \texttt{StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral} and the literal has more than 20 significant digits, in which case the number value may be either the number value for the MV of a literal produced by replacing each significant digit after the 20th with a 0 digit or the number value for the MV of a literal produced by replacing each significant digit after the 20th with a 0 digit and then incrementing the literal at the 20th digit position. A digit is significant if it is not part of an \texttt{ExponentPart} and

- it is not 0;
- there is a nonzero digit to its left and there is a nonzero digit, not in the \texttt{ExponentPart}, to its right.

### 9.4 \texttt{ToInteger}

The abstract operation \texttt{ToInteger} converts its argument to an integral numeric value. This abstract operation functions as follows:

1. Let \textit{number} be the result of calling \texttt{ToNumber} on the input argument.
2. If \textit{number} is \texttt{NaN}, return +0.
3. If \textit{number} is +0, −0, +∞, or −∞, return \textit{number}.
4. Return the result of computing \texttt{sign(number) * floor(abs(number))}.
9.5 **ToInt32: (Signed 32 Bit Integer)**

The abstract operation `ToInt32` converts its argument to one of $2^{32}$ integer values in the range $-2^{31}$ through $2^{31}-1$, inclusive. This abstract operation functions as follows:

1. Let `number` be the result of calling `ToNumber` on the input argument.
2. If `number` is `NaN`, `+0`, `-0`, `+∞`, or `-∞`, return `+0`.
3. Let `posInt` be `sign(number) * floor(abs(number))`.
4. Let `int32bit` be `posInt` modulo $2^{32}$, that is, a finite integer value $k$ of Number type with positive sign and less than $2^{32}$ in magnitude such that the mathematical difference of `posInt` and $k$ is mathematically an integer multiple of $2^{32}$.
5. If `int32bit` is greater than or equal to $2^{31}$, return `int32bit - 2^{32}`, otherwise return `int32bit`.

**NOTE**

Given the above definition of `ToInt32`:

The `ToInt32` abstract operation is idempotent: if applied to a result that it produced, the second application leaves that value unchanged.

`ToInt32(ToInt32(x))` is equal to `ToInt32(x)` for all values of `x`. (It is to preserve this latter property that `+∞` and `-∞` are mapped to `+0`.)

`ToInt32` maps `-0` to `+0`.

9.6 **ToUint32: (Unsigned 32 Bit Integer)**

The abstract operation `ToUint32` converts its argument to one of $2^{32}$ integer values in the range $0$ through $2^{32}-1$, inclusive. This abstraction operator functions as follows:

1. Let `number` be the result of calling `ToNumber` on the input argument.
2. If `number` is `NaN`, `+0`, `-0`, `+∞`, or `-∞`, return `+0`.
3. Let `posInt` be `sign(number) * floor(abs(number))`.
4. Let `int32bit` be `posInt` modulo $2^{32}$, that is, a finite integer value $k$ of Number type with positive sign and less than $2^{32}$ in magnitude such that the mathematical difference of `posInt` and $k$ is mathematically an integer multiple of $2^{32}$.
5. Return `int32bit`.

**NOTE**

Given the above definition of `ToUint32`:

Step 5 is the only difference between `ToUint32` and `ToInt32`.

The `ToUint32` abstract operation is idempotent: if applied to a result that it produced, the second application leaves that value unchanged.

`ToUint32(ToUint32(x))` is equal to `ToUint32(x)` for all values of `x`. (It is to preserve this latter property that `+∞` and `-∞` are mapped to `+0`.)

`ToUint32` maps `-0` to `+0`.

9.7 **ToUint16: (Unsigned 16 Bit Integer)**

The abstract operation `ToUint16` converts its argument to one of $2^{16}$ integer values in the range $0$ through $2^{16}-1$, inclusive. This abstract operation functions as follows:

1. Let `number` be the result of calling `ToNumber` on the input argument.
2. If `number` is `NaN`, `+0`, `-0`, `+∞`, or `-∞`, return `+0`.
3. Let `posInt` be `sign(number) * floor(abs(number))`.
4. Let `int16bit` be `posInt` modulo $2^{16}$, that is, a finite integer value $k$ of Number type with positive sign and less than $2^{16}$ in magnitude such that the mathematical difference of `posInt` and $k$ is mathematically an integer multiple of $2^{16}$.
5. Return `int16bit`.

**NOTE**

Given the above definition of `ToUint16`:

The substitution of $2^{16}$ for $2^{32}$ in step 4 is the only difference between `ToUint32` and `ToUint16`. 
To Uint16 maps -0 to +0.

9.8 **ToString**

The abstract operation `ToString` converts its argument to a value of type `String` according to the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Input Argument Type</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Undefined</td>
<td>&quot;undefined&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Null</td>
<td>&quot;null&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>If the argument is <strong>true</strong>, then the result is &quot;<strong>true</strong>&quot;. If the argument is <strong>false</strong>, then the result is &quot;<strong>false</strong>&quot;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number</td>
<td>See 9.8.1 below.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String</td>
<td>Return the input argument (no conversion)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Object</td>
<td>Apply the following steps:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1. Let <code>primValue</code> be <code>ToPrimitive(input argument, hint String)</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2. Return <code>ToString(primValue)</code>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

9.8.1 **ToString Applied to the Number Type**

The abstract operation `ToString` converts a number `m` to string format as follows:

1. If `m` is **NaN**, return the string "**NaN**".
2. If `m` is +0 or -0, return the string "0".
3. If `m` is less than zero, return the string concatenation of the string "-" and `ToString(-m)`.
4. If `m` is infinity, return the string "**Infinity**".
5. Otherwise, let `n`, `k`, and `s` be integers such that `k ≥ 1`, `10^{k-1} ≤ s < 10^k`, the number value for `s × 10^{n-k}` is `m`, and `k` is as small as possible. Note that `k` is the number of digits in the decimal representation of `s`, that `s` is not divisible by 10, and that the least significant digit of `s` is not necessarily uniquely determined by these criteria.
6. If `k ≤ n ≤ 21`, return the string consisting of the `k` digits of the decimal representation of `s` (in order, with no leading zeroes), followed by `n-k` occurrences of the character ‘0’.
7. If `0 < n ≤ 21`, return the string consisting of the most significant `n` digits of the decimal representation of `s`, followed by a decimal point ‘.’, followed by the remaining `k-n` digits of the decimal representation of `s`.
8. If `-6 < n ≤ 0`, return the string consisting of the character ‘0’, followed by a decimal point ‘.’, followed by `n` occurrences of the character ‘0’, followed by the `k` digits of the decimal representation of `s`.
9. Otherwise, if `k = 1`, return the string consisting of the single digit of `s`, followed by lowercase character ‘e’, followed by a plus sign ‘+’ or minus sign ‘-’ according to whether `n-1` is positive or negative, followed by the decimal representation of the integer `abs(n-1)` (with no leading zeroes).
10. Return the string consisting of the most significant digit of the decimal representation of `s`, followed by a decimal point ‘.’, followed by the remaining `k-1` digits of the decimal representation of `s`, followed by the lowercase character ‘e’, followed by a plus sign ‘+’ or minus sign ‘-’ according to whether `n-1` is positive or negative, followed by the decimal representation of the integer `abs(n-1)` (with no leading zeroes).

**NOTE**

The following observations may be useful as guidelines for implementations, but are not part of the normative requirements of this Standard:

* If `x` is any number value other than -0, then `ToNumber(ToString(x))` is exactly the same number value as `x`.

* The least significant digit of `s` is not always uniquely determined by the requirements listed in step 5.
For implementations that provide more accurate conversions than required by the rules above, it is recommended that the following alternative version of step 5 be used as a guideline:

Otherwise, let n, k, and s be integers such that \( k \geq 1, 10^{k-1} \leq s < 10^k \), the number value for \( s \times 10^{n-k} \) is m, and k is as small as possible. If there are multiple possibilities for s, choose the value of s for which \( s \times 10^{n-k} \) is closest in value to m. If there are two such possible values of s, choose the one that is even. Note that k is the number of digits in the decimal representation of s and that s is not divisible by 10.

Implementers of ECMAScript may find useful the paper and code written by David M. Gay for binary-to-decimal conversion of floating-point numbers:


9.9 ToObject

The abstract operation ToObject converts its argument to a value of type Object according to the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Input Argument Type</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Undefined</td>
<td>Throw a TypeError exception.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Null</td>
<td>Throw a TypeError exception.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>Create a new Boolean object whose [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property is set to the value of the boolean. See 15.6 for a description of Boolean objects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number</td>
<td>Create a new Number object whose [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property is set to the value of the number. See 15.7 for a description of Number objects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String</td>
<td>Create a new String object whose [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property is set to the value of the string. See 15.5 for a description of String objects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Object</td>
<td>The result is the input argument (no conversion).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

9.10 CheckObjectCoercible

The abstract operation CheckObjectCoercible throws an error if its argument is a value that cannot be converted to an Object using ToObject. It is defined by the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Input Argument Type</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Undefined</td>
<td>Throw a TypeError exception.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Null</td>
<td>Throw a TypeError exception.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>Return</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number</td>
<td>Return</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String</td>
<td>Return</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Object</td>
<td>Return</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

9.11 IsCallable

The abstract operation IsCallable determines if its argument, which must be an ECMAScript language value, is a callable function Object according to the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Input Argument Type</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Undefined</td>
<td>Return false.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Return</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------</td>
<td>-----------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Null</td>
<td>null</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>null</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number</td>
<td>number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String</td>
<td>string</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Object</td>
<td>If the argument object has an [[Call]] internal method, then return true, otherwise return false.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 9.12 The SameValue Algorithm

The internal comparison abstract operation SameValue(x, y), where x and y are ECMAScript language values, produces true or false. Such a comparison is performed as follows:

1. If Type(x) is different from Type(y), return false.
2. If Type(x) is Undefined, return true.
3. If Type(x) is Null, return true.
4. If Type(x) is Number, then.
   a. If x is NaN and y is NaN, return true.
   b. If x is +0 and y is -0, return false.
   c. If x is -0 and y is +0, return false.
   d. If x is the same number value as y, return true.
   e. Return false.
5. If Type(x) is String, then return true if x and y are exactly the same sequence of characters (same length and same characters in corresponding positions); otherwise, return false.
6. If Type(x) is Boolean, return true if x and y are both true or both false; otherwise, return false.
7. Return true if x and y refer to the same object. Otherwise, return false.

### 10 Executable Code and Execution Contexts

#### 10.1 Types of Executable Code

There are three types of ECMAScript executable code:

- **Global code** is source text that is treated as an ECMAScript Program. The global code of a particular Program does not include any source text that is parsed as part of a FunctionBody.

- **Eval code** is the source text supplied to the built-in eval function. More precisely, if the parameter to the built-in eval function is a string, it is treated as an ECMAScript Program. The eval code for a particular invocation of eval is the global code portion of that Program.

- **Function code** is source text that is parsed as part of a FunctionBody. The function code of a particular FunctionBody does not include any source text that is parsed as part of a nested FunctionBody. Function code also denotes the source text supplied when using the built-in Function object as a constructor. More precisely, the last parameter provided to the Function constructor is converted to a string and treated as the FunctionBody. If more than one parameter is provided to the Function constructor, all parameters except the last one are converted to strings and concatenated together, separated by commas. The resulting string is interpreted as the FormalParameterList for the FunctionBody defined by the last parameter. The function code for a particular instantiation of a Function does not include any source text that is parsed as part of a nested FunctionBody.

#### 10.1.1 Strict Mode Code

As described in section 4.2.2, an ECMAScript Program syntactic unit may be processed using either unrestricted or strict mode syntax and semantics. When processed using strict mode the three types of ECMAScript code are referred to as strict global code, strict eval code, and strict function code. Code is interpreted in strict mode code in the following situations:

- Global code is strict global code if the Program that defines the global code includes a Use Strict Directive (14.1).
• Eval code is strict eval code if it is a Program that includes a Use Strict Directive (14.1) or if the call to eval is a direct call (see section 15.1.2.1.1) to the eval function that is contained in strict mode code.

• Function code that is part of a FunctionDeclaration or FunctionExpression is strict function code if its FunctionDeclaration or FunctionExpression is contained in strict mode code or if its FunctionBody includes a Use Strict Directive (14.1).

• Function code that is supplied as the last argument to the built-in Function constructor is strict function code if the last argument is a string that when processed as a FunctionBody includes a Use Strict Directive (14.1).

10.2 Lexical Environments

A Lexical Environment is a specification type used to define the association of Identifiers to specific variables and functions based upon the lexical nesting structure of ECMAScript code. A Lexical Environment consists of an Environment Record and a possibly null reference to an outer Lexical Environment. Usually a Lexical Environment is associated with some specific syntactic structure of ECMAScript code such as a FunctionDeclaration, a WithStatement, or a catch clause of a TryStatement and a new Lexical Environment is created each time such code is evaluated.

An Environment Record records the identifier bindings that are created within the scope of its associated Lexical Environment.

The outer environment reference is used to model the logical nesting of Lexical Environment values. The outer reference of a (inner) Lexical Environment is a reference to the Lexical Environment that logically surrounds the inner Lexical Environment. An outer Lexical Environment may, of course, have its own outer Lexical Environment. A Lexical Environment may serve as the outer environment for multiple inner Lexical Environments. For example, if a FunctionDeclaration contains two nested FunctionDeclarations then the Lexical Environments of each of the nested functions will have as their outer Lexical Environment the Lexical Environment of the current execution of the surrounding function.

Lexical Environments and Environment Record values are purely specification mechanisms and need not correspond to any specific artefact of an ECMAScript implementation. It is impossible for an ECMAScript program to directly access or manipulate such values.

10.2.1 Environment Records

There are two kinds of Environment Record values used in this specification: declarative environment records and object environment records. Declarative environment records are used to define the effect of ECMAScript language syntactic elements such as FunctionDeclarations, VariableDeclarations, and Catch clauses that directly associate identifier bindings with ECMAScript language values or variables. Object environment records are used to define the effect of ECMAScript elements such as Program and WithStatement that associate identifier bindings with the properties of some object.

For specification purposes Environment Record values can be thought of as existing in a simple object-oriented hierarchy where Environment Record is an abstract class with two concrete subclasses, declarative environment record and object environment record. The abstract class defines the following abstract specification methods that have distinct concrete algorithms for each of its subclasses:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Method</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HasBinding(N)</td>
<td>Determine if an environment record has a binding for an identifier. Return true if it does and false if it does not. The string value N is the text of the identifier.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CreateMutableBinding(N)</td>
<td>Create a new mutable binding in an environment record. The string value N is the text of the bound name.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### SetMutableBinding(N, V, S)

Set the value of an already existing mutable binding in an environment record. The string value \( N \) is the text of the bound name. \( V \) is the value for the binding and may be a value of any ECMAScript language type. \( S \) is a Boolean flag. If \( S \) is `true` and the binding cannot be set throw a `TypeError` exception. \( S \) is used to identify strict mode references.

### GetBindingValue(N, S)

Returns the value of an already existing binding from an environment record. The string value \( N \) is the text of the bound name. \( S \) is used to identify strict mode references. If \( S \) is `true` and the binding does not exist or is an uninitialized immutable binding throw a `ReferenceError` exception. \( S \) is used to identify strict mode references.

### SetMutableBinding(N, V, S)

Set the value of an already existing mutable binding in an environment record. The string value \( N \) is the text of the bound name. \( V \) is the value for the binding and may be a value of any ECMAScript language type. \( S \) is a Boolean flag. If \( S \) is `true` and the binding cannot be set throw a `TypeError` exception. \( S \) is used to identify strict mode references.

### ImplicitThisValue()

Returns the value to use as the `this` value on calls to function objects that are obtained as binding values from this environment record.

### 10.2.1.1 Declarative Environment Records

Each declarative environment record is associated with an ECMAScript program scope containing variable and/or function declarations. A declarative environment record binds the set of identifiers defined by the declarations contained within its scope.

In addition to the mutable bindings supported by all Environment Records, declarative environment records also provide for immutable bindings. An immutable binding is one where the association between an identifier and a value may not be modified once it has been established. Creation and initialization of immutable binding are distinct steps so it is possible for such bindings to exist in either an initialized or uninitialized state. —Declarative environment records support the following methods in addition to the Environment Record abstract specification methods:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Method</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CreateImmutableBinding(N)</td>
<td>Create a new but uninitialized immutable binding in an environment record. The string value ( N ) is the text of the bound name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InitializeImmutableBinding(N, V)</td>
<td>Set the value of an already existing but uninitialized immutable binding in an environment record. The string value ( N ) is the text of the bound name. ( V ) is the value for the binding and is a value of any ECMAScript language type.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The behaviour of the concrete specification methods for Declarative Environment Records are defined by the following algorithms.

#### 10.2.1.1.1 HasBinding(N)

The concrete environment record method HasBinding for declarative environment records simply determines if the argument identifier is one of the identifiers bound by the record:

1. Let \( envRec \) be the declarative environment record for which the method was invoked.
2. If \( envRec \) has a binding for the name that is the value of \( N \), return `true`.
3. If it does not have such a binding, return `false`.

#### 10.2.1.2 CreateMutableBinding (N)

The concrete Environment Record method CreateMutableBinding for declarative environment records creates a new mutable binding for the name \( N \) that is initialized to the value `undefined`. A binding must not already exist in this Environment Record for \( N \).

1. Let \( envRec \) be the declarative environment record for which the method was invoked.
2. Assert: $envRec$ does not already have a binding for $N$.
3. Create a mutable binding in $envRec$ for $N$ and set its bound value to `undefined`.

### 10.2.1.3 SetMutableBinding $(N,V,S)$

The concrete Environment Record method `SetMutableValue` for declarative environment records attempts to change the bound value of the current binding of the identifier whose name is the value of the argument $N$ to the value of argument $V$. A binding for $N$ must already exist. If the binding is an immutable binding, a `TypeError` is always thrown. The $S$ argument is ignored because strict mode does not change the meaning of setting bindings in declarative environment records.

1. Let $envRec$ be the declarative environment record for which the method was invoked.
2. Assert: $envRec$ must have a binding for $N$.
3. If the binding for $N$ in $envRec$ is a mutable binding, change its bound value to $V$.
4. Else this must be an attempt to change the value of an immutable binding so throw a `TypeError` exception.

### 10.2.1.4 GetBindingValue $(N,S)$

The concrete Environment Record method `GetBindingValue` for declarative environment records simply returns the value of its bound identifier whose name is the value of the argument $N$. The binding must already exist. If $S$ is `true` and the binding is an uninitialized immutable binding throw a `ReferenceError` exception.

1. Let $envRec$ be the declarative environment record for which the method was invoked.
2. Assert: $envRec$ has a binding for $N$.
3. If the binding for $N$ in $envRec$ is an uninitialized immutable binding, then
   a. If $S$ is `false`, return the value `undefined`, otherwise throw a `ReferenceError` exception.
4. Else, return the value currently bound to $N$ in $envRec$.

### 10.2.1.5 ImplicitThisValue()

Declarative Environment Records always return null `undefined` as their ImplicitThisValue.

1. Return `null undefined`.

### 10.2.1.6-7 CreateImmutableBinding $(N)$

The concrete Environment Record method `CreateImmutableBinding` for declarative environment records creates a new immutable binding for the name $N$ that is initialized to the value `undefined`. A binding must not already exist in this environment record for $N$.

1. Let $envRec$ be the declarative environment record for which the method was invoked.
2. Assert: $envRec$ does not already have a binding for $N$.
3. Create an immutable binding in $envRec$ for $N$ and record that it is uninitialized.

### 10.2.1.6 InitializeImmutableBinding $(N,V)$

The concrete Environment Record method `InitializeImmutableBinding` for declarative environment records is used to set the bound value of the current binding of the identifier whose name is the value of the argument $N$ to the value of argument $V$. An uninitialized immutable binding for $N$ must already exist.

1. Let $envRec$ be the declarative environment record for which the method was invoked.
2. Assert: $envRec$ must have an uninitialized immutable binding for $N$.
3. Set the bound value for $N$ in $envRec$ to $V$.
4. Record that the immutable binding for $N$ in $envRec$ has been initialized.

### 10.2.1.7 ImplicitThisValue()

Declarative Environment Records always return null `undefined` as their ImplicitThisValue.

2. Return `null undefined`.

### 10.2.2 Object Environment Records

Each object environment record is associated with an object called its `binding object`. An object environment record binds the set of `identifier names` that directly correspond to the
property names of its binding object. Property names that are not `IdentifierName` are not included in the set of bound identifiers. Both own and inherited properties are included in the set regardless of the setting of their `[[Enumerable]]` attribute. Because properties can be dynamically added and deleted from objects, the set of identifiers bound by an object environment record may potentially change as a side-effect of any operation that adds or deletes properties. Any bindings that are created as a result of such a side-effect are considered to be a mutable binding even if the Writable attribute of the corresponding property has the value `false`. Immutable bindings do not exist for object environment records.

Object environment records can be configured to provide their binding object as an implicit this value for use in function calls. This capability is used to specify the behaviour of With Statement (12.10) induced bindings. The capability is controlled by a `provideThis` Boolean value that is associated with each object environment record. By default, the value of `provideThis` is `false` for any object environment record.

The behaviour of the concrete specification methods for Object Environment Records is defined by the following algorithms.

**10.2.1.2.1 HasBinding(N)**

The concrete Environment Record method `HasBinding` for object environment records determines if its associated binding object has a property whose name is the value of the argument `N`:

1. Let `envRec` be the object environment record for which the method was invoked.
2. Let `bindings` be the binding object for `envRec`.
3. Return the result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of `bindings`, passing `N` as the property name.

**10.2.1.2.2 CreateMutableBinding (N)**

The concrete Environment Record method `CreateMutableBinding` for object environment records creates a property whose name is the string value `N` in the environment record and initializes it to the value `undefined`. A property named `N` must not already exist in the binding object.

1. Let `envRec` be the declarative object environment record for which the method was invoked.
2. Let `bindings` be the binding object for `envRec`.
3. Assert: The result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of `bindings`, passing `N` as the property name, is `false`.
4. Call the `[[ThrowingPut]]` internal method of `bindings`, passing `N`, `undefined`, and `false` for the arguments.

**10.2.1.2.3 SetMutableBinding (N,V,S)**

The concrete Environment Record method `SetMutableValue`—`SetMutableBinding` for object environment records attempts to set the value of the environment record’s associated binding object’s property whose name is the value of the argument `N` to the value of argument `V`. A property named `N` should already exist but if it does not or is not currently writable, error handling is determined by the value of the Boolean argument `S`.

1. Let `envRec` be the object environment record for which the method was invoked.
2. Let `bindings` be the binding object for `envRec`.
3. Call the `[[ThrowingPut]]` internal method of `bindings` with arguments `N`, `V`, and `S`.

**10.2.1.2.4 GetBindingValue(N,S)**

The concrete Environment Record method `GetBindingValue` for object environment records returns the value of its associated binding object’s property whose name is the string value of the argument identifier `N`. The property should already exist but if it does not the result depends upon the value of the `S` argument:

1. Let `envRec` be the object environment record for which the method was invoked.
2. Let `bindings` be the binding object for `envRec`.
3. Let `value` be the result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of `bindings`, passing `N` as the property name.
4. If `value` is `false`, then
If \( S \) is `false`, return the value `undefined`, otherwise throw a `ReferenceError` exception.

5. Return the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of `bindings`, passing \( N \) for the argument.

### 10.2.1.2.5 ImplicitThisValue()

Object Environment Records return `null-undefined` as their ImplicitThisValue unless their `provideThis` flag is `true`.

1. Let `envRec` be the object environment record for which the method was invokd.
2. If the `provideThis` flag of `envRec` is `true`, return the binding object for `envRec`.
3. Otherwise, return `nullundefined`.

### 10.2.2 Lexical Environment Operations

The following abstract operations are used in this specification to operate upon lexical environments:

#### 10.2.2.1 GetIdentifierReference (lex, name, strict)

The abstract operation GetIdentifierReference is called with a Lexical Environment `lex`, an identifier string `name`, and a boolean flag `strict`. The value of `lex` may be `null`. When called, the following steps are performed:

1. If `lex` is the value `null`, then
   a. Return a value of type Reference whose base value is `nullundefined`, whose referenced name is `name`, and whose strict mode flag is `strict`.
2. Let `envRec` be `lex`’s environment record.
3. Let `exists` be the result of calling the HasBinding(\( N \)) concrete method of `envRec` passing `name` as the argument \( N \).
4. If `exists` is `true`, then
   a. Return a value of type Reference whose base value is `envRec`, whose referenced name is `name`, and whose strict mode flag is `strict`.
5. Else
   a. Let `outer` be the value of `lex`’s outer environment reference.
   b. Return the result of calling GetIdentifierReference passing `outer`, `name`, and `strict` as arguments.

#### 10.2.2.2 NewDeclarativeEnvironmentRecord(\( E \))

When the abstract operation NewDeclarativeEnvironmentRecord is called with either a Lexical Environment or `null` as argument \( E \) the following steps are performed:

1. Let `env` be a new Lexical Environment.
2. Let `envRec` be a new DeclarativeDeclarativeEnvironmentRecord containing no bindings.
3. Set `env`’s environment record to be `envRec`.
4. Set the outer lexical environment reference of `env` to `E`.
5. Return `env`.

#### 10.2.2.3 NewObjectEnvironmentRecord(\( O, E \))

When the abstract operation NewObjectEnvironmentRecord is called with an Object \( O \) and a Lexical Environment \( E \) (or `null`) as arguments, the following steps are performed:

1. Let `env` be a new Lexical Environment.
2. Let `envRec` be a new ObjectEnvironmentRecord containing \( O \) as the binding object.
3. Set `env`’s environment record to be `envRec`.
4. Set the outer lexical environment reference of `env` to `E`.
5. Return `env`.

### 10.2.3 The Global Environment

The `global environment` is a unique Lexical Environment which is created before any ECMAScript code is executed. The global environment’s Environment Record is an object environment record whose binding object is the global object (15.1). The global environment’s outer environment reference is `null`.

- 54 -
As ECMAScript code is executed, additional properties may be added to the global object and the initial properties may be modified.

10.3 Execution Contexts

When control is transferred to ECMAScript executable code, control is entering an execution context. Active execution contexts logically form a stack. The top execution context on this logical stack is the running execution context. A new execution context is created whenever control is transferred from the executable code associated with the currently running execution context to executable code that is not associated with that execution context. The newly created execution context is pushed onto the stack and becomes the running execution context.

An execution context contains whatever state is necessary to track the execution progress of its associated code. In addition, each execution context has the following state components:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LexicalEnvironment</td>
<td>Identifies the Lexical Environment used to resolve identifier references made by code within this execution context.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VariableEnvironment</td>
<td>Identifies the Lexical Environment whose environment record holds bindings created by VariableStatements and FunctionDeclarations within this execution context.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ThisBinding</td>
<td>The value associated with the this keyword within ECMAScript code associated with this execution context.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The LexicalEnvironment and VariableEnvironment components of an execution context are always Lexical Environments. When an execution context is created its LexicalEnvironment and VariableEnvironment components initially have the same value. The value of the VariableEnvironment component never changes while the value of the LexicalEnvironment component may change during execution of code within an execution context.

In most situations only the running execution context (the top of the execution context stack) is directly manipulated by algorithms within this specification. Hence when the terms “LexicalEnvironment”, “VariableEnvironment” and “ThisBinding” are used without qualification they are in reference to those components of the running execution context.

An execution context is purely a specification mechanism and need not correspond to any particular artefact of an ECMAScript implementation. It is impossible for an ECMAScript program to access an execution context.

10.3.1 Identifier Resolution

Identifier resolution is the process of determining the binding of an Identifier using the LexicalEnvironment of the running execution context. During execution of ECMAScript code, the syntactic production PrimaryExpression : Identifier is evaluated using the following algorithm:

1. Let env be the running execution context’s LexicalEnvironment.
2. If the syntactic production that is being evaluated is contained in a strict mode code, then let strict be true else let strict be false.
3. Return the result of calling GetIdentifierReference function passing env, Identifier, and strict as arguments.

The result of evaluating an identifier is always a value of type Reference with its referenced name component equal to the Identifier string.

10.4 Establishing an Execution Context

Evaluation of global code or code using the eval function (15.1.2.1) establishes and enters a new execution context. Every invocation of an ECMAScript code function (13.2.1) also establishes and enters a new execution context, even if a function is calling itself recursively. Every return exits an execution context. A thrown exception may also exit one or more execution contexts.

When control enters an execution context, the execution context’s ThisBinding is set, its VariableEnvironment and initial LexicalEnvironment are defined, and declaration binding
instantiation(10.65) is performed. The exact manner in which these actions occur depend on the type of code being entered.

10.4.1 Global Code
The following steps are performed when control enters the execution context for global code:

1. Initialize the execution context using the global code as described in 10.4.1.1.
2. Perform Declaration Binding Instantiation as described in 10.6.5 using the global code.

10.4.1.1 Initial Global Execution Context
The following steps are performed to initialize a global execution context for ECMAScript code C:

1. Set the VariableEnvironment to the Global Environment.
2. Set the LexicalEnvironment to the Global Environment.
3. Set the ThisBinding to the global object.

10.4.2 Eval Code
The following steps are performed when control enters the execution context for eval code:

1. If there is no calling context or if the eval code is not being evaluated by a direct call (15.1.2.1.1) to the eval function then,
   a. Initialize the execution context as if it was a global execution context using the eval code as C as described in 10.4.1.1.
2. Else,
   a. Set the ThisBinding to the same value as the ThisBinding of the calling execution context.
   b. Set the LexicalEnvironment to the same value as the LexicalEnvironment of the calling execution context.
   c. Set the VariableEnvironment to the same value as the VariableEnvironment of the calling execution context.
3. If the eval code is strict code, then
   a. Let strictVarEnv be the result of calling NewDeclarativeEnvironmentRecord(E) passing the LexicalEnvironment as the argument.
   b. Set the LexicalEnvironment to strictVarEnv.
   c. Set the VariableEnvironment to strictVarEnv.
4. Perform Declaration Binding Instantiation as described in 10.6.5 using the eval code.

10.4.2.1 Strict Mode Restrictions
The eval code cannot instantiate variable or function bindings in the variable environment of the calling context that invoked the eval if either the code of the calling context or the eval code is strict code. Instead such bindings are instantiated in a new VariableEnvironment that is only accessible to the eval code.

10.4.3 Function Code
The following steps are performed when control enters the execution context for function code contained in function object F, a caller provided thisArg, and a caller provided argumentsList:

1. If the function code is strict code, set the ThisBinding to thisArg.
2. Else if thisArg is null or undefined, set the ThisBinding to the global object.
3. Else if thisArg is not an Object, set the ThisBinding to ToObject(thisArg).
4. Else set the ThisBinding to thisArg.
5. Let localEnv be the result of calling NewDeclarativeEnvironmentRecord(E) passing the value of the [[Scope]] internal property of F as the argument.
6. Set the LexicalEnvironment to localEnv.
7. Set the VariableEnvironment to localEnv.
8. Let code be the value of F's [[Code]] internal property.
9. Perform Declaration Binding Instantiation using the function code code and argumentList as described in 10.6.5.

- 56 -
Declaration Binding Instantiation

Every execution context has an associated VariableEnvironment. Variables and functions declared in ECMAScript code evaluated in an execution context are added as bindings in that VariableEnvironment’s Environment Record. For function code, parameters are also added as bindings to that Environment Record.

Which Environment Record is used to bind a declaration and its kind depends upon the type of ECMAScript code executed by the execution context, but the remainder of the behaviour is generic. On entering an execution context, bindings are created in the VariableEnvironment as follows using the caller provided code and, if it is function code, a function object func and argument listList args:

1. Let env be the environment record component of the running execution context’s VariableEnvironment.
2. If code is strict mode code, then let strict be true else let strict be false.
3. If code is function code, then
   a. Let func be the function whose [[Call]] internal method initiated execution of code. Let names be the value of func’s [[FormalParameters]] internal property.
   b. Let argCount be the number of elements in args.
   c. Let n be the number 0.
   d. For each string argName in names, in list order do
      i. Let n be the current value of n plus 1.
      ii. If n is greater than argCount, let v be undefined otherwise let v be the value of the n’th element of args.
      iii. Let argAlreadyDeclared be the result of calling env’s HasBinding concrete method passing argName as the argument.
      iv. If argAlreadyDeclared is false, call env’s CreateMutableBinding concrete method passing argName as the argument.
      v. Call env’s SetMutableBinding concrete method passing argName, v, and strict as the arguments.
4. For each FunctionDeclaration f in code, in source text order do
   a. Let fn be the Identifier in FunctionDeclaration f.
   b. Let fo be the result of evaluating FunctionDeclaration for f as described in section 13.
   c. Let funcAlreadyDeclared be the result of calling env’s HasBinding concrete method passing fn as the argument.
   d. If funcAlreadyDeclared is false, call env’s CreateMutableBinding concrete method passing fn as the argument.
   e. Call env’s SetMutableBinding concrete method passing fn, fo, and strict as the arguments.
5. For each VariableDeclaration and VariableDeclarationNoIn d in code, in source text order do
   a. Let dn be the Identifier in d.
   b. Let varAlreadyDeclared be the result of calling env’s HasBinding concrete method passing dn as the argument.
   c. If varAlreadyDeclared is false, then
      i. Call env’s CreateMutableBinding concrete method passing dn as the argument.
      ii. Call env’s SetMutableBinding concrete method passing dn, undefined, and strict as the arguments.
6. Let argumentsAlreadyDeclared be the result of calling env’s HasBinding concrete method passing “arguments” as the argument
7. If code is function code and argumentsAlreadyDeclared is false, then
   a. Let argsObj be the result of calling the abstract operation CreateArgumentsObject passing func, names, args, env and strict as arguments.
   b. If strict is true, then
      i. Call env’s CreateImmutableBinding concrete method passing the string “arguments” as the argument.
      ii. Call env’s InitializeImmutableBinding concrete method passing “arguments” and argsObj as arguments.
   c. Else,
      i. Call env’s CreateMutableBinding concrete method passing the string “arguments” and false as the arguments.
      ii. Call env’s SetMutableBinding concrete method passing “arguments”, argsObj, and strict=false as arguments.


## 10.56 Arguments Object

When control enters an execution context for function code, an arguments object may be created unless (section 10.5) the identifier arguments occurs as an Identifier in the function’s FormalParameterList or as the Identifier of VariableDeclaration or FunctionDeclaration contained in the function code.

The arguments object is created by calling the abstract operation CreateArgumentsObject with arguments `func` the function object whose code is to be evaluated, `names` a List containing the function’s formal parameter names, `args` the actual arguments passed to the [[Call]] internal method, `env` the variable environment for the function code, and `strict` a Boolean that indicates whether or not the function code is strict code. When CreateArgumentsObject is called the following steps are performed:

1. Let `len` be the number of elements in `args`.
2. Let `obj` be the result of creating a new ECMAScript object.
3. Set the [[Class]] internal property of `obj` to "Arguments".
4. Let `obj` be the standard built-in Object constructor (15.2.3).
5. Set the [[Prototype]] internal property of `obj` to the standard built-in Array prototype object (15.4.4).
6. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method on `obj` passing "constructor", the Property Descriptor `true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: true`, and false as arguments.
7. Let `toString` be the standard built-in Object.prototype.toString method (15.2.4.2)
8. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method on `obj` passing "toString", the Property Descriptor `true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: true`, and false as arguments.
9. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method on `obj` passing "toLocaleString", the Property Descriptor `true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: true`, and false as arguments.
10. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method on `obj` passing "length", the Property Descriptor `true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: true`, and false as arguments.
11. Let `map` be the result of creating a new object as if by the expression new Object() where Object is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
12. Let `mappedNames` be an empty List.
13. Let `indx = len - 1`.
14. Repeat while `indx >= 0`,
   a. Let `val` be the element of `args` at 0-originated list position `indx`.
   b. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method on `obj` passing `ToString(indx)`, the property descriptor `true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: true`, and false as arguments.
   c. If `indx` is less than the number of elements in `names`, then
      i. Let `name` be the element of `names` at 0-originated list position ` indx`.
      ii. If `strict` is false and `name` is not an element of `mappedNames`, then
         1. Add `name` as an element of the list `mappedNames`.
         2. Let `g` be the result of calling the `MakeArgSetter` function with arguments `name` and `env`.
         3. Let `p` be the result of calling the `MakeArgGetter` function with arguments `name` and `env`.
         4. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of `map` passing `ToString(indx)`, the Property Descriptor `true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: true`, and false as arguments.
   d. Let `indx = indx - 1`.
15. If `mappedNames` is not empty, then
   a. Set the [[ParameterMap]] internal property of `obj` to `map`.
   b. Set the [[Get]], [[GetOwnProperty]], [[DefineOwnProperty]], and [[Delete]] internal methods of `obj` to the definitions provided below.
16. If `strict` is false, then
   a. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method on `obj` passing "callee", the property descriptor `false, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true`, and false as arguments.
17. Else, strict is true so
   a. Let thrower be the [[ThrowTypeError]] function Object (13.2.3).
   b. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of [[obj]] with arguments "caller", PropertyDescriptor {
      [[Get]]: thrower, [[Set]]: thrower, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false}, and false.
   c. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of [[obj]] with arguments "callee", PropertyDescriptor {
      [[Get]]: thrower, [[Set]]: thrower, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false}, and false.
18. Return obj

The function MakeArgGetter called with string name and environment record env creates a function object that when executed returns the value bound for name in env. It performs the following steps:
1. Let body be the result of concatenating the Strings "return", name, and ";"
2. Return the result of creating a function object as described in 13.2 using no FormalParameterList, body for FunctionBody, and env as Scope.

The function MakeArgSetter called with string name and environment record env creates a function object that when executed sets the value bound for name in env. It performs the following steps:
1. Let param be the string name concatenated with the String "_arg"
2. Let body be the String 
   "<name> = <param>;
   " with <name> replaced by the value of name and <param> replaced by the value of param.
3. Return the result of creating a function object as described in 13.2 using a List containing the single string param as FormalParameterList, body for FunctionBody, and env as Scope.

The [[Get]] internal method of an arguments object for a function with formal parameters when called with a property name P performs the following steps:
1. Let map be the value of the [[ParameterMap]] internal property of the arguments object.
2. Let isMapped be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of map passing P as the argument.
3. If the value of isMapped is undefined, then
   a. Return the result of calling the default [[Get]] internal method (8.12.3) on the arguments object passing P as the argument.
4. Else, map contains a formal parameter mapping for P so,
   a. Return the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of map passing P as the argument.

The [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of an arguments object for a function with formal parameters when called with a property name P performs the following steps:
1. Let desc be the result of calling the default [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method (8.12.1) on the arguments object passing P as the argument.
2. If desc is undefined then return desc.
3. Let map be the value of the [[ParameterMap]] internal property of the arguments object.
4. Let isMapped be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of map passing P as the argument.
5. If the value of isMapped is not undefined, then
   a. Set desc.([[Value]]) to the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of map passing P as the argument.
6. Return desc.

The [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of an arguments object for a function with formal parameters when called with a property name P, Property Descriptor Desc, and boolean flag Throw performs the following steps:
1. Let map be the value of the [[ParameterMap]] internal property of the arguments object.
2. Let isMapped be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of map passing P as the argument.
3. Let allowed be the result of calling the default [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method (8.12.109) on the arguments object passing P, Desc, and false as the arguments.
4. If allowed is false, then
a. If \texttt{Throw} is \texttt{true} then throw a \texttt{TypeError} exception, otherwise return \texttt{false}.

5. If the value of \texttt{isMapped} is not \texttt{undefined}, then
   a. If \texttt{IsAccessorDescriptor(Desc)} is \texttt{true}, then
      i. Call the [[Delete]] internal method of \texttt{map} passing \texttt{P}, and \texttt{false} as the arguments.
   b. Else
      i. If Desc.[[Value]] is present, then
         1. Call the [[ThrowingPut]][[Put]] internal method of \texttt{map} passing \texttt{P}, Desc.[[Value]], and \texttt{Throw} as the arguments.
      ii. If Desc.[[Writable]] is present and its value is \texttt{false}, then
          1. Call the [[Delete]] internal method of \texttt{map} passing \texttt{P} and \texttt{false} as arguments.

6. Return \texttt{true}.

The [[Delete]] internal method of an arguments object for a function with formal parameters when called with a property name \texttt{P} and Boolean flag \texttt{Throw} performs the following steps:

1. Let \texttt{map} be the value of the [[ParameterMap]] internal property of the arguments object.
2. Let \texttt{isMapped} be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of \texttt{map} passing \texttt{P} as the argument.
3. Let \texttt{result} be the result of calling the default [[Delete]] internal method (8.12.87) on the arguments object passing \texttt{P} and \texttt{Throw} as the arguments.
4. If \texttt{result} is \texttt{true} and the value of \texttt{isMapped} is not \texttt{undefined}, then
   a. Call the [[Delete]] internal method of \texttt{map} passing \texttt{P}, and \texttt{false} as the arguments.
5. Return \texttt{result}.

\textbf{NOTE}

Array index (15.4) named data properties of an arguments object whose numeric name values are less than the number of formal parameters of the corresponding function object initially share their values with the corresponding argument bindings in the function’s execution context. This means that changing the property changes the corresponding value of the argument binding and vice versa. This correspondence is broken if such a property is deleted and then redefined or if the property is changed into an accessor property.

The ParameterMap object and its property values are used as a device for specifying the arguments object correspondence to argument bindings. The ParameterMap object and the objects that are the values of its properties are not directly accessible from ECMAScript code. An ECMAScript implementation does not need to actually create or use such objects to implement the specified semantics.

Arguments objects for strict mode functions define non-configurable accessor properties named "caller" and "callee" which throw a \texttt{TypeError} exception on access. The "callee caller" property has a more specific meaning for non-strict mode functions and a "caller callee" property has historically been provided as an implementation-defined extension by some ECMAScript implementations. The strict mode definition of these properties exists to ensure that neither of them is defined in any other manner by conforming ECMAScript implementations.

\section*{10.6 Declaration Binding Instantiation}

Every execution context has an associated VariableEnvironment. Variables and functions declared in ECMAScript code evaluated in an execution context are added as bindings in that VariableEnvironment’s Environment Record. For function code, parameters are also added as bindings to that Environment Record.

Which Environment Record is used to bind a declaration and its kind depends upon the type of ECMAScript code executed by the execution context, but the remainder of the behaviour is generic. On entering an execution context, bindings are created in the VariableEnvironment as follows using the caller provided \texttt{code} and (if it is function code) a function object \texttt{func} and argument list \texttt{args}:

8. Let \texttt{env} be the environment record component of the running execution context’s VariableEnvironment.
9. If \texttt{code} is strict mode code, then let \texttt{strict} be \texttt{true} else let \texttt{strict} be \texttt{false}.
10. If \texttt{code} is function code, then
    a. Let \texttt{func} be the function whose [[Call]] internal method initiated execution of \texttt{code}. Let \texttt{names} be the value of \texttt{func}'s [[FormalParameters]] internal property.
    b. Let \texttt{argCount} be the number of elements in \texttt{args}.
    c. Let \texttt{n} be the number 0.
For each string argName in names, in list order do
  i. Let n be the current value of n plus 1.
  ii. If n is greater than argCount, let v be undefined otherwise let v be the value of the
       nth element of args.
  iii. Let argAlreadyDeclared be the result of calling env’s HasBinding concrete method
       passing argName as the argument.
  iv. If argAlreadyDeclared is false, call env’s CreateMutableBind concrete method passing
       argName as the argument.
  v. Call env’s SetMutableBinding concrete method passing argName, v, and strict as the
      arguments.
11. For each FunctionDeclaration f in code, in source text order do
    a. Let fn be the Identifier in FunctionDeclaration f.
    b. Let fo be the result of evaluating FunctionDeclaration f as described in 13.
    c. Let funcAlreadyDeclared be the result of calling env’s HasBinding concrete method passing
       fn as the argument.
    d. If funcAlreadyDeclared is false, call env’s CreateMutableBind concrete method passing
       fn as the argument.
    e. Call env’s SetMutableBinding concrete method passing fn, fo, and strict as the arguments.
12. For each VariableDeclaration and VariableDeclarationNoIn d in code, in source text order do
    a. Let dn be the Identifier in d.
    b. Let varAlreadyDeclared be the result of calling env’s HasBinding concrete method passing
       dn as the argument.
    c. If varAlreadyDeclared is false, then
      i. Call env’s CreateMutableBind concrete method passing dn as the argument.
      ii. Call env’s SetMutableBinding concrete method passing dn, undefined, and strict as the
          arguments.
13. Let argumentsAlreadyDeclared be the result of calling env’s HasBinding concrete method passing
    “arguments” as the argument
14. If code is function code and argumentsAlreadyDeclared is false, then
    a. Let argsObj be the result of calling the abstract operation CreateArgumentsObject passing
       func, names, args, env and strict as arguments.
    b. If strict is true, then
      i. Call env’s CreateImmutableBinding concrete method passing the string “arguments” as the
         argument.
      ii. Call env’s InitializeImmutableBind concrete method passing “arguments” and
          argsObj as arguments.
    c. Else,
      i. Call env’s CreatemutableBinding concrete method passing the string “arguments” and
         false as the arguments.
      ii. Call env’s SetmutableBinding concrete method passing “arguments”, argsObj, and
          strict as arguments.
11 Expressions

11.1 Primary Expressions

Syntax

PrimaryExpression:
  this
  Identifier
  Literal
  ArrayLiteral
  ObjectLiteral
  (Expression)

11.1.1 The this Keyword

The this keyword evaluates to the value of the ThisBind of the current execution context.

11.1.2 Identifier Reference

An Identifier is evaluated by performing Identifier Resolution as stated in 10.3.1. The result of evaluating an Identifier is always a value of type Reference.

11.1.3 Literal Reference

A Literal is evaluated as described in 7.8.

11.1.4 Array Initialiser

An array initialiser is an expression describing the initialisation of an Array object, written in a form of a literal. It is a list of zero or more expressions, each of which represents an array element, enclosed in square brackets. The elements need not be literals; they are evaluated each time the array initialiser is evaluated.

Array elements may be elided at the beginning, middle or end of the element list. Whenever a comma in the element list is not preceded by an AssignmentExpression (i.e., a comma at the beginning or after another comma), the missing array element contributes to the length of the Array and increases the index of subsequent elements. Elided array elements are not defined. If an element is elided at the end of an array, that element does not contribute to the length of the Array.

Syntax

ArrayLiteral:
  [Elision_opt]
  [ElementList]
  [ElementList, Elision_opt]

ElementList:
  Elision_opt AssignmentExpression
  ElementList, Elision_opt AssignmentExpression

Elision:
  ,
  Elision

Semantics

The production ArrayLiteral: [Elision_opt] is evaluated as follows:

1. Let array be the result of creating a new object as if by the expression `new Array()` where Array is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
2. Let pad be the result of evaluating Elision; if not present, use the numeric value zero.
3. Call the [[Put]] internal method of array with arguments "length" and pad, and false.
4. Return array.
The production `ArrayLiteral : [ ElementList ]` is evaluated as follows:

1. Return the result of evaluating `ElementList`.

The production `ArrayLiteral : [ ElementList , Elision_opt ]` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `array` be the result of evaluating `ElementList`.
2. Let `pad` be the result of evaluating `Elision`; if not present, use the numeric value zero.
3. Let `len` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `array` with argument "length".
4. Call the `[[Put]]` internal method of `array` with arguments `"length". and `ToUint32(pad+len)`, and `false`.
5. Return `array`.

The production `ElementList : Elision_opt AssignmentExpression` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `array` be the result of creating a new object as if by the expression `new Array()` where `Array` is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
2. Let `firstIndex` be the result of evaluating `Elision`; if not present, use the numeric value zero.
3. Let `initResult` be the result of evaluating `AssignmentExpression`.
4. Let `initValue` be `GetValue(initResult)`.
5. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of `array` with arguments `ToString(firstIndex)`, the `Property Descriptor { [[Value]]: initValue, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true, and false`.
6. Return `array`.

The production `ElementList : ElementList , Elision_opt AssignmentExpression` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `array` be the result of evaluating `ElementList`.
2. Let `pad` be the result of evaluating `Elision`; if not present, use the numeric value zero.
3. Let `len` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `array` with argument "length".
4. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of `array` with arguments `ToString(ToUint32(pad+len))` and the `Property Descriptor { [[Value]]: initValue, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true, and false`.
5. Return `array`.

The production `Elision : ,` is evaluated as follows:

1. Return the numeric value 1.

The production `Elision : Elision ,` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `preceding` be the result of evaluating `Elision`.
2. Return `( preceding g+1)`.

**NOTE**
The use of `[[Put]]` rather than `[[ThrowingPut]]` in this section is intentional as there are no situations where these `[[Put]]` operations may fail. `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` is used to ensure that own properties are defined for the array even if the standard built-in Array prototype object has been modified in a manner that would preclude the creation of new own properties using `[[Put]]`.

### 11.1.5 Object Initialiser

An object initialiser is an expression describing the initialisation of an Object, written in a form resembling a literal. It is a list of zero or more pairs of property names and associated values, enclosed in curly braces. The values need not be literals; they are evaluated each time the object initialiser is evaluated.
Syntax

ObjectLiteral :  
   {  
      { PropertyNameAndValueList  }  
      { PropertyNameAndValueList , }  
   }

PropertyNameAndValueList :  
   PropertyAssignment  
   PropertyNameAndValueList , PropertyAssignment

PropertyAssignment :  
   PropertyName : AssignmentExpression  
   get PropertyName ( ) { FunctionBody }  
   set PropertyName ( PropertySetParameterList ) { FunctionBody }

PropertyName :  
   IdentifierName  
   StringLiteral  
   NumericLiteral

PropertySetParameterList :  
   Identifier

Semantics

The production ObjectLiteral :  {  } is evaluated as follows:

1. Return a new object created as if by the expression new Object() where Object is the standard built-in constructor with that name.

The productions ObjectLiteral : { PropertyNameAndValueList } and ObjectLiteral : { PropertyNameAndValueList , } are evaluated as follows:

1. Return the result of evaluating PropertyNameAndValueList.

The production PropertyNameAndValueList : PropertyAssignment is evaluated as follows:

1. Let obj be the result of creating a new object as if by the expression new Object() where Object is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
2. Let propId be the result of evaluating PropertyAssignment.
3. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of obj with arguments propId.name, propId.descriptor, and false.
4. Return obj.

The production PropertyNameAndValueList : PropertyNameAndValueList , PropertyAssignment is evaluated as follows:

1. Let obj be the result of evaluating PropertyNameAndValueList.
2. Let propId be the result of evaluating PropertyAssignment.
3. Let previous be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of obj with argument propId.name.
4. If previous is not undefined then throw a SyntaxError exception if any of the following conditions are true:
   a. This production is contained in strict code and IsAccessorDescriptor(previous) is true and IsAccessorDescriptor(propId.descriptor) is true.
   b. IsDataDescriptor(previous) is true and IsAccessorDescriptor(propId.descriptor) is true.
   c. IsAccessorDescriptor(previous) is true and IsDataDescriptor(propId.descriptor) is true.
d. IsAccessorDescriptor(previous) is true and IsAccessorDescriptor(propId.descriptor) is true
and either both previous and propId.descriptor have [[Get]] fields or both previous and propId.descriptor have [[Set]] fields
5. Call the [[[DefineOwnProperty]]] internal method of obj with arguments propId.name, propId.descriptor, and false.
6. Return obj.

If the above steps would throw a SyntaxError then an implementation must treat the error as an early error (Section 16).

The production PropertyAssignment : PropertyName : AssignmentExpression is evaluated as follows:
1. Let propName be the result of evaluating PropertyName.
2. Let exprValue be the result of evaluating AssignmentExpression.
3. Let propValue be GetValue(exprValue).
4. Let desc be the Property Descriptor{[[Value]]: propValue, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true}
5. Return Property Identifier (propName, desc).

The production PropertyAssignment : get PropertyName ( ) { FunctionBody } is evaluated as follows:
1. Let propName be the result of evaluating PropertyName.
2. Let closure be the result of creating a new Function object as specified in 13.2 with an empty parameter list and body specified by FunctionBody. Pass in the LexicalEnvironment of the running execution context as the Scope.
3. Let desc be the Property Descriptor{[[Get]]: closure, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true}
4. Return Property Identifier (propName, desc).

The production PropertyAssignment : set PropertyName ( PropertySetParameterList ) { FunctionBody } is evaluated as follows:
1. Let propName be the result of evaluating PropertyName.
2. Let closure be the result of creating a new Function object as specified in 13.2 with parameters specified by PropertySetParameterList and body specified by FunctionBody. Pass in the LexicalEnvironment of the running execution context as the Scope.
3. Let desc be the Property Descriptor{[[Set]]: closure, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true}
4. Return Property Identifier (propName, desc).

The production PropertyName : IdentifierName is evaluated as follows:
1. Return the string value containing the same sequence of characters as the IdentifierName.

The production PropertyName : StringLiteral is evaluated as follows:
1. Return the value of the StringLiteral.

The production PropertyName : NumericLiteral is evaluated as follows:
1. Let nbr be the result of forming the value of the NumericLiteral.
2. Return ToString(nbr).

11.1.6 The Grouping Operator

The production PrimaryExpression : ( Expression ) is evaluated as follows:
1. Return the result of evaluating Expression. This may be of type Reference.

NOTE
This algorithm does not apply GetValue to the result of evaluating Expression. The principal motivation for this is so that operators such as delete and typeof may be applied to parenthesised expressions.
11.2 Left-Hand-Side Expressions

Syntax

\[
\text{MemberExpression :} \\
\text{PrimaryExpression} \\
\text{FunctionExpression} \\
\text{MemberExpression [ Expression ]} \\
\text{MemberExpression . IdentifierName} \\
\text{new MemberExpression Arguments}
\]

\[
\text{NewExpression :} \\
\text{MemberExpression} \\
\text{new NewExpression}
\]

\[
\text{CallExpression :} \\
\text{MemberExpression Arguments} \\
\text{CallExpression Arguments} \\
\text{CallExpression [ Expression ]} \\
\text{CallExpression . IdentifierName}
\]

Arguments :

\[
( ) \\
( ArgumentList )
\]

ArgumentList :

\[
\text{AssignmentExpression} \\
\text{ArgumentList , AssignmentExpression}
\]

\[
\text{LeftHandSideExpression :} \\
\text{NewExpression} \\
\text{CallExpression}
\]

11.2.1 Property Accessors

Properties are accessed by name, using either the dot notation:

\[
\text{MemberExpression . IdentifierName} \\
\text{CallExpression . IdentifierName}
\]

or the bracket notation:

\[
\text{MemberExpression [ Expression ]} \\
\text{CallExpression [ Expression ]}
\]

The dot notation is explained by the following syntactic conversion:

\[
\text{MemberExpression . IdentifierName}
\]

is identical in its behaviour to

\[
\text{MemberExpression [ <identifier-name-string> ]}
\]

and similarly

\[
\text{CallExpression . IdentifierName}
\]

is identical in its behaviour to
where `<identifier-name-string>` is a string literal containing the same sequence of characters after processing of Unicode escape sequences as the `IdentifierName`.

The production `MemberExpression : MemberExpression [ Expression ]` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `baseReference` be the result of evaluating `MemberExpression`.
2. Let `baseValue` be `GetValue(baseReference)`.
3. Let `propertyNameReference` be the result of evaluating `Expression`.
4. Let `propertyNameValue` be `GetValue(propertyNameReference)`.
5. Call `CheckObjectCoercible(baseValue)`.
6. Let `propertyNameString` be `ToString(propertyNameValue)`.
7. If the syntactic production that is being evaluated is contained in strict mode code, let `strict` be `true`, else let `strict` be `false`.
8. Return a value of type `Reference` whose base value is `baseValue` and whose referenced name is `propertyNameString`, and whose strict mode flag is `strict`.

The production `CallExpression : CallExpression [ Expression ]` is evaluated in exactly the same manner, except that the contained `CallExpression` is evaluated in step 1.

11.2.2 The `new` Operator

The production `NewExpression : new NewExpression` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `ref` be the result of evaluating `NewExpression`.
2. Let `constructor` be `GetValue(ref)`.
3. If `Type(constructor)` is not `Object`, throw a `TypeError` exception.
4. If `constructor` does not implement the `[[Construct]]` internal method, throw a `TypeError` exception.
5. Return the result of calling the `[[Construct]]` internal method on `constructor`, providing no arguments (that is, an empty list of arguments).

The production `MemberExpression : new MemberExpression Arguments` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `ref` be the result of evaluating `MemberExpression`.
2. Let `constructor` be `GetValue(ref)`.
3. Let `argList` be the result of evaluating `Arguments`, producing an internal list of argument values (11.2.4).
4. If `Type(constructor)` is not `Object`, throw a `TypeError` exception.
5. If `constructor` does not implement the `[[Construct]]` internal method, throw a `TypeError` exception.
6. Return the result of calling the `[[Construct]]` internal method on `constructor`, providing the list `argList` as the argument values.

11.2.3 Function Calls

The production `CallExpression : MemberExpression Arguments` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `ref` be the result of evaluating `MemberExpression`.
2. Let `func` be `GetValue(ref)`.
3. Let `argList` be the result of evaluating `Arguments`, producing an internal list of argument values (see 11.2.4).
4. If `Type(func)` is not `Object`, throw a `TypeError` exception.
5. If `IsCallable(func)` is `false`, throw a `TypeError` exception.
6. If `Type(func)` is `Reference`, then
   a. If `IsPropertyReference(ref)` is `true`, then
      i. Let `thisValue` be `GetBase(ref)`.
   b. Else, the base of `ref` is an Environment Record
      i. Let `thisValue` be the result of calling the `ImplicitThisValue` concrete method of `GetBase(ref)`.
7. Else, `Type(ref)` is not `Reference`.
   a. Let `thisValue` be `null/undefined`.
8. Return the result of calling the `[[Call]]` internal method on `func`, providing `thisValue` as the `this` value and providing the list `argList` as the argument values.
The production \textit{CallExpression : CallExpression Arguments} is evaluated in exactly the same manner, except that the contained \textit{CallExpression} is evaluated in step 1.

\textit{NOTE}
The returned result will never be of type \textit{Reference} if \textit{func} is a native ECMAScript object. Whether calling a host object can return a value of type \textit{Reference} is implementation-dependent. If a value of type \textit{Reference} is returned, it must be a non-strict \textit{Property Reference}.

11.2.4 \textbf{Argument Lists}
The evaluation of an argument list produces an internal list of values (see 8.8).

The production \textit{Arguments : ( )} is evaluated as follows:
1. Return an empty internal list of values.

The production \textit{Arguments : ( ArgumentList )} is evaluated as follows:
1. Return the result of evaluating \textit{ArgumentList}.

The production \textit{ArgumentList : AssignmentExpression} is evaluated as follows:
1. Let \textit{ref} be the result of evaluating \textit{AssignmentExpression}.
2. Let \textit{arg} be \textit{GetValue(ref)}.
3. Return an internal list whose sole item is \textit{arg}.

The production \textit{ArgumentList : ArgumentList , AssignmentExpression} is evaluated as follows:
1. Let \textit{precedingArgs} be the result of evaluating \textit{ArgumentList}.
2. Let \textit{ref} be the result of evaluating \textit{AssignmentExpression}.
3. Let \textit{arg} be \textit{GetValue(ref)}.
4. Return an internal list whose length is one greater than the length of \textit{precedingArgs} and whose items are the items of \textit{precedingArgs} , in order, followed at the end by \textit{arg} which is the last item of the new list.

11.2.5 \textbf{Function Expressions}
The production \textit{MemberExpression : FunctionExpression} is evaluated as follows:
1. Return the result of evaluating \textit{FunctionExpression}.

11.3 \textbf{Postfix Expressions}

\textit{Syntax}

\textit{PostfixExpression :}
\begin{verbatim}
LeftHandSideExpression
  LeftHandSideExpression  [no LineTerminator here]  ++
  LeftHandSideExpression  [no LineTerminator here]  --
\end{verbatim}

11.3.1 \textbf{Postfix Increment Operator}
The production \textit{PostfixExpression : LeftHandSideExpression  [no LineTerminator here]  ++} is evaluated as follows:
1. Let \textit{lhs} be the result of evaluating \textit{LeftHandSideExpression}.
2. Let \textit{oldValue} be \textit{ToNumber(GetValue(lhs))}.
3. Let \textit{newValue} be the result of adding the value 1 to \textit{oldValue}, using the same rules as for the \texttt{+} operator (see 11.6.3).
4. Call \textit{PutValue(lhs, newValue)}.
5. Return \textit{oldValue}.

11.3.2 \textbf{Postfix Decrement Operator}
The production \textit{PostfixExpression : LeftHandSideExpression  [no LineTerminator here]  --} is evaluated as follows:
1. Let \( lhs \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{LeftHandSideExpression} \).
2. Let \( oldValue \) be \( \text{ToNumber}(\text{GetValue}(lhs)) \).
3. Let \( newValue \) be the result of subtracting the value 1 from \( oldValue \), using the same rules as for the \(-\) operator (11.6.3).
4. Call \( \text{PutValue}(lhs, newValue) \).
5. Return \( oldValue \).

### 11.4 Unary Operators

**Syntax**

\[
\text{UnaryExpression} : \begin{align*}
\text{PostfixExpression} & \\
\text{delete} \hspace{1em} & \text{UnaryExpression} \\
\text{void} & \hspace{1em} \text{UnaryExpression} \\
\text{typeof} & \hspace{1em} \text{UnaryExpression} \\
++ & \hspace{1em} \text{UnaryExpression} \\
-- & \hspace{1em} \text{UnaryExpression} \\
+ & \hspace{1em} \text{UnaryExpression} \\
- & \hspace{1em} \text{UnaryExpression} \\
\sim & \hspace{1em} \text{UnaryExpression} \\
! & \hspace{1em} \text{UnaryExpression}
\end{align*}
\]

#### 11.4.1 The `delete` Operator

The production \( \text{UnaryExpression} : \text{delete} \hspace{1em} \text{UnaryExpression} \) is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \( ref \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{UnaryExpression} \).
2. If \( \text{Type}(ref) \) is not Reference, return \( \text{true} \).
3. If \( \text{UnresolvableReference}(ref) \) return \( \text{true} \).
4. If \( \text{IsPropertyReference}(ref) \) is \( \text{true} \), then
   a. Return the result of calling the \([\text{Delete}]\) internal method on \( \text{ToObject(GetBase(ref))} \) providing \( \text{GetReferencedName}(ref) \) and \( \text{IsStrictReference}(ref) \) as the arguments.
5. Else, \( ref \) is a Reference to an Environment Record binding, so
   a. If \( \text{IsStrictReference}(ref) \) is \( \text{true} \) throw a \text{ReferenceError} exception.
   b. If \( \text{GetBase(ref)} \) is a declarative environment record, return \( \text{false} \).
   c. Let \( obj \) be the binding object of the object environment record that is the value of \( \text{GetBase(ref)} \).
   d. Return the result of calling the \([\text{Delete}]\) internal method on \( obj \), providing \( \text{GetReferencedName}(ref) \) and \( \text{false} \) as the arguments.

**NOTE**

When a `delete` operator occurs within strict mode code, a `ReferenceError` exception is thrown if its \( \text{UnaryExpression} \) is a direct reference to a variable, function argument, or function name. In addition, if the property to be deleted has the attribute \{ \{\text{Configurable}\} : \text{false} \}, a `TypeError` exception is thrown.

#### 11.4.2 The `void` Operator

The production \( \text{UnaryExpression} : \text{void} \hspace{1em} \text{UnaryExpression} \) is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \( expr \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{UnaryExpression} \).
2. Call \( \text{GetValue}(expr) \).
3. Return \( \text{undefined} \).

**NOTE**

\( \text{GetValue} \) must be called even though its value is not used because it may have observable side-effects.

#### 11.4.3 The `typeof` Operator

The production \( \text{UnaryExpression} : \text{typeof} \hspace{1em} \text{UnaryExpression} \) is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \( val \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{UnaryExpression} \).
2. If \( \text{Type}(val) \) is Reference, then
a. If IsUnresolvableReference(val) is true, return "undefined".
b. Let val be GetValue(val).

3. Return a string determined by Type(val) according to the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Undefined</td>
<td>&quot;undefined&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Null</td>
<td>&quot;object&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>&quot;boolean&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number</td>
<td>&quot;number&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String</td>
<td>&quot;string&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Object (native and doesn’t implement [[Call]])</td>
<td>&quot;object&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Object (native or host and implements [[Call]])</td>
<td>&quot;function&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Object (host and doesn’t implement [[Call]])</td>
<td>Implementation-defined</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 11.4.4 Prefix Increment Operator

The production `UnaryExpression : ++ UnaryExpression` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `expr` be the result of evaluating `UnaryExpression`.
2. Let `oldValue` be `ToNumber(GetValue(expr))`.
3. Let `newValue` be the result of adding the value 1 to `oldValue`, using the same rules as for the `+` operator (see 11.6.3).
4. Call `PutValue(expr, newValue)`.
5. Return `newValue`.

### 11.4.5 Prefix Decrement Operator

The production `UnaryExpression : -- UnaryExpression` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `expr` be the result of evaluating `UnaryExpression`.
2. Let `oldValue` be `ToNumber(GetValue(expr))`.
3. Let `newValue` be the result of subtracting the value 1 from `oldValue`, using the same rules as for the `-` operator (see 11.6.3).
4. Call `PutValue(expr, newValue)`.
5. Return `newValue`.

### 11.4.6 Unary + Operator

The unary `+` operator converts its operand to Number type.

The production `UnaryExpression : + UnaryExpression` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `expr` be the result of evaluating `UnaryExpression`.
2. Return `ToNumber(GetValue(expr))`.

### 11.4.7 Unary - Operator

The unary `-` operator converts its operand to Number type and then negates it. Note that negating `+0` produces `-0`, and negating `-0` produces `+0`.

The production `UnaryExpression : - UnaryExpression` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `expr` be the result of evaluating `UnaryExpression`.
2. Let `oldValue` be `ToNumber(GetValue(expr))`.
3. If `oldValue` is `NaN`, return `NaN`.
4. Return the result of negating `oldValue`; that is, compute a number with the same magnitude but opposite sign.

### 11.4.8 Bitwise NOT Operator (~)

The production `UnaryExpression : ~ UnaryExpression` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `expr` be the result of evaluating `UnaryExpression`.
2. Let `oldValue` be `ToInt32(GetValue(expr))`.
3. Return the result of applying bitwise complement to `oldValue`. The result is a signed 32-bit integer.

### 11.4.9 Logical NOT Operator (!)

The production `UnaryExpression : ! UnaryExpression` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `expr` be the result of evaluating `UnaryExpression`.
2. Let `oldValue` be `ToBoolean(GetValue(expr))`.
3. If `oldValue` is `true`, return `false`.
4. Return `true`.

### 11.5 Multiplicative Operators

#### Syntax

`MultiplicativeExpression : UnaryExpression * UnaryExpression
MultiplicativeExpression / UnaryExpression
MultiplicativeExpression % UnaryExpression`

#### Semantics

The production `MultiplicativeExpression : MultiplicativeExpression @ UnaryExpression`, where `@` stands for one of the operators in the above definitions, is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `left` be the result of evaluating `MultiplicativeExpression`.
2. Let `leftValue` be `GetValue(left)`.
3. Let `right` be the result of evaluating `MultiplicativeExpression UnaryExpression`.
4. Let `rightValue` be `GetValue(right)`.
5. Let `leftNum` be `ToNumber(leftValue)`.
6. Let `rightNum` be `ToNumber(rightValue)`.
7. Return the result of applying the specified operation (`*`, `/`, or `%`) to `leftNum` and `rightNum`. See the notes below (11.5.1, 11.5.2, 11.5.3).

#### 11.5.1 Applying the * Operator

The `*` operator performs multiplication, producing the product of its operands. Multiplication is commutative. Multiplication is not always associative in ECMAScript, because of finite precision.

The result of a floating-point multiplication is governed by the rules of IEEE 754 binary double-precision arithmetic:

- If either operand is `NaN`, the result is `NaN`.
- The sign of the result is positive if both operands have the same sign, negative if the operands have different signs.
- Multiplication of an infinity by a zero results in `NaN`.
- Multiplication of an infinity by an infinity results in an infinity. The sign is determined by the rule already stated above.
- Multiplication of an infinity by a finite non-zero value results in a signed infinity. The sign is determined by the rule already stated above.
- In the remaining cases, where neither an infinity or `NaN` is involved, the product is computed and rounded to the nearest representable value using IEEE 754 round-to-nearest mode. If the magnitude is
too large to represent, the result is then an infinity of appropriate sign. If the magnitude is too small to represent, the result is then a zero of appropriate sign. The ECMAScript language requires support of gradual underflow as defined by IEEE 754.

11.5.2 Applying the / Operator

The / operator performs division, producing the quotient of its operands. The left operand is the dividend and the right operand is the divisor. ECMAScript does not perform integer division. The operands and result of all division operations are double-precision floating-point numbers. The result of division is determined by the specification of IEEE 754 arithmetic:

- If either operand is NaN, the result is NaN.
- The sign of the result is positive if both operands have the same sign, negative if the operands have different signs.
- Division of an infinity by an infinity results in NaN.
- Division of an infinity by a zero results in an infinity. The sign is determined by the rule already stated above.
- Division of an infinity by a non-zero finite value results in a signed infinity. The sign is determined by the rule already stated above.
- Division of a finite value by an infinity results in zero. The sign is determined by the rule already stated above.
- Division of a zero by a zero results in NaN; division of zero by any other finite value results in zero, with the sign determined by the rule already stated above.
- Division of a non-zero finite value by a zero results in a signed infinity. The sign is determined by the rule already stated above.
- In the remaining cases, where neither an infinity, nor a zero, nor NaN is involved, the quotient is computed and rounded to the nearest representable value using IEEE 754 round-to-nearest mode. If the magnitude is too large to represent, the operation overflows; the result is then an infinity of appropriate sign. If the magnitude is too small to represent, the operation underflows and the result is a zero of the appropriate sign. The ECMAScript language requires support of gradual underflow as defined by IEEE 754.

11.5.3 Applying the % Operator

The % operator yields the remainder of its operands from an implied division; the left operand is the dividend and the right operand is the divisor.

**NOTE**

In C and C++, the remainder operator accepts only integral operands; in ECMAScript, it also accepts floating-point operands.

The result of a floating-point remainder operation as computed by the % operator is not the same as the “remainder” operation defined by IEEE 754. The IEEE 754 “remainder” operation computes the remainder from a rounding division, not a truncating division, and so its behaviour is not analogous to that of the usual integer remainder operator. Instead the ECMAScript language defines % on floating-point operations to behave in a manner analogous to that of the Java integer remainder operator; this may be compared with the C library function fmod.

The result of an ECMAScript floating-point remainder operation is determined by the rules of IEEE arithmetic:

- If either operand is NaN, the result is NaN.
- The sign of the result equals the sign of the dividend.
- If the dividend is an infinity, or the divisor is a zero, or both, the result is NaN.
- If the dividend is finite and the divisor is an infinity, the result equals the dividend.
- If the dividend is a zero and the divisor is finite, the result is the same as the dividend.
- In the remaining cases, where neither an infinity, nor a zero, nor NaN is involved, the floating-point remainder r from a dividend n and a divisor d is defined by the mathematical relation r = n − (d * q)
where \( q \) is an integer that is negative only if \( n/d \) is negative and positive only if \( n/d \) is positive, and whose magnitude is as large as possible without exceeding the magnitude of the true mathematical quotient of \( n \) and \( d \).

### 11.6 Additive Operators

#### Syntax

AdditiveExpression :  

- MultiplicativeExpression  
- AdditiveExpression + MultiplicativeExpression  
- AdditiveExpression - MultiplicativeExpression

#### 11.6.1 The Addition operator (+)

The addition operator either performs string concatenation or numeric addition.

The production \( \text{AdditiveExpression} : \text{AdditiveExpression} + \text{MultiplicativeExpression} \) is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \( \text{lref} \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{AdditiveExpression} \).
2. Let \( \text{lval} \) be \( \text{GetValue(lref)} \).
3. Let \( \text{rref} \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{MultiplicativeExpression} \).
4. Let \( \text{rval} \) be \( \text{GetValue(rref)} \).
5. Let \( \text{lprim} \) be \( \text{ToPrimitive(lval)} \).
6. Let \( \text{rprim} \) be \( \text{ToPrimitive(rval)} \).
7. If \( \text{Type(lprim)} \) is String or \( \text{Type(rprim)} \) is String, then
   a. Return the String that is the result of concatenating \( \text{ToString(lprim)} \) followed by \( \text{ToString(rprim)} \)
8. Return the result of applying the addition operation to \( \text{ToNumber(lprim)} \) and \( \text{ToNumber(rprim)} \). See the note below (11.6.3).

**NOTE**

No hint is provided in the calls to \( \text{ToPrimitive} \) in steps 5 and 6. All native ECMAScript objects except Date objects handle the absence of a hint as if the hint Number were given; Date objects handle the absence of a hint as if the hint String were given. Host objects may handle the absence of a hint in some other manner.

Step 7 differs from step 3 of the comparison algorithm for the relational operators (11.8.5), by using or instead of and.

#### 11.6.2 The Subtraction Operator (-)

The production \( \text{AdditiveExpression} : \text{AdditiveExpression - MultiplicativeExpression} \) is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \( \text{lref} \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{AdditiveExpression} \).
2. Let \( \text{lval} \) be \( \text{GetValue(lref)} \).
3. Let \( \text{rref} \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{MultiplicativeExpression} \).
4. Let \( \text{rval} \) be \( \text{GetValue(rref)} \).
5. Let \( \text{lnum} \) be \( \text{ToNumber(lval)} \).
6. Let \( \text{rnum} \) be \( \text{ToNumber(rval)} \).
7. Return the result of applying the subtraction operation to \( \text{lnum} \) and \( \text{rnum} \). See the note below (11.6.3).

#### 11.6.3 Applying the Additive Operators (+, -) to Numbers

The + operator performs addition when applied to two operands of numeric type, producing the sum of the operands. The - operator performs subtraction, producing the difference of two numeric operands.

Addition is a commutative operation, but not always associative.

The result of an addition is determined using the rules of IEEE 754 binary double-precision arithmetic:

- If either operand is NaN, the result is NaN.
The sum of two infinities of opposite sign is \texttt{NaN}.
The sum of two infinities of the same sign is the infinity of that sign.
The sum of an infinity and a finite value is equal to the infinite operand.
The sum of two negative zeros is \(-0\). The sum of two positive zeros, or of two zeros of opposite sign, is \(+0\).
The sum of a zero and a nonzero finite value is equal to the nonzero operand.
The sum of two nonzero finite values of the same magnitude and opposite sign is \(+0\).
In the remaining cases, where neither an infinity, nor a zero, nor NaN is involved, and the operands have the same sign or have different magnitudes, the sum is computed and rounded to the nearest representable value using IEEE 754 round-to-nearest mode. If the magnitude is too large to represent, the operation overflows and the result is then an infinity of appropriate sign. The ECMAScript language requires support of gradual underflow as defined by IEEE 754.

The \(-\) operator performs subtraction when applied to two operands of numeric type, producing the difference of its operands; the left operand is the minuend and the right operand is the subtrahend. Given numeric operands \(a\) and \(b\), it is always the case that \(a \pm b\) produces the same result as \(a + (\pm b)\).

### 11.7 Bitwise Shift Operators

**Syntax**

\[
\text{ShiftExpression} : \\text{AdditiveExpression} \\
\text{ShiftExpression} \text{<< AdditiveExpression} \\
\text{ShiftExpression} \text{>> AdditiveExpression} \\
\text{ShiftExpression} \text{>>> AdditiveExpression}
\]

**11.7.1 The Left Shift Operator ( \texttt{<<} )**

Performs a bitwise left shift operation on the left operand by the amount specified by the right operand.

The production \texttt{ShiftExpression : ShiftExpression << AdditiveExpression} is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \(lref\) be the result of evaluating \texttt{ShiftExpression}.
2. Let \(lval\) be \texttt{GetValue(lref)}.
3. Let \(rref\) be the result of evaluating \texttt{AdditiveExpression}.
4. Let \( rval\) be \texttt{GetValue(rref)}.
5. Let \(lnum\) be \texttt{ToInt32(lval)}.
6. Let \(rnum\) be \texttt{ToUint32(rval)}.
7. Let \texttt{shiftCount} be the result of masking out all but the least significant 5 bits of \(rnum\), that is, compute \(rnum \& 0x1F\).
8. Return the result of left shifting \(lnum\) by \texttt{shiftCount} bits. The result is a signed 32 bit integer.

**11.7.2 The Signed Right Shift Operator ( \texttt{>>} )**

Performs a sign-filling bitwise right shift operation on the left operand by the amount specified by the right operand.

The production \texttt{ShiftExpression : ShiftExpression >> AdditiveExpression} is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \(lref\) be the result of evaluating \texttt{ShiftExpression}.
2. Let \(lval\) be \texttt{GetValue(lref)}.
3. Let \(rref\) be the result of evaluating \texttt{AdditiveExpression}.
4. Let \( rval\) be \texttt{GetValue(rref)}.
5. Let \(lnum\) be \texttt{ToInt32(lval)}.
6. Let \(rnum\) be \texttt{ToUint32(rval)}.
7. Let \texttt{shiftCount} be the result of masking out all but the least significant 5 bits of \(rnum\), that is, compute \(rnum \& 0x1F\).
8. Return the result of performing a sign-extending right shift of \(lnum\) by \texttt{shiftCount} bits. The most significant bit is propagated. The result is a signed 32 bit integer.
11.7.3 The Unsigned Right Shift Operator ( \( \gg\gg \) )

Performs a zero-filling bitwise right shift operation on the left operand by the amount specified by the right operand.

The production \( \text{ShiftExpression} : \text{ShiftExpression} \gg\gg \text{AdditiveExpression} \) is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \( \text{lref} \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{ShiftExpression} \).
2. Let \( \text{lval} \) be GetValue(\( \text{lref} \)).
3. Let \( \text{rref} \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{AdditiveExpression} \).
4. Let \( \text{rval} \) be GetValue(\( \text{rref} \)).
5. Let \( \text{lnum} \) be ToUint32(\( \text{lval} \)).
6. Let \( \text{rnum} \) be ToUint32(\( \text{rval} \)).
7. Let \( \text{shiftCount} \) be the result of masking out all but the least significant 5 bits of \( \text{rnum} \), that is, compute \( \text{rnum} & 0x1F \).
8. Return the result of performing a zero-filling right shift of \( \text{lnum} \) by \( \text{shiftCount} \) bits. Vacated bits are filled with zero. The result is an unsigned 32 bit integer.

11.8 Relational Operators

Syntax

\( \text{RelationalExpression} : \)
\[ \text{ShiftExpression} \]
\[ \text{RelationalExpression} < \text{ShiftExpression} \]
\[ \text{RelationalExpression} > \text{ShiftExpression} \]
\[ \text{RelationalExpression} <= \text{ShiftExpression} \]
\[ \text{RelationalExpression} >= \text{ShiftExpression} \]
\[ \text{RelationalExpression} \text{ instanceof ShiftExpression} \]
\[ \text{RelationalExpression in ShiftExpression} \]

\( \text{RelationalExpressionNoIn} : \)
\[ \text{ShiftExpression} \]
\[ \text{RelationalExpressionNoIn} < \text{ShiftExpression} \]
\[ \text{RelationalExpressionNoIn} > \text{ShiftExpression} \]
\[ \text{RelationalExpressionNoIn} <= \text{ShiftExpression} \]
\[ \text{RelationalExpressionNoIn} >= \text{ShiftExpression} \]
\[ \text{RelationalExpressionNoIn} \text{ instanceof ShiftExpression} \]

NOTE

The 'NoIn' variants are needed to avoid confusing the \( \in \) operator in a relational expression with the \( \in \) operator in a \( \in \) statement.

Semantics

The result of evaluating a relational operator is always of type Boolean, reflecting whether the relationship named by the operator holds between its two operands.

The \( \text{RelationalExpressionNoIn} \) productions are evaluated in the same manner as the \( \text{RelationalExpression} \) productions except that the contained \( \text{RelationalExpressionNoIn} \) is evaluated instead of the contained \( \text{RelationalExpression} \).

11.8.1 The Less-than Operator ( < )

The production \( \text{RelationalExpression} : \text{RelationalExpression} < \text{ShiftExpression} \) is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \( \text{lref} \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{RelationalExpression} \).
2. Let \( \text{lval} \) be GetValue(\( \text{lref} \)).
3. Let \( \text{rref} \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{ShiftExpression} \).
4. Let \( \text{rval} \) be GetValue(\( \text{rref} \)).
5. Let \( r \) be the result of performing abstract relational comparison \( \text{lval} < \text{rval} \). (see 11.8.5)
6. If \( r \) is \text{undefined}, return \text{false}. Otherwise, return \( r \).
11.8.2 The Greater-than Operator ( > )
The production RelationalExpression : RelationalExpression > ShiftExpression is evaluated as follows:
1. Let lref be the result of evaluating RelationalExpression.
2. Let lval be GetValue(lref).
3. Let rref be the result of evaluating ShiftExpression.
4. Let rval be GetValue(rref).
5. Let r be the result of performing abstract relational comparison rval < lval with LeftFirst equal to
   false. (see 11.8.5).
6. If r is undefined, return false. Otherwise, return r.

11.8.3 The Less-than-or-equal Operator ( <= )
The production RelationalExpression : RelationalExpression <= ShiftExpression is evaluated as follows:
1. Let lref be the result of evaluating RelationalExpression.
2. Let lval be GetValue(lref).
3. Let rref be the result of evaluating ShiftExpression.
4. Let rval be GetValue(rref).
5. Let r be the result of performing abstract relational comparison rval < lval with LeftFirst equal to
   false. (see 11.8.5).
6. If r is true or undefined, return false. Otherwise, return true.

11.8.4 The Greater-than-or-equal Operator ( >= )
The production RelationalExpression : RelationalExpression >= ShiftExpression is evaluated as follows:
1. Let lref be the result of evaluating RelationalExpression.
2. Let lval be GetValue(lref).
3. Let rref be the result of evaluating ShiftExpression.
4. Let rval be GetValue(rref).
5. Let r be the result of performing abstract relational comparison lval <= rval. (see 11.8.5)
6. If r is true or undefined, return false. Otherwise, return true.

11.8.5 The Abstract Relational Comparison Algorithm
The comparison x < y, where x and y are values, produces true, false, or undefined (which indicates that
at least one operand is NaN). In addition to x and y the algorithm takes a boolean flag named LeftFirst as
a parameter. The flag is used to control the order in which operations with potentially visible side-effects
are performed upon x and y. It is necessary because ECMAScript specifies left to right evaluation of
expressions. The default value of LeftFirst is true and indicates that the x parameter corresponds to an
expression that occurs to the left of the y parameter’s corresponding expression. If LeftFirst is false, the
reverse is the case and operations must be performed upon y before x. Such a comparison is performed as
follows:
1. If the LeftFirst flag is true, then
   a. Let px be the result of calling ToPrimitive(x, hint Number).
   b. Let py be the result of calling ToPrimitive(y, hint Number).
2. Else the order of evaluation needs to be reversed to preserve left to right evaluation
   a. Let py be the result of calling ToPrimitive(y, hint Number).
   b. Let px be the result of calling ToPrimitive(x, hint Number).
3. If it is not the case that both Type(px) is String and Type(py) is String, then
   a. Let nx be the result of calling ToNumber(px). Because of px and py are primitive values
      evaluation order is not important.
   b. Let ny be the result of calling ToNumber(py).
   c. If nx is NaN, return undefined.
   d. If ny is NaN, return undefined.
   e. If nx and ny are the same number value, return false.
   f. If nx is +0 and ny is -0, return false.
   g. If nx is -0 and ny is +0, return false.
   h. If nx is +∞, return false.
i. If \( ny \) is \(+\infty\), return \text{true}.

j. If \( ny \) is \(-\infty\), return \text{false}.

k. If \( nx \) is \(-\infty\), return \text{true}.

l. If the mathematical value of \( nx \) is less than the mathematical value of \( ny \)—note that these mathematical values are both finite and not both zero—return \text{true}. Otherwise, return \text{false}.

4. Else, both \( px \) and \( py \) are Strings
   a. If \( py \) is a prefix of \( px \), return \text{false}. (A string value \( p \) is a prefix of string value \( q \) if \( q \) can be the result of concatenating \( p \) and some other string \( r \). Note that any string is a prefix of itself, because \( r \) may be the empty string.)
   b. If \( px \) is a prefix of \( py \), return \text{true}.
   c. Let \( k \) be the smallest nonnegative integer such that the character at position \( k \) within \( px \) is different from the character at position \( k \) within \( py \). (There must be such a \( k \), for neither string is a prefix of the other.)
   d. Let \( m \) be the integer that is the code unit value for the character at position \( k \) within \( px \).
   e. Let \( n \) be the integer that is the code unit value for the character at position \( k \) within \( py \).
   f. If \( m < n \), return \text{true}. Otherwise, return \text{false}.

NOTE
Step 3 differs from step 7 in the algorithm for the addition operator \((11.6.1)\) in using and instead of or.

The comparison of strings uses a simple lexicographic ordering on sequences of code unit values. There is no attempt to use the more complex, semantically oriented definitions of character or string equality and collating order defined in the Unicode specification. Therefore strings that are canonically equal according to the Unicode standard could test as unequal. In effect this algorithm assumes that both strings are already in normalised form.

11.8.6 The instanceof operator
The production \( \text{RelationalExpression : RelationalExpression instanceof ShiftExpression} \) is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \( lref \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{RelationalExpression} \).
2. Let \( lval \) be \( \text{GetValue}(lref) \).
3. Let \( rref \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{ShiftExpression} \).
4. Let \( rval \) be \( \text{GetValue}(rref) \).
5. If \( \text{Type}(rval) \) is not \( \text{Object} \), throw a \text{TypeError} exception.
6. If \( rval \) does not have a \([\text{HasInstance}]\) internal method, throw a \text{TypeError} exception.
7. Return the result of calling the \([\text{HasInstance}]\) internal method of \( rval \) with argument \( lval \).

11.8.7 The in operator
The production \( \text{RelationalExpression : RelationalExpression in ShiftExpression} \) is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \( lref \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{RelationalExpression} \).
2. Let \( lval \) be \( \text{GetValue}(lref) \).
3. Let \( rref \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{ShiftExpression} \).
4. Let \( rval \) be \( \text{GetValue}(rref) \).
5. If \( \text{Type}(rval) \) is not \( \text{Object} \), throw a \text{TypeError} exception.
6. Call \( \text{ToString}(lval) \).
7. Return the result of calling the \([\text{HasProperty}]\) internal method of \( rval \) with argument \( \text{ToString}(lval) \).

11.9 Equality Operators
Syntax
\[
\text{EqualityExpression :}
\quad \text{RelationalExpression}
\quad \text{EqualityExpression == RelationalExpression}
\quad \text{EqualityExpression != RelationalExpression}
\quad \text{EqualityExpression === RelationalExpression}
\quad \text{EqualityExpression !== RelationalExpression}
\]

- 77 -
EqualityExpressionNoIn:
  RelationalExpressionNoIn
EqualityExpressionNoIn == RelationalExpressionNoIn
EqualityExpressionNoIn != RelationalExpressionNoIn
EqualityExpressionNoIn === RelationalExpressionNoIn
EqualityExpressionNoIn !== RelationalExpressionNoIn

Semantics
The result of evaluating an equality operator is always of type Boolean, reflecting whether the relationship named by the operator holds between its two operands.

The EqualityExpressionNoIn productions are evaluated in the same manner as the EqualityExpression productions except that the contained EqualityExpressionNoIn and RelationalExpressionNoIn are evaluated instead of the contained EqualityExpression and RelationalExpression, respectively.

11.9.1 The Equals Operator (==)
The production EqualityExpression : EqualityExpression == RelationalExpression is evaluated as follows:
1. Let lref be the result of evaluating EqualityExpression.
2. Let lval be GetValue(lref).
3. Let rref be the result of evaluating RelationalExpression.
4. Let rval be GetValue(rref).
5. Return the result of performing abstract equality comparison rval == lval. (see 11.9.3).

11.9.2 The Does-not-equals Operator (!=)
The production EqualityExpression : EqualityExpression != RelationalExpression is evaluated as follows:
1. Let lref be the result of evaluating EqualityExpression.
2. Let lval be GetValue(lref).
3. Let rref be the result of evaluating RelationalExpression.
4. Let rval be GetValue(rref).
5. Let r be the result of performing abstract equality comparison rval == lval. (see 11.9.3).
6. If r is true, return false. Otherwise, return true.

11.9.3 The Abstract Equality Comparison Algorithm
The comparison x == y, where x and y are values, produces true or false. Such a comparison is performed as follows:
1. If Type(x) is the same as Type(y), then
   a. If Type(x) is Undefined, return true.
   b. If Type(x) is Null, return true.
   c. If Type(x) is Number, then
      i. If x is NaN, return false.
      ii. If y is NaN, return false.
      iii. If x is the same number value as y, return true.
      iv. If x is +0 and y is −0, return true.
      v. If x is −0 and y is +0, return true.
      vi. Return false.
   d. If Type(x) is String, then return true if x and y are exactly the same sequence of characters (same length and same characters in corresponding positions). Otherwise, return false.
   e. If Type(x) is Boolean, return true if x and y are both true or both false. Otherwise, return false.
   f. Return true if x and y refer to the same object. Otherwise, return false.
2. If x is null and y is undefined, return true.
3. If x is undefined and y is null, return true.
4. If Type\((x)\) is Number and Type\((y)\) is String, return the result of the comparison \(x == \text{ToNumber}(y)\).
5. If Type\((x)\) is String and Type\((y)\) is Number, return the result of the comparison \(\text{ToNumber}(x) == y\).
6. If Type\((x)\) is Boolean, return the result of the comparison \(\text{ToNumber}(x) == y\).
7. If Type\((y)\) is Boolean, return the result of the comparison \(x == \text{ToNumber}(y)\).
8. If Type\((x)\) is either String or Number and Type\((y)\) is Object, return the result of the comparison \(x == \text{ToPrimitive}(y)\).
9. If Type\((x)\) is Object and Type\((y)\) is either String or Number, return the result of the comparison \(\text{ToPrimitive}(x) == y\).
10. Return false.

NOTE
Given the above definition of equality:

String comparison can be forced by: \" + a == \" + b.
Numeric comparison can be forced by: a - 0 == b - 0.
Boolean comparison can be forced by: !a == !b.

The equality operators maintain the following invariants:

\(A != B\) is equivalent to \(! (A == B)\).

\(A == B\) is equivalent to \(B == A\), except in the order of evaluation of \(A\) and \(B\).

The equality operator is not always transitive. For example, there might be two distinct String objects, each representing the same string value; each String object would be considered equal to the string value by the \(==\) operator, but the two String objects would not be equal to each other.

Comparison of strings uses a simple equality test on sequences of code unit values. There is no attempt to use the more complex, semantically oriented definitions of character or string equality and collating order defined in the Unicode specification. Therefore strings that are canonically equal according to the Unicode standard could test as unequal. In effect this algorithm assumes that both strings are already in normalised form.

11.9.4 The Strict Equals Operator ( \(===\) )
The production \(\text{EqualityExpression} : \text{EqualityExpression} === \text{RelationalExpression}\) is evaluated as follows:
1. Let \(lref\) be the result of evaluating \(\text{EqualityExpression}\).
2. Let \(lval\) be \(\text{GetValue}(lref)\).
3. Let \(rref\) be the result of evaluating \(\text{RelationalExpression}\).
4. Let \(rval\) be \(\text{GetValue}(rref)\).
5. Return the result of performing the strict equality comparison \(rval === lval\). (See 11.9.6)

11.9.5 The Strict Does-not-equal Operator ( \(!==\) )
The production \(\text{EqualityExpression} : \text{EqualityExpression} !== \text{RelationalExpression}\) is evaluated as follows:
1. Let \(lref\) be the result of evaluating \(\text{EqualityExpression}\).
2. Let \(lval\) be \(\text{GetValue}(lref)\).
3. Let \(rref\) be the result of evaluating \(\text{RelationalExpression}\).
4. Let \(rval\) be \(\text{GetValue}(rref)\).
5. Let \(r\) be the result of performing strict equality comparison \(rval === lval\). (See 11.9.6)
6. If \(r\) is \(true\), return \(false\). Otherwise, return \(true\).

11.9.6 The Strict Equality Comparison Algorithm
The comparison \(x === y\), where \(x\) and \(y\) are values, produces \(true\) or \(false\). Such a comparison is performed as follows:
1. If Type(x) is different from Type(y), return false.
2. If Type(x) is Undefined, return true.
3. If Type(x) is Null, return true.
4. If Type(x) is Number, then
   a. If x is NaN, return false.
   b. If y is NaN, return false.
   c. If x is the same number value as y, return true.
   d. If x is +0 and y is −0, return true.
   e. If x is −0 and y is +0, return true.
   f. Return false.
5. If Type(x) is String, then return true if x and y are exactly the same sequence of characters (same length and same characters in corresponding positions); otherwise, return false.
6. If Type(x) is Boolean, return true if x and y are both true or both false; otherwise, return false.
7. Return true if x and y refer to the same object. Otherwise, return false.

**NOTE**
This algorithm differs from the SameValue Algorithm (9.12) in its treatment of signed zeroes and NaNs.

### 11.10 Binary Bitwise Operators

**Syntax**

- **BitwiseANDExpression** :
  
  EqualityExpression
  BitwiseANDExpression & EqualityExpression

- **BitwiseANDExpressionNoIn** :
  
  EqualityExpressionNoIn
  BitwiseANDExpressionNoIn & EqualityExpressionNoIn

- **BitwiseXORExpression** :
  
  BitwiseANDExpression
  BitwiseXORExpression ^ BitwiseANDExpression

- **BitwiseXORExpressionNoIn** :
  
  BitwiseANDExpressionNoIn
  BitwiseXORExpressionNoIn ^ BitwiseANDExpressionNoIn

- **BitwiseORExpression** :
  
  BitwiseXORExpression
  BitwiseORExpression | BitwiseXORExpression

- **BitwiseORExpressionNoIn** :
  
  BitwiseXORExpressionNoIn
  BitwiseORExpressionNoIn | BitwiseXORExpressionNoIn

**Semantics**

The production A : A @ B, where @ is one of the bitwise operators in the productions above, is evaluated as follows:

1. Let lref be the result of evaluating A.
2. Let lval be GetValue(lref).
3. Let rref be the result of evaluating B.
4. Let rval be GetValue(rref).
5. Let lnum be ToInt32(lval).
6. Let rnum be ToInt32(rval).
7. Return the result of applying the bitwise operator @ to lnum and rnum. The result is a signed 32 bit integer.
11.11 Binary Logical Operators

Syntax

LogicalANDExpression :
    BitwiseORExpression
    LogicalANDExpression && BitwiseORExpression

LogicalANDExpressionNoIn :
    BitwiseORExpressionNoIn
    LogicalANDExpressionNoIn && BitwiseORExpressionNoIn

LogicalORExpression :
    LogicalANDExpression
    LogicalORExpression || LogicalANDExpression

LogicalORExpressionNoIn :
    LogicalANDExpressionNoIn
    LogicalORExpressionNoIn || LogicalANDExpressionNoIn

Semantics

The production LogicalANDExpression : LogicalANDExpression && BitwiseORExpression is evaluated as follows:

1. Let lref be the result of evaluating LogicalANDExpression.
2. Let lval be GetValue(lref).
3. If ToBoolean(lval) is false, return lval.
4. Let rref be the result of evaluating BitwiseORExpression.
5. Return GetValue(rref).

The production LogicalORExpression : LogicalORExpression || LogicalANDExpression is evaluated as follows:

1. Let lref be the result of evaluating LogicalORExpression.
2. Let lval be GetValue(lref).
3. If ToBoolean(lval) is true, return lval.
4. Let rref be the result of evaluating LogicalANDExpression.
5. Return GetValue(rref).

The LogicalANDExpressionNoIn and LogicalORExpressionNoIn productions are evaluated in the same manner as the LogicalANDExpression and LogicalORExpression productions except that the contained LogicalANDExpressionNoIn, BitwiseORExpressionNoIn and LogicalORExpressionNoIn are evaluated instead of the contained LogicalANDExpression, BitwiseORExpression and LogicalORExpression, respectively.

NOTE
The value produced by a && or || operator is not necessarily of type Boolean. The value produced will always be the value of one of the two operand expressions.

11.12 Conditional Operator ( ? : )

Syntax

ConditionalExpression :
    LogicalORExpression
    LogicalORExpression ? AssignmentExpression : AssignmentExpression

ConditionalExpressionNoIn :
    LogicalORExpressionNoIn
    LogicalORExpressionNoIn ? AssignmentExpression : AssignmentExpressionNoIn
Semantics

The production `ConditionalExpression : LogicalORExpression ? AssignmentExpression : AssignmentExpression` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `lref` be the result of evaluating `LogicalORExpression`.
2. If `ToBoolean(GetValue(lref))` is `true`, then
   a. Let `trueRef` be the result of evaluating the first `AssignmentExpression`.
   b. Return `GetValue(trueRef)`.
3. Else
   a. Let `falseRef` be the result of evaluating the second `AssignmentExpression`.
   b. Return `GetValue(falseRef)`.

The `ConditionalExpressionNoIn` production is evaluated in the same manner as the `ConditionalExpression` production except that the contained `LogicalORExpressionNoIn`, `AssignmentExpression` and `AssignmentExpressionNoIn` are evaluated instead of the contained `LogicalORExpression`, first `AssignmentExpression` and second `AssignmentExpression`, respectively.

**NOTE**
The grammar for a `ConditionalExpression` in ECMAScript is a little bit different from that in C and Java, which each allow the second subexpression to be an Expression but restrict the third expression to be a `ConditionalExpression`. The motivation for this difference in ECMAScript is to allow an assignment expression to be governed by either arm of a conditional and to eliminate the confusing and fairly useless case of a comma expression as the centre expression.

11.13 Assignment Operators

Syntax

```
AssignmentExpression : 
  ConditionalExpression
  LeftHandSideExpression AssignmentOperator AssignmentExpression

AssignmentExpressionNoIn : 
  ConditionalExpressionNoIn
  LeftHandSideExpression AssignmentOperator AssignmentExpressionNoIn

AssignmentOperator : one of 
  = *= /= %= += -= <<= >>= >>>= &= ^= |=
```

Semantics

The `AssignmentExpressionNoIn` productions are evaluated in the same manner as the `AssignmentExpression` productions except that the contained `ConditionalExpressionNoIn` and `AssignmentExpressionNoIn` are evaluated instead of the contained `ConditionalExpression` and `AssignmentExpression`, respectively.

11.13.1 Simple Assignment (`=`)

The production `AssignmentExpression : LeftHandSideExpression = AssignmentExpression` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `lref` be the result of evaluating `LeftHandSideExpression`.
2. Let `rref` be the result of evaluating `AssignmentExpression`.
3. Let ` rval` be `GetValue(rref)`.
4. Call `PutValue(lref, rval)`.
5. Return ` rval`.

**NOTE**
When an assignment occurs within strict mode code, its `LeftHandSide` must not evaluate to an unresolvable reference. If it does a `ReferenceError` exception is thrown upon assignment. The `LeftHandSide` also may not be a reference to a `data` property with the attribute value `[[Writable]] : false`, to an accessor property with the attribute value `[[Put]] : undefined`, nor to a non-
existent property of an object whose \([\text{Extensible}]\) internal property has the value \textit{false}. In these cases a \texttt{TypeError} exception is thrown.

11.13.2 Compound Assignment ( op= )

The production \texttt{AssignmentExpression : LeftHandSideExpression \ op= AssignmentExpression}, where \(\texttt{op}\) represents one of the operators indicated above, is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \texttt{lref} be the result of evaluating \texttt{LeftHandSideExpression}.
2. Let \texttt{lval} be \texttt{GetValue(lref)}.
3. Let \texttt{rref} be the result of evaluating \texttt{AssignmentExpression}.
4. Let \texttt{rval} be \texttt{GetValue(rref)}.
5. Let \texttt{r} be the result of applying operator \(\texttt{op}\) to \texttt{lval} and \texttt{rval}.
6. Call \texttt{PutValue(lref, r)}.
7. Return \texttt{r}.

\textit{NOTE}
See NOTE 11.13.1.

11.14 Comma Operator ( , )

Syntax

\texttt{Expression : AssignmentExpression}
\texttt{Expression , AssignmentExpression}

\texttt{ExpressionNoIn : AssignmentExpressionNoIn}
\texttt{ExpressionNoIn , AssignmentExpressionNoIn}

Semantics

The production \texttt{Expression : Expression , AssignmentExpression} is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \texttt{lref} be the result of evaluating \texttt{Expression}.
2. Call \texttt{GetValue(lref)}.
3. Let \texttt{rref} be the result of evaluating \texttt{AssignmentExpression}.
4. Return \texttt{GetValue(rref)}.

The \texttt{ExpressionNoIn} production is evaluated in the same manner as the \texttt{Expression} production except that the contained \texttt{ExpressionNoIn} and \texttt{AssignmentExpressionNoIn} are evaluated instead of the contained \texttt{Expression} and \texttt{AssignmentExpression}, respectively.

\textit{NOTE}
\texttt{GetValue} must be called even though its value is not used because it may have observable side-effects.
12 Statements

Syntax

Statement :
  Block
  VariableStatement
  EmptyStatement
  ExpressionStatement
  IfStatement
  IterationStatement
  ContinueStatement
  BreakStatement
  ReturnStatement
  WithStatement
  LabelledStatement
  SwitchStatement
  ThrowStatement
  TryStatement
  DebuggerStatement

Semantics

A Statement can be part of a LabelledStatement, which itself can be part of a LabelledStatement, and so on. The labels introduced this way are collectively referred to as the “current label set” when describing the semantics of individual statements. A LabelledStatement has no semantic meaning other than the introduction of a label to a label set. The label set of an IterationStatement or a SwitchStatement initially contains the single element empty. The label set of any other statement is initially empty.

NOTE
Several widely used implementations of ECMAScript are known to support the use of FunctionDeclaration as a Statement. However there are significant and irreconcilable variations among the implementations in the semantics applied to such FunctionDeclarations. Because of these irreconcilable differences, the use of a FunctionDeclaration as a Statement results in code that is not reliably portable among implementations. It is recommended that ECMAScript implementations either disallow this usage of FunctionDeclaration or issue a warning when such a usage is encountered. Future editions of ECMAScript may define alternative portable means for declaring functions in a Statement context.

12.1 Block

Syntax

Block :
  { StatementList opt }

StatementList :
  Statement
  StatementList Statement

Semantics

The production Block : { } is evaluated as follows:

1. Return (normal, empty, empty).

The production Block : { StatementList } is evaluated as follows:

1. Return the result of evaluating StatementList.

The production StatementList : Statement is evaluated as follows:

1. Let s be the result of evaluating Statement.
2. If an exception was thrown, return \((\text{throw}, V, \text{empty})\) where \(V\) is the exception. (Execution now proceeds as if no exception were thrown.)
3. Return \(s\).

The production \(\text{StatementList} : \text{StatementList Statement}\) is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \(sl\) be the result of evaluating \(\text{StatementList}\).
2. If \(sl\) is an abrupt completion, return \(sl\).
3. Let \(s\) be the result of evaluating \(\text{Statement}\).
4. If an exception was thrown, return \((\text{throw}, V, \text{empty})\) where \(V\) is the exception. (Execution now proceeds as if no exception were thrown.)
5. If \(s\.value\) is \text{empty}, let \(V = s\.value\), otherwise let \(V = s\.value\).
6. Return \((s\.type, V, s\.target)\).

### 12.2 Variable statement

**Syntax**

\[\text{VariableStatement} : \text{var VariableDeclarationList} ;\]

\[\text{VariableDeclarationList} : \text{VariableDeclaration} \]
\[\quad \text{VariableDeclarationList} , \text{VariableDeclaration}\]

\[\text{VariableDeclarationListNoIn} : \text{VariableDeclarationNoIn} \]
\[\quad \text{VariableDeclarationListNoIn} , \text{VariableDeclarationNoIn}\]

\[\text{VariableDeclaration} : \text{Identifier Initialiser}_\text{opt}\]

\[\text{VariableDeclarationNoIn} : \text{Identifier InitialiserNoIn}_\text{opt}\]

\[\text{Initialiser} : = \text{AssignmentExpression}\]

\[\text{InitialiserNoIn} : = \text{AssignmentExpressionNoIn}\]

**Description**

A variable statement declares variables that are created as defined in section 10. Variables are initialised to **undefined** when created. A variable with an \text{Initialiser} is assigned the value of its \text{AssignmentExpression} when the \text{VariableStatement} is executed, not when the variable is created.

**Semantics**

The production \(\text{VariableStatement} : \text{var VariableDeclarationList} ;\) is evaluated as follows:

1. Evaluate \(\text{VariableDeclarationList}\).
2. Return \((\text{normal}, \text{empty}, \text{empty})\).

The production \(\text{VariableDeclarationList} : \text{VariableDeclaration}\) is evaluated as follows:

1. Evaluate \(\text{VariableDeclaration}\).

The production \(\text{VariableDeclarationList} : \text{VariableDeclarationList} , \text{VariableDeclaration}\) is evaluated as follows:

1. Evaluate \(\text{VariableDeclarationList}\).
2. Evaluate VariableDeclaration.

The production VariableDeclaration : Identifier is evaluated as follows:
1. Return a string value containing the same sequence of characters as in the Identifier.

The production VariableDeclaration : Identifier Initialiser is evaluated as follows:
1. Let lhs be the result of evaluating Identifier as described in 11.1.2.
2. Let rhs be the result of evaluating Initialiser.
3. Let value be GetValue(rhs).
4. Call PutValue(lhs, value).
5. Return a string value containing the same sequence of characters as in the Identifier.

NOTE
The string value of a VariableDeclaration is used in the evaluation of for-in statements(12.6.4).

If a VariableDeclaration is nested within a with statement and the Identifier in the VariableDeclaration is the same as a property name of the binding object of the with statement’s object environment record, then step 4 will assign value to the property instead of to the VariableEnvironment binding of the Identifier.

The production Initialiser := AssignmentExpression is evaluated as follows:
1. Return the result of evaluating AssignmentExpression.

The VariableDeclarationListNoIn, VariableDeclarationNoIn and InitialiserNoIn productions are evaluated in the same manner as the VariableDeclarationList, VariableDeclaration and Initialiser productions except that the contained VariableDeclarationListNoIn, VariableDeclarationNoIn, InitialiserNoIn and AssignmentExpressionNoIn are evaluated instead of the contained VariableDeclarationList, VariableDeclaration, Initialiser and AssignmentExpression, respectively.

12.2.1 Strict Mode Restrictions
It is an EvalError if a VariableDeclaration or VariableDeclarationNoIn occurs within strict code and its Identifier is "eval".

12.3 Empty Statement
Syntax
EmptyStatement : ;

Semantics
The production EmptyStatement : ; is evaluated as follows:
1. Return (normal, empty, empty).

12.4 Expression Statement
Syntax
ExpressionStatement : [lookahead ≠ {, function}] Expression ;

NOTE
An ExpressionStatement cannot start with an opening curly brace because that might make it ambiguous with a Block. Also, an ExpressionStatement cannot start with the function keyword because that might make it ambiguous with a FunctionDeclaration.

Semantics
The production ExpressionStatement : [lookahead ≠ {, function}] Expression ; is evaluated as follows:
1. Let exprRef be the result of evaluating Expression.
2. Return (normal, GetValue(exprRef), empty).

12.5 The if Statement

Syntax

IfStatement :
  if ( Expression ) Statement else Statement
  if ( Expression ) Statement

Each else for which the choice of associated if is ambiguous shall be associated with the nearest possible if that would otherwise have no corresponding else.

Semantics

The production IfStatement : if ( Expression ) Statement else Statement is evaluated as follows:

1. Let exprRef be the result of evaluating Expression.
2. If ToBoolean(GetValue(exprRef)) is true, then
   a. Return the result of evaluating the first Statement.
3. Else,
   a. Return the result of evaluating the second Statement.

The production IfStatement : if ( Expression ) Statement is evaluated as follows:

1. Let exprRef be the result of evaluating Expression.
2. If ToBoolean(GetValue(exprRef)) is false, return (normal, empty, empty).
3. Return the result of evaluating Statement.

12.6 Iteration Statements

An iteration statement consists of a header (which consists of a keyword and a parenthesised control construct) and a body (which consists of a Statement).

Syntax

IterationStatement :
  do Statement while ( Expression );
  while ( Expression ) Statement
  for ( ExpressionNoInopt ; Expressionopt ; Expressionopt ) Statement
  for ( var VariableDeclarationListNoIn ; Expressionopt ; Expressionopt ) Statement
  for ( LeftHandSideExpression in Expression ) Statement
  for ( var VariableDeclarationNoIn in Expression ) Statement

12.6.1 The do-while Statement

The production do Statement while ( Expression ); is evaluated as follows:

1. Let V = empty.
2. Let iterating be true.
3. Repeat, while iterating is true
   a. Let stmt be the result of evaluating Statement.
   b. If stmt.value is not empty, let V = stmt.value.
   c. If stmt.type is not continue || stmt.target is not in the current label set, then
      i. If stmt.type is break and stmt.target is in the current label set, return (normal, V, empty).
      ii. If stmt is an abrupt completion, return stmt.
   d. Let exprRef be the result of evaluating Expression.
   e. If ToBoolean(GetValue(exprRef)) is false, set iterating to false.
4. Return (normal, V, empty);

12.6.2 The while statement

The production IterationStatement : while ( Expression ) Statement is evaluated as follows:
1. Let \( V = \text{empty} \).
2. Repeat
   a. Let \( exprRef \) be the result of evaluating \( Expression \).
   b. If \( \text{ToBoolean} (\text{GetValue} (exprRef)) \) is \( \text{false} \), return \((\text{normal}, V, \text{empty})\).
   c. Let \( stmt \) be the result of evaluating \( Statement \).
   d. If \( stmt\).value is not \( \text{empty} \), let \( V = stmt\).value.
   e. If \( stmt\).type is not \( \text{continue} \) \( \| \) \( stmt\).target is not in the current label set, then
      i. If \( stmt\).type is \( \text{break} \) and \( stmt\).target is in the current label set, then
         1. Return \((\text{normal}, V, \text{empty})\).
      ii. If \( stmt \) is an abrupt completion, return \( stmt \).

12.6.3 The for Statement

The production

\[
\text{IterationStatement} : \text{for} ( \text{ExpressionNoIn}_{opt} ; \text{Expression}_{opt} ; \text{Expression}_{opt}) \text{ Statement}
\]

is evaluated as follows:

1. If \( \text{ExpressionNoIn} \) is present, then,
   a. Let \( exprRef \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{ExpressionNoIn} \).
   b. Call \( \text{GetValue} (exprRef) \). (This value is not used.)
2. Let \( V = \text{empty} \).
3. Repeat
   a. If the first \( \text{Expression} \) is present, then
      i. Let \( testExprRef \) be the result of evaluating the first \( \text{Expression} \).
         1. If \( \text{GetValue} (testExprRef) \) is \( \text{false} \), return \((\text{normal}, V, \text{empty})\).
      ii. Let \( stmt \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{Statement} \).
      b. If \( stmt\).value is not \( \text{empty} \), let \( V = stmt\).value.
      c. If \( stmt\).type is \( \text{not continue} \) \( \| \) \( stmt\).target is in the current label set, return \((\text{normal}, V, \text{empty})\).
      d. If \( stmt\).type is \( \text{break} \) and \( stmt\).target is not in the current label set, then
         i. If \( stmt \) is an abrupt completion, return \( stmt \).
   f. If the second \( \text{Expression} \) is present, then
      i. Let \( incExprRef \) be the result of evaluating the second \( \text{Expression} \).
      ii. Call \( \text{GetValue} (incExprRef) \). (This value is not used.)

The production

\[
\text{IterationStatement} :
\text{for} ( \text{var} \text{ VariableDeclarationListNoIn} ; \text{Expression}_{opt} ; \text{Expression}_{opt}) \text{ Statement}
\]

is evaluated as follows:

1. Evaluate \( \text{VariableDeclarationListNoIn} \).
2. Let \( V = \text{empty} \).
3. Repeat
   a. If the first \( \text{Expression} \) is present, then
      i. Let \( testExprRef \) be the result of evaluating the first \( \text{Expression} \).
         1. If \( \text{GetValue} (testExprRef) \) is \( \text{false} \), then return \((\text{normal}, V, \text{empty})\).
      ii. Let \( stmt \) be the result of evaluating \( \text{Statement} \).
      b. If \( stmt\).value is not \( \text{empty} \), let \( V = stmt\).value.
      c. If \( stmt\).type is \( \text{break} \) and \( stmt\).target is in the current label set, return \((\text{normal}, V, \text{empty})\).
      d. If \( stmt\).type is not \( \text{continue} \) \( \| \) \( stmt\).target is not in the current label set, then
         i. If \( stmt \) is an abrupt completion, return \( stmt \).
   f. If the second \( \text{Expression} \) is present, then
      i. Let \( incExprRef \) be the result of evaluating the second \( \text{Expression} \).
      ii. Call \( \text{GetValue} (incExprRef) \). (This value is not used.)

12.6.4 The for-in Statement

The production \( \text{IterationStatement} : \text{for} ( \text{LeftHandSideExpression} \ \text{in} \ \text{Expression} ) \text{ Statement} \) is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \( exprRef \) be the result of evaluating the \( \text{Expression} \).
2. Let `experValue` be `GetValue(exprRef)`.
3. If `experValue` is `null` or `undefined`, return `(normal, empty, empty)`.
4. Let `obj` be `ToObject(experValue)`.
5. Let `V = empty`.
6. Repeat
   a. Let `P` be the name of the next property of `obj` whose `[[Enumerable]]` attribute is `true`. If there is no such property, return `(normal, V, empty)`.
   b. Let `lhsRef` be the result of evaluating the `LeftHandSideExpression` (it may be evaluated repeatedly).
   c. Call `PutValue(lhsRef, P)`.
   d. Let `stmt` be the result of evaluating `Statement`.
   e. If `stmt.value` is not `empty`, let `V = stmt.value`.
   f. If `stmt.type` is `break` and `stmt.target` is in the current label set, return `(normal, V, empty)`.
   g. If `stmt.type` is not `continue || stmt.target` is not in the current label set, then
      i. If `stmt` is an abrupt completion, return `stmt`.

The production

```plaintext
IterationStatement: for ( var VariableDeclarationNoIn in Expression ) Statement
```

is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `varName` be the result of evaluating `VariableDeclarationNoIn`.
2. Let `exprRef` be the result of evaluating the `Expression`.
3. Let `experValue` be `GetValue(exprRef)`.
4. If `experValue` is `null` or `undefined`, return `(normal, empty, empty)`.
5. Let `obj` be `ToObject(experValue)`.
7. Repeat
   a. Let `P` be the name of the next property of `obj` whose `[[Enumerable]]` attribute is `true`. If there is no such property, return `(normal, V, empty)`.
   b. Let `varRef` be the result of evaluating `varName` as if it were an `IdentifierReference` (11.1.2); it may be evaluated repeatedly.
   c. Call `PutValue(varRef, P)`.
   d. Let `stmt` be the result of evaluating `Statement`.
   e. If `stmt.value` is not `empty`, let `V = stmt.value`.
   f. If `stmt.type` is `break` and `stmt.target` is in the current label set, return `(normal, V, empty)`.
   g. If `stmt.type` is not `continue || stmt.target` is not in the current label set, then
      i. If `stmt` is an abrupt completion, return `stmt`.

The mechanics and order of enumerating the properties (step 6.a in the first algorithm, step 7.a in the second) is not specified. Properties of the object being enumerated may be deleted during enumeration. If a property that has not yet been visited during enumeration is deleted, then it will not be visited. If new properties are added to the object being enumerated during enumeration, the newly added properties are guaranteed not to be visited in the active enumeration.

Enumerating the properties of an object includes enumerating properties of its prototype, and the prototype of the prototype, and so on, recursively; but a property of a prototype is not enumerated if it is “shadowed” because some previous object in the prototype chain has a property with the same name.

**NOTE**

See NOTE 11.13.1.

### 12.7 The `continue` Statement

**Syntax**

```plaintext
ContinueStatement: continue [no LineTerminator here] Identifieropt ;
```
Semantics

A program is considered syntactically incorrect if either of the following is true:

- The program contains a `continue` statement without the optional `Identifier`, which is not nested, directly or indirectly (but not crossing function boundaries), within an `IterationStatement`.
- The program contains a `continue` statement with the optional `Identifier`, where `Identifier` does not appear in the label set of an enclosing (but not crossing function boundaries) `IterationStatement`.

A `ContinueStatement` without an `Identifier` is evaluated as follows:

1. Return `(continue, empty, empty)`.

A `ContinueStatement` with the optional `Identifier` is evaluated as follows:

1. Return `(continue, empty, Identifier)`.

12.8 The `break` Statement

Syntax

`BreakStatement`:

```
break  [no LineTerminator here]  Identifier_opt ;
```

Semantics

A program is considered syntactically incorrect if either of the following is true:

- The program contains a `break` statement without the optional `Identifier`, which is not nested, directly or indirectly (but not crossing function boundaries), within an `IterationStatement` or a `SwitchStatement`.
- The program contains a `break` statement with the optional `Identifier`, where `Identifier` does not appear in the label set of an enclosing (but not crossing function boundaries) `Statement`.

A `BreakStatement` without an `Identifier` is evaluated as follows:

1. Return `(break, empty, empty)`.

A `BreakStatement` with an `Identifier` is evaluated as follows:

1. Return `(break, empty, Identifier)`.

12.9 The `return` Statement

Syntax

`ReturnStatement`:

```
return  [no LineTerminator here]  Expression_opt ;
```

Semantics

An ECMAScript program is considered syntactically incorrect if it contains a `return` statement that is not within a `FunctionBody`. A `return` statement causes a function to cease execution and return a value to the caller. If `Expression` is omitted, the return value is `undefined`. Otherwise, the return value is the value of `Expression`.

The production `ReturnStatement : return  [no LineTerminator here]  Expression_opt ;` is evaluated as:

1. If the `Expression` is not present, return `(return, undefined, empty)`.
2. Let `exprRef` be the result of evaluating `Expression`.
3. Return `(return, GetValue(exprRef), empty)`.
12.10 The with Statement

Syntax

WithStatement:

\[
\text{with } (\text{Expression }) \text{ Statement}
\]

Description

The `with` statement adds an object environment record for a computed object to the lexical environment of the current execution context. It then executes a statement with using this augmented lexical environment. Finally, it restores the original lexical environment.

Semantics

The production `WithStatement : with ( Expression ) Statement` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `val` be the result of evaluating `Expression`.
2. Let `obj` be `ToObject(GetValue(val))`.
3. Let `oldEnv` be the running execution context’s `LexicalEnvironment`.
4. Let `newEnv` be the result of calling `NewObjectEnvironmentRecord` passing `obj` and `oldEnv` as the arguments.
5. Set the `provideThis` flag of `newEnv` to `true`.
6. Set the running execution context’s `LexicalEnvironment` to `newEnv`.
7. Let `C` be the result of evaluating `Statement` but if an exception is thrown during the evaluation, let `C` be `(throw, V, empty)`, where `V` is the exception. (Execution now proceeds as if no exception were thrown.)
8. Set the running execution context’s `LexicalEnvironment` to `oldEnv`.

NOTE

No matter how control leaves the embedded ‘Statement’, whether normally or by some form of abrupt completion or exception, the `LexicalEnvironment` is always restored to its former state.

12.10.1 Strict Mode Restrictions

Strict mode code may not include a `WithStatement`. The occurrence of a `WithStatement` in such a context is treated as a syntax error.

12.11 The switch Statement

Syntax

SwitchStatement:

\[
\text{switch } (\text{Expression }) \text{ CaseBlock}
\]

CaseBlock:

\[
\{ \text{CaseClauses}_{opt} \}
\]

\[
\{ \text{CaseClauses}_{opt}, \text{DefaultClause CaseClauses}_{opt} \}
\]

CaseClauses:

\[
\text{CaseClause}
\]

\[
\text{CaseClauses CaseClause}
\]

CaseClause:

\[
\text{case } \text{Expression } : \text{StatementList}_{opt}
\]

DefaultClause:

\[
\text{default } : \text{StatementList}_{opt}
\]

Semantics

The production `SwitchStatement : switch ( Expression ) CaseBlock` is evaluated as follows:
1. Let \( exprRef \) be the result of evaluating \( Expression \).
2. Let \( R \) be the result of evaluating \( CaseBlock \), passing it \( GetValue(exprRef) \) as a parameter.
3. If \( R\.type \text{ is } \text{ break} \) and \( R\.target \) is in the current label set, return (\text{normal}, \( R\.value \), \text{ empty}).
4. Return \( R \).

The production \( CaseBlock : \{ CaseClauses\_{\text{opt}} \} \) is given an input parameter, \( input \), and is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \( V = \text{ empty} \).
2. Let \( A \) be the list of \( CaseClause \) items in source text order.
3. Let \( searching \) be \text{ true}.
4. Repeat, while \( searching \) is \text{ true}
   a. Let \( C \) be the next \( CaseClause \) in \( A \). If there is no such \( CaseClause \), return (\text{normal}, \( V \), \text{ empty}).
   b. Let \( clauseSelector \) be the result of evaluating \( C \).
   c. If \( input \) is equal to \( clauseSelector \) as defined by the \text{===} operator, then
      i. Set \( searching \) to \text{ false}.
      ii. If \( C \) has a \( StatementList \), then
         1. Evaluate \( C\)'s \( StatementList \) and let \( R \) be the result.
         2. If \( R \) is an abrupt completion, then return \( R \).
         3. Let \( V = R\.value \).
   5. Repeat
   b. Let \( C \) be the next \( CaseClause \) in \( A \). If there is no such \( CaseClause \), return (\text{normal}, \( V \), \text{ empty}).
   c. If \( C \) has a \( StatementList \), then
      i. Evaluate \( C\)'s \( StatementList \) and let \( R \) be the result.
      ii. If \( R\.value \) is not \text{ empty}, then let \( V = R\.value \).
      iii. If \( R \) is an abrupt completion, then return (\( R\.type \), \( V \), \( R\.target \)).
   The production \( CaseBlock : \{ CaseClauses\_{\text{opt}} DefaultClause CaseClauses\_{\text{opt}} \} \) is given an input parameter, \( input \), and is evaluated as follows:

1. Let \( V = \text{ empty} \).
2. Let \( A \) be the list of \( CaseClause \) items in the first \( CaseClauses \), in source text order.
3. Let \( B \) be the list of \( CaseClause \) items in the second \( CaseClauses \), in source text order.
4. Let \( found \) be \text{ false}.
5. Repeat letting \( C \) be in order each \( CaseClause \) in \( A \)
   a. If \( found \) is \text{ false}, then
      i. Let \( clauseSelector \) be the result of evaluating \( C \).
      ii. If \( input \) is equal to \( clauseSelector \) as defined by the \text{===} operator, then set \( found \) to \text{ true}.
   b. If \( found \) is \text{ true}, then
      i. If \( C \) has a \( StatementList \), then
         1. Evaluate \( C\)'s \( StatementList \) and let \( R \) be the result.
         2. If \( R\.value \) is not \text{ empty}, then let \( V = R\.value \).
         3. \( R \) is an abrupt completion, then return (\( R\.type \), \( V \), \( R\.target \)).
6. Let \( foundInB \) be \text{ false}.
7. If \( found \) is \text{ false}, then
   a. Repeat, while \( foundInB \) is \text{ false} and all elements of \( B \) have not been processed
      i. Let \( C \) be the next \( CaseClause \) in \( B \).
      ii. Let \( clauseSelector \) be the result of evaluating \( C \).
      iii. If \( input \) is equal to \( clauseSelector \) as defined by the \text{===} operator, then
         1. Set \( foundInB \) to \text{ true}.
         2. If \( C \) has a \( StatementList \), then
            a. Evaluate \( C\)'s \( StatementList \) and let \( R \) be the result.
            b. If \( R\.value \) is not \text{ empty}, then let \( V = R\.value \).
            c. \( R \) is an abrupt completion, then return (\( R\.type \), \( V \), \( R\.target \)).
8. If \( foundInB \) is \text{ false} and the \( DefaultClause \) has a \( StatementList \), then
   a. Evaluate the \( DefaultClause\)'s \( StatementList \) and let \( R \) be the result.
   b. If \( R\.value \) is not \text{ empty}, then let \( V = R\.value \).
   c. If \( R \) is an abrupt completion, then return (\( R\.type \), \( V \), \( R\.target \)).
9. Repeat (Note that if step 7.a.1 has been performed this loop does not start at the beginning of \( B \))
a. Let $C$ be the next $CaseClause$ in $B$. If there is no such $CaseClause$, return $\textbf{(normal, V, empty)}$.
b. If $C$ has a $StatementList$, then
   i. Evaluate $C$’s $StatementList$ and let $R$ be the result.
   ii. If $R$.value is not $\textbf{empty}$, then let $V = R$.value.
   iii. If $R$ is an abrupt completion, then return $\textbf{(R.type, V, R.target)}$.

The production $CaseClause : case Expression : StatementList_{opt}$ is evaluated as follows:
1. Let $exprRef$ be the result of evaluating $Expression$.
2. Return $\text{GetValue}(exprRef)$.

**NOTE**
Evaluating $CaseClause$ does not execute the associated $StatementList$. It simply evaluates the $Expression$ and returns the value, which the $CaseBlock$ algorithm uses to determine which $StatementList$ to start executing.

### 12.12 Labelled Statements

**Syntax**

$LabelledStatement : Identifier : Statement$

**Semantics**

A $Statement$ may be prefixed by a label. Labelled statements are only used in conjunction with labelled $break$ and $continue$ statements. ECMAScript has no $goto$ statement.

An ECMAScript program is considered syntactically incorrect if it contains a $LabelledStatement$ that is enclosed by a $LabelledStatement$ with the same $Identifier$ as label. This does not apply to labels appearing within the body of a $FunctionDeclaration$ that is nested, directly or indirectly, within a labelled statement.

The production $Identifier : Statement$ is evaluated by adding $Identifier$ to the label set of $Statement$ and then evaluating $Statement$. If the $LabelledStatement$ itself has a non-empty label set, these labels are also added to the label set of $Statement$ before evaluating it. If the result of evaluating $Statement$ is $\textbf{(break, V, L)}$ where $L$ is equal to $Identifier$, the production results in $\textbf{(normal, V, empty)}$.

Prior to the evaluation of a $LabelledStatement$, the contained $Statement$ is regarded as possessing an empty label set, except if it is an $IterationStatement$ or a $SwitchStatement$, in which case it is regarded as possessing a label set consisting of the single element, $\textbf{empty}$.

### 12.13 The $throw$ statement

**Syntax**

$ThrowStatement : \textbf{throw} [\text{no LineTerminator here}] Expression ;$

**Semantics**

The production $ThrowStatement : \textbf{throw} [\text{no LineTerminator here}] Expression ;$ is evaluated as:
1. Let $exprRef$ be the result of evaluating $Expression$.
2. Return $\textbf{(throw, GetValue(exprRef), empty)}$.

### 12.14 The $try$ statement

**Syntax**

$TryStatement :\textbf{try} Block Catch$
$\textbf{try} Block Finally$
$\textbf{try} Block Catch Finally$
Catch:
\[
\text{catch (Identifier ) Block}
\]

Finally:
\[
\text{finally Block}
\]

Description

The `try` statement encloses a block of code in which an exceptional condition can occur, such as a runtime error or a `throw` statement. The `catch` clause provides the exception-handling code. When a catch clause catches an exception, its `Identifier` is bound to that exception.

Semantics

The production `TryStatement : try Block Catch` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `B` be the result of evaluating `Block`.
2. If `B.type` is not `throw`, return `B`.
3. Return the result of evaluating `Catch` with parameter `B`.

The production `TryStatement : try Block Finally` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `B` be the result of evaluating `Block`.
2. Let `F` be the result of evaluating `Finally`.
3. If `F.type` is `normal`, return `B`.
4. Return `F`.

The production `TryStatement : try Block Catch Finally` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `B` be the result of evaluating `Block`.
2. If `B.type` is `throw`, then
   a. Let `C` be the result of evaluating `Catch` with parameter `B`.
3. Else, `B.type` is not `throw`, then
   a. Let `C` be `B`.
4. Let `F` be the result of evaluating `Finally`.
5. If `F.type` is `normal`, return `C`.

The production `Catch : catch (Identifier ) Block` is evaluated as follows:

1. Let `C` be the parameter that has been passed to this production.
2. Let `oldEnv` be the running execution context’s LexicalEnvironment.
3. Let `catchEnv` be the result of calling `NewDeclarativeEnvironmentRecord` passing `oldEnv` as the argument.
4. Call the `CreateMutableBinding` concrete method of `catchEnv` passing the `Identifier` String value as the argument.
5. Call the `SetMutableBinding` concrete method of `catchEnv` passing the `Identifier`, `C`, and `false` as arguments. Note that the last argument is immaterial in this situation.
6. Set the running execution context’s LexicalEnvironment to `catchEnv`.
7. Let `B` be the result of evaluating `Block`.
8. Set the running execution context’s LexicalEnvironment to `oldEnv`.

The production `Finally : finally Block` is evaluated as follows:

1. Return the result of evaluating `Block`.

12.14.1 Strict Mode Restrictions

It is an `EvalError` if a `TryStatement` with a `Catch` occurs within strict code and the `Identifier` of the `Catch` production is `eval`.

- 94 -
12.15 Debugger statement

Syntax

DebuggerStatement :
  debugger ;

Semantics

Evaluating the DebuggerStatement production may allow an implementation to cause a breakpoint when run under a debugger. If a debugger is not present or active this statement has no observable effect.

The production DebuggerStatement : debugger ; is evaluated as follows:

1. If an implementation defined debugging facility is available and enabled, then
   a. Perform an implementation defined debugging action.
   b. Let result be an implementation defined Completion value.
2. Else
   a. Let result be (normal, empty, empty).
3. Return result.
13 Function Definition

Syntax

FunctionDeclaration:
  function Identifier ( FormalParameterList_opt ) { FunctionBody }

FunctionExpression:
  function Identifier_opt ( FormalParameterList_opt ) { FunctionBody }

FormalParameterList:
  Identifier
  FormalParameterList , Identifier

FunctionBody:
  SourceElements_opt

Semantics

The production

FunctionDeclaration : function Identifier ( FormalParameterList_opt ) { FunctionBody }

is processed for function declarations as follows during Declaration Binding instantiation (10.65):

1. Return the result of creating a new Function object as specified in 13.2 with parameters specified by FormalParameterList_opt, and body specified by FunctionBody. Pass in the VariableEnvironment of the running execution context as the Scope. Pass in true as the Strict flag if the FunctionDeclaration is contained in strict code or if its FunctionBody is strict code.

The production

FunctionExpression : function ( FormalParameterList_opt ) { FunctionBody }

is evaluated as follows:

1. Return the result of creating a new Function object as specified in 13.2 with parameters specified by FormalParameterList_opt and body specified by FunctionBody. Pass in the LexicalEnvironment of the running execution context as the Scope. Pass in true as the Strict flag if the FunctionExpression is contained in strict code or if its FunctionBody is strict code.

The production

FunctionExpression : function Identifier ( FormalParameterList_opt ) { FunctionBody }

is evaluated as follows:

1. Let funcEnv be the result of calling NewDeclarativeEnvironmentRecord(E) passing the running execution context’s Lexical Environment as the argument
2. Let envRec be funcEnv’s environment record.
3. Call the CreateImmutableBinding(N) concrete method of envRec passing the string value of Identifier as the argument.
4. Let closure be the result of creating a new Function object as specified in 13.2 with parameters specified by FormalParameterList_opt and body specified by FunctionBody. Pass in funcEnv as the Scope. Pass in true as the Strict flag if the FunctionExpression is contained in strict code or if its FunctionBody is strict code.
5. Call the InitializeImmutableBinding(N,V) concrete method of envRec passing the string value of Identifier and closure as the arguments.

NOTE
The Identifier in a FunctionExpression can be referenced from inside the FunctionExpression’s FunctionBody to allow the function to call itself recursively. However, unlike in a FunctionDeclaration, the Identifier in a FunctionExpression cannot be referenced from and does not affect the scope enclosing the FunctionExpression.
The production `FunctionBody : SourceElements` is evaluated as follows:

1. The code of this `FunctionBody` is strict mode code if it is part of a `FunctionDeclaration` or `FunctionExpression` that is contained in strict mode code or if the first `SourceElement` within `SourceElements` is a `Statement` production that is an `ExpressionStatement` whose `Expression` consists solely of a `StringLiteral` whose value is a Use Strict Directive (14.1) or if any of the conditions in 10.1.1 apply. If the code of this `FunctionBody` is strict mode code, `SourceElements` is processed and evaluated in the following steps as strict mode code. Otherwise, `SourceElements` is processed and evaluated in the following steps as non-strict mode code.
3. Return the result of evaluating `SourceElements`.

13.1 Strict Mode Restrictions

It is a `SyntaxError` if any `Identifier` value appears more than once within a `FormalParameterList` of a strict mode `FunctionDeclaration` or `FunctionExpression`.

It is an `EvalError` if the `Identifier` "eval" appears within a `FormalParameterList` of a strict mode `FunctionDeclaration` or `FunctionExpression`.

It is an `EvalError` if the `Identifier` "eval" appears as the `Identifier` of a strict mode `FunctionDeclaration`.

13.2 Creating Function Objects

Given an optional parameter list specified by `FormalParameterList`, a body specified by `FunctionBody`, a Lexical Environment specified by `Scope`, and a Boolean flag `Strict`, a Function object is constructed as follows:

1. Create a new native ECMAScript object and let `F` be that object.
2. Set the `[[Class]]` internal property of `F` to "Function".
3. Set the `[[Prototype]]` internal property of `F` to the standard built-in Function prototype object as specified in 15.3.3.1.
4. Set the `[[Call]]` internal property of `F` as described in 13.2.1.
5. Set the `[[Construct]]` internal property of `F` as described in 13.2.2.
6. Set the `[[Scope]]` internal property of `F` to the value of `Scope`.
7. Let `names` be a List containing, in left to right textual order, the strings corresponding to the identifiers of `FormalParameterList`.
8. Set the `[[FormalParameters]]` internal property of `F` to `names`.
9. Set the `[[Code]]` internal property of `F` to `FunctionBody`.
10. Set the `[[Extensible]]` internal property of `F` to `true`.
11. Let `len` be the number of formal parameters specified in `FormalParameterList`. If no parameters are specified, let `len` be 0.
12. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of `F` with arguments "length", Property Descriptor `[[Value]]: len, [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false`, and `false`.
13. Let `proto` be the result of creating a new object as would be constructed by the expression `new Object()` where `Object` is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
14. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of `proto` with arguments "constructor", Property Descriptor `[[Value]]: F, { [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: true}, and `false`.
15. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of `F` with arguments "prototype", Property Descriptor `[[Value]]: proto, { [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false}, and `false`.
16. If `Strict` is `true`, then
   a. Let `thrower` be the `[[ThrowTypeError]]` function Object (13.2.3).
   b. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of `F` with arguments "caller", PropertyDescriptor `[[Get]]: thrower, [[Set]]: thrower, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false`, and `false`.
   c. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of `F` with arguments "arguments", PropertyDescriptor `[[Get]]: thrower, [[Set]]: thrower, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false`, and `false`.
17. Return `F`.
NOTE
A prototype property is automatically created for every function, to allow for the possibility that the function will be used as a constructor.

13.2.1 [[Call]]
When the [[Call]] internal method for a Function object F is called with a this value and a list of arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Let funcCtx be the result of establishing a new execution context for function code using F's FormalParameterList, the passed arguments list args, and the this value as described in 10.4.3.
2. Let result be the result of evaluating the FunctionBody that is the value of F's [[Code]] internal property. If F does not have a [[Code]] internal property or if its value is an empty FunctionBody, then result is (normal, undefined, empty).
3. Exit the execution context funcCtx, restoring the previous execution context.
4. If result.type is throw then throw result.value.
5. If result.type is return then return result.value.
6. Otherwise result.type must be normal. Return undefined.

13.2.2 [[Construct]]
When the [[Construct]] internal method for a Function object F is called with a possibly empty list of arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Let obj be a newly created native ECMAScript object.
2. Set the [[Class]] internal property of obj to "Object".
3. Set the [[Extensible]] internal property of obj to true.
4. Let proto be the value of calling the [[Get]] internal property of F with argument "prototype".
5. If Type(proto) is Object, set the [[Prototype]] internal property of obj to proto.
6. If Type(proto) is not Object, set the [[Prototype]] internal property of obj to the standard built-in Object prototype object as described in 15.2.4.
7. Let result be the result of calling the [[Call]] internal property of F, providing obj as the this value and providing the argument list passed into [[Construct]] as args.
8. If Type(result) is Object then return result.

13.2.3 The [[ThrowTypeError]] Function Object
The [[ThrowTypeError]] object is a unique function object that is defined once as follows:

1. Create a new native ECMAScript object and let F be that object.
2. Set the [[Class]] internal property of F to "Function".
3. Set the [[Prototype]] internal property of F to the standard built-in Function prototype object as specified in 15.3.3.1.
4. Set the [[Call]] internal property of F as described in 13.2.1.
5. Set the [[Scope]] internal property of F to the Global Environment.
6. Let names be a List containing, in left to right textual order, the strings corresponding to the identifiers of FormalParametersList.
7. Set the [[FormalParameters]] internal property of F to an empty List.
8. Set the [[Code]] internal property of F to be a FunctionBody that unconditionally throws a TypeError exception and performs no other action.
9. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of F with arguments "length", Property Descriptor {[[Value]]: 0, [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false}, and false.
10. Set the [[Extensible]] internal property of F to false.
11. Let [[ThrowTypeError]] be F.
14 Program

Syntax

Program :
  SourceElements_{opt}

SourceElements :
  SourceElement
  SourceElements SourceElement

SourceElement :
  Statement
  FunctionDeclaration

Semantics

The production Program : SourceElements is evaluated as follows:

1. The code of this Program is strict mode code if the first SourceElement within SourceElements is a Statement production that is an ExpressionStatement whose Expression consists solely of a StringLiteral whose value is the Use Strict Directive (14.1) or if any of the conditions of 10.1.1 apply. If the code of this Program is strict mode code, SourceElements is processed and evaluated in the following steps as strict mode code. Otherwise SourceElements is processed and evaluated in the following steps as non-strict mode code.
3. Return the result of evaluating SourceElements.

The production SourceElements : SourceElement is processed for function declarations as follows:

1. Process SourceElement for function declarations.

The production SourceElements : SourceElement is evaluated as follows:

1. Return the result of evaluating SourceElement.

The production SourceElements : SourceElements SourceElement is processed for function declarations as follows:

1. Process SourceElements for function declarations.

The production SourceElements : SourceElements SourceElement is evaluated as follows:

1. Let headResult be the result of evaluating SourceElements.
2. If headResult is an abrupt completion, return headResult.
3. Return the result of evaluating SourceElement.

The production SourceElement : Statement is processed for function declarations by taking no action.

The production SourceElement : Statement is evaluated as follows:

1. Return the result of evaluating Statement.

The production SourceElement : FunctionDeclaration is processed for function declarations as follows:

1. Process FunctionDeclaration for function declarations (see clause 13).

The production SourceElement : FunctionDeclaration is evaluated as follows:

1. Return (normal, empty, empty).
14.1 Use Strict Directive

A strict mode Program or FunctionBody may be explicitly designated by the occurrence of a Use Strict Directive as the first SourceElement of the Program. A Use Strict Directive is coded as an ExpressionStatement that consists entirely of a StringLiteral whose value conforms to the UseStrictDirective grammar specified below.

To be considered as a Use Strict Directive the value of a StringLiteral must not include any Line Terminator characters (7.3). To determine whether or not such a StringLiteral is a Use Strict Directive, the string value of the literal is converted to a sequence of lexical input elements as if it was the source text of an ECMAScript program. If the sequence of input elements can be parsed as a single instance of the goal nonterminal UseStrictDirective using the following grammar, the StringLiteral is a Use Strict Directive.

**Syntax**

UseStrictDirective :
  
  **use strict** useExtension<sub>opt</sub>

useExtension :
  , ArbitraryInputElements<sub>opt</sub>

ArbitraryInputElements :
  [any sequence of input elements]
15 Standard Built-in ECMAScript Objects

There are certain built-in objects available whenever an ECMAScript program begins execution. One, the global object, is part of the lexical environment of the executing program. Others are accessible as initial properties of the global object.

Unless specified otherwise, the [[Class]] internal property of a built-in object is "Function" if that built-in object has a [[Call]] property, or "Object" if that built-in object does not have a [[Call]] internal property. Unless specified otherwise, the [[Extensible]] internal property of a built-in object initially has the value true.

Many built-in objects are functions: they can be invoked with arguments. Some of them furthermore are constructors: they are functions intended for use with the new operator. For each built-in function, this specification describes the arguments required by that function and properties of the Function object. For each built-in constructor, this specification furthermore describes properties of the prototype object of that constructor and properties of specific object instances returned by a new expression that invokes that constructor.

Unless otherwise specified in the description of a particular function, if a function or constructor described in this section is given fewer arguments than the function is specified to require, the function or constructor shall behave exactly as if it had been given sufficient additional arguments, each such argument being the undefined value.

Unless otherwise specified in the description of a particular function, if a function or constructor described in this section is given more arguments than the function is specified to allow, the extra arguments are evaluated by the call and then ignored by the function. However, an implementation may define implementation specific behaviour of the function or constructor in undefined relating to such arguments.

NOTE
Implementations that add additional capabilities to the set of built-in functions are encouraged to do so by adding new functions rather than adding new parameters to existing functions.

Every built-in function and every built-in constructor has the Function prototype object, which is the initial value of the expression Function.prototype (15.3.4), as the value of its [[Prototype]] internal property.

Every unless otherwise specified every built-in prototype object has the Object prototype object, which is the initial value of the expression Object.prototype (15.2.4), as the value of its [[Prototype]] internal property, except the Object prototype object itself.

None of the built-in functions described in this section shall implement the [[Construct]] internal method unless otherwise specified in the description of a particular function. None of the built-in functions described in this section shall initially have a prototype property unless otherwise specified in the description of a particular function.

Every built-in Function object described in this section—whether as a constructor, an ordinary function, or both—has a length property whose value is an integer. Unless otherwise specified, this value is equal to the largest number of named arguments shown in the section headings for the function description, including optional parameters.

NOTE
For example, the Function object that is the initial value of the slice property of the String prototype object is described under the section heading “String.prototype.slice (start, end)” which shows the two named arguments start and end; therefore the value of the length property of that Function object is 2.

In every case, the length property of a built-in Function object described in this section has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false } (and no others). Every other property described in this section has the attribute { [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: true } unless otherwise specified.

15.1 The Global Object

The unique global object is created before control enters any execution context.

Unless otherwise specified, the standard built-in properties of the global object have attributes {[[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: true}. 

- 101 -
The global object does not have a [[Construct]] internal property; it is not possible to use the global object as a constructor with the `new` operator.

The global object does not have a [[Call]] internal property; it is not possible to invoke the global object as a function.

The values of the [[Prototype]] and [[Class]] internal properties of the global object are implementation-dependent.

In addition to the properties defined in this specification the global object may have additional host defined properties. This may include a property whose value is the global object itself; for example, in the HTML document object model the `window` property of the global object is the global object itself.

### 15.1.1 Value Properties of the Global Object

#### 15.1.1.1 NaN

The value of `NaN` is `NaN` (8.5). This property has the attributes `{ [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

#### 15.1.1.2 Infinity

The value of `Infinity` is `+∞` (8.5). This property has the attributes `{ [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

#### 15.1.1.3 undefined

The value of `undefined` is `undefined` (8.1). This property has the attributes `{ [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

### 15.1.2 Function Properties of the Global Object

#### 15.1.2.1 eval (x)

When the `eval` function is called with one argument `x`, the following steps are taken:

1. If `x` is not a string value, return `x`.
2. Let `prog` be the ECMAScript code that is the result of parsing `x` as a `Program`. If the parse fails, throw a `SyntaxError` exception (but see also clause 16).
3. Let `evalCtx` be the result of establishing a new execution context (10.4.2) for the eval code `prog`.
4. Let `result` be the result of evaluating the program `prog`.
5. Exit the running execution context `evalCtx`, restoring the previous execution context.
6. If `result.type` is `normal` and its completion value is a value `V`, then return the value `V`.
7. If `result.type` is `normal` and its completion value is `empty`, then return the value `undefined`.
8. Otherwise, `result.type` must be `throw`. Throw `result.value` as an exception.

#### 15.1.2.1.1 Direct Call to Eval

A direct call to the `eval` function is one that is expressed as a `CallExpression` that meets the following two conditions:

- The Reference that is the result of evaluating the `MemberExpression` in the `CallExpression` has an environment record as its base value and its reference name is "eval".
- The result of calling the abstract operation `GetValue` with that Reference as the argument is the standard built-in function defined in 15.1.2.1.

#### 15.1.2.2 parseInt (string, radix)

The `parseInt` function produces an integer value dictated by interpretation of the contents of the `string` argument according to the specified `radix`. Leading white space in the string is ignored. If `radix` is `undefined` or 0, it is assumed to be 10 except when the number begins with the character pairs `0x` or `0X`, in which case a radix of 16 is assumed. If `radix` is 16 number may also optionally begin with the character pairs `0x` or `0X`.

When the `parseInt` function is called, the following steps are taken:
1. Let `inputString` be `ToString(string)`.
2. Let `S` be a newly created substring of `inputString` consisting of the first character that is not a `StrWhiteSpaceChar` and all characters following that character. (In other words, remove leading white space.)
3. Let `sign` be 1.
4. If `S` is not empty and the first character of `S` is a minus sign `−`, let `sign` be −1.
5. If `S` is not empty and the first character of `S` is a plus sign `+` or a minus sign `−`, then remove the first character from `S`.
6. Let `R` = `ToInt32(radix)`.
7. Let `stripPrefix` be `true`.
8. If `R` ≠ 0, then
   a. If `R < 2` or `R > 36`, then return `NaN`.
   b. If `R ≠ 16`, let `stripPrefix` be `false`.
9. Else, `R` = 0
   a. Let `R` = 10.
10. If `stripPrefix` is `true`, then
    a. If the length of `S` is at least 2 and the first two characters of `S` are either “0x” or “0X”, then remove the first two characters from `S` and let `R` = 16.
11. If `S` contains any character that is not a radix `R` digit, then let `Z` be the substring of `S` consisting of all characters before the first such character; otherwise, let `Z` be `S`.
12. If `Z` is empty, return `NaN`.
13. Let `mathInt` be the mathematical integer value that is represented by `Z` in radix-`R` notation, using the letters `A-Z` and `a-z` for digits with values 10 through 35. (However, if `R` is 10 and `Z` contains more than 20 significant digits, every significant digit after the 20th may be replaced by a 0 digit, at the option of the implementation; and if `R` is not 2, 4, 8, 10, 16, or 32, then `mathInt` may be an implementation-dependent approximation to the mathematical integer value that is represented by `Z` in radix-`R` notation.)
14. Let `number` be the number value for `mathInt`.
15. Return `sign` × `number`.

NOTE
`parseInt` may interpret only a leading portion of the string as an integer value; it ignores any characters that cannot be interpreted as part of the notation of an integer, and no indication is given that any such characters were ignored.

15.1.2.3 `parseFloat` (string)
The `parseFloat` function produces a number value dictated by interpretation of the contents of the `string` argument as a decimal literal.

When the `parseFloat` function is called, the following steps are taken:
1. Let `inputString` be `ToString(string)`.
2. Let `trimmedString` be a substring of `inputString` consisting of the leftmost character that is not a `StrWhiteSpaceChar` and all characters to the right of that character. (In other words, remove leading white space.)
3. If neither `trimmedString` nor any prefix of `trimmedString` satisfies the syntax of a `StrDecimalLiteral` (see 9.3.1), return `NaN`.
4. Let `numberString` be the longest prefix of `trimmedString`, which might be `trimmedString` itself, which satisfies the syntax of a `StrDecimalLiteral`.
5. Return the number value for the MV of `numberString`.

NOTE
`parseFloat` may interpret only a leading portion of the string as a number value; it ignores any characters that cannot be interpreted as part of the notation of an decimal literal, and no indication is given that any such characters were ignored.

15.1.2.4 `isNaN` (number)
Returns `true` if the argument coerces is to `NaN`, and otherwise returns `false`.
1. If ToNumber(number) is NaN, return true.
2. Otherwise, return false.

**NOTE**
A reliable way to test if a value \(x\) is a NaN is an expression of the form \(x \neq x\). The result will be true if and only if \(x\) is a NaN.

15.1.2.5 `isFinite (number)`

Returns false if the argument coerces to NaN, +\(\infty\), or \(-\infty\), and otherwise returns true.

1. If ToNumber(number) is NaN, +\(\infty\), or \(-\infty\), return false.
2. Otherwise, return true.

15.1.3 URI Handling Function Properties

Uniform Resource Identifiers, or URIs, are strings that identify resources (e.g. web pages or files) and transport protocols by which to access them (e.g. HTTP or FTP) on the Internet. The ECMAScript language itself does not provide any support for using URIs except for functions that encode and decode URIs as described in 15.1.3.1, 15.1.3.2, 15.1.3.3 and 15.1.3.4.

**NOTE**
Many implementations of ECMAScript provide additional functions and methods that manipulate web pages; these functions are beyond the scope of this standard.

A URI is composed of a sequence of components separated by component separators. The general form is:

```
Scheme : First / Second ; Third ? Fourth
```

where the italicised names represent components and the “:”, “/”, “;” and “?” are reserved characters used as separators. The `encodeURI` and `decodeURI` functions are intended to work with complete URIs; they assume that any reserved characters in the URI are intended to have special meaning and so are not encoded. The `encodeURIComponent` and `decodeURIComponent` functions are intended to work with the individual component parts of a URI; they assume that any reserved characters represent text and so must be encoded so that they are not interpreted as reserved characters when the component is part of a complete URI.

The following lexical grammar specifies the form of encoded URIs.

```
uri ::: uriCharacters opt
uriCharacters ::: uriCharacter uriCharacters opt
uriCharacter ::: uriReserved | uriUnescaped | uriEscaped
uriReserved :: one of 
   ; / ? : @ & = + $ ,
uriUnescaped ::: uriAlpha | DecimalDigit | uriMark
uriEscaped ::: % HexDigit HexDigit
```
When a character to be included in a URI is not listed above or is not intended to have the special meaning sometimes given to the reserved characters, that character must be encoded. The character is first transformed into a sequence of octets using the UTF-8 transformation, with surrogate pairs first transformed from their UTF-16 to UTF-32 encodings. (Note that for code units in the range [0,127] this results in a single octet with the same value.) The resulting sequence of octets is then transformed into a string with each octet represented by an escape sequence of the form “%xx”.

The encoding and escaping process is described by the hidden function Encode taking two string arguments string and unescapedSet. This function is defined for expository purpose only.

1. Let strLen be the number of characters in string.
2. Let R be the empty string.
3. Let k be 0.
4. Repeat
   a. If k equals strLen, return R.
   b. Let C be the character at position k within string.
   c. If C is in unescapedSet, then
      i. Let S be a string containing only the character C.
      ii. Let R be a new string value computed by concatenating the previous value of R and S.
   d. Else, C is not in unescapedSet
      i. If the code unit value of C is not less than 0xDC00 and not greater than 0xDFFF, throw a URIError exception.
      ii. If the code unit value of C is less than 0xD800 or greater than 0xDBFF, then
         1. Let V be the code unit value of C.
         iii. Else, C is not in unescapedSet
             i. If kChar is less than 0xDC00 or greater than 0xDFFF, throw a URIError exception.
             ii. Let V be (((the code unit value of C) – 0xD800) * 0x400 + (kChar – 0xDC00) + 0x10000).
             iii. Let Octets be the array of octets resulting by applying the UTF-8 transformation to V, and let L be the array size.
         iv. Let j be 0.
         v. While j < L
             1. Let jOctet be the value at position j within Octets.
             2. Let S be a string containing three characters “%XY” where XY are two uppercase hexadecimal digits encoding the value of jOctet.
             3. Let R be a new string value computed by concatenating the previous value of R and S.
             4. Increase j by 1.
         vi. Increase k by 1.
   e. Increase k by 1.

The unescaping and decoding process is described by the hidden function Decode taking two string arguments string and reservedSet. This function is defined for expository purpose only.

1. Let strLen be the number of characters in string.
2. Let R be the empty string.
3. Let k be 0.
4. Repeat
   a. If k equals strLen, return R.
   b. Let C be the character at position k within string.
   c. If C is not “%”, then
i. Let $S$ be the string containing only the character $C$.

d. Else, $C$ is ‘%’
  i. Let $start$ be $k$.
  ii. If $k + 2$ is greater than or equal to $strLen$, throw a URIError exception.
  iii. If the characters at position $(k+1)$ and $(k + 2)$ within $string$ do not represent hexadecimal digits, throw a URIError exception.
  iv. Let $B$ be the 8-bit value represented by the two hexadecimal digits at position $(k + 1)$ and $(k + 2)$.
  v. Increment $k$ by 2.
  vi. If the most significant bit in $B$ is 0, then
    1. Let $C$ be the character with code unit value $B$.
    2. If $C$ is not in $reservedSet$, then
      a. Let $S$ be the string containing only the character $C$.
    3. Else, $C$ is in $reservedSet$
      a. Let $S$ be the substring of $string$ from position $start$ to position $k$ included.
  vii. Else, the most significant bit in $B$ is 1
    1. Let $n$ be the smallest non-negative number such that ($B << n$) & 0x80 is equal to 0.
    2. If $n$ equals 1 or $n$ is greater than 4, throw a URIError exception.
    3. Let $Octets$ be an array of 8-bit integers of size $n$.
    4. Put $B$ into $Octets$ at position 0.
    5. If $k + (3 * (n – 1))$ is greater than or equal to $strLen$, throw a URIError exception.
    7. Repeat, while $j < n$
      a. Increment $k$ by 1.
      b. If the character at position $k$ is not ‘%’, throw a URIError exception.
      c. If the characters at position $(k + 1)$ and $(k + 2)$ within $string$ do not represent hexadecimal digits, throw a URIError exception.
      d. Let $B$ be the 8-bit value represented by the two hexadecimal digits at position $(k + 1)$ and $(k + 2)$.
      e. If the two most significant bits in $B$ are not 10, throw a URIError exception.
      f. Increment $k$ by 2.
      g. Put $B$ into $Octets$ at position $j$.
      h. Increment $j$ by 1.
    8. Let $V$ be the value obtained by applying the UTF-8 transformation to $Octets$, that is, from an array of octets into a 32-bit value.
    9. If $V$ is less than 0x10000, then
      a. Let $C$ be the character with code unit value $V$.
      b. If $C$ is not in $reservedSet$, then
        i. Let $S$ be the string containing only the character $C$.
      c. Else, $C$ is in $reservedSet$
        i. Let $S$ be the substring of $string$ from position $start$ to position $k$ included.
    10. Else, $V$ is ≥ 0x10000
      a. If $V$ is greater than 0x10FFFF, throw a URIError exception.
      b. Let $L$ be ((($V – 0x10000$) & 0x3FF) + 0xDC00).
      c. Let $H$ be (((($V – 0x10000$) >> 10) & 0x3FF) + 0xD800).
      d. Let $S$ be the string containing the two characters with code unit values $H$ and $L$.
      e. Let $R$ be a new string value computed by concatenating the previous value of $R$ and $S$.
      f. Increase $k$ by 1.

NOTE
The syntax of Uniform Resource Identifiers is given in RFC2396.
A formal description and implementation of UTF-8 is given in the Unicode Standard.

In UTF-8, characters are encoded using sequences of 1 to 6 octets. The only octet of a "sequence" of one has the higher-order bit set to 0, the remaining 7 bits being used to encode the character value. In a sequence of $n$ octets, $n>1$, the initial octet has the $n$ higher-order bits set to 1, followed by a bit set to 0.
The remaining bits of that octet contain bits from the value of the character to be encoded. The following octets all have the higher-order bit set to 1 and the following bit set to 0, leaving 6 bits in each to contain bits from the character to be encoded. The possible UTF-8 encodings of ECMAScript characters are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code Unit Value</th>
<th>Representation</th>
<th>1st Octet</th>
<th>2nd Octet</th>
<th>3rd Octet</th>
<th>4th Octet</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0x0000 - 0x007F</td>
<td>00000000 0zzzzzzz</td>
<td>00000000</td>
<td>0zzzzzzz</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x0080 - 0x007F</td>
<td>0000yyyy yyyyyyyyyy</td>
<td>110yyyyy</td>
<td>10zzzzzz</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x0800 - 0x0D7F</td>
<td>xxxxyyyyy yyyyyyyyyy</td>
<td>1110xxx</td>
<td>10yyyyyy</td>
<td>10zzzzzz</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0xD800 - 0xDBFF</td>
<td>110110vv vvvvvvxx</td>
<td>1110uuu</td>
<td>10uuwww</td>
<td>10xxyyy</td>
<td>10zzzzzz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>followed by 0xDC00 - 0xDFFF</td>
<td>110111yy yyyyzzzzzz</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Where
\[
uuuuu = vvvv + 1
\]

to account for the addition of 0x10000 as in Surrogates, section 3.7, of the Unicode Standard.

The range of code unit values 0xD800-0xDBFF is used to encode surrogate pairs; the above transformation combines a UTF-16 surrogate pair into a UTF-32 representation and encodes the resulting 21-bit value in UTF-8. Decoding reconstructs the surrogate pair.

15.1.3.1 decodeURI (encodedURI)

The decodeURI function computes a new version of a URI in which each escape sequence and UTF-8 encoding of the sort that might be introduced by the encodeURI function is replaced with the character that it represents. Escape sequences that could not have been introduced by encodeURI are not replaced.

When the decodeURI function is called with one argument encodedURI, the following steps are taken:

1. Let uriString be ToString(encodedURI).
2. Let reservedURISet be a string containing one instance of each character valid in uriReserved plus “#”.
3. Return the result of calling Decode(uriString, reservedURISet)

NOTE
The character “#” is not decoded from escape sequences even though it is not a reserved URI character.

15.1.3.2 decodeURIComponent (encodedURIComponent)

The decodeURIComponent function computes a new version of a URI in which each escape sequence and UTF-8 encoding of the sort that might be introduced by the encodeURIComponent function is replaced with the character that it represents.

When the decodeURIComponent function is called with one argument encodedURIComponent, the following steps are taken:

1. Let componentString be ToString(encodedURIComponent).
2. Let reservedURIComponentSet be the empty string.
3. Return the result of calling Decode(componentString, reservedURIComponentSet)

15.1.3.3 encodeURI (uri)
The encodeURI function computes a new version of a URI in which each instance of certain characters is replaced by one, two or three escape sequences representing the UTF-8 encoding of the character.

When the encodeURI function is called with one argument uri, the following steps are taken:
1. Let uriString be ToString(uri).
2. Let unescapedURISet be a string containing one instance of each character valid in uriReserved and uriUnescaped plus “#”.
3. Return the result of calling Encode(uriString, unescapedURISet)

NOTE
The character “#” is not encoded to an escape sequence even though it is not a reserved or unescaped URI character.

15.1.3.4 encodeURIComponent (uriComponent)
The encodeURIComponent function computes a new version of a URI in which each instance of certain characters is replaced by one, two or three escape sequences representing the UTF-8 encoding of the character.

When the encodeURIComponent function is called with one argument uriComponent, the following steps are taken:
1. Let componentString be ToString(uriComponent).
2. Let unescapedURIComponentSet be a string containing one instance of each character valid in uriUnescaped.
3. Return the result of calling Encode(componentString, unescapedURIComponentSet)

15.1.4 Constructor Properties of the Global Object
15.1.4.1 Object (. . . )
See 15.2.1 and 15.2.2.
15.1.4.2 Function (. . . )
See 15.3.1 and 15.3.2.
15.1.4.3 Array (. . . )
See 15.4.1 and 15.4.2.
15.1.4.4 String (. . . )
See 15.5.1 and 15.5.2.
15.1.4.5 Boolean (. . . )
See 15.6.1 and 15.6.2.
15.1.4.6 Number (. . . )
See 15.7.1 and 15.7.2.
15.1.4.7 Date (. . . )
See 15.9.2.
15.1.4.8 RegExp (. . . )
See 15.10.3 and 15.10.4.
15.1.4.9 Error (. . . )
See 15.11.1 and 15.11.2.
15.1.4.10 **EvalError (. . .)**  
See 15.11.6.1.

15.1.4.11 **RangeError (. . .)**  
See 15.11.6.2.

15.1.4.12 **ReferenceError (. . .)**  
See 15.11.6.3.

15.1.4.13 **SyntaxError (. . .)**  
See 15.11.6.4.

15.1.4.14 **TypeError (. . .)**  
See 15.11.6.5.

15.1.4.15 **URIError (. . .)**  
See 15.11.6.6.

15.1.5 Other Properties of the Global Object

15.1.5.1 **Math**  
See 15.8.

15.1.5.2 **JSON**  
See 15.12.

15.2 **Object Objects**

15.2.1 The Object Constructor Called as a Function

When **Object** is called as a function rather than as a constructor, it performs a type conversion.

15.2.1.1 **Object ([ value ])**  
When the **Object** function is called with no arguments or with one argument **value**, the following steps are taken:

1. If **value** is **null**, **undefined** or not supplied, create and return a new Object object exactly as if the standard built-in Object constructor had been called with the same arguments (15.2.2.1).
2. Return **ToObject(value)**.

15.2.2 The Object Constructor

When **Object** is called as part of a **new** expression, it is a constructor that may create an object.

15.2.2.1 **new Object ([ value ])**  
When the **Object** constructor is called with no arguments or with one argument **value**, the following steps are taken:

1. If **value** is supplied, then
   a. If **Type(value)** is Object, then
      i. If the **value** is a native ECMAScript object, do not create a new object but simply return **value**.
      ii. If the **value** is a host object, then actions are taken and a result is returned in an implementation-dependent manner that may depend on the host object.
   b. If **Type(value)** is String, return **ToObject(value)**.
   c. If **Type(value)** is Boolean, return **ToObject(value)**.
   d. If **Type(value)** is Number, return **ToObject(value)**.
2. (The argument **value** was not supplied or its type was Null or Undefined.)  
   Create a new native ECMAScript object.  
The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the standard built-in Object prototype object (15.2.4).  
The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to "**Object**".  
The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to **true**.
The newly constructed object has no `[[PrimitiveValue]]` internal property.

```
3. Return the newly created native object.
```

### 15.2.3 Properties of the Object Constructor

The value of the `[[Prototype]]` internal property of the Object constructor is the Function prototype object.

Besides the internal properties and the `length` property (whose value is 1), the Object constructor has the following properties:

#### 15.2.3.1 Object.prototype

The initial value of `Object.prototype` is the Object prototype object (15.2.4).

This property has the attributes `{[[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false}`.

#### 15.2.3.2 Object.getPrototypeOf (O)

When the `getPrototypeOf` function is called with argument `O`, the following steps are taken:

1. If `Type(O)` is not `Object` throw a `TypeError` exception.
2. Return the value of the `[[Prototype]]` internal property of `O`.

#### 15.2.3.3 Object.getOwnPropertyDescriptor (O, P)

When the `getOwnPropertyDescriptor` function is called, the following steps are taken:

1. If `Type(O)` is not `Object` throw a `TypeError` exception.
2. Let `name` be `ToString(P)`.
3. Let `desc` be the result of calling the `[[GetOwnProperty]]` internal method of `O` with argument `name`.
4. Return the result of calling `FromPropertyDescriptor(desc)`.

#### 15.2.3.4 Object.getOwnPropertyNames (O)

When the `getOwnPropertyNames` function is called, the following steps are taken:

1. If `Type(O)` is not `Object` throw a `TypeError` exception.
2. Let `array` be the result of creating a new object as if by the expression `new Array()` where `Array` is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
3. Let `n` be 0.
4. For each named own property `P` of `O`
   a. Let `name` be the string value that is the name of `P`.
   b. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of `array` with arguments `ToString(n)`, the `PropertyDescriptor` `[[Value]]: name, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true`, and `false`.
   c. Increment `n` by 1.
5. Return `array`.

```
NOTE
If O is a String instance, the set of own properties processed in step 4 does not include the implicit properties defined in 15.5.5.2 that correspond to character positions within the object’s `[[PrimitiveValue]]` string.
```

#### 15.2.3.5 Object.create (O [, Properties])

The `create` function creates a new object with a specified prototype. When the `create` function is called, the following steps are taken:

1. If `Type(O)` is not `Object` or `Null` throw a `TypeError` exception.
2. Let `obj` be the result of creating a new object as if by the expression `new Object()` where Object is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
3. Set the `[[Prototype]]` internal property of `obj` to `O`. 

```
- 110 -
```
4. If the argument Properties is present and not undefined, add own properties to obj as if by calling the standard built-in function Object.defineProperty with arguments obj and Properties.
5. Return obj.

15.2.3.6 Object.defineProperty ( O, P, Attributes )
The defineProperty function is used to add an own property and/or update the attributes of an existing own property of an object. When the defineProperty function is called, the following steps are taken:
1. If Type(O) is not Object throw a TypeError exception.
2. Let name be ToString(P).
3. Let desc be the result of calling ToPropertyDescriptor with Attributes as the argument.
4. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of O with arguments name, desc, and true.
5. Return O.

15.2.3.7 Object.defineProperties ( O, Properties )
The defineProperties function is used to add own properties and/or update the attributes of existing own properties of an object. When the defineProperties function is called, the following steps are taken atomically:
1. If Type(O) is not Object throw a TypeError exception.
2. Let props be ToObject(Properties).
3. For each named own enumerable property name P of props,
   a. Let descObj be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of props with P as the argument.
   b. Let desc be the result of calling ToPropertyDescriptor with descObj as the argument.
   c. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of O with arguments P, desc, and true.
4. Return O.

The above algorithm is specified as a set of sequential steps that include the possibility of an exception being thrown at various intermediate points. Rather than failing after a partial update of O, this function must be implemented such that it either atomically completes all property updates successfully or fails without making any update to the properties of object O.

15.2.3.8 Object.seal ( O )
When the seal function is called, the following steps are taken:
1. If Type(O) is not Object throw a TypeError exception.
2. For each named own property name P of O,
   a. Let desc be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of O with P.
   b. If desc.[[Configurable]] is true, set desc.[[Configurable]] to false.
   c. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of O with P, desc, and true as arguments.
3. Set the [[Extensible]] internal property of O to false.
4. Return O.

The above algorithm is specified as a set of sequential steps that include the possibility of an exception being thrown at various intermediate points. Rather than failing after a partial update of O, this function must be implemented such that it either atomically completes all property updates successfully or fails without making any update to the properties of object O.

15.2.3.9 Object.freeze ( O )
When the freeze function is called, the following steps are taken:
1. If Type(O) is not Object throw a TypeError exception.
2. For each named own property name P of O,
   a. Let desc be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of O with P.
   b. If IsDataDescriptor(desc) is true, then
      i. If desc.[[Writable]] is true, set desc.[[Writable]] to false.
      c. If desc.[[Configurable]] is true, set desc.[[Configurable]] to false.
d. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of O with P, desc, and true as arguments.
3. Set the [[Extensible]] internal property of O to false.
4. Return O.

The above algorithm is specified as a set of sequential steps that include the possibility of an exception being thrown at various intermediate points. Rather than failing after a partial update of O, this function must be implemented such that it either atomically completes all updates successfully or fails without making any update to object O.

15.2.3.10 Object.preventExtensions (O)

When the preventExtensions function is called, the following steps are taken:
1. If Type(O) is not Object throw a TypeError exception.
2. Set the [[Extensible]] internal property of O to false.
3. Return O.

15.2.3.11 Object.isSealed (O)

When the isSealed function is called with argument O, the following steps are taken:
1. If Type(O) is not Object throw a TypeError exception.
2. For each named own property name P of O,
   a. Let desc be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of O with P.
   b. If the desc.[[Configurable]] is true, then return false.
3. If the [[Extensible]] internal property of O is false, then return true.
4. Otherwise, return false.

15.2.3.12 Object.isFrozen (O)

When the isFrozen function is called with argument O, the following steps are taken:
1. If Type(O) is not Object throw a TypeError exception.
2. For each named own property name P of O,
   a. Let desc be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of O with P.
   b. If IsDataDescriptor(desc) is true then
      i. If desc.[[Writable]] is true, return false.
   c. If desc.[[Configurable]] is true, then return false.
3. If the [[Extensible]] internal property of O is truefalse, then return falsefalse.
4. Otherwise, return truefalse.

15.2.3.13 Object.isExtensible (O)

When the isExtensible function is called with argument O, the following steps are taken:
1. If Type(O) is not Object throw a TypeError exception.
2. Return the Boolean value of the [[Extensible]] internal property of O.

15.2.3.14 Object.keys (O)

When the keys function is called with argument O, the following steps are taken:
1. If the Type(O) is not Object, throw a TypeError exception.
2. Let n be the number of own enumerable properties of O
3. Let array be the result of creating a new Object as if by the expression new Array(n) where Array is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
4. Let index be 0.
5. For each own enumerable property of O whose name string is P
   a. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of array with arguments
      ToString(index), the PropertyDescriptor {{Value]: P, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true}, and false.
   b. Increment index by 1.
6. Return array.

If an implementation defines a specific order of enumeration for the for-in statement, that same enumeration order must be used in step 5 of this algorithm.
15.2.4 Properties of the Object Prototype Object

The value of the `[[Prototype]]` internal property of the Object prototype object is `null`, the value of the `[[Class]]` internal property is "Object", and the initial value of the `[[Extensible]]` internal property is `true`.

15.2.4.1 `Object.prototype.constructor`

The initial value of `Object.prototype.constructor` is the built-in `Object` constructor.

15.2.4.2 `Object.prototype.toString()`

When the `toString` method is called, the following steps are taken:

1. Let `O` be the result of calling `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. Let `class` be the value of the `[[Class]]` internal property of `O`.
3. Return the string value that is the result of concatenating the three strings "[object ", `class`, and "] ".

15.2.4.3 `Object.prototype.toLocaleString()`

When the `toLocaleString` method is called, the following steps are taken:

1. Let `O` be the result of calling `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. Let `toString` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` passing "toString" as the argument.
3. If `IsCallable(toString)` is `false`, throw a `TypeError` exception.
4. Return the result of calling the `[[Call]]` internal method of `toString` passing `O` as the `this` value and no arguments.

**NOTE**

This function is provided to give all Objects a generic `toLocaleString` interface, even though not all may use it. Currently, `Array`, `Number`, and `Date` provide their own locale-sensitive `toLocaleString` methods.

The first parameter to this function is likely to be used in a future version of this standard; it is recommended that implementations do not use this parameter position for anything else.

15.2.4.4 `Object.prototype.valueOf()`

When the `valueOf` method is called, the following steps are taken:

1. Let `O` be the result of calling `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. If `O` is the result of calling the `Object` constructor with a host object (15.2.2.1), then
   a. Return either `O` or another value such as the host object originally passed to the constructor. The specific result that is returned is implementation-defined.
3. Return `O`.

15.2.4.5 `Object.prototype.hasOwnProperty(V)`

When the `hasOwnProperty` method is called with argument `V`, the following steps are taken:

1. Let `P` be `ToString(V)`.
2. Let `O` be the result of calling `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.
3. Let `desc` be the result of calling the `[[GetOwnProperty]]` internal method of `O` passing `P` as the argument.
4. If `desc` is `undefined`, return `false`.
5. Return `true`.

**NOTE**

Unlike `[[HasProperty]]` (8.12.25), this method does not consider objects in the prototype chain.

The ordering of steps 1 and 2 is chosen to ensure that any exception that would have been thrown by step 1 in previous editions of this specification will continue to be thrown even if the `this` value is `undefined` or `null`. 

- 113 -
15.2.4.6 Object.prototype.isPrototypeOf (V)
When the `isPrototypeOf` method is called with argument `V`, the following steps are taken:

1. If `V` is not an object, return `false`.
2. Let `O` be the result of calling `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.
3. Repeat
   a. Let `V` be the value of the `[[Prototype]]` internal property of `V`.
   b. If `V` is `null`, return `false`.
   c. If `O` and `V` refer to the same object, return `true`.

NOTE
The ordering of steps 1 and 2 is chosen to preserve the behaviour specified by previous editions of this specification for the case where `V` is not an object and the `this` value is `undefined` or `null`.

15.2.4.7 Object.prototype.propertyIsEnumerable (V)
When the `propertyIsEnumerable` method is called with argument `V`, the following steps are taken:

1. Let `P` be `ToString(V)`.
2. Let `O` be the result of calling `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.
3. Let `desc` be the result of calling the `[[GetOwnProperty]]` internal method of `O` passing `P` as the argument.
4. If `desc` is `undefined`, return `false`.
5. Return the value of `desc.[[Enumerable]]`.

NOTE
This method does not consider objects in the prototype chain.
The ordering of steps 1 and 2 is chosen to ensure that any exception that would have been thrown by step 1 in previous editions of this specification will continue to be thrown even if the `this` value is `undefined` or `null`.

15.2.5 Properties of Object Instances
Object instances have no special properties beyond those inherited from the Object prototype object.

15.3 Function Objects

15.3.1 The Function Constructor Called as a Function
When `Function` is called as a function rather than as a constructor, it creates and initialises a new Function object. Thus the function call `Function(...)` is equivalent to the object creation expression `new Function(...)` with the same arguments.

15.3.1.1 Function (p1, p2, ..., pn, body)
When the `Function` function is called with some arguments `p1, p2, ..., pn, body` (where `n` might be 0, that is, there are no `"p"` arguments, and where `body` might also not be provided), the following steps are taken:

1. Create and return a new Function object as if the standard built-in constructor `Function` was used in a `new` expression with the same arguments (15.3.2.1).

15.3.2 The Function Constructor
When `Function` is called as part of a `new` expression, it is a constructor: it initialises the newly created object.

15.3.2.1 new Function (p1, p2, ..., pn, body)
The last argument specifies the body (executable code) of a function; any preceding arguments specify formal parameters.

When the `Function` constructor is called with some arguments `p1, p2, ..., pn, body` (where `n` might be 0, that is, there are no `"p"` arguments, and where `body` might also not be provided), the following steps are taken:
1. Let `argCount` be the total number of arguments passed to this function invocation.
2. Let `P` be the empty string.
3. If `argCount` = 0, let `body` be the empty string.
4. Else if `argCount` = 1, let `body` be that argument.
5. Else, `argCount` > 1
   a. Let `firstArg` be the first argument.
   b. Let `P` be `ToString(firstArg)`.
   c. Let `k` be 2.
   d. Repeat, while `k` < `argCount`
      i. Let `nextArg` be the `k`th argument.
      ii. Let `P` be the result of concatenating the previous value of `P`, the string "," (a comma), and `ToString(nextArg)`.
      iii. Increase `k` by 1.
   e. Let `body` be the `k`th argument.
6. Let `body` be `ToString(body)`.
7. If `P` is not parsable as a `FormalParameterList` opt, then throw a `SyntaxError` exception.
8. If `body` is not parsable as `FunctionBody` then throw a `SyntaxError` exception.
9. `body` is strict mode code if when it is parsed as a `FunctionBody` the first `SourceElement` within `SourceElements` is a `Statement` production that is an `ExpressionStatement` whose `Expression` consists solely of a `StringLiteral` whose value is a Use Strict Directive (14.1).
10. If `body` is strict mode code then let `strict` be `true`, else let `strict` be `false`.
11. If `strict` is `true`, throw any exceptions specified in 13.1 that apply.
12. Return a new `Function` object created as specified in 13.2 with parsing `P` as the `FormalParameterList` and `body` as the `FunctionBody`. Pass in the Global Environment as the `Scope` parameter and `strict` as the `Strict` flag.

A prototype property is automatically created for every function, to provide for the possibility that the function will be used as a constructor.

**NOTE**

It is permissible but not necessary to have one argument for each formal parameter to be specified. For example, all three of the following expressions produce the same result:

```javascript
new Function("a", "b", "c", "return a+b+c")
```

```javascript
new Function("a, b, c", "return a+b+c")
```

```javascript
new Function("a,b", "c", "return a+b+c")
```

### 15.3.3 Properties of the Function Constructor

The value of the `[[Prototype]]` internal property of the `Function` constructor is the `Function` prototype object (15.3.4).

The value of the `[[Extensible]]` internal property of the `Function` constructor is `true`.

The `Function` constructor has properties named “caller” and “arguments” whose initial value is `null`. These properties have attributes: attribute `[[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false`. An ECMAScript implementation must not associate any implementation specific behaviour with access of these properties.

The `Function` constructor has the following properties:

#### 15.3.3.1 `Function.prototype`

The initial value of `Function.prototype` is the `Function` prototype object (15.3.4).

This property has the attributes `{ [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

#### 15.3.3.2 `Function.length`

This is a data property with a value of 1. This property has the attributes `{ [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.
15.3.4 Properties of the Function Prototype Object
The Function prototype object is itself a Function object (its [[Class]] is "Function") that, when invoked, accepts any arguments and returns undefined.

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the Function prototype object is the standard built-in Object prototype object (15.2.4). The initial value of the [[Extensible]] internal property of the Function prototype object is true.

The Function prototype object does not have a `valueOf` property of its own; however, it inherits the `valueOf` property from the Object prototype Object.

The `length` property of the Function prototype object is 0.

15.3.4.1 Function.prototype.constructor
The initial value of `Function.prototype.constructor` is the built-in `Function` constructor.

15.3.4.2 Function.prototype.toString() An implementation-dependent representation of the function is returned. This representation has the syntax of a `FunctionDeclaration`. Note in particular that the use and placement of white space, line terminators, and semicolons within the representation string is implementation-dependent.

The `toString` function is not generic; it throws a `TypeError` exception if its `this` value is not a Function object. Therefore, it cannot be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

15.3.4.3 Function.prototype.apply(thisArg, argArray)
When the `apply` method is called on an object `func` with arguments `thisArg` and `argArray` the following steps are taken:

1. If `Callable(func)` is false, then throw a `TypeError` exception.
2. If `argArray` is null or undefined, then
   a. Return the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of `func`, providing `thisArg` as the `this` value and an empty list of arguments.
3. If Type(`argArray`) is not Object, then throw a `TypeError` exception.
4. Let `len` be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of `argArray` with argument "length".
5. If `len` is null or undefined, then throw a `TypeError` exception.
6. Let `n` be ToUint32(`len`).
7. If `n` is not equal to ToNumber(`len`), then throw a `TypeError` exception.
8. Let `argList` be an empty List.
9. Let `index` be 0.
10. Repeat while `index < n`
    a. Let `indexName` be ToString(`index`).
    b. Let `nextArg` be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of `argArray` with `indexName` as the argument.
    c. Append `nextArg` as the last element of `argList`.
    d. Set `index` to `index + 1`.
11. Return the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of `func`, providing `thisArg` as the `this` value and `argList` as the list of arguments.

The `length` property of the `apply` method is 2.

15.3.4.4 Function.prototype.call(thisArg | , arg1 | , arg2, ... | )
When the `call` method is called on an object `func` with argument `thisArg` and optional arguments `arg1`, `arg2` etc, the following steps are taken:

1. If `Callable(func)` is false, then throw a `TypeError` exception.
2. Let `argList` be an empty List.
3. If this method was called with more than one argument then in left to right order starting with `arg1` append each argument as the last element of `argList`.
4. Return the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of `func`, providing `thisArg` as the `this` value and `argList` as the list of arguments.
The `length` property of the `call` method is 1.

### 15.3.4.5 `Function.prototype.bind (thisArg [, arg1 [, arg2, ...]])`

The bind method takes one or more arguments, `thisArg` and (optionally) `arg1`, `arg2`, etc, and returns a new function object by performing the following steps:

1. Let `Target` be the `this` value.
2. If `IsCallable(Target)` is `false`, throw a `TypeError` exception.
3. Let `A` be a new (possibly empty) internal list of all of the argument values provided after `thisArg` (`arg1`, `arg2` etc), in order.
4. Let `F` be a new native ECMAScript object.
5. Set the `[[TargetFunction]]` internal property of `F` to `Target`.
6. Set the `[[BoundThis]]` internal property of `F` to the value of `thisArg`.
7. Set the `[[BoundArgs]]` internal property of `F` to `A`.
8. Set the `[[Class]]` internal property of `F` to "Function".
9. Set the `[[Prototype]]` internal property of `F` to the standard built-in Function prototype object as specified in 15.3.3.1.
10. Set the `[[Call]]` internal property of `F` as described in 15.3.4.5.1.
11. Set the `[[Construct]]` internal property of `F` as described in 15.3.4.5.2.
12. Set the `[[HasInstance]]` internal property of `F` as described in 15.3.4.5.3.
13. The `[[Scope]]` internal property of `F` is unused and need not exist.
14. If the `[[Class]]` internal property of `Target` is "Function", then
   a. Let `L` be the `length` property of `Target` minus the length of `A`.
   b. Set the `length` own property of `F` to either 0 or `L`, whichever is larger.
15. Else set the `length` own property of `F` to 0.
16. The `length` own property of `F` is given attributes as specified in 15.3.5.1.
17. Set the `[[Extensible]]` internal property of `F` to `true`.
18. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of `F` with arguments "caller",
    PropertyDescriptor `[[Value: null, [Writable]: false, [[Enumerable]: false, [[Configurable]]: false], and false].`
19. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of `F` with arguments "arguments",
    PropertyDescriptor `[[Value: null, [Writable]: false, [[Enumerable]: false, [[Configurable]]: false], and false].`

The `length` property of the `bind` method is 1.

**NOTE**

Function objects created using `Function.prototype.bind` do not have a `prototype` property.

### 15.3.4.5.1 `[[Call]]`

When the `[[Call]]` internal method of a function object, `F`, which was created using the bind function is called with a `this` value and a list of arguments `ExtraArgs` the following steps are taken:

1. Let `boundArgs` be the value of `F`'s `[[BoundArgs]]` internal property.
2. Let `boundThis` be the value of `F`'s `[[BoundThis]]` internal property.
3. Let `target` be the value of `F`'s `[[TargetFunction]]` internal property.
4. Let `args` be a new list containing the same values as the list `boundArgs` in the same order followed by the same values as the list `ExtraArgs` in the same order.
5. Return the result of calling the `[[Call]]` internal method of `target` providing `boundThis` as the `this` value and providing `args` as the arguments.

### 15.3.4.5.2 `[[Construct]]`

When the `[[Construct]]` internal method of a function object, `F` that was created using the bind function is called with a list of arguments `ExtraArgs` the following steps are taken:

1. Let `target` be the value of `F`'s `[[TargetFunction]]` internal property.
2. If `target` has no `[[Construct]]` internal method, a `TypeError` exception is thrown.
3. Let `boundArgs` be the value of `F`'s `[[BoundArgs]]` internal property.
4. Let \( \text{args} \) be a new list containing the same values as the list \( \text{boundArgs} \) in the same order followed by the same values as the list \( \text{ExtraArgs} \) in the same order.
5. Return the result of calling the \([\text{Construct}]\) internal method of \( \text{target} \) providing \( \text{Args} \) as the arguments.

15.3.4.5.3 \([\text{HasInstance}]\) (\( V \))

When the \([\text{HasInstance}]\) internal method of a function object \( F \), that was created using the bind function is called with argument \( V \) the following steps are taken:

1. Let \( \text{target} \) be the value of \( F \)'s \([\text{TargetFunction}]\) internal property.
2. If \( \text{target} \) has no \([\text{HasInstance}]\) internal method, a \textbf{TypeError} exception is thrown.
3. Return the result of calling the \([\text{HasInstance}]\) internal method of \( \text{target} \) providing \( V \) as the argument.

15.3.5 Properties of Function Instances

In addition to the required internal properties, every function instance has a \([\text{Call}]\) internal property. Depending on how they are created (see 8.6.2, 13.2, 15, and 15.3.4.5), function instances may have a \([\text{HasInstance}]\) internal property, a \([\text{Scope}]\) internal property, a \([\text{Construct}]\) internal property, a \([\text{FormalParameters}]\) internal property, a \([\text{Code}]\) internal property, a \([\text{TargetFunction}]\) internal property, a \([\text{BoundThis}]\) internal property, and a \([\text{BoundArgs}]\) internal property.

The value of the \([\text{Class}]\) internal property is "\textbf{Function}".

Function instances that correspond to strict mode functions have properties named "\textbf{caller}" and "arguments" whose initial value is \textbf{null}. These properties have attributes: attribute { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }. An ECMAScript implementation must not associate any implementation specific behaviour with accesses of these properties from strict mode function code.

15.3.5.1 \textbf{length}

The value of the \textbf{length} property is an integer that indicates the "typical" number of arguments expected by the function. However, the language permits the function to be invoked with some other number of arguments. The behaviour of a function when invoked on a number of arguments other than the number specified by its \textbf{length} property depends on the function. This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.3.5.2 \textbf{prototype}

The value of the \textbf{prototype} property is used to initialise the \([\text{Prototype}]\) internal property of a newly created object before the Function object is invoked as a constructor for that newly created object. This property has the attribute { [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

\textbf{NOTE}
Function objects created using \textbf{Function.prototype.bind} do not have a \textbf{prototype} property.

15.3.5.3 \([\text{HasInstance}]\) (\( V \))

Assume \( F \) is a Function object.

When the \([\text{HasInstance}]\) internal method of \( F \) is called with value \( V \), the following steps are taken:

1. If \( V \) is not an object, return \textbf{false}.
2. Let \( O \) be the result of calling the \([\text{Get}]\) internal method of \( F \) with property name "\textbf{prototype}".
3. If \( O \) is not an object, throw a \textbf{TypeError} exception.
4. Repeat
   a. Let \( V \) be the value of the \([\text{Prototype}]\) internal property of \( V \).
   b. If \( V \) is \textbf{null}, return \textbf{false}.
   c. If \( O \) and \( V \) refer to the same object, return \textbf{true}.
15.4 Array Objects

Array objects give special treatment to a certain class of property names. A property name \( P \) (in the form of a string value) is an array index if and only if ToUint32(ToUint32(P)) is equal to \( P \) and ToUint32(P) is not equal to \( 2^{32} - 1 \). Every Array object has a length property whose value is always a nonnegative integer less than \( 2^{32} \). The value of the length property is numerically greater than the name of every property whose name is an array index; whenever a property of an Array object is created or changed, other properties are adjusted as necessary to maintain this invariant. Specifically, whenever a property is added whose name is an array index, the length property is changed, if necessary, to be one more than the numeric value of that array index; and whenever the length property is changed, every property whose name is an array index whose value is not smaller than the new length is automatically deleted. This constraint applies only to own properties of an Array object and is unaffected by length or array index properties that may be inherited from its prototypes.

15.4.1 The Array Constructor Called as a Function

When Array is called as a function rather than as a constructor, it creates and initialises a new Array object. Thus the function call Array(...) is equivalent to the object creation expression new Array(...) with the same arguments.

15.4.1.1 Array ([ item1 , item2 , ... ])

When the Array function is called the following steps are taken:

1. Create and return a new Array object exactly as if the standard built-in constructor Array was used in a new expression with the same arguments (15.4.2).

15.4.2 The Array Constructor

When Array is called as part of a new expression, it is a constructor: it initialises the newly created object.

15.4.2.1 new Array ([ item0 , item1 , ... ])

This description applies if and only if the Array constructor is given no arguments or at least two arguments.

The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the original Array prototype object, the one that is the initial value of Array.prototype (15.4.3.1).

The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to "Array".

The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to true.

The length property of the newly constructed object is set to the number of arguments.

The 0 property of the newly constructed object is set to item0 (if supplied); the 1 property of the newly constructed object is set to item1 (if supplied); and, in general, for as many arguments as there are, the \( k \) property of the newly constructed object is set to argument \( k \), where the first argument is considered to be argument number 0.

15.4.2.2 new Array (len)

The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the original Array prototype object, the one that is the initial value of Array.prototype (15.4.3.1). The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to "Array". The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to true.

If the argument len is a Number and ToUint32(len) is equal to len, then the length property of the newly constructed object is set to ToUint32(len). If the argument len is a Number and ToUint32(len) is not equal to len, a RangeError exception is thrown.
If the argument \textit{len} is not a Number, then the \textbf{length} property of the newly constructed object is set to 1 and the 0 property of the newly constructed object is set to \textit{len}.

15.4.3 Properties of the Array Constructor

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the Array constructor is the Function prototype object (15.3.4).

Besides the internal properties and the \textbf{length} property (whose value is 1), the Array constructor has the following properties:

15.4.3.1 \texttt{Array.prototype}

The initial value of \texttt{Array.prototype} is the Array prototype object (15.4.4).

This property has the attributes \{ [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false \}.

15.4.3.2 \texttt{Array.isArray (arg)}

The isArray function takes one argument \textit{arg}, and returns the Boolean value \textbf{true} if the argument is an object that behaves as an Array; otherwise return \textbf{false}. The following steps are taken:

1. If Type(\textit{arg}) is not Object, return \textbf{false}.
2. If the value of the [[Class]] internal property of \textit{arg} is "Array", then return \textbf{true}.
3. Return \textbf{false}.

15.4.4 Properties of the Array Prototype Object

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the Array prototype object is the standard built-in Object prototype object (15.2.4).

The Array prototype object is itself an array; its [[Class]] is "Array", and it has a \textbf{length} property (whose initial value is +0) and the special [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method described in 15.4.5.1.

In following descriptions of functions that are properties of the Array prototype object, the phrase “this object” refers to the object that is the \texttt{this} value for the invocation of the function. It is permitted for the \texttt{this} to be an object for which the value of the [[Class]] internal property is not "Array".

\textbf{NOTE}

The Array prototype object does not have a \texttt{valueOf} property of its own; however, it inherits the \texttt{valueOf} property from the Object prototype Object.

15.4.4.1 \texttt{Array.prototype.constructor}

The initial value of \texttt{Array.prototype.constructor} is the built-in \texttt{Array} constructor.

15.4.4.2 \texttt{Array.prototype.toString ()}

When the \texttt{toString} method is called, the following steps are taken:

1. Let \textit{array} be the result of calling ToObject on the \texttt{this} value.
2. Let \textit{func} be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of \textit{array} with argument "join".
3. If IsCallable(\textit{func}) is \textbf{false}, then let \textit{func} be the standard built-in method Object.prototype.toString (15.2.4.2).
4. Return the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of \textit{func} providing \textit{array} as the \texttt{this} value and an empty arguments list.

\textbf{NOTE}

The \texttt{toString} function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its \texttt{this} value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the \texttt{toString} function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

15.4.4.3 \texttt{Array.prototype.toLocaleString ()}

The elements of the array are converted to strings using their \texttt{toLocaleString} methods, and these strings are then concatenated, separated by occurrences of a separator string that has been derived in an implementation-defined locale-specific way. The result of calling this function is intended to be
analogous to the result of **toString**, except that the result of this function is intended to be locale-specific.

The result is calculated as follows:

1. Let $O$ be the result of calling ToObject passing the **this** value as the argument.
2. Let $arrayLen$ be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of $array$ with argument "length".
3. Let $len$ be ToUint32($arrayLen$).
4. Let $separator$ be the String value for the list-separator string appropriate for the host environment’s current locale (this is derived in an implementation-defined way).
5. If $len$ is zero, return the empty string.
6. Let $firstElement$ be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of $array$ with argument "0".
7. If $firstElement$ is **undefined** or **null**, then
   a. Let $R$ be the empty string.
8. Else
   a. Let $elementObj$ be ToObject($firstElement$).
   b. Let $func$ be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of $elementObj$ with argument "toLocaleString".
   c. If IsCallable($func$) is **false**, throw a **TypeError** exception.
   d. Let $R$ be the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of $func$ providing $elementObj$ as the **this** value and an empty arguments list.
9. Let $k$ be 1.
10. Repeat, while $k < len$
   a. Let $S$ be a string value produced by concatenating $R$ and $separator$.
   b. Let $nextElement$ be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of $array$ with argument $ToString(k)$.
   c. If $nextElement$ is **undefined** or **null**, then
      i. Let $R$ be the empty string.
   d. Else
      i. Let $elementObj$ be ToObject($nextElement$).
      ii. Let $func$ be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of $elementObj$ with argument "toLocaleString".
      iii. If IsCallable($func$) is **false**, throw a **TypeError** exception.
      iv. Let $R$ be the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of $func$ providing $elementObj$ as the **this** value and an empty arguments list.
   e. Let $R$ be a string value produced by concatenating $S$ and $R$.
   f. Increase $k$ by 1.
11. Return $R$.

**NOTE**
The first parameter to this function is likely to be used in a future version of this standard; it is recommended that implementations do not use this parameter position for anything else.

The **toLocaleString** function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its **this** value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the **toLocaleString** function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

15.4.4.4 **Array.prototype.concat ([ item1 [, item2 [, ... ] ] ] )**

When the **concat** method is called with zero or more arguments $item1$, $item2$, etc., it returns an array containing the array elements of the object followed by the array elements of each argument in order.

The following steps are taken:

1. Let $O$ be the result of calling ToObject passing the **this** value as the argument.
2. Let $A$ be a new array created as if by the expression **new Array()** where **Array** is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
3. Let $n$ be 0.
4. Let items be an internal List whose first element is O and whose subsequent elements are, in left to right order, the arguments that were passed to this function invocation.

5. Repeat, while items is not empty
   a. Remove the first element from items and let E be the value of the element.
   b. If the value of the [[Class]] internal property of E is "Array", then
      i. Let k be 0.
      ii. Let len be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of E with argument "length".
      iii. Repeat, while k < len
          1. Let P be ToString(k).
          2. Let exists be the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of E with P.
          3. If exists is true, then
             a. Call ToString(n).
             b. Let subElement be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of E with argument P.
             c. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of A with arguments
                ToString(n), Property Descriptor {{[Value]: subElement, [Writable]: true, [Enumerable]: true, [Configurable]: true}, and false.
          4. Increase n by 1.
      c. Else, E is not an Array
         i. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of A with arguments
            ToString(n), Property Descriptor {{[Value]: E, [Writable]: true, [Enumerable]: true, [Configurable]: true}, and false.
         ii. Increase n by 1.
   6. Return A.

The length property of the concat method is 1.

NOTE
The concat function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the concat function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

15.4.4.5 Array.prototype.join (separator)
The elements of the array are converted to strings, and these strings are then concatenated, separated by occurrences of the separator. If no separator is provided, a single comma is used as the separator.

The join method takes one argument, separator, and performs the following steps:

1. Let O be the result of calling ToObject passing the this value as the argument.
2. Let lenVal be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument "length".
3. Let len be ToUint32(lenVal).
4. If separator is undefined, let separator be the single-character string ",".
5. Let sep be ToString(separator).
6. If len is zero, return the empty string.
7. Let element0 be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument "0".
8. If element0 is undefined or null, let R be the empty string; otherwise, Let R be
   ToString(element0).
9. Let k be 1.
10. Repeat, while k < len
       a. Let S be the string value produced by concatenating R and sep.
       b. Let element be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument
          ToString(k).
       c. If element is undefined or null, Let next be the empty string; otherwise, let next be
          ToString(element).
       d. Let R be a string value produced by concatenating S and next.
       e. Increase k by 1.
11. Return R.

The `length` property of the `join` method is 1.

**NOTE**
The `join` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be an Array object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the `join` function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

### 15.4.4.6 `Array.prototype.pop()`
The last element of the array is removed from the array and returned.

1. Let O be the result of calling `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. Let `lenVal` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of O with argument "length".
3. Let `len` be `ToUint32(lenVal)`.
4. If `len` is zero,
   a. Call the `[[Put]]` internal method of O with arguments "length", _and_ 0, and `true`
   b. Return `undefined`
5. Else, `len > 0`
   a. Let `indx` be `ToString(len - 1)`.
   b. Let `element` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of O with argument `indx`.
   c. Call the `[[Delete]]` internal method of O with arguments `indx` and `true`.
   d. Call the `[[ThrowingPut][[Put]]]` internal method of O with arguments "length", `indx`, and `true`.
   e. Return `element`.

**NOTE**
The `pop` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the `pop` function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

### 15.4.4.7 `Array.prototype.push([item1[, item2[, …]]])`
The arguments are appended to the end of the array, in the order in which they appear. The new length of the array is returned as the result of the call.

When the `push` method is called with zero or more arguments `item1`, `item2`, etc., the following steps are taken:

1. Let O be the result of calling `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. Let `lenVal` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of O with argument "length".
3. Let `n` be `ToUint32(lenVal)`.
4. Let `items` be an internal List whose elements are, in left to right order, the arguments that were passed to this function invocation.
5. Repeat, while `items` is not empty
   a. Remove the first element from `items` and let `E` be the value of the element.
   b. Call the `[[ThrowingPut][[Put]]]` internal method of O with arguments `ToString(n)`, `E`, and `true`.
   c. Increase `n` by 1.
6. Call the `[[ThrowingPut][[Put]]]` internal method of O with arguments "length", `n`, and `true`.
7. Return `n`.

The `length` property of the `push` method is 1.

**NOTE**
The `push` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the `push` function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.
15.4.4.8  
**Array.prototype.reverse ( )**

The elements of the array are rearranged so as to reverse their order. The object is returned as the result of the call.

1. Let `O` be the result of calling `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. Let `lenVal` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with argument "length".
3. Let `len` be `ToUint32(lenVal)`.
4. Let `middle` be `floor(len/2)`.
5. Let `lower` be 0.
6. Repeat, while `lower ≠ middle`
   a. Let `upper` be `len – lower – 1`.
   b. Let `upperP` be `ToString(upper)`.
   c. Let `lowerP` be `ToString(lower)`.
   d. Let `lowerValue` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with argument `lowerP`.
   e. Let `upperValue` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with argument `upperP`.
   f. Let `lowerExists` be the result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of `O` with argument `lowerP`.
   g. Let `upperExists` be the result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of `O` with argument `upperP`.
   h. If `lowerExists` is `true` and `upperExists` is `true`, then
      i. Call the `[[ThrowingPut]][Put]` internal method of `O` with arguments `lowerP`, `upperValue`, and `true`.
   i. Else if `lowerExists` is `false` and `upperExists` is `true`, then
      i. Call the `[[ThrowingPut]][Put]` internal method of `O` with arguments `lowerP`, `upperValue`, and `true`.
      j. Call the `[[Delete]]` internal method of `O`, with arguments `upperP` and `true`.
   j. Else if `lowerExists` is `true` and `upperExists` is `false`, then
      i. Call the `[[Delete]]` internal method of `O`, with arguments `lowerP` and `true`.
   k. Else, both `lowerExists` and `upperExists` are `false`
      i. No action is required.
   l. Increase `lower` by 1.
7. Return `O`.

**NOTE**
The `reverse` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be an Array object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the `reverse` function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

15.4.4.9  
**Array.prototype.shift ( )**

The first element of the array is removed from the array and returned.

1. Let `O` be the result of calling `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. Let `lenVal` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with argument "length".
3. Let `len` be `ToUint32(lenVal)`.
4. If `len` is zero, then
   a. Call the `[[Put]]` internal method of `O` with arguments "length" and 0, and `true`.
   b. Return `undefined`.
5. Let `first` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with argument "0".
6. Let `k` be 1.
7. Repeat, while `k < len`
   a. Let `from` be `ToString(k)`.
   b. Let `to` be `ToString(k–1)`.  
   c. Call the `[[ThrowingPut]][Put]` internal method of `O` with arguments `from`, `to`, and `true`.
   d. Call the `[[Delete]]` internal method of `O`, with arguments `to`, and `true`.
8. Return `first`.

**NOTE**
The `shift` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be an Array object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the `shift` function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.
c. Let fromPresent be the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of O with argument from.
d. If fromPresent is true, then
  i. Let fromVal be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument from.
  ii. Call the [[ThrowingPut]] internal method of O with arguments to, fromVal, and true.
e. Else, fromPresent is false
  i. Call the [[Delete]] internal method of O with arguments to and true.
f. Increase k by 1.
8. Call the [[Delete]] internal method of O with arguments ToString(len–1) and true.
9. Call the [[ThrowingPut]] internal method of O with arguments "length", (len–1), and true.
10. Return first.

NOTE
The shift function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the shift function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

15.4.4.10 Array.prototype.slice (start, end)
The slice method takes two arguments, start and end, and returns an array containing the elements of the array from element start up to, but not including, element end (or through the end of the array if end is undefined). If start is negative, it is treated as (length+start) where length is the length of the array. If end is negative, it is treated as (length+end) where length is the length of the array. The following steps are taken:
1. Let O be the result of calling ToObject passing the this value as the argument.
2. Let lenVal be a new array created as if by the expression new Array() where Array is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
3. Let len be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument "length".
4. Let len be ToUint32(lenVal).
5. Let relativeStart be ToInteger(start).
6. If relativeStart is negative, let k be max((len + relativeStart), 0); else let k be min(relativeStart, len).
7. If end is undefined, let relativeEnd be len; else let relativeEnd be ToInteger(end).
8. If relativeEnd is negative, let final be max((len + relativeEnd), 0); else let final be min(relativeEnd, len).
9. Let n be 0.
10. Repeat, while k < final
   a. LetPk be ToString(k).
   b. Let kPresent be the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of O with argument Pk.
   c. If kPresent is true, then
      i. Let kValue be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument Pk.
      ii. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of A with arguments ToString(n), PropertyDescriptor [[Value]: kValue, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true], and false.
   d. Increase k by 1.
   e. Increase n by 1.
11. Return A.

The length property of the slice method is 2.

NOTE
The slice function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the slice function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.
15.4.4.11 Array.prototype.sort (comparefn)

The elements of this array are sorted. The sort is not necessarily stable (that is, elements that compare equal do not necessarily remain in their original order). If comparefn is not undefined, it should be a function that accepts two arguments x and y and returns a negative value if \( x < y \), zero if \( x = y \), or a positive value if \( x > y \).

If comparefn is not undefined and is not a consistent comparison function for the elements of this array (see below), the behaviour of sort is implementation-defined. Let \( len \) be ToUint32(\texttt{this.length}) if there exists integers \( i \) and \( j \) and an object \( P \) such that all of the conditions below are satisfied then the behaviour of sort is implementation-defined:

- \( 0 \leq i < len \)
- \( 0 \leq j < len \)
- this does not have a property with name ToString\((i)\)
- \( P \) is obtained by following one or more [[Prototype]] properties starting at this
- \( P \) has a property with name ToString\((j)\)

The behaviour of sort is also implementation defined if any of the following conditions are true:

The [[Extensible]] internal property of this array is false.

Any array index property of this array whose name has a numeric value that is a nonnegative integer less than \( len \) is a data property whose [[Writable]] attribute is false.

If any property of this array whose property name is a nonnegative integer less than \( len \) is an accessor property.

Otherwise the following steps are taken.

1. Let \( obj \) be the result of calling ToObject passing the this value as the argument.
2. Let getLen be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of obj with argument "length".
3. Let len be ToUint32(getLen).
4. Perform an implementation-dependent sequence of calls to the [[Get]], [[ThrowingPut]], [[Put]], and [[Delete]] internal methods of obj and to SortCompare (described below), where the first argument for each call to [[Get]], [[ThrowingPut]], [[Put]], or [[Delete]] is a nonnegative integer less than \( len \) and where the arguments for calls to SortCompare are results of previous calls to the [[Get]] internal method. The throw argument to the [[ThrowingPut]], [[Put]], and [[Delete]] internals methods will be the value true.
5. Return obj.

The returned object must have the following two properties.

- There must be some mathematical permutation \( \pi \) of the nonnegative integers less than \( len \), such that for every nonnegative integer \( j \) less than \( len \), if property \( \text{old}[j] \) existed, then \( \text{new}[\pi(j)] \) is exactly the same value as \( \text{old}[j] \). But if property \( \text{old}[j] \) did not exist, then \( \text{new}[\pi(j)] \) does not exist.

- Then for all nonnegative integers \( j \) and \( k \), each less than \( len \), if SortCompare\((j,k) < 0 \) (see SortCompare below), then \( \pi(j) < \pi(k) \).

Here the notation \( \text{old}[j] \) is used to refer to the hypothetical result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of \( obj \) with argument \( j \) before this function is executed, and the notation \( \text{new}[j] \) to refer to the hypothetical result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of \( obj \) with argument \( j \) after this function has been executed.

A function comparefn is a consistent comparison function for a set of values \( S \) if all of the requirements below are met for all values \( a, b, \) and \( c \) (possibly the same value) in the set \( S \): The notation \( a <_S b \) means comparefn\((a,b) < 0 \); \( a =_S b \) means comparefn\((a,b) = 0 \) (of either sign); and \( a >_S b \) means comparefn\((a,b) > 0 \).

- Calling comparefn\((a,b) \) always returns the same value \( v \) when given a specific pair of values \( a \) and \( b \) as its two arguments. Furthermore, \( v \) has type Number, and \( v \) is not NaN. Note that
this implies that exactly one of $a <_{CF} b$, $a =_{CF} b$, and $a >_{CF} b$ will be true for a given pair of $a$ and $b$.

- Calling comparefn($a, b$) does not modify the this object.
- $a =_{CF} a$ (reflexivity)
- If $a =_{CF} b$, then $b =_{CF} a$ (symmetry)
- If $a =_{CF} b$ and $b =_{CF} c$, then $a =_{CF} c$ (transitivity of $=_{CF}$)
- If $a <_{CF} b$ and $b <_{CF} c$, then $a <_{CF} c$ (transitivity of $<_{CF}$)
- If $a >_{CF} b$ and $b >_{CF} c$, then $a >_{CF} c$ (transitivity of $>_{CF}$)

NOTE

The above conditions are necessary and sufficient to ensure that comparefn divides the set $S$ into equivalence classes and that these equivalence classes are totally ordered.

When the SortCompare abstract operation is called with two arguments $j$ and $k$, the following steps are taken:

1. Let $jString$ be ToString($j$).
2. Let $kString$ be ToString($k$).
3. Let has$j$ be the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of $obj$ with argument $jString$.
4. Let has$k$ be the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of $obj$ with argument $kString$.
5. If has$j$ and has$k$ are both false, then return +0.
6. If has$j$ is false, then return 1.
7. If has$k$ is false, then return −1.
8. Let $x$ be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of $obj$ with argument $jString$.
9. Let $y$ be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of $obj$ with argument $kString$.
10. If $x$ and $y$ are both undefined, return +0.
11. If $x$ is undefined, return 1.
12. If $y$ is undefined, return −1.
13. If the argument comparefn is not undefined, then
   a. If IsCallable(comparefn) is false, throw a TypeError exception.
   b. Return the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of comparefn passing undefined as the this value and with arguments $x$ and $y$.
14. Let $xString$ be ToString($x$).
15. Let $yString$ be ToString($y$).
16. If $xString < yString$, return −1.
17. If $xString > yString$, return 1.
18. Return +0.

NOTE

Because non-existent property values always compare greater than undefined property values, and undefined always compares greater than any other value, undefined property values always sort to the end of the result, followed by non-existent property values.

The sort function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be an Array object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the sort function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

15.4.4.12 Array.prototype.splice (start, deleteCount [ , item1 [ , item2 [ , ... ] ] ] )

When the splice method is called with two or more arguments start, deleteCount and (optionally) item1, item2, etc., the deleteCount elements of the array starting at array index start are replaced by the arguments item1, item2, etc. An Array object containing the deleted elements (if any) is returned. The following steps are taken:

1. Let $O$ be the result of calling ToObject passing the this value as the argument.
2. Let $A$ be a new array created as if by the expression new Array() where Array is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
3. Let lenVal be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of $O$ with argument "length".
4. Let len be ToUint32(lenVal).
5. Let relativeStart be ToInteger(start).
6. If relativeStart is negative, let actualStart be max((len + relativeStart), 0); else let actualStart be min(relativeStart, len).
7. Let actualDeleteCount be min(max(ToInteger(deleteCount), 0), len – actualStart).
8. Let k be 0.
9. Repeat, while k < actualDeleteCount
   a. Let from be ToString(relativeStart+k).
   b. Let fromPresent be the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of O with argument from.
   c. If fromPresent is true, then
      i. Let fromValue be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument from.
      ii. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of O with arguments ToString(k), Property Descriptor {[[Value]]: fromValue, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true}, and false.
   d. Increment k by 1.
10. Let items be an internal List whose elements are, in left to right order, the portion of the actual argument list starting with item1. The list will be empty if no such items are present.
11. Let itemCount be the number of elements in items.
12. If itemCount < actualDeleteCount, then
   a. Let k be actualStart.
   b. Repeat, while k < (len – actualDeleteCount)
      i. Let from be ToString(k+actualDeleteCount).
      ii. Let to be ToString(k+itemCount).
      iii. Let fromPresent be the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of O with argument from.
      iv. If fromPresent is true, then
         1. Let fromValue be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument from.
         2. Call the [[ThrowingPut]] internal method of O with arguments to, fromValue, and true.
      v. Else, fromPresent is false
         1. Call the [[Delete]] internal method of O with arguments to and true.
         vi. Increase k by 1.
   c. Let k be len.
   d. Repeat, while k > (len – actualDeleteCount + itemCount)
      i. Call the [[Delete]] internal method of O with arguments ToString(k–1) and true.
      ii. Decrease k by 1.
13. Else if itemCount > actualDeleteCount, then
   a. Let k be (len – actualDeleteCount).
   b. Repeat, while k > actualStart
      i. Let from be ToString(k + actualDeleteCount – 1).
      ii. Let to be ToString(k + itemCount – 1)
      iii. Let fromPresent be the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of O with argument from.
      iv. If fromPresent is true, then
         1. Let fromValue be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument from.
         2. Call the [[ThrowingPut]] internal method of O with arguments to, fromValue, and true.
      v. Else, fromPresent is false
         1. Call the [[Delete]] internal method of O with argument to and true.
         vi. Decrease k by 1.
14. Let k be actualStart.
15. Repeat, while items is not empty
   a. Remove the first element from items and let E be the value of that element.
   b. Call the [[ThrowingPut]] internal method of O with arguments ToString(k), E, and true.
c. Increase $k$ by 1.
16. Call the `[[ThrowingPut]]'][$[Put]]` internal method of $O$ with arguments "length", $(\text{len} - \text{actualDeleteCount} + \text{itemCount})$, and `true`.
17. Return $A$.

The `length` property of the `splice` method is 2.

**NOTE**
The `splice` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be an `Array` object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the `splice` function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

### 15.4.4.13 `Array.prototype.unshift ([ item1 [, item2 [, ... ] ] ] )`

The arguments are prepended to the start of the array, such that their order within the array is the same as the order in which they appear in the argument list.

When the `unshift` method is called with zero or more arguments `item1`, `item2`, etc., the following steps are taken:

1. Let $O$ be the result of calling `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. Let $lenVal$ be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of $O$ with argument "length".
3. Let $\text{len} = \text{ToUint32}(\text{lenVal})$.
4. Let $\text{argCount}$ be the number of actual arguments.
5. Let $k = \text{len}$.
6. Repeat, while $k > 0$,
   a. Let $\text{from} = \text{ToString}(k-1)$.
   b. Let $\text{to} = \text{ToString}(k+\text{argCount} - 1)$.
   c. Let $\text{fromPresent}$ be the result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of $O$ with argument $\text{from}$.
   d. If $\text{fromPresent}$ is `true`, then
      i. Let $\text{fromValue} = \text{the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of $O$ with argument $\text{from}$}.$
      ii. Call the `[[ThrowingPut]]'][$[Put]]` internal method of $O$ with arguments $\text{to}$, $\text{fromValue}$, and `true`.
   e. Else, $\text{fromPresent}$ is false
      i. Call the `[[Delete]]` internal method of $O$ with arguments $\text{to}$, and `true`.
   f. Decrease $k$ by 1.
7. Let $j = 0$.
8. Let $\text{items}$ be an internal List whose elements are, in left to right order, the arguments that were passed to this function invocation.
9. Repeat, while $\text{items}$ is not empty
   a. Remove the first element from $\text{items}$ and let $E$ be the value of that element.
   b. Call the `[[ThrowingPut]]'][$[Put]]` internal method of $O$ with arguments `toString(j)`, $E$, and `true`.
   c. Increase $j$ by 1.
10. Call the `[[ThrowingPut]]'][$[Put]]` internal method of $O$ with arguments "length", $\text{len}+\text{argCount}$, and `true`.
11. Return $\text{len}+\text{argCount}$.

The `length` property of the `unshift` method is 1.

**NOTE**
The `unshift` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be an `Array` object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the `unshift` function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

### 15.4.4.14 `Array.prototype.indexOf ( searchElement [, fromIndex ] )`

`indexOf` compares `searchElement` to the elements of the array, in ascending order, using the internal `SameValue` comparison operation (9.12), and if found at one or more positions, returns the index of the first such position; otherwise, -1 is returned.
The optional second argument fromIndex defaults to 0 (i.e. the whole array is searched). If it is greater than or equal to the length of the array, -1 is returned, i.e. the array will not be searched. If it is negative, it is used as the offset from the end of the array to compute fromIndex. If the computed index is less than 0, the whole array will be searched.

When the indexOf method is called with one or two arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Let O be the result of calling ToObject passing the this value as the argument.
2. Let lenValue be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with the argument "length".
3. Let len be ToUint32(lenValue).
4. If len is 0, return -1.
5. If argument fromIndex was passed let n be ToInt32(fromIndex); else let n be 0.
6. If n ≥ len, return -1.
7. If n ≥ 0, then
   a. Let k be n.
8. Else, n<0
   a. Let k be len - abs(n).
   b. If k is less than 0, then let k be 0.
9. Repeat, while k<len
   a. Let elementK be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with the argument ToString(k).
   b. If SameValue(searchElement, elementK) is true, return k.
   c. Increase k by 1.

NOTE
The indexOf function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the indexOf function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

15.4.4.15 Array.prototype.lastIndexOf ( searchElement [ , fromIndex ] )
lastIndexOf compares searchElement to the elements of the array in descending order using the internal SameValue comparison operation (9.12), and if found at one or more positions, returns the index of the last such position; otherwise, -1 is returned.

The optional second argument fromIndex defaults to the array's length (i.e. the whole array is searched). If it is greater than or equal to the length of the array, the whole array will be searched. If it is negative, it is used as the offset from the end of the array to compute fromIndex. If the computed index is less than 0, -1 is returned.

When the lastIndexOf method is called with one or two arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Let O be the result of calling ToObject passing the this value as the argument.
2. Let lenValue be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with the argument "length".
3. Let len be ToUint32(lenValue).
4. If len is 0, return -1.
5. If argument fromIndex was passed let n be ToInt32(fromIndex); else let n be len.
6. If n ≥ 0, then let k be min(n, len – 1).
7. Else, n < 0
   a. Let k be len - abs(n).
8. Repeat, while k≥0
   a. Let elementK be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with the argument ToString(k).
   b. If SameValue(searchElement, elementK) is true, return k.
   c. Decrease k by 1.
NOTE

The `lastIndexOf` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the `lastIndexOf` function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

15.4.4.16 Array.prototype.every ( `callbackfn [ , thisArg ]` )

`callbackfn` should be a function that accepts three arguments and returns the boolean value `true` or `false`. `every` calls the provided callback, as a function, once for each element present in the array, in ascending order, until it finds one where `callbackfn` returns `false`. If such an element is found, `every` immediately returns `false`. Otherwise, if `callbackfn` returned `true` for all elements, `every` will return `true`. `callbackfn` is called only for indexes of the array which have assigned values; it is not called for indexes which have been deleted or which have never been assigned values.

If a `thisArg` parameter is provided, it will be used as the `this` value for each invocation of the callback. If it is not provided, `undefined` is used instead.

`callbackfn` is called with three arguments: the value of the element, the index of the element, and the Array object being traversed.

`every` does not mutate the array on which it is called.

The range of elements processed by `every` is set before the first call to `callbackfn`. Elements which are appended to the array after the call to `every` begins will not be visited by `callbackfn`. If existing elements of the array are changed, their value as passed to `callbackfn` will be the value at the time `every` visits them; elements that are deleted are not visited. `every` acts like the "for all" quantifier in mathematics. In particular, for an empty array, it returns `true`.

When the `every` method is called with one or two arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Let `O` be the result of calling `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. Let `lenValue` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with the argument "length".
3. Let `len` be `ToUint32(lenValue)`.
4. If `IsCallable(callbackfn)` is `false`, throw a `TypeError` exception.
5. If `thisArg` was supplied, let `T` be `thisArg`; else let `T` be `undefined`.
6. Let `k` be `0`.
7. Repeat, while `k < len`
   a. Let `Pk` be `ToString(k)`.
   b. Let `kPresent` be the result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of `O` with argument `Pk`.
   c. If `kPresent` is `true`, then
      i. Let `kValue` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with argument `Pk`.
      ii. Let `testResult` be the result of calling the `[[Call]]` internal method of `callbackfn` with `T` as the `this` value and argument list containing `kValue`, `k`, and `O`.
      iii. If `ToBoolean(testResult)` is `false`, return `false`.
   d. Increase `k` by `1`.
8. Return `true`.

NOTE

The `every` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the `every` function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

15.4.4.17 Array.prototype.some ( `callbackfn [ , thisArg ]` )

`callbackfn` should be a function that accepts three arguments and returns the boolean value `true` or `false`. `some` calls the callback, as a function, once for each element present in the array, in ascending order, until it finds one where `callbackfn` returns `true`. If such an element is found, `some` immediately returns `true`. Otherwise, `some` returns `false`. `callbackfn` is called only for indexes of the array which have assigned values; it is not called for indexes which have been deleted or which have never been assigned values.
If a `thisArg` parameter is provided, it will be used as the `this` value for each invocation of the callback. If it is not provided, `undefined` is used instead.

`callbackfn` is called with three arguments: the value of the element, the index of the element, and the Array object being traversed.

`some` does not mutate the array on which it is called.

The range of elements processed by `some` is set before the first call to `callbackfn`. Elements that are appended to the array after the call to `some` begins will not be visited by `callbackfn`. If an existing, unvisited element of the array is changed by `callbackfn`, their value as passed to `callbackfn` will be the value at the time that `some` visits them; elements that are deleted are not visited. `some` acts like the "exists" quantifier in mathematics. In particular, for an empty array, it returns `false`.

When the `some` method is called with one or two arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Let `O` be the result of calling ToObject passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. Let `lenValue` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with the argument "length".
3. Let `len` be `ToUint32(lenValue)`.
4. If `IsCallable(callbackfn)` is `false`, throw a `TypeError` exception.
5. If `thisArg` was supplied, let `T` be `thisArg`; else let `T` be `undefined`.
6. Let `k` be 0.
7. Repeat, while `k < len`
   a. Let `Pk` be `ToString(k)`.
   b. Let `kPresent` be the result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of `O` with argument `Pk`.
   c. If `kPresent` is `true`, then
      i. Let `kValue` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with argument `Pk`.
      ii. Let `testResult` be the result of calling the `[[Call]]` internal method of `callbackfn` with `T` as the `this` value and argument list containing `kValue`, `k`, and `O`.
      iii. If `ToBoolean(testResult)` is `true`, return `true`.
   d. Increase `k` by 1.
8. Return `false`.

**NOTE**
The `some` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the `some` function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

### 15.4.4.18 Array.prototype.forEach (callbackfn [, thisArg ])

`callbackfn` should be a function that accepts three arguments. `forEach` calls the provided callback, as a function, once for each element present in the array, in ascending order. `callbackfn` is called only for indexes of the array which have assigned values; it is not called for indexes which have been deleted or which have never been assigned values.

If a `thisArg` parameter is provided, it will be used as the `this` value for each invocation of the callback. If it is not provided, `undefined` is used instead.

`callbackfn` is called with three arguments: the value of the element, the index of the element, and the Array object being traversed.

`forEach` does not mutate the array on which it is called.

The range of elements processed by `forEach` is set before the first call to `callbackfn`. Elements which are appended to the array after the call to `forEach` begins will not be visited by `callbackfn`. If existing elements of the array are changed, or deleted, their value as passed to `callbackfn` will be the value at the time `forEach` visits them; elements that are deleted are not visited.

When the `forEach` method is called with one or two arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Let `O` be the result of calling ToObject passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. Let \( \text{lenValue} \) be the result of calling the \([\text{Get}]\) internal method of \( O \) with the argument "length".
3. Let \( \text{len} \) be ToUint32(\( \text{lenValue} \)).
4. If IsCallable(\( \text{callbackfn} \)) is false, throw a TypeError exception.
5. If \( \text{thisArg} \) was supplied, let \( T \) be \( \text{thisArg} \); else let \( T \) be undefined.
6. Let \( k \) be 0.
7. Repeat, while \( k < \text{len} \)
   a. Let \( Pk \) be ToString(\( k \)).
   b. Let \( kPresent \) be the result of calling the \([\text{HasProperty}]\) internal method of \( O \) with argument \( Pk \).
   c. If \( kPresent \) is true, then
      i. Let \( kValue \) be the result of calling the \([\text{Get}]\) internal method of \( O \) with argument \( Pk \).
      ii. Call the \([\text{Call}]\) internal method of \( \text{callbackfn} \) with \( T \) as the this value and argument list containing \( kValue \), \( k \), and \( O \).
   d. Increase \( k \) by 1.
8. Return.

NOTE
The \( \text{forEach} \) function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the \( \text{forEach} \) function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

15.4.4.19 Array.prototype.map ( \( \text{callbackfn} \ [, \text{thisArg} \] )
\( \text{callbackfn} \) should be a function that accepts three arguments. map calls the provided callback, as a function, once for each element in the array, in ascending order, and constructs a new array from the results. \( \text{callbackfn} \) is called only for indexes of the array which have assigned values; it is not called for indexes which have been deleted or which have never been assigned values.

If a \( \text{thisArg} \) parameter is provided, it will be used as the this value for each invocation of the callback. If it is not provided, undefined is used instead.

\( \text{callbackfn} \) is called with three arguments: the value of the element, the index of the element, and the Array object being traversed.

\( \text{map} \) does not mutate the array on which it is called.

The range of elements processed by \( \text{map} \) is set before the first call to \( \text{callbackfn} \). Elements which are appended to the array after the call to \( \text{map} \) begins will not be visited by \( \text{callbackfn} \). If existing elements of the array are changed, or deleted, their value as passed to \( \text{callbackfn} \) will be the value at the time \( \text{map} \) visits them; elements that are deleted are not visited.

When the \( \text{map} \) method is called with one or two arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Let \( O \) be the result of calling ToObject passing the this value as the argument.
2. Let \( \text{lenValue} \) be the result of calling the \([\text{Get}]\) internal method of \( O \) with the argument "length".
3. Let \( \text{len} \) be ToUint32(\( \text{lenValue} \)).
4. If IsCallable(\( \text{callbackfn} \)) is false, throw a TypeError exception.
5. If \( \text{thisArg} \) was supplied, let \( T \) be \( \text{thisArg} \); else let \( T \) be undefined.
6. Let \( A \) be a new array created as if by the expression new Array(\( \text{len} \)) where Array is the standard built-in constructor with that name and \( \text{len} \) is the value of \( \text{len} \).
7. Let \( k \) be 0.
8. Repeat, while \( k < \text{len} \)
   a. Let \( Pk \) be ToString(\( k \)).
   b. Let \( kPresent \) be the result of calling the \([\text{HasProperty}]\) internal method of \( O \) with argument \( Pk \).
   c. If \( kPresent \) is true, then
      i. Let \( kValue \) be the result of calling the \([\text{Get}]\) internal method of \( O \) with argument \( Pk \).
      ii. Let \( \text{mappedValue} \) be the result of calling the \([\text{Call}]\) internal method of \( \text{callbackfn} \) with \( T \) as the this value and argument list containing \( kValue \), \( k \), and \( O \).
Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of A with argumentsPk, Property
Descriptor {[[Value]]: mappedValue, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true,
[[Configurable]]: true}, and false.

d. Increase k by 1.

9. Return A.

NOTE
The map function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the map
function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

15.4.4.20 Array.prototype.filter (callbackfn [, thisArg ])
callbackfn should be a function that accepts three arguments and returns the boolean value true or
false. filter calls the provided callback, as a function, once for each element in the array, in ascending order, and constructs a new array of all the values for which callbackfn returns true. callbackfn is called only for indexes of the array which have assigned values; it is not called for indexes which have been deleted or which have never been assigned values.

If a thisArg parameter is provided, it will be used as the this value for each invocation of the callback. If it is not provided, undefined is used instead.

callbackfn is called with three arguments: the value of the element, the index of the element, and the Array object being traversed.

filter does not mutate the array on which it is called.

The range of elements processed by filter is set before the first call to callbackfn. Elements which are appended to the array after the call to filter begins will not be visited by callbackfn. If existing elements of the array are changed, or deleted, their value as passed to callbackfn will be the value at the time filter visits them; elements that are deleted are not visited.

When the filter method is called with one or two arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Let O be the result of calling ToObject passing the this value as the argument.
2. Let lenValue be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with the argument
"length".
3. Let len be ToUint32(lenValue).
4. If IsCallable(callbackfn) is false, throw a TypeError exception.
5. If thisArg was supplied, let T be thisArg; else let T be undefined.
6. Let A be a new array created as if by the expression new Array() where Array is the standard
built-in constructor with that name.
7. Let k be 0.
8. Let to be 0.
9. Repeat, while k < len
   a. Let Pk be ToString(k).
   b. Let kPresent be the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of O with argument
      Pk.
   c. If kPresent is true, then
      i. Let kValue be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument Pk.
      ii. Let selected be the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of callbackfn with T as
          the this value and argument list containing kValue, k, and O.
      iii. If ToBoolean(selected) is true, then
          1. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of A with arguments ToString(to),
             Property Descriptor {[[Value]]: kValue, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true,
             [[Configurable]]: true}, and false.
          2. Increase to by 1.
   d. Increase k by 1.
10. Return A.

NOTE
The filter function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the filter function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.

15.4.4.2 Array.prototype.reduce (callbackfn [, initialValue ])

callbackfn should be a function that takes four arguments. reduce calls the callback, as a function, once for each element present in the array, in ascending order.

callbackfn is called with four arguments: the previousValue (or value from the previous call to callbackfn), the currentValue (value of the current element), the currentIndex, and the Array object being traversed. The first time that callback is called, the previousValue and currentValue can be one of two values. If an initialValue was provided in the call to reduce, then previousValue will be equal to initialValue and currentValue will be equal to the first value in the array. If no initialValue was provided, then previousValue will be equal to the first value in the array and currentValue will be equal to the second.

reduce does not mutate the array on which it is called.

The range of elements processed by reduce is set before the first call to callbackfn. Elements that are appended to the array after the call to reduce begins will not be visited by callbackfn. If an existing, unvisited element is changed by callbackfn, its value as passed to callbackfn will be the value at the time reduce visits it; elements that are deleted are not visited.

When the reduce method is called with one or two arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Let O be the result of calling ToObject passing the this value as the argument.
2. Let len be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with the argument "length".
3. Let len be ToUint32(len).
4. If IsCallable(callbackfn) is false, throw a TypeError exception.
5. If len is 0 and initialValue is not present, throw a TypeError exception.
6. Let k be 0.
7. If initialValue is present, then
   a. Set accumulator to initialValue.
8. Else, initialValue is not present
   a. Let kPresent be false.
   b. Repeat, while kPresent is false and k < len
      i. Let Pk be ToString(k).
      ii. Let kPresent be the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of O with argument Pk.
      iii. If kPresent is true, then
           i. Let kValue be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument Pk.
           ii. Let accumulator be the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of callbackfn with null as the this value and argument list containing accumulator, kValue, k, and O.
      iv. Increase k by 1.
   c. If kPresent is false, throw a TypeError exception.
9. Repeat, while k < len
   a. Let Pk be ToString(k).
   b. Let kPresent be the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of O with argument Pk.
   c. If kPresent is true, then
      i. Let kValue be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument Pk.
      ii. Let accumulator be the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of callbackfn with null as the this value and argument list containing accumulator, kValue, k, and O.
   d. Increase k by 1.
10. Return accumulator.

NOTE
The reduce function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the reduce function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.
15.4.4.22 \texttt{Array.prototype.reduceRight (callbackfn [, initialValue ])}

\texttt{callbackfn} should be a function that takes four arguments. \texttt{reduceRight} calls the callback, as a function, once for each element present in the array, in descending order.

\texttt{callbackfn} is called with four arguments: the \texttt{previousValue} (or value from the previous call to \texttt{callbackfn}), the \texttt{currentValue} (value of the current element), the \texttt{currentIndex}, and the Array object being traversed. The first time the function is called, the \texttt{previousValue} and \texttt{currentValue} can be one of two values. If an \texttt{initialValue} was provided in the call to \texttt{reduceRight}, then \texttt{previousValue} will be equal to \texttt{initialValue} and \texttt{currentValue} will be equal to the last value in the array. If no \texttt{initialValue} was provided, then \texttt{previousValue} will be equal to the last value in the array and \texttt{currentValue} will be equal to the second-to-last value.

\texttt{reduceRight} does not mutate the array on which it is called.

The range of elements processed by \texttt{reduceRight} is set before the first call to \texttt{callbackfn}. Elements that are appended to the array after the call to \texttt{reduceRight} begins will not be visited by \texttt{callbackfn}. If an existing, unvisited element is changed by \texttt{callbackfn}, its value as passed to \texttt{callbackfn} will be the value at the time \texttt{reduceRight} visits it; elements that are deleted are not visited.

When the \texttt{reduceRight} method is called with one or two arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Let \( O \) be the result of calling \texttt{ToObject} passing the \texttt{this} value as the argument.
2. Let \( lenValue \) be the result of calling the \texttt{[[Get]]} internal method of \( O \) with the argument \"length\".
3. Let \( len \) be \texttt{ToUint32(lenValue )}.
4. If \texttt{IsCallable(callbackfn)} is \texttt{false}, throw a \texttt{TypeError} exception.
5. If \( len \) is 0 and \texttt{initialValue} is not present, throw a \texttt{TypeError} exception.
6. Let \( k \) be \( len-1 \).
7. If \texttt{initialValue} is present, then
   a. Set \texttt{accumulator} to \texttt{initialValue}.
8. Else, \texttt{initialValue} is not present
   a. Let \( kPresent \) be \texttt{false}.
   b. Repeat, while \( kPresent \) is \texttt{false} and \( k \geq 0 \)
      i. Let \( Pk \) be \texttt{ToString}(\( k \)).
      ii. Let \( kPresent \) be the result of calling the \texttt{[[HasProperty]]} internal method of \( O \) with argument \( Pk \).
      iii. If \( kPresent \) is \texttt{true}, then
           i. Let \texttt{accumulator} be the result of calling the \texttt{[[Get]]} internal method of \( O \) with argument \( Pk \).
           iv. Decrease \( k \) by 1.
   c. If \( kPresent \) is \texttt{false}, throw a \texttt{TypeError} exception.
9. Repeat, while \( k \geq 0 \)
   a. Let \( Pk \) be \texttt{ToString}(\( k \)).
   b. Let \( kPresent \) be the result of calling the \texttt{[[HasProperty]]} internal method of \( O \) with argument \( Pk \).
   c. If \( kPresent \) is \texttt{true}, then
      i. Let \texttt{kValue} be the result of calling the \texttt{[[Get]]} internal method of \( O \) with argument \( Pk \).
      ii. Let \texttt{accumulator} be the result of calling the \texttt{[[Call]]} internal method of \texttt{callbackfn} with \texttt{null} as the \texttt{this} value and argument list containing \texttt{accumulator}, \texttt{kValue}, \( k \), and \( O \).
   d. Decrease \( k \) by 1.
10. Return \texttt{accumulator}.

\textit{NOTE}

The \texttt{reduceRight} function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its \texttt{this} value be an Array object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. Whether the \texttt{reduceRight} function can be applied successfully to a host object is implementation-dependent.
15.4.5 Properties of Array Instances

Array instances inherit properties from the Array prototype object and their [[Class]] internal property value is "Array". Array instances also have the following properties.

15.4.5.1 [[DefineOwnProperty]](P, Desc, Throw)

Array objects use a variation of the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method used for other native ECMAScript objects (8.12.109).

Assume A is an Array object, Desc is a Property Descriptor, and Throw is a boolean flag.

In the following algorithm, the term “Reject” means “If Throw is true, then throw a TypeError exception, otherwise return false.”

When the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of A is called with property P, Property Descriptor Desc, and Boolean flag Throw, the following steps are taken:

1. Let oldLenDesc be the result of calling the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of A passing "length" as the argument. The result will never be undefined or an accessor descriptor because Array objects are created with a length data property that cannot be deleted or reconfigured.
2. Let oldLen be oldLenDesc.[[Value]].
3. If P is "length", then
   a. If the [[Value]] field of Desc is present, then
      i. Let newLen be ToUint32(Desc.[[Value]]).
      ii. If newLen is not equal to ToNumber(Desc.[[Value]]), throw a RangeError exception.
      iii. Set Desc.[[Value]] to newLen.
      iv. Let succeeded be the result of calling the default [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method (8.12.109) on A passing "length", Desc, and false as arguments.
     v. Reject if succeeded is false.
    vi. While newLen < oldLen repeat,
       1. Set oldLen to oldLen – 1.
       2. Let cantDelete be the result of calling the [[Delete]] internal method of A passing ToString(oldLen) and false as arguments.
       3. If cantDelete is true, then
          a. Set Desc.[[Value]] to oldLen + 1.
          b. Call the default [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method (8.12.109) on A passing "length", Desc, and false as arguments.
          c. Return true.
    vii. Return true.
   b. Let succeeded be the result of calling the default [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method (8.12.109) on A passing "length", Desc, and Throw as arguments.
   c. Return succeeded.
4. Else if P is an array index, then
   a. Let index be ToUint32(P).
   b. Reject if index ≥ oldLen and oldLenDesc.[[Writable]] is false.
   c. Let succeeded be the result of calling the default [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method (8.12.109) on A passing P, Desc, and false as arguments.
   d. Reject if succeeded is false.
   e. If index ≥ oldLen
      i. Set oldLenDesc.[[Value]] to index + 1.
      ii. Calling the default [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method (8.12.109) on A passing "length", oldLenDesc, and false as arguments.
     f. Return true.
5. Return the result of calling the default [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method (8.12.109) on A passing P, Desc, and Throw as arguments.

15.4.5.2 length

The length property of this Array object is a data property whose value is always numerically greater than the name of every deletable property whose name is an array index.
The `length` property initially has the attributes { [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

**NOTE**

*Attempting to set the length property of an Array object to a value that is numerically less than or equal to the largest numeric property name of an existing array indexed non-deletable property of the array will result in the length being set to a numeric value that is one greater than that largest numeric property name.*

15.5 String Objects

15.5.1 The String Constructor Called as a Function

When `String` is called as a function rather than as a constructor, it performs a type conversion.

15.5.1.1 `String([value])`

Returns a string value (not a String object) computed by `ToString(value)`. If `value` is not supplied, the empty string "" is returned.

15.5.2 The String Constructor

When `String` is called as part of a `new` expression, it is a constructor: it initialises the newly created object.

15.5.2.1 `new String([value])`

The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the original String prototype object, the one that is the initial value of `String.prototype` (15.5.3.1).

The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to "String".

The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to true.

The [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to `ToString(value)`, or to the empty string if `value` is not supplied.

15.5.3 Properties of the String Constructor

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the String constructor is the Function prototype object (15.3.4).

Besides the internal properties and the `length` property (whose value is 1), the String constructor has the following properties:

15.5.3.1 `String.prototype`

The initial value of `String.prototype` is the String prototype object (15.5.4).

This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.5.3.2 `String.fromCharCode([char0[, char1[, ...[,]]]])`

Returns a string value containing as many characters as the number of arguments. Each argument specifies one character of the resulting string, with the first argument specifying the first character, and so on, from left to right. An argument is converted to a character by applying the operation `ToUint16` (9.7) and regarding the resulting 16-bit integer as the code unit value of a character. If no arguments are supplied, the result is the empty string.

The `length` property of the `fromCharCode` function is 1.

15.5.4 Properties of the String Prototype Object

The String prototype object is itself a String object (its [[Class]] is "String") whose value is an empty string.

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the String prototype object is the standard built-in Object prototype object (15.2.4).

15.5.4.1 `String.prototype.constructor`

The initial value of `String.prototype.constructor` is the built-in String constructor.

- 138 -
15.5.4.2 **String.prototype.toString ( )**

Returns this string value. (Note that, for a String object, the `toString` method happens to return the same thing as the `valueOf` method.)

The `toString` function is not generic; it throws a `TypeError` exception if its `this` value is not a String or a String object. Therefore, it cannot be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

15.5.4.3 **String.prototype.valueOf ( )**

Returns this string value.

The `valueOf` function is not generic; it throws a `TypeError` exception if its `this` value is not a String or String object. Therefore, it cannot be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

15.5.4.4 **String.prototype.charAt (pos)**

Returns a string containing the character at position `pos` in the string resulting from converting this object to a string. If there is no character at that position, the result is the empty string. The result is a string value, not a String object.

If `pos` is a value of Number type that is an integer, then the result of `x.charAt(pos)` is equal to the result of `x.substring(pos, pos+1)`.

When the `charAt` method is called with one argument `pos`, the following steps are taken:

1. Call `CheckObjectCoercible` passing the `this` value as its argument.
2. Let `S` be the result of calling `ToString`, giving it the `this` value as its argument.
3. Let `position` be `ToInteger(pos)`.
4. Let `size` be the number of characters in `S`.
5. If `position < 0` or `position ≥ size`, return the empty string.
6. Return a string of length 1, containing one character from `S`, namely the character at position `position`, where the first (leftmost) character in `S` is considered to be at position 0, the next one at position 1, and so on.

**NOTE**

The `charAt` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

15.5.4.5 **String.prototype.charCodeAt (pos)**

Returns a number (a nonnegative integer less than $2^{16}$) representing the code unit value of the character at position `pos` in the string resulting from converting this object to a string. If there is no character at that position, the result is `NaN`.

When the `charCodeAt` method is called with one argument `pos`, the following steps are taken:

1. Call `CheckObjectCoercible` passing the `this` value as its argument.
2. Let `S` be the result of calling `ToString`, giving it the `this` value as its argument.
3. Let `position` be `ToInteger(pos)`.
4. Let `size` be the number of characters in `S`.
5. If `position < 0` or `position ≥ size`, return `NaN`.
6. Return a value of Number type, whose value is the code unit value of the character at position `position` in the string `S`, where the first (leftmost) character in `S` is considered to be at position 0, the next one at position 1, and so on.

**NOTE**

The `charCodeAt` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

15.5.4.6 **String.prototype.concat ([ string1 [ , string2 [ , ... ] ] ] )**

When the `concat` method is called with zero or more arguments `string1`, `string2`, etc., it returns a string consisting of the characters of this object (converted to a string) followed by the characters of
each of string1, string2, etc. (where each argument is converted to a string). The result is a string value, not a String object. The following steps are taken:

1. Call CheckObjectCoercible passing the this value as its argument.
2. Let S be the result of calling ToString, giving it the this value as its argument.
3. Let args be an internal list that is a copy of the argument list passed to this function.
4. Let R be S.
5. Repeat, while args is not empty
   - Remove the first element from args and let next be the value of that element.
   - Let R be the string value consisting of the characters in the previous value of R followed by the characters of ToString(next).
6. Return R.

The length property of the concat method is 1.

**NOTE**
The concat function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be a String object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

### 15.5.4.7 String.prototype.indexOf (searchString, position)

If searchString appears as a substring of the result of converting this object to a string, at one or more positions that are greater than or equal to position, then the index of the smallest such position is returned; otherwise, -1 is returned. If position is undefined, 0 is assumed, so as to search all of the string.

The indexOf method takes two arguments, searchString and position, and performs the following steps:

1. Call CheckObjectCoercible passing the this value as its argument.
2. Let S be the result of calling ToString, giving it the this value as its argument.
3. Let searchStr be ToString(searchString).
4. Let pos be ToInteger(position). (If position is undefined, this step produces the value 0).
5. Let len be the number of characters in S.
6. Let start be min(max(pos, 0), len).
7. Let searchLen be the number of characters in searchStr.
8. Return the smallest possible integer k not smaller than start such that k + searchLen is not greater than len, and for all nonnegative integers j less than searchLen, the character at position k+j of S is the same as the character at position j of searchStr; but if there is no such integer k, then return the value -1.

The length property of the indexOf method is 1.

**NOTE**
The indexOf function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

### 15.5.4.8 String.prototype.lastIndexOf (searchString, position)

If searchString appears as a substring of the result of converting this object to a string, at one or more positions that are smaller than or equal to position, then the index of the greatest such position is returned; otherwise, -1 is returned. If position is undefined, the length of the string value is assumed, so as to search all of the string.

The lastIndexOf method takes two arguments, searchString and position, and performs the following steps:

1. Call CheckObjectCoercible passing the this value as its argument.
2. Let S be the result of calling ToString, giving it the this value as its argument.
3. Let searchStr be ToString(searchString).
4. Let numPos be ToNumber(position). (If position is undefined, this step produces the value NaN).
5. If numPos is NaN, let pos be +\infty; otherwise, let pos be ToInteger(numPos).
6. Let len be the number of characters in S.
7. Let \( \text{start} \) \( = \min(\max(\text{pos}, 0), \text{len}) \).
8. Let \( \text{searchLen} \) be the number of characters in \( \text{searchStr} \).
9. Return the largest possible nonnegative integer \( k \) not larger than \( \text{start} \) such that \( k + \text{searchLen} \) is not greater than \( \text{len} \), and for all nonnegative integers \( j \) less than \( \text{searchLen} \), the character at position \( k+j \) of \( S \) is the same as the character at position \( j \) of \( \text{searchStr} \); but if there is no such integer \( k \), then return the value \(-1\).

The \texttt{length} property of the \texttt{lastIndexOf} method is 1.

**NOTE**
The \texttt{lastIndexOf} function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its \texttt{this} value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

15.5.4.9 \texttt{String.prototype.localeCompare (that)}

When the \texttt{localeCompare} method is called with one argument \emph{that}, it returns a number other than \texttt{NaN} that represents the result of a locale-sensitive string comparison of the this value (converted to a string) with \emph{that} (converted to a string). The two strings are \( S \) and \( \text{That} \). The two strings are compared in an implementation-defined fashion. The result is intended to order strings in the sort order specified by the system default locale, and will be negative, zero, or positive, depending on whether \( S \) comes before \emph{That} in the sort order, the strings are equal, or \( S \) comes after \emph{That} in the sort order, respectively.

Before perform the comparisons the following steps are performed to prepare the strings:
1. Call CheckObjectCoercible passing the \texttt{this} value as its argument.
2. Let \( S \) be the result of calling To\texttt{String}, giving it the \texttt{this} value as its argument.
3. Let \( \text{That} \) be To\texttt{String}(\emph{that}).

The \texttt{localeCompare} method, if considered as a function of two arguments \texttt{this} and \emph{that}, is a consistent comparison function (as defined in 15.4.4.11) on the set of all strings. Furthermore, \texttt{localeCompare} returns 0 or \(-0\) when comparing two strings that are considered canonically equivalent by the Unicode standard.

The actual return values are implementation-defined to permit implementers to encode additional information in the value, but the function is required to define a total ordering on all strings and to return 0 when comparing strings that are considered canonically equivalent by the Unicode standard.

**NOTE**
The \texttt{localeCompare} method itself is not directly suitable as an argument to \texttt{Array.prototype.sort} because the latter requires a function of two arguments.

This function is intended to rely on whatever language-sensitive comparison functionality is available to the ECMA\texttt{Script} environment from the host environment, and to compare according to the rules of the host environment’s current locale. It is strongly recommended that this function treat strings that are canonically equivalent according to the Unicode standard as identical (in other words, compare the strings as if they had both been converted to Normalised Form C or D first). It is also recommended that this function not honour Unicode compatibility equivalences or decompositions.

If no language-sensitive comparison at all is available from the host environment, this function may perform a bitwise comparison.

The \texttt{localeCompare} function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its \texttt{this} value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

The second parameter to this function is likely to be used in a future version of this standard; it is recommended that implementations do not use this parameter position for anything else.

15.5.4.10 \texttt{String.prototype.match (regexp)}

When the \texttt{match} method is called with argument \texttt{regexp} the following steps are taken:
1. Call CheckObjectCoercible passing the \texttt{this} value as its argument.
2. Let \( S \) be the result of calling To\texttt{String}, giving it the \texttt{this} value as its argument.
3. If Type(regexp) is Object and the value of the [[Class]] internal property of regexp is "RegExp", then let rx be regexp:
4. Else, let rx be a new RegExp object created as if by the expression new RegExp(regexp) where RegExp is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
5. Let global be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of rx with argument "global".
6. Let exec be the standard built-in function RegExp.prototype.exec (see 15.10.6.2)
7. If global is not true, then
   a. Return the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of exec with rx as the this value and argument list containing S.
8. Else, global is true
   a. Call the [[Put]] internal method of rx with arguments "lastIndex" and 0.
   b. Let previousLastIndex be 0.
   c. Let n be 0.
   d. Let lastMatch be true.
   e. Repeat, while lastMatch is true
      i. Let result be the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of exec with rx as the this value and argument list containing S.
      ii. If result is null, then set lastMatch to false.
      iii. Else, result is not null
          1. Let thisIndex be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of result with argument "lastIndex".
          2. If thisIndex = previousLastIndex then
             a. Call the [[Put]] internal method of rx with arguments "lastIndex" and thisIndex+1.
             b. Set previousLastIndex to thisIndex+1.
             3. Else, set previousLastIndex to thisIndex.
             4. Let matchStr be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of result with argument "0".
             5. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of A with arguments ToString(n), the Property Descriptor {[[Value]]: matchStr, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[configurable]]: true}, and false.
             6. Increment n.
   f. If n = 0, then return null.
   g. Return A.

NOTE
The match function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

15.5.4.11 String.prototype.replace (searchValue, replaceValue)
First set string according to the following steps:
1. Call CheckObjectCoercible passing the this value as its argument.
2. Let string be the result of calling ToString, giving it the this value as its argument.

If searchValue is a regular expression (an object whose [[Class]] internal property is "RegExp"), do the following: If searchValue.global is false, then search string for the first match of the regular expression searchValue. If searchValue.global is true, then search string for all matches of the regular expression searchValue. Do the search in the same manner as in String.prototype.match, including the update of searchValue.lastIndex. Let m be the number of left capturing parentheses in searchValue (NcapturingParens as specified in 15.10.2.1).

If searchValue is not a regular expression, let searchString be ToString(searchValue) and search string for the first occurrence of searchString. Let m be 0.

If replaceValue is a function, then for each matched substring, call the function with the following m + 3 arguments. Argument 1 is the substring that matched. If searchValue is a regular expression, the
The next \( m \) arguments are all of the captures in the MatchResult (see 15.10.2.1). Argument \( m + 2 \) is the offset within \( string \) where the match occurred, and argument \( m + 3 \) is \( string \). The result is a string value derived from the original input by replacing each matched substring with the corresponding return value of the function call, converted to a string if need be.

Otherwise, let \( newstring \) denote the result of converting \( replaceValue \) to a string. The result is a string value derived from the original input string by replacing each matched substring with a string derived from \( newstring \) by replacing characters in \( newstring \) by replacement text as specified in the following table. These \$ replacements are done left-to-right, and, once such a replacement is performed, the new replacement text is not subject to further replacements. For example, "$1,$2".replace(/((\$)((d)))/g, "$1-$1$2") returns "$1-\$11,$1-\$22". A $ in \( newstring \) that does not match any of the forms below is left as is.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Characters</th>
<th>Replacement text</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$$</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$&amp;</td>
<td>The matched substring.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$ '</td>
<td>The portion of ( string ) that precedes the matched substring.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$ '</td>
<td>The portion of ( string ) that follows the matched substring.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$$n</td>
<td>The ( n )th capture, where ( n ) is a single digit 1-9 and $n is not followed by a decimal digit. If ( n \leq m ) and the ( n )th capture is \texttt{undefined}, use the empty string instead. If ( n &gt; m ), the result is implementation-defined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$$nn</td>
<td>The ( nn )th capture, where ( nn ) is a two-digit decimal number 01-99. If ( nn \leq m ) and the ( nn )th capture is \texttt{undefined}, use the empty string instead. If ( nn &gt; m ), the result is implementation-defined.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**NOTE**
The \texttt{replace} function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its \texttt{this} value be a \texttt{String} object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

### 15.5.4.12 String.prototype.search (regexp)
When the search method is called with argument \texttt{regexp} the following steps are taken:

1. Call \texttt{CheckObjectCoercible} passing the \texttt{this} value as its argument.
2. Let \texttt{string} be the result of calling \texttt{ToString}, giving it the \texttt{this} value as its argument.
3. If \texttt{Type(regexp)} is Object and the value of the [[Class]] internal property of \texttt{regexp} is \texttt{"RegExp"}, then let \( rx \) be \texttt{regexp}:
4. Else, let \( rx \) be a new \texttt{RegExp} object created as if by the expression \texttt{new RegExp(regexp)} where \texttt{RegExp} is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
5. Search the value \texttt{string} from its beginning for an occurrence of the regular expression pattern \( rx \).
   
   Let \texttt{result} be a number indicating the offset within \texttt{string} where the pattern matched, or \(-1\) if there was no match. The \texttt{lastIndex} and \texttt{global} properties of \texttt{regexp} are ignored when performing the search. The \texttt{lastIndex} property of \texttt{regexp} is left unchanged.
6. Return \texttt{result}.

**NOTE**
The \texttt{search} function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its \texttt{this} value be a \texttt{String} object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

### 15.5.4.13 String.prototype.slice (start, end)
The \texttt{slice} method takes two arguments, \texttt{start} and \texttt{end}, and returns a substring of the result of converting this object to a string, starting from character position \texttt{start} and running to, but not including, character position \texttt{end} (or through the end of the string if \texttt{end} is \texttt{undefined}). If \texttt{start} is negative, it is treated as \((sourceLength+start)\) where \texttt{sourceLength} is the length of the string. If \texttt{end} is negative, it is treated as \((sourceLength+end)\) where \texttt{sourceLength} is the length of the string. The result is a string value, not a \texttt{String} object. The following steps are taken:

1. Call \texttt{CheckObjectCoercible} passing the \texttt{this} value as its argument.
2. Let $S$ be the result of calling ToString, giving it the this value as its argument.
3. Let $len$ be the number of characters in $S$.
4. Let intStart be ToInteger(start).
5. If end is undefined, let intEnd be len; else let intEnd be ToInteger(end).
6. If intStart is negative, let from be max(len + intStart,0); else let from be min(intStart, len).
7. If intEnd is negative, let to be max(len + intEnd,0); else let to be min(intEnd, len).
8. Let span be max(to – from,0).
9. Return a string containing span consecutive characters from $S$ beginning with the character at position from.

The length property of the slice method is 2.

NOTE
The slice function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its this value be a String object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

15.5.4.14 String.prototype.split (separator, limit)

Returns an Array object into which substrings of the result of converting this object to a string have been stored. The substrings are determined by searching from left to right for occurrences of separator; these occurrences are not part of any substring in the returned array, but serve to divide up the string value. The value of separator may be a string of any length or it may be a RegExp object (i.e., an object whose [[Class]] internal property is "RegExp"; see 15.10).

The value of separator may be an empty string, an empty regular expression, or a regular expression that can match an empty string. In this case, separator does not match the empty substring at the beginning or end of the input string; nor does it match the empty substring at the end of the previous separator match. (For example, if separator is the empty string, the string is split up into individual characters; the length of the result array equals the length of the string, and each substring contains one character.) If separator is a regular expression, only the first match at a given position of the this string is considered, even if backtracking could yield a non-empty-substring match at that position. (For example, "ab".split(/a*?/) evaluates to the array ["a","b"], while "ab".split(/a*/) evaluates to the array ["","b"].)

If the this object is (or converts to) the empty string, the result depends on whether separator can match the empty string. If it can, the result array contains no elements. Otherwise, the result array contains one element, which is the empty string.

If separator is a regular expression that contains capturing parentheses, then each time separator is matched the results (including any undefined results) of the capturing parentheses are spliced into the output array. For example, "A<B>bold</B>and<CODE>code</CODE>".split(/<\/ ?([^<>]+)>/) evaluates to the array ["A", undefined, "B", "bold", "/", "B", "and", undefined, "CODE", "\coded\", "/", "CODE", "]"

If separator is undefined, then the result array contains just one string, which is the this value (converted to a string). If limit is not undefined, then the output array is truncated so that it contains no more than limit elements.

When the split method is called, the following steps are taken:

1. Call CheckObjectCoercible passing the this value as its argument.
2. Let $S$ be the result of calling ToString, giving it the this value as its argument.
3. Let $A$ be a new array created as if by the expression new Array() where Array is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
4. Let length A be 0.
5. If limit is undefined, let $lim = 2^{32} – 1$; else let $lim = ToUint32(limit)$.
6. Let $s$ be the number of characters in $S$.
7. Let $p = 0$.
8. If separator is a RegExp object (its [[Class]] is "RegExp"), let $R = separator$; otherwise let $R = ToString(separator).
9. If \( \lim = 0 \), return \( A \).
10. If \( \text{separatoe} \) is \text{undefined}, then
    a. Call the [[Put]] internal method of \( A \) with arguments "0" and \( S \).
    b. Return \( A \).
11. If \( s = 0 \), then
    a. Call \( \text{SplitMatch}(R, S, 0) \) and let \( z \) be its \( \text{MatchResult} \) result.
    b. If \( z \) is not \text{failure}, return \( A \).
    c. Call the [[Put]] internal method of \( A \) with arguments "0" and \( S \).
    d. Return \( A \).
12. Let \( q = p \).
13. Repeat, while \( q \neq s \)
    a. Call \( \text{SplitMatch}(R, S, q) \) and let \( z \) be its \( \text{MatchResult} \) result.
    b. If \( z \) is \text{failure}, then let \( q = q+1 \).
    c. Else, \( z \) is not \text{failure}
       i. \( z \) must be a State. Let \( e \) be \( z \)'s \( \text{endIndex} \) and let \( cap \) be \( z \)'s \( \text{captures} \) array.
       ii. If \( e = p \), then let \( q = q+1 \).
       iii. Else, \( e \neq p \)
          1. Let \( T \) be a string value equal to the substring of \( S \) consisting of the characters at positions \( p \) (inclusive) through \( q \) (exclusive).
          2. Call the [[Put]] internal method of \( A \) with arguments \( \text{lengthA} \) and \( T \).
          3. Increment \( \text{lengthA} \) by 1.
          4. If \( \text{lengthA} = \lim \), return \( A \).
          5. Let \( p = e \).
          6. Let \( i = 0 \).
          7. Repeat, while \( i \) is not equal to the number of elements in \( cap \).
             a. Let \( i = i+1 \).
             b. Call the [[Put]] internal method of \( A \) with arguments \( \text{lengthA} \) and \( cap[i] \).
             c. Increment \( \text{lengthA} \) by 1.
             d. If \( A \).\( \text{length} = \lim \), return \( A \).
          8. Let \( q = p \).
14. Let \( T \) be a string value equal to the substring of \( S \) consisting of the characters at positions \( p \) (inclusive) through \( s \) (exclusive).
15. Call the [[Put]] internal method of \( A \) with arguments \( \text{lengthA} \) and \( T \).
16. Return \( A \).

The abstract operation \( \text{SplitMatch} \) takes three parameters, a string \( S \), an integer \( q \), and a string or \( \text{RegExp} \) \( R \), and performs the following in order to return a \( \text{MatchResult} \) (see 15.10.2.1):

1. If \( R \) is a \( \text{RegExp} \) object (its [[Class]] is "\text{RegExp}"), then
   a. Call the [[Match]] internal method of \( R \) giving it the arguments \( S \) and \( q \), and return the \( \text{MatchResult} \) result.
2. \( R \) must be a string. Let \( r \) be the number of characters in \( R \).
3. Let \( s \) be the number of characters in \( S \).
4. If \( q+r > s \) then return the \( \text{MatchResult} \) \text{failure}.
5. If there exists an integer \( i \) between 0 (inclusive) and \( r \) (exclusive) such that the character at position \( q+i \) of \( S \) is different from the character at position \( i \) of \( R \), then return \text{failure}.
6. Let \( cap \) be an empty array of captures (see 15.10.2.1).
7. Return the State \( (q+r, cap) \). (see 15.10.2.1)

The \( \text{length} \) property of the \( \text{split} \) method is \text{2}.

\text{NOTE}

The \( \text{split} \) function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its \text{this} value be a \text{String} object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

The \( \text{split} \) method ignores the value of \text{separator}.\text{.global} for separators that are \text{RegExp} objects.
15.5.4.15  **String.prototype.substring (start, end)**

The **substring** method takes two arguments, *start* and *end*, and returns a substring of the result of converting this object to a string, starting from character position *start* and running to, but not including, character position *end* of the string (or through the end of the string if *end* is **undefined**). The result is a string value, not a String object.

If either argument is **NaN** or negative, it is replaced with zero; if either argument is larger than the length of the string, it is replaced with the length of the string.

If *start* is larger than *end*, they are swapped.

The following steps are taken:

1. Call `CheckObjectCoercible` passing the *this* value as its argument.
2. Let *S* be the result of calling `ToString`, giving it the *this* value as its argument.
3. Let len be the number of characters in *S*.
4. Let `intStart` be `ToInteger(start)`.
5. If *end* is `undefined`, let `intEnd` be `len`; else let `intEnd` be `ToInteger(end)`.
6. Let `finalStart` be `min(max(intStart, 0), len)`.
7. Let `finalEnd` be `min(max(intEnd, 0), len)`.
8. Let `from` be `min(finalStart, finalEnd)`.
9. Let `to` be `max(finalStart, finalEnd)`.
10. Return a string whose length is `to - from`, containing characters from *S*, namely the characters with indices `from` through `to - 1`, in ascending order.

The **length** property of the **substring** method is 2.

**NOTE**
The **substring** function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its *this* value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

15.5.4.16  **String.prototype.toLowerCase ()**

The following steps are taken:

1. Call `CheckObjectCoercible` passing the *this* value as its argument.
2. Let *S* be the result of calling `ToString`, giving it the *this* value as its argument.
3. Let *L* be a string where each character of *L* is either the Unicode lowercase equivalent of the corresponding character of *S* or the actual corresponding character of *S* if no Unicode lowercase equivalent exists.
4. Return *L*.

**NOTE**
The result should be derived according to the case mappings in the Unicode character database (this explicitly includes not only the UnicodeData.txt file, but also the SpecialCasings.txt file that accompanies it in Unicode 2.1.8 and later).

For the purposes of this operation, the 16-bit code units of the strings are treated as code points in the Unicode Basic Multilingual Plane. Surrogate code points are directly transferred from *S* to *L* without any mapping.

The case mapping of some characters may produce multiple characters. In this case the result string may not be the same length as the source string. Because both **toUpperCase** and **toLowerCase** have context-sensitive behaviour, the functions are not symmetrical. In other words, *s.toUpperCase()*.*toLowerCase()* is not necessarily equal to *s.toLowerCase()*.

The **toLowerCase** function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its *this* value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

15.5.4.17  **String.prototype.toLocaleLowerCase ()**

This function works exactly the same as **toLowerCase** except that its result is intended to yield the correct result for the host environment’s current locale, rather than a locale-independent result. There
will only be a difference in the few cases (such as Turkish) where the rules for that language conflict with the regular Unicode case mappings.

**NOTE**
The `toLocaleLowerCase` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

The first parameter to this function is likely to be used in a future version of this standard; it is recommended that implementations do not use this parameter position for anything else.

### 15.5.4.18 String.prototype.toUpperCase ( )

This function behaves in exactly the same way as `String.prototype.toLowerCase`, except that characters are mapped to their uppercase equivalents as specified in the Unicode Character Database.

**NOTE**
The `toUpperCase` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

### 15.5.4.19 String.prototype.toLocaleUpperCase ( )

This function works exactly the same as `toUpperCase` except that its result is intended to yield the correct result for the host environment’s current locale, rather than a locale-independent result. There will only be a difference in the few cases (such as Turkish) where the rules for that language conflict with the regular Unicode case mappings.

**NOTE**
The `toLocaleUpperCase` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

The first parameter to this function is likely to be used in a future version of this standard; it is recommended that implementations do not use this parameter position for anything else.

### 15.5.4.20 String.prototype.trim ( )

The following steps are taken:

1. Call `CheckObjectCoercible` passing the `this` value as its argument.
2. Let `S` be the result of calling `ToString`, giving it the `this` value as its argument.
3. Let `T` be a string value that is a copy of `S` with both leading and trailing white space removed. The definition of white space is the union of `WhiteSpace` and `LineTerminator`.
4. Return `T`.

**NOTE**
The `trim` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

### 15.5.4.21 String.prototype.toJSON (key)

When the `toJSON` method is called with argument `key`, the following steps are taken:

1. Let `O` be the result of calling `ToObject` on the this value.
2. Let `valueOf` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with argument "valueOf".
3. If `IsCallable(valueOf)` is `false`, then throw a `TypeError` exception.
4. Let `R` be the result of calling the `[[Call]]` internal method of `valueOf` with `O` as the `this` value and an empty argument list.
5. If `R` is not a primitive value, then throw a `TypeError` exception.
6. Return `R`.

**NOTE**
The argument is ignored.

The `toJSON` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be a String object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

An object is free to use the argument ‘key’ that is passed in to filter its stringification.
15.5.5 Properties of String Instances

String instances inherit properties from the String prototype object and their [[Class]] internal property value is "String", and String instances also have a [[PrimitiveValue]] property and a length property.

The [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property is the string value represented by this String object.

15.5.5.1 length

The number of characters in the String value represented by this String object.

Once a String object is created, this property is unchanging. It has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.5.5.2 [[GetOwnProperty]] ( P )

String objects use a variation of the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method used for other native ECMAScript objects (8.12.1).

Assume $S$ is a String object and $P$ is a string.

When the [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method of $S$ is called with property name $P$, the following steps are taken:

1. Let $desc$ be the result of calling the default [[GetOwnProperty]] internal method (8.12.1) on $S$ with argument $P$.
2. If $desc$ is not undefined return $desc$.
3. If $P$ is not an array index (15.4), return undefined.
4. Let $str$ be ToString($S$).
5. Let $index$ be ToUint32($P$).
6. Let $len$ be the number of characters in $str$.
7. If $len \leq index$, return undefined.
8. Let $resultStr$ be a String of length 1, containing one character from $str$, specifically the character at position $index$, where the first (leftmost) character in $str$ is considered to be at position 0, the next one at position 1, and so on.
9. Return a Property Descriptor { [[Value]]: $resultStr$, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Writable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }

15.6 Boolean Objects

15.6.1 The Boolean Constructor Called as a Function

When Boolean is called as a function rather than as a constructor, it performs a type conversion.

15.6.1.1 Boolean (value)

Returns a boolean value (not a Boolean object) computed by ToBoolean(value).

15.6.2 The Boolean Constructor

When Boolean is called as part of a new expression it is a constructor: it initialises the newly created object.

15.6.2.1 new Boolean (value)

The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the original Boolean prototype object, the one that is the initial value of Boolean.prototype (15.6.3.1).

The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed Boolean object is set to "Boolean".

The [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of the newly constructed Boolean object is set to ToBoolean(value).

The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to true.

15.6.3 Properties of the Boolean Constructor

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the Boolean constructor is the Function prototype object (15.3.4).
Besides the internal properties and the `length` property (whose value is 1), the Boolean constructor has the following property:

15.6.3.1 **Boolean.prototype**
The initial value of `Boolean.prototype` is the Boolean prototype object (15.6.4).

This property has the attributes `{ [[Writable]]: `false`, [[Enumerable]]: `false`, [[Configurable]]: `false` }.

15.6.4 **Properties of the Boolean Prototype Object**
The Boolean prototype object is itself a Boolean object (its [[Class]] is "Boolean") whose value is false.

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the Boolean prototype object is the standard built-in Object prototype object (15.2.4).

15.6.4.1 **Boolean.prototype.constructor**
The initial value of `Boolean.prototype.constructor` is the built-in `Boolean` constructor.

15.6.4.2 **Boolean.prototype.toString ( )**
The following steps are taken:
1. Let `B` be the `this` value.
2. If `Type(B)` is Boolean, then let `b` be `B`.
3. Else if `Type(B)` is Object and the value of the [[Class]] internal property of `B` is "Boolean", then let `b` be the value of the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of `B`.
4. Else throw a `TypeError` exception.
5. If `b` is `true`, then return "true"; else return "false".

15.6.4.3 **Boolean.prototype.valueOf ( )**
The following steps are taken:
1. Let `B` be the `this` value.
2. If `Type(B)` is Boolean, then let `b` be `B`.
3. Else if `Type(B)` is Object and the value of the [[Class]] internal property of `B` is "Boolean", then let `b` be the value of the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of `B`.
4. Else throw a `TypeError` exception.
5. Return `b`.

15.6.4.4 **Boolean.prototype.toJSON ( key )**
When the `toJSON` method is called with argument `key`, the following steps are taken:
1. Let `O` be the result of calling `ToObject` on the `this` value.
2. Let `valueOf` be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of `O` with argument “`valueOf`”.
3. If `IsCallable(valueOf)` is `false`, then throw a `TypeError` exception.
4. Let `R` be the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of `valueOf` with `O` as the `this` value and an empty argument list.
5. If `R` is not a primitive value, then throw a `TypeError` exception.
6. Return `R`.

**NOTE**
The argument is ignored.

The `toJSON` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be a Boolean object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. An object is free to use the argument ‘key’ that is passed in to filter its stringification.

15.6.5 **Properties of Boolean Instances**
Boolean instances inherit properties from the Boolean prototype object and their [[Class]] internal property value is "Boolean". Boolean instances also have a [[PrimitiveValue]] property. Boolean instances have no special properties beyond those inherited from the Boolean prototype object.
The [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property is the boolean value represented by this Boolean object.

15.7 Number Objects

15.7.1 The Number Constructor Called as a Function
When `Number` is called as a function rather than as a constructor, it performs a type conversion.

15.7.1.1 `Number ( [ value ] )`
Returns a number value (not a Number object) computed by `ToNumber(value)` if `value` was supplied, else returns `+0`.

15.7.2 The Number Constructor
When `Number` is called as part of a `new` expression it is a constructor: it initialises the newly created object.

15.7.2.1 `new Number ( [ value ] )`
The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the original Number prototype object, the one that is the initial value of `Number.prototype` (15.7.3.1).
The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to "Number".
The [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to `ToNumber(value)` if `value` was supplied, else to `+0`.
The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to `true`.

15.7.3 Properties of the Number Constructor
The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the Number constructor is the Function prototype object (15.3.4).

Besides the internal properties and the `length` property (whose value is 1), the Number constructor has the following property:

15.7.3.1 `Number.prototype`
The initial value of `Number.prototype` is the Number prototype object (15.7.4).
This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.7.3.2 `Number.MAX_VALUE`
The value of `Number.MAX_VALUE` is the largest positive finite value of the number type, which is approximately $1.7976931348623157 \times 10^{308}$.
This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.7.3.3 `Number.MIN_VALUE`
The value of `Number.MIN_VALUE` is the smallest positive value of the number type, which is approximately $5 \times 10^{-324}$.
This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.7.3.4 `Number.NaN`
The value of `Number.NaN` is `NaN`.
This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.7.3.5 `Number.NEGATIVE_INFINITY`
The value of `Number.NEGATIVE_INFINITY` is $-\infty$.
This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.7.3.6 `Number.POSITIVE_INFINITY`
The value of `Number.POSITIVE_INFINITY` is $+\infty$.
This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.
Properties of the Number Prototype Object

The Number prototype object is itself a Number object (its [[Class]] is "Number") whose value is +0.

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the Number prototype object is the standard built-in Object prototype object (15.2.4).

Unless explicitly stated otherwise, the methods of the Number prototype object defined in this section are not generic and the this value passed to them must be either a Number value or an Object for which the value of the [[Class]] internal property is "Number".

In the following descriptions of functions that are properties of the Number prototype object, the phrase “this Number object” refers to either the object that is the this value for the invocation of the function or, if Type(this value) is Number, an object that is created as if by the expression `new Number(this value)` where Number is the standard built-in constructor with that name and value is the this value. Also, the phrase “this number value” refers to either the number value represented by this Number object, that is, the value of the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of this Number object or the this value if its type is Number. A TypeError exception is thrown if the this value is neither an object for which the value of the [[Class]] internal property is "Number" or a value whose type is Number.

15.7.4.1 Number.prototype.constructor
The initial value of Number.prototype.constructor is the built-in Number constructor.

15.7.4.2 Number.prototype.toString ([radix])
The optional radix should be an integer value in the inclusive range 2 to 36. If radix not present or is undefined the number 10 is used as the value of radix. If ToInteger(radix) is the number 10 then this number value is given as an argument to the ToString abstract operation; the resulting string value is returned.

If ToInteger(radix) is not an integer between 2 and 36 inclusive throw a RangeError exception. If ToInteger(radix) is an integer from 2 to 36, but not 10, the result is a string representation of this number value using the specified radix. Letters a-z are used for digits with values 10 through 35. The precise algorithm is implementation-dependent if the radix is not 10, however the algorithm should be a generalization of that specified in 9.8.1.

The toString function is not generic; it throws a TypeError exception if its this value is not a Number or a Number object. Therefore, it cannot be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

15.7.4.3 Number.prototype.toLocaleString()
Produces a string value that represents this Number value formatted according to the conventions of the host environment’s current locale. This function is implementation-dependent, and it is permissible, but not encouraged, for it to return the same thing as toString.

NOTE The first parameter to this function is likely to be used in a future version of this standard; it is recommended that implementations do not use this parameter position for anything else.

15.7.4.4 Number.prototype.valueOf ()
Returns this number value.

The valueOf function is not generic; it throws a TypeError exception if its this value is not a Number or a Number object. Therefore, it cannot be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

15.7.4.5 Number.prototype.toFixed (fractionDigits)
Return a string containing the number represented in fixed-point notation with fractionDigits digits after the decimal point. If fractionDigits is undefined, 0 is assumed. Specifically, perform the following steps:

1. Let f be ToInteger(fractionDigits). (If fractionDigits is undefined, this step produces the value 0).
2. If f < 0 or f > 20, throw a RangeError exception.
3. Let \( x \) be this number value.
4. If \( x \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return the string "\text{NaN}".
5. Let \( s \) be the empty string.
6. If \( x < 0 \), then
   a. Let \( s \) be "-".
   b. Let \( x = -x \).
7. If \( x \geq 10^{31} \), then
   a. Let \( m = \text{ToString}(x) \).
8. Else, \( x < 10^{31} \)
   a. Let \( n \) be an integer for which the exact mathematical value of \( n + 10^{-f} - x \) is as close to zero as possible. If there are two such \( n \), pick the larger \( n \).
   b. If \( n = 0 \), let \( m \) be the string "0". Otherwise, let \( m \) be the string consisting of the digits of the decimal representation of \( n \) (in order, with no leading zeroes).
   c. If \( f \neq 0 \), then
      i. Let \( k \) be the number of characters in \( m \).
      ii. If \( k \leq f \), then
         1. Let \( z \) be the string consisting of \( f+1-k \) occurrences of the character ‘0’.
         2. Let \( m \) be the concatenation of strings \( z \) and \( m \).
         3. Let \( k = f + 1 \).
      iii. Let \( a \) be the first \( k-f \) characters of \( m \), and let \( b \) be the remaining \( f \) characters of \( m \).
      iv. Let \( m \) be the concatenation of the three strings \( a \), " . " , and \( b \).
9. Return the concatenation of the strings \( s \) and \( m \).

The \texttt{length} property of the \texttt{toFixed} method is \( 1 \).

If the \texttt{toFixed} method is called with more than one argument, then the behaviour is undefined (see clause 15).

An implementation is permitted to extend the behaviour of \texttt{toFixed} for values of \( \text{fractionDigits} \) less than \( 0 \) or greater than \( 20 \). In this case \texttt{toFixed} would not necessarily throw \texttt{RangeError} for such values.

\textbf{NOTE}

The output of \texttt{toFixed} may be more precise than \texttt{toString} for some values because \texttt{toString} only prints enough significant digits to distinguish the number from adjacent number values. For example, \( 1000000000000000128 \).\texttt{toString()} returns "1000000000000000100", while \( 1000000000000000128 \).\texttt{toFixed(0)} returns "1000000000000000128".

15.7.4.6 \texttt{Number.prototype.toExponential} (\texttt{fractionDigits})

Return a string containing the number represented in exponential notation with one digit before the significand's decimal point and \( \text{fractionDigits} \) digits after the significand's decimal point. If \( \text{fractionDigits} \) is \texttt{undefined}, include as many significand digits as necessary to uniquely specify the number (just like in \texttt{toString} except that in this case the number is always output in exponential notation). Specifically, perform the following steps:

1. Let \( x \) be this number value.
2. Let \( f \) be \texttt{ToInteger(fractionDigits)}.
3. If \( x \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return the string "\text{NaN}".
4. Let \( s \) be the empty string.
5. If \( x < 0 \), then
   a. Let \( s \) be "-".
   b. Let \( x = -x \).
6. If \( x = +\infty \), then
   a. Return the concatenation of the strings \( s \) and "\text{Infinity}".
7. If \( \text{fractionDigits} \) is not \texttt{undefined} and \( (f < 0 \) or \( f > 20) \), throw a \texttt{RangeError} exception.
8. If \( x = 0 \), then
   a. Let \( f = 0 \).
   b. Let \( m \) be the string consisting of \( f+1 \) occurrences of the character ‘0’.
c. Let $e = 0$.

9. Else, $x \neq 0$
   a. If fractionDigits is not undefined, then
      i. Let $e$ and $n$ be integers such that $10^f \leq n < 10^{f+1}$ and for which the exact mathematical value of $n \times 10^{-f} - x$ is as close to zero as possible. If there are two such sets of $e$ and $n$, pick the $e$ and $n$ for which $n \times 10^{-f}$ is larger.
      
   b. Else, fractionDigits is undefined
      i. Let $e$, $n$, and $f$ be integers such that $f \geq 0$, $10^f \leq n < 10^{f+1}$, the number value for $n \times 10^{-f}$ is $x$, and $f$ is as small as possible. Note that the decimal representation of $n$ has $f+1$ digits, $n$ is not divisible by 10, and the least significant digit of $n$ is not necessarily uniquely determined by these criteria.
   
  c. Let $m$ be the string consisting of the digits of the decimal representation of $n$ (in order, with no leading zeroes).

10. If $f \neq 0$, then
    a. Let $a$ be the first character of $m$, and let $b$ be the remaining $f$ characters of $m$.
    b. Let $m$ be the concatenation of the three strings $a$, ".", and $b$.

11. If $e = 0$, then
    a. let $c = "+"$.
    b. let $d = "0"$.

12. Else
    a. If $e > 0$, then let $c = "+"$.
    b. Else, $e \leq 0$
       i. Let $c = "-"$.
       ii. Let $e = -e$.
    c. Let $d$ be the string consisting of the digits of the decimal representation of $e$ (in order, with no leading zeroes).

13. Let $m$ be the concatenation of the four strings $m$, "$e$", $c$, and $d$.

14. Return the concatenation of the strings $s$ and $m$.

The length property of the toExponential method is 1.

If the toExponential method is called with more than one argument, then the behaviour is undefined (see clause 15).

An implementation is permitted to extend the behaviour of toExponential for values of fractionDigits less than 0 or greater than 20. In this case toExponential would not necessarily throw RangeError for such values.

**NOTE**
For implementations that provide more accurate conversions than required by the rules above, it is recommended that the following alternative version of step 9.b.i be used as a guideline:

Let $e$, $n$, and $f$ be integers such that $f \geq 0$, $10^f \leq n < 10^{f+1}$, the number value for $n \times 10^{-f}$ is $x$, and $f$ is as small as possible. If there are multiple possibilities for $n$, choose the value of $n$ for which $n \times 10^{-f}$ is closest in value to $x$. If there are two such possible values of $n$, choose the one that is even.

15.7.4.7 Number.prototype.toPrecision (precision)

Return a string containing the number represented either in exponential notation with one digit before the significand's decimal point and precision–1 digits after the significand's decimal point or in fixed notation with precision significant digits. If precision is undefined, call ToString (9.8.1) instead.

Specifically, perform the following steps:

1. Let $x$ be this number value.
2. If precision is undefined, return ToString($x$).
3. Let $p$ be ToInteger(precision).
4. If $x$ is NaN, return the string "$NaN$".
5. Let $s$ be the empty string.
6. If $x < 0$, then
   a. Let $s$ be "$-".
b. Let \( x = -x \).

7. If \( x = +\infty \), then
   a. Return the concatenation of the strings \( s \) and "Infinity".

8. If \( p < 1 \) or \( p > 21 \), throw a \texttt{RangeError} exception.

9. If \( x = 0 \), then
   a. Let \( m \) be the string consisting of \( p \) occurrences of the character ‘0’.
   b. Let \( e = 0 \).

10. Else \( x \neq 0 \),
    a. Let \( e \) and \( n \) be integers such that \( 10^{p-1} \leq n < 10^p \) and for which the exact mathematical value of \( n \times 10^{p+1} - x \) is as close to zero as possible. If there are two such sets of \( e \) and \( n \), pick the \( e \) and \( n \) for which \( n \times 10^{p+1} \) is larger.
    b. Let \( m \) be the string consisting of the digits of the decimal representation of \( n \) (in order, with no leading zeroes).
    c. If \( e < -6 \) or \( e \geq p \), then
       i. Let \( a \) be the first character of \( m \), and let \( b \) be the remaining \( p-1 \) characters of \( m \).
      ii. Let \( m \) be the concatenation of the three strings \( a \), " . ", and \( b \).
      iii. If \( e = 0 \), then
          1. Let \( c = "+" \) and \( d = "0" \).
          2. Else \( e \neq 0 \),
             1. If \( e > 0 \), then
                a. Let \( c = "+" \).
                2. Else \( e < 0 \),
                   a. Let \( c = "-" \).
                  b. Let \( e = -e \).
          3. Let \( d \) be the string consisting of the digits of the decimal representation of \( e \) (in order, with no leading zeroes).
       v. Let \( m \) be the concatenation of the five strings \( s \), \( m \), "e", \( c \), and \( d \).
    11. If \( e = p-1 \), then return the concatenation of the strings \( s \) and \( m \).
    12. If \( e \geq 0 \), then
        a. Let \( m \) be the concatenation of the first \( e+1 \) characters of \( m \), the character ‘.’, and the remaining \( p- (e+1) \) characters of \( m \).
    13. Else \( e < 0 \),
        a. Let \( m \) be the concatenation of the string "0.", \( -(e+1) \) occurrences of the character ‘0’, and the string \( m \).
    14. Return the concatenation of the strings \( s \) and \( m \).

The \texttt{length} property of the \texttt{toPrecision} method is \texttt{1}.

If the \texttt{toPrecision} method is called with more than one argument, then the behaviour is undefined (see clause 15).

An implementation is permitted to extend the behaviour of \texttt{toPrecision} for values of \texttt{precision} less than \texttt{1} or greater than \texttt{21}. In this case \texttt{toPrecision} would not necessarily throw \texttt{RangeError} for such values.

15.7.4.8 \texttt{Number.prototype.toJSON ( key )}

When the \texttt{toJSON} method is called with argument \texttt{key}, the following steps are taken:

1. Let \( O \) be the result of calling \texttt{ToObject} on the this value.
2. Let \texttt{valueOf} be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of \( O \) with argument "\texttt{valueOf}".
3. If \texttt{IsCallable(valueOf)} is \texttt{false}, then throw a \texttt{TypeError} exception.
4. Let \( R \) be the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of \texttt{valueOf} with \( O \) as the \texttt{this} value and an empty argument list.
5. If \( R \) is not a primitive value, then throw a \texttt{TypeError} exception.
6. Return \( R \).

\textit{NOTE}

The argument is ignored.
The `JSON` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be a `Number` object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. An object is free to use the argument ‘key’ that is passed in to filter its stringification.

15.7.5 Properties of Number Instances

Number instances inherit properties from the `Number` prototype object and their `[[Class]]` internal property value is "`Number`". Number instances also have a `[[PrimitiveValue]]` property.

The `[[PrimitiveValue]]` internal property is the number value represented by this Number object. Number instances have no special properties beyond those inherited from the `Number` prototype object.

15.8 The Math Object

The Math object is a single object that has some named properties, some of which are functions.

The value of the `[[Prototype]]` internal property of the Math object is the standard built-in `Object` prototype object (15.2.4). The value of the `[[Class]]` internal property of the Math object is "`Math`".

The Math object does not have a `[[Construct]]` internal property; it is not possible to use the Math object as a constructor with the `new` operator.

The Math object does not have a `[[Call]]` internal property; it is not possible to invoke the Math object as a function.

**NOTE**

In this specification, the phrase “the number value for `x`” has a technical meaning defined in 8.5.

15.8.1 Value Properties of the Math Object

15.8.1.1 `E`

The number value for `e`, the base of the natural logarithms, which is approximately 2.7182818284590455359.

This property has the attributes `{ [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.8.1.2 `LN10`

The number value for the natural logarithm of 10, which is approximately 2.302585092994046.

This property has the attributes `{ [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.8.1.3 `LN2`

The number value for the natural logarithm of 2, which is approximately 0.6931471805599453.

This property has the attributes `{ [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.8.1.4 `LOG2E`

The number value for the base-2 logarithm of `e`, the base of the natural logarithms; this value is approximately 1.4426950408889634.

This property has the attributes `{ [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

**NOTE**

The value of `Math.LOG2E` is approximately the reciprocal of the value of `Math.LN2`.

15.8.1.5 `LOG10E`

The number value for the base-10 logarithm of `e`, the base of the natural logarithms; this value is approximately 0.4342944819032518.

This property has the attributes `{ [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

**NOTE**

The value of `Math.LOG10E` is approximately the reciprocal of the value of `Math.LN10`.

15.8.1.6 `PI`

The number value for π, the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, which is approximately 3.1415926535897932.
This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.8.1.7 SQRT1_2
The number value for the square root of 1/2, which is approximately 0.7071067811865476.
This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

NOTE
The value of Math.SQRT1_2 is approximately the reciprocal of the value of Math.SQRT2.

15.8.1.8 SQRT2
The number value for the square root of 2, which is approximately 1.4142135623730951.
This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.8.2 Function Properties of the Math Object
Every function listed in this section applies the ToNumber operator to each of its arguments (in left-to-right order if there is more than one) and then performs a computation on the resulting number value(s).

In the function descriptions below, the symbols NaN, −0, +0, −∞ and +∞ refer to the number values described in 8.5.

NOTE
The behaviour of the functions acos, asin, atan, atan2, cos, exp, log, pow, sin, and sqrt is not precisely specified here except to require specific results for certain argument values that represent boundary cases of interest. For other argument values, these functions are intended to compute approximations to the results of familiar mathematical functions, but some latitude is allowed in the choice of approximation algorithms. The general intent is that an implementer should be able to use the same mathematical library for ECMAScript on a given hardware platform that is available to C programmers on that platform.

Although the choice of algorithms is left to the implementation, it is recommended (but not specified by this standard) that implementations use the approximation algorithms for IEEE 754 arithmetic contained in fdlibm, the freely distributable mathematical library from Sun Microsystems (http://www.netlib.org/fdlibm). This specification also requires specific results for certain argument values that represent boundary cases of interest.

15.8.2.1 abs (x)
Returns the absolute value of x; the result has the same magnitude as x but has positive sign.
• If x is NaN, the result is NaN.
• If x is −0, the result is +0.
• If x is −∞, the result is +∞.

15.8.2.2 acos (x)
Returns an implementation-dependent approximation to the arc cosine of x. The result is expressed in radians and ranges from +0 to +π.
• If x is NaN, the result is NaN.
• If x is greater than 1, the result is NaN.
• If x is less than −1, the result is NaN.
• If x is exactly 1, the result is +0.

15.8.2.3 asin (x)
Returns an implementation-dependent approximation to the arc sine of x. The result is expressed in radians and ranges from −π/2 to +π/2.
• If x is NaN, the result is NaN.
• If x is greater than 1, the result is NaN.
• If x is less than −1, the result is NaN.
• If \( x \) is +0, the result is +0.
• If \( x \) is −0, the result is −0.

15.8.2.4 \( \text{atan} \ (x) \)
Returns an implementation-dependent approximation to the arc tangent of \( x \). The result is expressed in radians and ranges from \( -\pi/2 \) to \( +\pi/2 \).
• If \( x \) is NaN, the result is NaN.
• If \( x \) is +0, the result is +0.
• If \( x \) is −0, the result is −0.
• If \( x \) is \( +\infty \), the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( +\pi/2 \).
• If \( x \) is \( -\infty \), the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( -\pi/2 \).

15.8.2.5 \( \text{atan2} \ (y, x) \)
Returns an implementation-dependent approximation to the arc tangent of the quotient \( y/x \) of the arguments \( y \) and \( x \), where the signs of \( y \) and \( x \) are used to determine the quadrant of the result. Note that it is intentional and traditional for the two-argument arc tangent function that the argument named \( y \) be first and the argument named \( x \) be second. The result is expressed in radians and ranges from \( -\pi \) to \( +\pi \).
• If either \( x \) or \( y \) is NaN, the result is NaN.
• If \( y>0 \) and \( x \) is +0, the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( +\pi/2 \).
• If \( y>0 \) and \( x \) is −0, the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( +\pi/2 \).
• If \( y > 0 \) and \( x > 0 \), the result is +0.
• If \( y > 0 \) and \( x < 0 \), the result is +0.
• If \( y < 0 \) and \( x > 0 \), the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( +\pi \).
• If \( y < 0 \) and \( x < 0 \), the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( +\pi \).
• If \( y < 0 \) and \( x > 0 \), the result is −0.
• If \( y < 0 \) and \( x < 0 \), the result is −0.
• If \( y < 0 \) and \( x > 0 \), the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( -\pi \).
• If \( y < 0 \) and \( x < 0 \), the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( -\pi \).
• If \( y > 0 \) and \( x > 0 \), the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( -\pi/2 \).
• If \( y < 0 \) and \( x > 0 \), the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( -\pi/2 \).
• If \( y > 0 \) and \( y \) is finite and \( x \) is \( +\infty \), the result is +0.
• If \( y > 0 \) and \( y \) is finite and \( x \) is \( -\infty \), the result is \( +\pi \).
• If \( y < 0 \) and \( y \) is finite and \( x \) is \( +\infty \), the result is −0.
• If \( y < 0 \) and \( y \) is finite and \( x \) is \( -\infty \), the result is \( -\pi \).
• If \( y > 0 \) and \( x \) is finite, the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( +\pi/2 \).
• If \( y > 0 \) and \( x \) is finite, the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( +\pi/2 \).
• If \( y > 0 \) and \( x \) is \( +\infty \), the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( +\pi/4 \).
• If \( y > 0 \) and \( x \) is \( -\infty \), the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( +3\pi/4 \).
• If \( y < 0 \) and \( x \) is \( +\infty \), the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( -\pi/4 \).
• If \( y < 0 \) and \( x \) is \( -\infty \), the result is an implementation-dependent approximation to \( -3\pi/4 \).

15.8.2.6 \( \text{ceil} \ (x) \)
Returns the smallest (closest to \( -\infty \)) number value that is not less than \( x \) and is equal to a mathematical integer. If \( x \) is already an integer, the result is \( x \).
• If \( x \) is NaN, the result is NaN.
• If \( x \) is +0, the result is +0.
• If \( x \) is −0, the result is −0.
• If $x$ is $+$\infty, the result is $+$\infty.
• If $x$ is $-$\infty, the result is $-$\infty.
• If $x$ is less than 0 but greater than $-1$, the result is $-0$.

The value of Math.ceil($x$) is the same as the value of $-\text{Math.floor}(-x)$.

15.8.2.7 $\cos (x)$
Returns an implementation-dependent approximation to the cosine of $x$. The argument is expressed in radians.
• If $x$ is NaN, the result is NaN.
• If $x$ is +0, the result is 1.
• If $x$ is $-0$, the result is 1.
• If $x$ is $+$\infty, the result is NaN.
• If $x$ is $-$\infty, the result is NaN.

15.8.2.8 $\exp (x)$
Returns an implementation-dependent approximation to the exponential function of $x$ ($e$ raised to the power of $x$, where $e$ is the base of the natural logarithms).
• If $x$ is NaN, the result is NaN.
• If $x$ is +0, the result is 1.
• If $x$ is $-0$, the result is 1.
• If $x$ is $+$\infty, the result is $+$\infty.
• If $x$ is $-$\infty, the result is $+0$.

15.8.2.9 $\text{floor} (x)$
Returns the greatest (closest to $+$\infty) number value that is not greater than $x$ and is equal to a mathematical integer. If $x$ is already an integer, the result is $x$.
• If $x$ is NaN, the result is NaN.
• If $x$ is +0, the result is +0.
• If $x$ is $-0$, the result is $-0$.
• If $x$ is $+$\infty, the result is $+$\infty.
• If $x$ is $-$\infty, the result is $-\infty$.
• If $x$ is greater than 0 but less than 1, the result is $+0$.

NOTE
The value of Math.floor($x$) is the same as the value of $-\text{Math.ceil}(-x)$.

15.8.2.10 $\log (x)$
Returns an implementation-dependent approximation to the natural logarithm of $x$.
• If $x$ is NaN, the result is NaN.
• If $x$ is less than 0, the result is NaN.
• If $x$ is +0 or $-0$, the result is $-\infty$.
• If $x$ is 1, the result is $+0$.
• If $x$ is $+$\infty, the result is $+$\infty.

15.8.2.11 $\text{max} ([ \text{value1} [, \text{value2} [, \ldots ] ] ] )$
Given zero or more arguments, calls ToNumber on each of the arguments and returns the largest of the resulting values.
• If no arguments are given, the result is $-\infty$. 
• If any value is NaN, the result is NaN.
• The comparison of values to determine the largest value is done as in 11.8.5 except that +0 is considered to be larger than −0.

The **length** property of the **max** method is 2.

### 15.8.2.12 min ( [ value1 , value2 , ... ] )
Given zero or more arguments, calls ToNumber on each of the arguments and returns the smallest of the resulting values.

• If no arguments are given, the result is +∞.
• If any value is NaN, the result is NaN.
• The comparison of values to determine the smallest value is done as in 11.8.5 except that +0 is considered to be larger than −0.

The **length** property of the **min** method is 2.

### 15.8.2.13 pow (x, y)
Returns an implementation-dependent approximation to the result of raising x to the power y.

• If y is NaN, the result is NaN.
• If y is +0, the result is 1, even if x is NaN.
• If y is −0, the result is 1, even if x is NaN.
• If x is NaN and y is nonzero, the result is NaN.
• If abs(x)>1 and y is +∞, the result is +∞.
• If abs(x)>1 and y is −∞, the result is +0.
• If abs(x)==1 and y is +∞, the result is NaN.
• If abs(x)==1 and y is −∞, the result is NaN.
• If abs(x)<1 and y is +∞, the result is +0.
• If abs(x)<1 and y is −∞, the result is +∞.
• If x is +∞ and y>0, the result is +∞.
• If x is +∞ and y<0, the result is +0.
• If x is −∞ and y>0 and y is an odd integer, the result is −∞.
• If x is −∞ and y>0 and y is not an odd integer, the result is +∞.
• If x is −∞ and y<0 and y is an odd integer, the result is −0.
• If x is −∞ and y<0 and y is not an odd integer, the result is +0.
• If x is +0 and y>0, the result is +0.
• If x is +0 and y<0, the result is +∞.
• If x is −0 and y>0 and y is an odd integer, the result is −0.
• If x is −0 and y>0 and y is not an odd integer, the result is +0.
• If x is −0 and y<0 and y is an odd integer, the result is −∞.
• If x is −0 and y<0 and y is not an odd integer, the result is +∞.
• If x<0 and x is finite and y is finite and y is not an integer, the result is NaN.

### 15.8.2.14 random ( )
Returns a number value with positive sign, greater than or equal to 0 but less than 1, chosen randomly or pseudo randomly with approximately uniform distribution over that range, using an implementation-dependent algorithm or strategy. This function takes no arguments.

### 15.8.2.15 round (x)
Returns the number value that is closest to x and is equal to a mathematical integer. If two integer number values are equally close to x, then the result is the number value that is closer to +∞. If x is already an integer, the result is x.
• If \( x \) is NaN, the result is NaN.
• If \( x \) is +0, the result is +0.
• If \( x \) is −0, the result is −0.
• If \( x \) is +∞, the result is +∞.
• If \( x \) is −∞, the result is −∞.
• If \( x \) is greater than 0 but less than 0.5, the result is +0.
• If \( x \) is less than 0 but greater than or equal to −0.5, the result is −0.

**NOTE**

Math.round(3.5) returns 4, but Math.round(−3.5) returns −3.

The value of Math.round(\( x \)) is the same as the value of Math.floor(\( x+0.5 \)), except when \( x \) is −0 or is less than 0 but greater than or equal to −0.5; for these cases Math.round(\( x \)) returns −0, but Math.floor(\( x+0.5 \)) returns +0.

### 15.8.2.16 sin (\( x \))

Returns an implementation-dependent approximation to the sine of \( x \). The argument is expressed in radians.

- If \( x \) is NaN, the result is NaN.
- If \( x \) is +0, the result is +0.
- If \( x \) is −0, the result is −0.
- If \( x \) is +∞ or −∞, the result is NaN.

### 15.8.2.17 sqrt (\( x \))

Returns an implementation-dependent approximation to the square root of \( x \).

- If \( x \) is NaN, the result is NaN.
- If \( x \) is less than 0, the result is NaN.
- If \( x \) is +0, the result is +0.
- If \( x \) is −0, the result is −0.
- If \( x \) is +∞, the result is +∞.

### 15.8.2.18 tan (\( x \))

Returns an implementation-dependent approximation to the tangent of \( x \). The argument is expressed in radians.

- If \( x \) is NaN, the result is NaN.
- If \( x \) is +0, the result is +0.
- If \( x \) is −0, the result is −0.
- If \( x \) is +∞ or −∞, the result is NaN.

### 15.9 Date Objects

#### 15.9.1 Overview of Date Objects and Definitions of Internal Operators

A Date object contains a number indicating a particular instant in time to within a millisecond. Such a number is called a *time value*. A time value may also be NaN, indicating that the Date object does not represent a specific instant of time.

The following sections define a number of functions for operating on time values. Note that, in every case, if any argument to such a function is NaN, the result will be NaN.

#### 15.9.1.1 Time Values and Time Range

Time is measured in ECMAScript in milliseconds since 01 January, 1970 UTC. In time values leap seconds are ignored. It is assumed that there are exactly 86,400,000 milliseconds per day. ECMAScript number values can represent all integers from −9,007,199,254,740,991 to
9,007,199,254,740,991; this range suffices to measure times to millisecond precision for any instant
that is within approximately 285,616 years, either forward or backward, from 01 January, 1970 UTC.

The actual range of times supported by ECMAScript Date objects is slightly smaller: exactly –
100,000,000 days to 100,000,000 days measured relative to midnight at the beginning of 01 January,
1970 UTC. This gives a range of 8,640,000,000,000,000 milliseconds to either side of 01 January,
1970 UTC.

The exact moment of midnight at the beginning of 01 January, 1970 UTC is represented by the value
+0.

15.9.1.2 Day Number and Time within Day

A given time value \( t \) belongs to day number

\[
\text{Day}(t) = \text{floor}(t / \text{msPerDay})
\]

where the number of milliseconds per day is

\[\text{msPerDay} = 86400000\]

The remainder is called the time within the day:

\[
\text{TimeWithinDay}(t) = t \mod \text{msPerDay}
\]

15.9.1.3 Year Number

ECMAScript uses an extrapolated Gregorian system to map a day number to a year number and to
determine the month and date within that year. In this system, leap years are precisely those which are
(divisible by 4) and ((not divisible by 100) or (divisible by 400)). The number of days in year number
\( y \) is therefore defined by

\[
\text{DaysInYear}(y) = \begin{cases} 
365 & \text{if } (y \mod 4) \neq 0 \\
366 & \text{if } (y \mod 4) = 0 \text{ and } (y \mod 100) \neq 0 \\
365 & \text{if } (y \mod 100) = 0 \text{ and } (y \mod 400) \neq 0 \\
366 & \text{if } (y \mod 400) = 0
\end{cases}
\]

All non-leap years have 365 days with the usual number of days per month and leap years have an
extra day in February. The day number of the first day of year \( y \) is given by:

\[
\text{DayFromYear}(y) = 365 \times (y - 1970) + \text{floor}((y - 1969)/4) - \text{floor}((y - 1901)/100) + \text{floor}((y - 1601)/400)
\]

The time value of the start of a year is:

\[
\text{TimeFromYear}(y) = \text{msPerDay} \times \text{DayFromYear}(y)
\]

A time value determines a year by:

\[
\text{YearFromTime}(t) = \text{the largest integer } y \text{ (closest to positive infinity) such that } \text{TimeFromYear}(y) \leq t
\]

The leap-year function is 1 for a time within a leap year and otherwise is zero:

\[
\text{InLeapYear}(t) = \begin{cases} 
0 & \text{if } \text{DaysInYear(YearFromTime}(t)) = 365 \\
1 & \text{if } \text{DaysInYear(YearFromTime}(t)) = 366
\end{cases}
\]

15.9.1.4 Month Number

Months are identified by an integer in the range 0 to 11, inclusive. The mapping \( \text{MonthFromTime}(t) \)
from a time value \( t \) to a month number is defined by:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{MonthFromTime}(t) &= 0 \quad \text{if } 0 \leq \text{DayWithinYear}(t) < 31 \\
&= 1 \quad \text{if } 31 \leq \text{DayWithinYear}(t) < 59 + \text{InLeapYear}(t) \\
&= 2 \quad \text{if } 59 + \text{InLeapYear}(t) \leq \text{DayWithinYear}(t) < 90 + \text{InLeapYear}(t) \\
&= 3 \quad \text{if } 90 + \text{InLeapYear}(t) \leq \text{DayWithinYear}(t) < 120 + \text{InLeapYear}(t) \\
&= 4 \quad \text{if } 120 + \text{InLeapYear}(t) \leq \text{DayWithinYear}(t) < 151 + \text{InLeapYear}(t) \\
&= 5 \quad \text{if } 151 + \text{InLeapYear}(t) \leq \text{DayWithinYear}(t) < 181 + \text{InLeapYear}(t) \\
&= 6 \quad \text{if } 181 + \text{InLeapYear}(t) \leq \text{DayWithinYear}(t) < 212 + \text{InLeapYear}(t)
\end{align*}
\]
15.9.1.5 Date Number

A date number is identified by an integer in the range 1 through 31, inclusive. The mapping $DateFromTime(t)$ from a time value $t$ to a month number is defined by:

$$DateFromTime(t) = \begin{cases} 
DayWithinYear(t) + 1 & \text{if } MonthFromTime(t) = 0 \\
DayWithinYear(t) - 30 & \text{if } MonthFromTime(t) = 1 \\
DayWithinYear(t) - 58 - InLeapYear(t) & \text{if } MonthFromTime(t) = 2 \\
DayWithinYear(t) - 89 - InLeapYear(t) & \text{if } MonthFromTime(t) = 3 \\
DayWithinYear(t) - 119 - InLeapYear(t) & \text{if } MonthFromTime(t) = 4 \\
DayWithinYear(t) - 150 - InLeapYear(t) & \text{if } MonthFromTime(t) = 5 \\
DayWithinYear(t) - 180 - InLeapYear(t) & \text{if } MonthFromTime(t) = 6 \\
DayWithinYear(t) - 211 - InLeapYear(t) & \text{if } MonthFromTime(t) = 7 \\
DayWithinYear(t) - 242 - InLeapYear(t) & \text{if } MonthFromTime(t) = 8 \\
DayWithinYear(t) - 272 - InLeapYear(t) & \text{if } MonthFromTime(t) = 9 \\
DayWithinYear(t) - 303 - InLeapYear(t) & \text{if } MonthFromTime(t) = 10 \\
DayWithinYear(t) - 333 - InLeapYear(t) & \text{if } MonthFromTime(t) = 11 
\end{cases}$$

15.9.1.6 Week Day

The weekday for a particular time value $t$ is defined as

$$WeekDay(t) = (Day(t) + 4) \mod 7$$

A weekday value of 0 specifies Sunday; 1 specifies Monday; 2 specifies Tuesday; 3 specifies Wednesday; 4 specifies Thursday; 5 specifies Friday; and 6 specifies Saturday. Note that $WeekDay(0) = 4$, corresponding to Thursday, 01 January, 1970.

15.9.1.7 Local Time Zone Adjustment

An implementation of ECMAScript is expected to determine the local time zone adjustment. The local time zone adjustment is a value LocalTZA measured in milliseconds which when added to UTC represents the local standard time. Daylight saving time is not reflected by LocalTZA. The value LocalTZA does not vary with time but depends only on the geographic location.

15.9.1.8 Daylight Saving Time Adjustment

An implementation of ECMAScript is expected to determine the daylight saving time algorithm. The algorithm to determine the daylight saving time adjustment $DaylightSavingTA(t)$, measured in milliseconds, must depend only on four things:

1. the time since the beginning of the year
   $$t - TimeFromYear(YearFromTime(t))$$
2. whether $t$ is in a leap year
   $$InLeapYear(t)$$
3. the week day of the beginning of the year
   $$WeekDay(TimeFromYear(YearFromTime(t)))$$

where

$$DayWithinYear(t) = Day(t) - DayFromYear(YearFromTime(t))$$

A month value of 0 specifies January; 1 specifies February; 2 specifies March; 3 specifies April; 4 specifies May; 5 specifies June; 6 specifies July; 7 specifies August; 8 specifies September; 9 specifies October; 10 specifies November; and 11 specifies December. Note that $MonthFromTime(0) = 0$, corresponding to Thursday, 01 January, 1970.
and (4) the geographic location.

The implementation of ECMAScript should not try to determine whether the exact time was subject to daylight saving time, but just whether daylight saving time would have been in effect if the current daylight saving time algorithm had been used at the time. This avoids complications such as taking into account the years that the locale observed daylight saving time year round.

If the host environment provides functionality for determining daylight saving time, the implementation of ECMAScript is free to map the year in question to an equivalent year (same leap-year-ness and same starting week day for the year) for which the host environment provides daylight saving time information. The only restriction is that all equivalent years should produce the same result.

15.9.1.9 Local Time

Conversion from UTC to local time is defined by

$$LocalTime(t) = t + LocalTZA + DaylightSavTZA(t)$$

Conversion from local time to UTC is defined by

$$UTC(t) = t – LocalTZA – DaylightSavTZA(t – LocalTZA)$$

Note that UTC(LocalTime(t)) is not necessarily always equal to t.

15.9.1.10 Hours, Minutes, Second, and Milliseconds

The following functions are useful in decomposing time values:

$$HourFromTime(t) = \text{floor}(t / msPerHour) \text{ modulo } HoursPerDay$$
$$MinFromTime(t) = \text{floor}(t / msPerMinute) \text{ modulo } MinutesPerHour$$
$$SecFromTime(t) = \text{floor}(t / msPerSecond) \text{ modulo } SecondsPerMinute$$
$$msFromTime(t) = t \text{ modulo } msPerSecond$$

where

$$\text{HoursPerDay} = 24$$
$$\text{MinutesPerHour} = 60$$
$$\text{SecondsPerMinute} = 60$$
$$\text{msPerSecond} = 1000$$
$$\text{msPerMinute} = \text{msPerSecond} \times \text{SecondsPerMinute} = 60000$$
$$\text{msPerHour} = \text{msPerMinute} \times \text{MinutesPerHour} = 3600000$$

15.9.1.11 MakeTime (hour, min, sec, ms)

The operator MakeTime calculates a number of milliseconds from its four arguments, which must be ECMAScript number values. This operator functions as follows:

1. If hour is not finite or min is not finite or sec is not finite or ms is not finite, return NaN.
2. Let h be ToInteger(hour).
3. Let m be ToInteger(min).
4. Let s be ToInteger(sec).
5. Let milli be ToInteger(ms).
6. Let t be \(h \times \text{msPerHour} + m \times \text{msPerMinute} + s \times \text{msPerSecond} + \text{milli}\), performing the arithmetic according to IEEE 754 rules (that is, as if using the ECMAScript operators * and +).
7. Return t.

15.9.1.12 MakeDay (year, month, date)

The operator MakeDay calculates a number of days from its three arguments, which must be ECMAScript number values. This operator functions as follows:

1. If year is not finite or month is not finite or date is not finite, return NaN.
2. Let y be ToInteger(year).
3. Let m be ToInteger(month).
4. Let dt be ToInteger(date).
5. Let ym be y + floor(m / 12).
6. Let mn be m modulo 12.
7. Find a value t such that YearFromTime(t) == ym and MonthFromTime(t) == mn) and DateFromTime(t) == 1; but if this is not possible (because some argument is out of range), return NaN.

15.9.1.13 MakeDate (day, time)

The operator MakeDate calculates a number of milliseconds from its two arguments, which must be ECMAScript number values. This operator functions as follows:
1. If day is not finite or time is not finite, return NaN.
2. Return day * msPerDay + time.

15.9.1.14 TimeClip (time)

The operator TimeClip calculates a number of milliseconds from its argument, which must be an ECMAScript number value. This operator functions as follows:
1. If time is not finite, return NaN.
2. If abs(time) > 8.64 x 10^15, return NaN.
3. Return an implementation-dependent choice of either ToInteger(time) or ToInteger(time) + (+0).
   (Adding a positive zero converts −0 to +0.)

NOTE

The point of step 3 is that an implementation is permitted a choice of internal representations of time values, for example as a 64-bit signed integer or as a 64-bit floating-point value. Depending on the implementation, this internal representation may or may not distinguish −0 and +0.

15.9.1.15 Date Time string format

The Simplified ISO 8601 format is as follows: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:mm:ss.sssTZ

Where the fields are as follows:
- **YYYY** is the decimal digits of the year in the Gregorian calendar.
- **MM** is the month of the year between 01 (January) and 12 (December).
- **DD** is the day of the month between 01 and 31.
- The “T” appears literally in the string, to indicate the beginning of the time element, as specified in ISO 8601.
- **HH** is the number of complete hours that have passed since midnight as two decimal digits.
- **mm** is the number of complete minutes since the start of the hour as two decimal digits.
- **ss** is the number of complete seconds since the start of the minute as two decimal digits.
- The “.” (dot) appears literally in the string.
- **sss** is the number of complete milliseconds since the start of the second as three decimal digits.
- Both the “.” And the milliseconds field may be omitted.
- **TZ** is the time zone specified as “Z” (for UTC) or either “+” or “-” followed by a time expression **HH:MM**

Extended years

ECMAScript requires the ability to specify 6 digit years (extended years); approximately 285,616 years, either forward or backward, from 01 January, 1970 UTC. To represent years before 0 or after 9999, ISO 8601 permits the expansion of the year representation, but only by prior agreement between the sender and the receiver. In the simplified ECMAScript format such an expanded year
representation shall have 2 extra year digits and is always prefixed with a + or – sign with the
convention that year 0 is positive.

NOTE
This format includes date-only forms:

- YYYY
- YYYY-MM
- YYYY-MM-DD

It also includes time-only forms with an optional time zone appended:

- THH:mm
- THH:mm:ss
- THH:mm:ss.sss

Also included are “date-times” which could be any combination of the above.

All numbers must be base 10.

Illegal values (out-of-bounds as well as syntax errors) in a format string means that the format
string is not a valid instance of this format.

As every day both starts and ends with midnight, the two notations 00:00 and 24:00 are
available to distinguish the two midnights that can be associated with one date. This means that the
following two notations refer to exactly the same point in time: 1995-02-04T24:00 and 1995-
02-05T00:00

There exists no international standard that specifies abbreviations for civil time zones like CET,
EST, etc. and sometimes the same abbreviation is even used for two very different time zones. For
this reason, ISO 8601 and this format specifies numeric representations of date and time.

15.9.2 The Date Constructor Called as a Function
When Date is called as a function rather than as a constructor, it returns a string representing the current
time (UTC).

NOTE
The function call Date(...) is not equivalent to the object creation expression new Date(...) with the
same arguments.

All of the arguments are optional; any arguments supplied are accepted but are completely ignored. A
string is created and returned as if by the expression (new Date()).toString() where Date is
the standard built-in constructor with that name and toString is the standard built-in method
Date.prototype.toString.

15.9.3 The Date Constructor
When Date is called as part of a new expression, it is a constructor: it initialises the newly created
object.

15.9.3.1 new Date (year, month [, date [, hours [, minutes [, seconds [, ms ] ] ] ] ] )
When Date is called with two to seven arguments, it computes the date from year, month, and
(optionally) date, hours, minutes, seconds and ms.

The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the original Date
.prototype object, the one that is the initial value of Date.prototype (15.9.4.1).

The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to "Date".

The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to true.

The [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set as follows:

1. Let y be ToNumber(year).
2. Let m be ToNumber(month).
3. If date is supplied then let dt be ToNumber(date); else let dt be 1.
4. If hours is supplied then let h be ToNumber(hours); else let h be 0.
5. If minutes is supplied then let min be ToNumber(minutes); else let min be 0.
6. If seconds is supplied then let s be ToNumber(seconds); else let s be 0.
7. If ms is supplied then let milli be ToNumber(ms); else let milli be 0.
8. If y is not NaN and 0 ≤ ToInteger(y) ≤ 99, then let yr be 1900+ToInteger(y); otherwise, let yr be y.
9. Let finalDate be MakeDate(MakeDay(yr, m, dt), MakeTime(h, min, s, milli)).
10. Set the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of the newly constructed object to TimeClip(UTC(finalDate)).

15.9.3.2 new Date (value)
The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the original Date prototype object, the one that is the initial value of Date.prototype (15.9.4.1).

The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to "Date".

The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to true.

The [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set as follows:
1. Let v be ToPrimitive(value).
2. If Type(v) is String, then
   a. Parse v as a date, in exactly the same manner as for the parse method (15.9.4.2); let V be the time value for this date.
3. Else, let V be ToNumber(v).
4. Set the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of the newly constructed object to TimeClip(V) and return.

15.9.3.3 new Date ()
The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the original Date prototype object, the one that is the initial value of Date.prototype (15.9.4.1).

The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to "Date".

The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to true.

The [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the current time (UTC).

15.9.4 Properties of the Date Constructor
The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the Date constructor is the Function prototype object (15.3.4).

Besides the internal properties and the length property (whose value is 7), the Date constructor has the following properties:

15.9.4.1 Date.prototype
The initial value of Date.prototype is the built-in Date prototype object (15.9.5).
This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.9.4.2 Date.parse (string)
The parse function applies the ToString operator to its argument and interprets the resulting string as a date; it returns a number, the UTC time value corresponding to the date. The string may be interpreted as a local time, a UTC time, or a time in some other time zone, depending on the contents of the string. The function first attempts to parse the format of the string according to the rules called out in Date Time String Format (15.9.1.15). If the string does not conform to that format the function may fall back to any implementation-specific heuristics or implementation-specific date formats. Unrecognizable strings or dates containing illegal element values in the format string shall cause Date.parse to return NaN.
If $x$ is any Date object whose milliseconds amount is zero within a particular implementation of ECMAScript, then all of the following expressions should produce the same numeric value in that implementation, if all the properties referenced have their initial values:

\[
x . \text{valueOf}() \\
\text{Date.parse}(x . \text{toString}()) \\
\text{Date.parse}(x . \text{toUTCString}()) \\
\text{Date.parse}(x . \text{toISOString}())
\]

However, the expression \text{Date.parse}(x . \text{toLocaleString}()) is not required to produce the same number value as the preceding three expressions and, in general, the value produced by \text{Date.parse} is implementation-dependent when given any string value that does not conform to the Date Time String Format (15.9.1.15) and that could not be produced in that implementation by the \text{toString} or \text{toUTCString} method.

15.9.4.3 \text{Date.UTC} (year, month [ , date [ , hours [ , minutes [ , seconds [ , ms ] ] ] ] ])

When the \text{UTC} function is called with fewer than two arguments, the behaviour is implementation-dependent. When the \text{UTC} function is called with two to seven arguments, it computes the date from year, month and (optionally) date, hours, minutes, seconds and ms. The following steps are taken:

1. Let $y$ be \text{ToNumber}(year).
2. Let $m$ be \text{ToNumber}(month).
3. If date is supplied then let $dt$ be \text{ToNumber}(date); else let $dt$ be 1.
4. If hours is supplied then let $h$ be \text{ToNumber}(hours); else let $h$ be 0.
5. If minutes is supplied then let $min$ be \text{ToNumber}(minutes); else let $min$ be 0.
6. If seconds is supplied then let $s$ be \text{ToNumber}(seconds); else let $s$ be 0.
7. If ms is supplied then let $milli$ be \text{ToNumber}(ms); else let $milli$ be 0.
8. If $y$ is not \text{NaN} and $0 \leq \text{ToInteger}(y) \leq 99$, then let yr be $1900+\text{ToInteger}(y)$; otherwise, let yr be $y$.
9. Return \text{TimeClip}(\text{MakeDate}(\text{MakeDay}(yr, m, dt), \text{MakeTime}(h, min, s, milli))).

The \text{length} property of the \text{UTC} function is 7.

\textbf{NOTE}

The \text{UTC} function differs from the \text{Date constructor} in two ways: it returns a time value as a number, rather than creating a Date object, and it interprets the arguments in UTC rather than as local time.

15.9.4.4 \text{Date.now}()

The \text{now} function return a Number value that is the time value designating the UTC date and time of the occurrence of the call to \text{now}.

15.9.5 Properties of the Date Prototype Object

The Date prototype object is itself a Date object (its [[Class]] is "Date") whose [[PrimitiveValue]] is NaN.

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the Date prototype object is the standard built-in Object prototype object (15.2.4).

In following descriptions of functions that are properties of the Date prototype object, the phrase “this Date object” refers to the object that is the this value for the invocation of the function. None of these functions are generic; a \text{TypeError} exception is thrown if the this value is not an object for which the value of the [[Class]] internal property is "Date". Also, the phrase “this time value” refers to the number value for the time represented by this Date object, that is, the value of the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of this Date object.

15.9.5.1 \text{Date.prototype.constructor}

The initial value of \text{Date.prototype.constructor} is the built-in \text{Date} constructor.
15.9.5.2 Date.prototype.toString ( )
This function returns a string value. The contents of the string are implementation-dependent, but are intended to represent the Date in the current time zone in a convenient, human-readable form.

NOTE
For any Date value d whose milliseconds amount is zero, the result of Date.parse(d.toString()) is equal to d.valueOf(). See section 15.9.4.2.

15.9.5.3 Date.prototype.toDateString ( )
This function returns a string value. The contents of the string are implementation-dependent, but are intended to represent the “date” portion of the Date in the current time zone in a convenient, human-readable form.

15.9.5.4 Date.prototype.toTimeString ( )
This function returns a string value. The contents of the string are implementation-dependent, but are intended to represent the “time” portion of the Date in the current time zone in a convenient, human-readable form.

15.9.5.5 Date.prototype.toLocaleString ( )
This function returns a string value. The contents of the string are implementation-dependent, but are intended to represent the Date in the current time zone in a convenient, human-readable form that corresponds to the conventions of the host environment’s current locale.

NOTE
The first parameter to this function is likely to be used in a future version of this standard; it is recommended that implementations do not use this parameter position for anything else.

15.9.5.6 Date.prototype.toLocaleDateString ( )
This function returns a string value. The contents of the string are implementation-dependent, but are intended to represent the “date” portion of the Date in the current time zone in a convenient, human-readable form that corresponds to the conventions of the host environment’s current locale.

NOTE
The first parameter to this function is likely to be used in a future version of this standard; it is recommended that implementations do not use this parameter position for anything else.

15.9.5.7 Date.prototype.toLocaleTimeString ( )
This function returns a string value. The contents of the string are implementation-dependent, but are intended to represent the “time” portion of the Date in the current time zone in a convenient, human-readable form that corresponds to the conventions of the host environment’s current locale.

NOTE
The first parameter to this function is likely to be used in a future version of this standard; it is recommended that implementations do not use this parameter position for anything else.

15.9.5.8 Date.prototype.valueOf ( )
The valueOf function returns a number, which is this time value.

15.9.5.9 Date.prototype.getTime ( )
1. Return this time value.

15.9.5.10 Date.prototype.getFullYear ( )
1. Let t be this time value.
2. If t is NaN, return NaN.
3. Return YearFromTime(LocalTime(t)).

15.9.5.11 Date.prototype.getUTCFullYear ( )
1. Let t be this time value.
2. If t is NaN, return NaN.
3. Return YearFromTime(t).
15.9.5.12 Date.prototype.getMonth ( )
1. Let \( t \) be this time value.
2. If \( t \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return \( \text{NaN} \).
3. Return MonthFromTime(LocalTime(\( t \))).

15.9.5.13 Date.prototype.getUTCMonth ( )
1. Let \( t \) be this time value.
2. If \( t \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return \( \text{NaN} \).
3. Return MonthFromTime(\( t \)).

15.9.5.14 Date.prototype.getDate ( )
1. Let \( t \) be this time value.
2. If \( t \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return \( \text{NaN} \).
3. Return DateFromTime(LocalTime(\( t \))).

15.9.5.15 Date.prototype.getUTCDate ( )
1. Let \( t \) be this time value.
2. If \( t \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return \( \text{NaN} \).
3. Return DateFromTime(\( t \)).

15.9.5.16 Date.prototype.getDay ( )
1. Let \( t \) be this time value.
2. If \( t \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return \( \text{NaN} \).
3. Return WeekDay(LocalTime(\( t \))).

15.9.5.17 Date.prototype.getUTCDay ( )
1. Let \( t \) be this time value.
2. If \( t \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return \( \text{NaN} \).
3. Return WeekDay(\( t \)).

15.9.5.18 Date.prototype.getHours ( )
1. Let \( t \) be this time value.
2. If \( t \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return \( \text{NaN} \).
3. Return HourFromTime(LocalTime(\( t \))).

15.9.5.19 Date.prototype.getUTCHours ( )
1. Let \( t \) be this time value.
2. If \( t \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return \( \text{NaN} \).
3. Return HourFromTime(\( t \)).

15.9.5.20 Date.prototype.getMinutes ( )
1. Let \( t \) be this time value.
2. If \( t \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return \( \text{NaN} \).
3. Return MinFromTime(LocalTime(\( t \))).

15.9.5.21 Date.prototype.getUTCMinutes ( )
1. Let \( t \) be this time value.
2. If \( t \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return \( \text{NaN} \).
3. Return MinFromTime(\( t \)).

15.9.5.22 Date.prototype.getSeconds ( )
1. Let \( t \) be this time value.
2. If \( t \) is \( \text{NaN} \), return \( \text{NaN} \).
3. Return SecFromTime(LocalTime(\( t \))).
15.9.5.23 Date.prototype.getUTCSeconds ( )
1. Let t be this time value.
2. If t is NaN, return NaN.
3. Return SecFromTime(t).

15.9.5.24 Date.prototype.getMilliseconds ( )
1. Let t be this time value.
2. If t is NaN, return NaN.
3. Return msFromTime(LocalTime(t)).

15.9.5.25 Date.prototype.getUTCMilliseconds ( )
1. Let t be this time value.
2. If t is NaN, return NaN.
3. Return msFromTime(t).

15.9.5.26 Date.prototype.getTimezoneOffset ( )
Returns the difference between local time and UTC time in minutes.
1. Let t be this time value.
2. If t is NaN, return NaN.
3. Return (t − LocalTime(t)) / msPerMinute.

15.9.5.27 Date.prototype.setTime (time)
1. Let v be TimeClip(ToNumber(time)).
2. Set the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of this Date object to v.
3. Return v.

15.9.5.28 Date.prototype.setMilliseconds (ms)
1. Let t be the result of LocalTime(this time value).
2. Let time be MakeTime(HourFromTime(t), MinFromTime(t), SecFromTime(t), ToNumber(ms)).
3. Let u be TimeClip(UTC(MakeDate(Day(t), time))).
4. Set the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of this Date object to u.
5. Return u.

15.9.5.29 Date.prototype.setUTCMilliseconds (ms)
1. Let t be this time value.
2. Let time be MakeTime(HourFromTime(t), MinFromTime(t), SecFromTime(t), ToNumber(ms)).
3. Let v be TimeClip(UTC(MakeDate(Day(t), time))).
4. Set the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of this Date object to v.
5. Return v.

15.9.5.30 Date.prototype.setSeconds (sec [, ms ] )
If ms is not specified, this behaves as if ms were specified with the value getMilliseconds( ).
1. Let t be the result of LocalTime(this time value).
2. Let s be ToNumber(sec).
3. If ms is not specified, then let milli be msFromTime(t); otherwise, let milli be ToNumber(ms).
4. Let date be MakeDate(Day(t), MakeTime(HourFromTime(t), MinFromTime(t), s, milli)).
5. Let u be TimeClip(UTC(date)).
6. Set the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of this Date object to u.
7. Return u.

The length property of the setSeconds method is 2.

15.9.5.31 Date.prototype.setUTCMilliseconds (sec [, ms ] )
If ms is not specified, this behaves as if ms were specified with the value getUTCMilliseconds().
1. Let $t$ be this time value.
2. Let $s$ be ToNumber($sec$).
3. If $ms$ is not specified, then let $milli$ be msFromTime($t$); otherwise, let $milli$ be ToNumber($ms$).
4. Let $date$ be MakeDate(Day($t$), MakeTime(HourFromTime($t$), MinFromTime($t$), $s$, $milli$)).
5. Let $v$ be TimeClip($date$).
6. Set the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of this Date object to $v$.
7. Return $v$.

The length property of the setUTCSecnds method is 2.

15.9.5.33 Date.prototype.setMinutes (min [ , sec [ , ms ] ] )
If $sec$ is not specified, this behaves as if $sec$ were specified with the value getSeconds( ).
If $ms$ is not specified, this behaves as if $ms$ were specified with the value getMilliseconds( ).
1. Let $t$ be the result of LocalTime(this time value).
2. Let $m$ be ToNumber($min$).
3. If $sec$ is not specified, then let $s$ be SecFromTime($t$); otherwise, let $s$ be ToNumber($sec$).
4. If $ms$ is not specified, then let $milli$ be msFromTime($t$); otherwise, let $milli$ be ToNumber($ms$).
5. Let $date$ be MakeDate(Day($t$), MakeTime(HourFromTime($t$), $m$, $s$, $milli$)).
6. Let $u$ be TimeClip(UTC($date$)).
7. Set the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of this Date object to $u$.
8. Return $u$.

The length property of the setMinutes method is 3.

15.9.5.34 Date.prototype.setUTCMinutes (min [ , sec [ , ms ] ] )
If $sec$ is not specified, this behaves as if $sec$ were specified with the value getUTCSeconds( ).
If $ms$ is not specified, this function behaves as if $ms$ were specified with the value return by getUTCMilliseconds().
1. Let $t$ be this time value.
2. Let $m$ be ToNumber($min$).
3. If $sec$ is not specified, then let $s$ be SecFromTime($t$); otherwise, let $s$ be ToNumber($sec$).
4. If $ms$ is not specified, then let $milli$ be msFromTime($t$); otherwise, let $milli$ be ToNumber($ms$).
5. Let $date$ be MakeDate(Day($t$), MakeTime(HourFromTime($t$), $m$, $s$, $milli$)).
6. Let $v$ be TimeClip($date$).
7. Set the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of this Date object to $v$.
8. Return $v$.

The length property of the setUTCMinutes method is 3.

15.9.5.35 Date.prototype.setHours (hour [ , min [ , sec [ , ms ] ] ] )
If $min$ is not specified, this behaves as if $min$ were specified with the value getMinutes( ).
If $sec$ is not specified, this behaves as if $sec$ were specified with the value getSeconds( ).
If $ms$ is not specified, this behaves as if $ms$ were specified with the value getMilliseconds( ).
1. Let $t$ be the result of LocalTime(this time value).
2. Let $h$ be ToNumber($hour$).
3. If $min$ is not specified, then let $m$ be MinFromTime($t$); otherwise, let $m$ be ToNumber($min$).
4. If $sec$ is not specified, then let $s$ be SecFromTime($t$); otherwise, let $s$ be ToNumber($sec$).
5. If $ms$ is not specified, then let $milli$ be msFromTime($t$); otherwise, let $milli$ be ToNumber($ms$).
6. Let $date$ be MakeDate(Day($t$), MakeTime($h$, $m$, $s$, $milli$)).
7. Let $u$ be TimeClip(UTC($date$)).
8. Set the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of this Date object to $u$.
9. Return $u$.

The length property of the setHours method is 4.
15.9.5.36  `Date.prototype.setUTCMinutes(hour [, min [, sec [, ms ] ] ] )`

If `min` is not specified, this behaves as if `min` were specified with the value `getUTCMilliseconds( )`.
If `sec` is not specified, this behaves as if `sec` were specified with the value `getUTCSeconds( )`.
If `ms` is not specified, this behaves as if `ms` were specified with the value `getUTCMilliseconds( )`.

1. Let `t` be this time value.
2. Let `h` be `ToNumber(hour)`.
3. If `min` is not specified, then let `m` be `MinFromTime(t)`; otherwise, let `m` be `ToNumber(min)`.
4. If `sec` is not specified, then let `s` be `SecFromTime(t)`; otherwise, let `s` be `ToNumber(sec)`.
5. If `ms` is not specified, then let `milli` be `msFromTime(t)`; otherwise, let `milli` be `ToNumber(ms)`.
6. Let `newDate` be `MakeDate(Day(t), MakeTime(h, m, s, milli))`.
7. Let `v` be `TimeClip(UTC(newDate))`.
8. Set the `[[PrimitiveValue]]` internal property of this `Date` object to `v`.

The `length` property of the `setUTCMinutes` method is 4.

15.9.5.36  `Date.prototype.setDate (date)`

1. Let `t` be the result of `LocalTime(this time value)`.
2. Let `dt` be `ToNumber(date)`.
3. Let `newDate` be `MakeDate(MakeDay(YearFromTime(t), MonthFromTime(t), dt), TimeWithinDay(t))`.
4. Let `v` be `TimeClip(UTC(newDate))`.
5. Set the `[[PrimitiveValue]]` internal property of this `Date` object to `v`.
6. Return `v`.

The `length` property of the `setDate` method is 2.

15.9.5.37  `Date.prototype.setUTCMonth (month [, date ] )`

If `date` is not specified, this behaves as if `date` were specified with the value `getDate( )`.

1. Let `t` be this time value.
2. Let `m` be `ToNumber(month)`.
3. If `date` is not specified, then let `dt` be `DateFromTime(t)`; otherwise, let `dt` be `ToNumber(date)`.
4. Let `newDate` be `MakeDate(MakeDay(YearFromTime(t), MonthFromTime(t), m, dt), TimeWithinDay(t))`.
5. Let `v` be `TimeClip(UTC(newDate))`.
6. Set the `[[PrimitiveValue]]` internal property of this `Date` object to `v`.
7. Return `v`.

The `length` property of the `setUTCMonth` method is 2.

15.9.5.38  `Date.prototype.setUTCDate (date)`

If `date` is not specified, this behaves as if `date` were specified with the value `getDate( )`.

1. Let `t` be this time value.
2. Let `dt` be `ToNumber(date)`.
3. Let `newDate` be `MakeDate(MakeDay(YearFromTime(t), MonthFromTime(t), dt), TimeWithinDay(t))`.
4. Let `v` be `TimeClip(UTC(newDate))`.
5. Set the `[[PrimitiveValue]]` internal property of this `Date` object to `v`.
6. Return `v`.

The `length` property of the `setUTCDate` method is 2.

15.9.5.39  `Date.prototype.setUTCDate (month [, date ] )`

If `date` is not specified, this behaves as if `date` were specified with the value `getUTCDate( )`.

1. Let `t` be this time value.
2. Let `m` be `ToNumber(month)`.
3. If `date` is not specified, then let `dt` be `DateFromTime(t)`; otherwise, let `dt` be `ToNumber(date)`.
4. Let `newDate` be `MakeDate(MakeDay(YearFromTime(t), m, dt), TimeWithinDay(t))`.
5. Let `v` be `TimeClip(newDate)`.
6. Set the `[[PrimitiveValue]]` internal property of this `Date` object to `v`.
7. Return `v`.
The `length` property of the `setUTCMonth` method is 2.

15.9.5.40 `Date.prototype.setFullYear (year [, month [, date ]])`

If `month` is not specified, this behaves as if `month` were specified with the value `getMonth()`. If `date` is not specified, this behaves as if `date` were specified with the value `getDate()`. If `month` is not specified, then let `m` be `MonthFromTime(t)`; otherwise, let `m` be `ToNumber(month)`. If `date` is not specified, then let `dt` be `DateFromTime(t)`; otherwise, let `dt` be `ToNumber(date)`. Let `newDate` be `MakeDate(MakeDay(y, m, dt), TimeWithinDay(t))`. Let `u` be `TimeClip(UTC(newDate))`. Set the `[[PrimitiveValue]]` internal property of this Date object to `u`. Return `u`.

The `length` property of the `setFullYear` method is 3.

15.9.5.41 `Date.prototype.setUTCFullYear (year [, month [, date ]])`

If `month` is not specified, this behaves as if `month` were specified with the value `getUTCMonth()`. If `date` is not specified, this behaves as if `date` were specified with the value `getUTCDate()`. If `month` is not specified, then let `m` be `MonthFromTime(t)`; otherwise, let `m` be `ToNumber(month)`. If `date` is not specified, then let `dt` be `DateFromTime(t)`; otherwise, let `dt` be `ToNumber(date)`. Let `newDate` be `MakeDate(MakeDay(y, m, dt), TimeWithinDay(t))`. Let `v` be `TimeClip(UTC(newDate))`. Set the `[[PrimitiveValue]]` internal property of this Date object to `v`. Return `v`.

The `length` property of the `setUTCFullYear` method is 3.

15.9.5.42 `Date.prototype.toUTCString ()`

This function returns a string value. The contents of the string are implementation-dependent, but are intended to represent the Date in a convenient, human-readable form in UTC.

**NOTE**
The intent is to produce a string representation of a date that is more readable than the format specified in Section 15.9.1.15. It is not essential that the chosen format be unambiguous or easily machine parsable. If an implementation does not have a preferred human-readable format it is recommended to use the format called out in Section 15.9.1.15 but with a space rather than a "T" used to separate the date and time elements.

15.9.5.43 `Date.prototype.toISOString ()`

This function returns a string value represent the instance in time represented by this Date object. The format of the string is as called out in Date Time string format (15.9.1.15). All fields are present in the string. The time zone is always UTC, denoted by the suffix `Z`.

15.9.5.44 `Date.prototype.toJSON (key)`

This function returns the same string as `Date.prototype.toISOString()`. When the `toJSON` method is called with argument `key`, the following steps are taken:

1. Let `O` be the result of calling `ToObject`, giving it the `this` value as its argument.
2. Let `toISO` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with argument "toISOString".
3. If `IsCallable(toISO)` is `false`, throw a `TypeError` exception.
4. Let `result` be the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of `toISO` with `O` as the `this` value and an empty argument list.
5. If `result` is a primitive value, return `result`.
6. Else, throw a `TypeError` exception.

*NOTE*
The argument is ignored.

The `toJSON` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be a `Date` object. Therefore, it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method. However, it does require that any such object have a `toISOString` method. An object is free to use the argument ‘key’ that is passed in to filter its stringification.

### 15.9.6 Properties of Date Instances

Date instances inherit properties from the Date prototype object and their `[[Class]]` internal property value is "Date". Date instances also have a `[[PrimitiveValue]]` property.

The `[[PrimitiveValue]]` internal property is time value represented by this Date object.

Date instances have no special properties beyond those inherited from the Date prototype object.

### 15.10 RegExp (Regular Expression) Objects

A RegExp object contains a regular expression and the associated flags.

*NOTE*
The form and functionality of regular expressions is modelled after the regular expression facility in the Perl 5 programming language.

#### 15.10.1 Patterns

The `RegExp` constructor applies the following grammar to the input pattern string. An error occurs if the grammar cannot interpret the string as an expansion of `Pattern`.

**Syntax**

```
Pattern ::
  Disjunction

Disjunction ::
  Alternative
  Alternative | Disjunction

Alternative ::
  [empty]
  Alternative Term

Term ::
  Assertion
  Atom
  Atom Quantifier

Assertion ::
  ^
  $\b
  \B
  (? = Disjunction )
  (? ! Disjunction )

Quantifier ::
  QuantifierPrefix
  QuantifierPrefix ?
```
QuantifierPrefix ::
   *
   +
   ?
   { DecimalDigits }
   { DecimalDigits , }
   { DecimalDigits , DecimalDigits }

Atom ::
   PatternCharacter
   .
   \ AtomEscape
   CharacterClass
   ( Disjunction )
   ( ? : Disjunction )

PatternCharacter :: SourceCharacter but not any of:
   ^ $ \ . * + ? ( ) [ ] { } |

AtomEscape ::
   DecimalEscape
   CharacterEscape
   CharacterClassEscape

CharacterEscape ::
   ControlEscape
c ControlLetter
HexEscapeSequence
UnicodeEscapeSequence
IdentityEscape

ControlEscape :: one of
   f n r t v

ControlLetter :: one of
   a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
   A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

IdentityEscape ::
   SourceCharacter but not IdentifierPart

DecimalEscape ::
   DecimalIntegerLiteral [lookahead ≠ DecimalDigit]

CharacterClassEscape :: one of
   d D s S w W

CharacterClass ::
   [ [lookahead ≠ ^] ClassRanges ]
   [ ^ ClassRanges ]

ClassRanges ::
   [empty]
   NonemptyClassRanges
NonemptyClassRanges ::
  ClassAtom
  ClassAtom NonemptyClassRangesNoDash
  ClassAtom – ClassAtom ClassRanges

NonemptyClassRangesNoDash ::
  ClassAtom
  ClassAtomNoDash NonemptyClassRangesNoDash
  ClassAtomNoDash – ClassAtom ClassRanges

ClassAtom ::
  –
ClassAtomNoDash ::
  SourceCharacter but not one of \ ] –
\ ClassEscape
ClassEscape ::
  DecimalEscape
  b
  CharacterEscape
  CharacterClassEscape

15.10.2 Pattern Semantics
A regular expression pattern is converted into an internal procedure using the process described below. An implementation is encouraged to use more efficient algorithms than the ones listed below, as long as the results are the same. The internal procedure is used as the value of a RegExp object’s [[Match]] internal property.

15.10.2.1 Notation
The descriptions below use the following variables:
- Input is the string being matched by the regular expression pattern. The notation input[n] means the nth character of input, where n can range between 0 (inclusive) and InputLength (exclusive).
- InputLength is the number of characters in the Input string.
- NcaptureParen is the total number of left capturing parentheses (i.e. the total number of times the Atom :: ( Disjunction ) production is expanded) in the pattern. A left capturing parenthesis is any ( pattern character that is matched by the ( terminal of the Atom :: ( Disjunction ) production.
- IgnoreCase is the setting of the RegExp object’s ignoreCase property.
- Multiline is the setting of the RegExp object’s multiline property.

Furthermore, the descriptions below use the following internal data structures:
- A CharSet is a mathematical set of characters.
- A State is an ordered pair (endIndex, captures) where endIndex is an integer and captures is an internal array of NcaptureParen values. States are used to represent partial match states in the regular expression matching algorithms. The endIndex is one plus the index of the last input character matched so far by the pattern, while captures holds the results of capturing parentheses. The nth element of captures is either a string that represents the value obtained by the nth set of capturing parentheses or undefined if the nth set of capturing parentheses hasn’t been reached yet. Due to backtracking, many states may be in use at any time during the matching process.
- A MatchResult is either a State or the special token failure that indicates that the match failed.
- A Continuation procedure is an internal closure (i.e. an internal procedure with some arguments already bound to values) that takes one State argument and returns a MatchResult result. If an internal closure references variables bound in the function that creates the closure, the closure
uses the values that these variables had at the time the closure was created. The continuation attempts to match the remaining portion (specified by the closure's already-bound arguments) of the pattern against the input string, starting at the intermediate state given by its State argument. If the match succeeds, the continuation returns the final State that it reached; if the match fails, the continuation returns failure.

- A Matcher procedure is an internal closure that takes two arguments -- a State and a Continuation -- and returns a MatchResult result. The matcher attempts to match a middle subpattern (specified by the closure's already-bound arguments) of the pattern against the input string, starting at the intermediate state given by its State argument. The Continuation argument should be a closure that matches the rest of the pattern. After matching the subpattern of a pattern to obtain a new State, the matcher then calls Continuation on that state to test if the rest of the pattern can match as well. If it can, the matcher returns the state returned by the continuation; if not, the matcher may try different choices at its choice points, repeatedly calling Continuation until it either succeeds or all possibilities have been exhausted.

- An AssertionTester procedure is an internal closure that takes a State argument and returns a boolean result. The assertion tester tests a specific condition (specified by the closure's already-bound arguments) against the current place in the input string and returns true if the condition matched or false if not.

- An EscapeValue is either a character or an integer. An EscapeValue is used to denote the interpretation of a DecimalEscape escape sequence: a character \( ch \) means that the escape sequence is interpreted as the character \( ch \), while an integer \( n \) means that the escape sequence is interpreted as a backreference to the \( n \)th set of capturing parentheses.

15.10.2.2 Pattern

The production Pattern :: Disjunction evaluates as follows:

1. Evaluate Disjunction to obtain a Matcher \( m \).
2. Return an internal closure that takes two arguments, a string \( str \) and an integer \( index \), and performs the following:
   1. Let Input be the given string \( str \). This variable will be used throughout the algorithms in 15.10.2.
   2. Let InputLength be the length of Input. This variable will be used throughout the algorithms in 15.10.2.
   3. Let \( c \) be a Continuation that always returns its State argument as a successful MatchResult.
   4. Let \( cap \) be an internal array of \( Nc\)apturingParens undefined values, indexed 1 through \( Nc\)apturingParens.
   5. Let \( x \) be the State (\( index, cap \)).
   6. Call \( m(x, c) \) and return its result.

**NOTE**
A Pattern evaluates ("compiles") to an internal procedure value. RegExp.prototype.exec can then apply this procedure to a string and an offset within the string to determine whether the pattern would match starting at exactly that offset within the string, and, if it does match, what the values of the capturing parentheses would be. The algorithms in 15.10.2 are designed so that compiling a pattern may throw a SyntaxError exception; on the other hand, once the pattern is successfully compiled, applying its result internal procedure to find a match in a string cannot throw an exception (except for any host-defined exceptions that can occur anywhere such as out-of-memory).

15.10.2.3 Disjunction

The production Disjunction :: Alternative evaluates by evaluating Alternative to obtain a Matcher and returning that Matcher.

The production Disjunction :: Alternative | Disjunction evaluates as follows:

1. Evaluate Alternative to obtain a Matcher \( m1 \).
2. Evaluate Disjunction to obtain a Matcher \( m2 \).
3. Return an internal Matcher closure that takes two arguments, a State \( x \) and a Continuation \( c \), and performs the following:
1. Call \( m_1(x, c) \) and let \( r \) be its result.
2. If \( r \) isn't failure, return \( r \).
3. Call \( m_2(x, c) \) and return its result.

**NOTE**

The | regular expression operator separates two alternatives. The pattern first tries to match the left Alternative (followed by the sequel of the regular expression); if it fails, it tries to match the right Disjunction (followed by the sequel of the regular expression). If the left Alternative, the right Disjunction, and the sequel all have choice points, all choices in the sequel are tried before moving on to the next choice in the left Alternative. If choices in the left Alternative are exhausted, the right Disjunction is tried instead of the left Alternative. Any capturing parentheses inside a portion of the pattern skipped by | produce undefined values instead of strings. Thus, for example,

\[
/a|ab/.exec("abc")
\]
returns the result "a" and not "ab". Moreover,

\[
/((a)|(ab))((c)|(bc))/.exec("abc")
\]
returns the array

\[
["abc", "a", "a", undefined, "bc", undefined, "bc"]
\]
and not

\[
["abc", "ab", undefined, "ab", "c", "c", undefined]
\]

### 15.10.2.4 Alternative

The production Alternative :: [empty] evaluates by returning a Matcher that takes two arguments, a State \( x \) and a Continuation \( c \), and returns the result of calling \( c(x) \).

The production Alternative :: Alternative Term evaluates as follows:

1. Evaluate Alternative to obtain a Matcher \( m_1 \).
2. Evaluate Term to obtain a Matcher \( m_2 \).
3. Return an internal Matcher closure that takes two arguments, a State \( x \) and a Continuation \( c \), and performs the following:
   1. Create a Continuation \( d \) that takes a State argument \( y \) and returns the result of calling \( m_2(y, c) \).
   2. Call \( m_1(x, d) \) and return its result.

**NOTE**

Consecutive Terms try to simultaneously match consecutive portions of the input string. If the left Alternative, the right Term, and the sequel of the regular expression all have choice points, all choices in the sequel are tried before moving on to the next choice in the right Term, and all choices in the right Term are tried before moving on to the next choice in the left Alternative.

### 15.10.2.5 Term

The production Term :: Assertion evaluates by returning an internal Matcher closure that takes two arguments, a State \( x \) and a Continuation \( c \), and performs the following:

1. Evaluate Assertion to obtain an AssertionTester \( t \).
2. Call \( t(x) \) and let \( r \) be the resulting boolean value.
3. If \( r \) is false, return failure.
4. Call \( c(x) \) and return its result.

The production Term :: Atom evaluates by evaluating Atom to obtain a Matcher and returning that Matcher.

The production Term :: Atom Quantifier evaluates as follows:

1. Evaluate Atom to obtain a Matcher \( m \).
2. Evaluate Quantifier to obtain the three results: an integer \( \text{min} \), an integer (or \( \infty \)) \( \text{max} \), and boolean greedy.
3. If max is finite and less than min, then throw a SyntaxError exception.
4. Let parenIndex be the number of left capturing parentheses in the entire regular expression that occur to the left of this production expansion’s Term. This is the total number of times the Atom :: ( Disjunction ) production is expanded prior to this production’s Term plus the total number of Atom :: ( Disjunction ) productions enclosing this Term.
5. Let parenCount be the number of left capturing parentheses in the expansion of this production’s Atom. This is the total number of Atom :: ( Disjunction ) productions enclosed by this production’s Atom.
6. Return an internal Matcher closure that takes two arguments, a State \( x \) and a Continuation \( c \), and performs the following:
   1. Call RepeatMatcher(\( m, \min, \max, \text{greedy, } x, c, \text{parenIndex, parenCount} \)) and return its result.

The abstract operation RepeatMatcher takes eight parameters, a Matcher \( m \), an integer \( \min \), an integer (or \( \infty \)) \( \max \), a boolean \( \text{greedy} \), a State \( x \), a Continuation \( c \), an integer \( \text{parenIndex} \), and an integer \( \text{parenCount} \), and performs the following:

1. If \( \max \) is zero, then call \( c(x) \) and return its result.
2. Create an internal Continuation closure \( d \) that takes one State argument \( y \) and performs the following:
   1. If \( \min \) is zero and \( y \)’s \( \text{endIndex} \) is equal to \( x \)’s \( \text{endIndex} \), then return failure.
   2. If \( \min \) is zero then let \( \min 2 \) be zero; otherwise let \( \min 2 \) be \( \min – 1 \).
   3. If \( \max \) is \( \infty \) then let \( \max 2 \) be \( \infty \); otherwise let \( \max 2 \) be \( \max – 1 \).
   4. Call RepeatMatcher(\( m, \min 2, \max 2, \text{greedy, } y, c, \text{parenIndex, parenCount} \)) and return its result.
3. Let \( \text{cap} \) be a fresh copy of \( x \)’s \( \text{captures} \) internal array.
4. For every integer \( k \) that satisfies \( \text{parenIndex} < k \) and \( k \leq \text{parenIndex}+\text{parenCount} \), set \( \text{cap}[k] \) to undefined.
5. Let \( e \) be \( x \)’s \( \text{endIndex} \).
6. Let \( x_r \) be the State (\( e, \text{cap} \)).
7. If \( \min \) is not zero, then call \( m(x_r, d) \) and return its result.
8. If \( \text{greedy} \) is false, then
   a. Call \( c(x) \) and let \( z \) be its result.
   b. If \( z \) is not failure, return \( z \).
   c. Call \( m(x_r, d) \) and return its result.
9. Call \( m(x_r, d) \) and let \( z \) be its result.
10. If \( z \) is not failure, return \( z \).
11. Call \( c(x) \) and return its result.

NOTE
An Atom followed by a Quantifier is repeated the number of times specified by the Quantifier. A quantifier can be non-greedy, in which case the Atom pattern is repeated as few times as possible while still matching the sequel, or it can be greedy, in which case the Atom pattern is repeated as many times as possible while still matching the sequel. The Atom pattern is repeated rather than the input string that it matches, so different repetitions of the Atom can match different input substrings.

If the Atom and the sequel of the regular expression all have choice points, the Atom is first matched as many (or as few, if non-greedy) times as possible. All choices in the sequel are tried before moving on to the next choice in the last repetition of Atom. All choices in the last \( (n^0) \) repetition of Atom are tried before moving on to the next choice in the next-to-last \( (n–1)^\text{st} \) repetition of Atom; at which point it may turn out that more or fewer repetitions of Atom are now possible; these are exhausted (again, starting with either as few or as many as possible) before moving on to the next choice in the \( (n–1)^\text{st} \) repetition of Atom and so on.

Compare

\[
/a[a-z]{2,4}/.exec("abcdefg\")
\]
which returns "abcdefg" with

\[
/a[a-z]{2,4}?/.exec("abcdefg\")
\]
which returns "abc".

Consider also

/ (aa|aabaac|ba|b|c) */.exec("aabaac")

which, by the choice point ordering above, returns the array

["aaba", "ba"]

and not any of:

["aabaac", "aabaac"]

["aabaac", "c"]

The above ordering of choice points can be used to write a regular expression that calculates the greatest common divisor of two numbers (represented in unary notation). The following example calculates the gcd of 10 and 15:

"aaaaaaaaaa,aaaaaaaaaaaaaaa".replace(/ ^ (a+) \1 *, \1 + /, "$1")

which returns the gcd in unary notation "aaaaa".

Step 4 of the RepeatMatcher clears Atom's captures each time Atom is repeated. We can see its behaviour in the regular expression

/ (z) \((a+) ? (b+) ? (c) \) */.exec("zaacbbbcac")

which returns the array

["zaacbbbcac", "z", "ac", "a", undefined, "c"]

and not

["zaacbbbcac", "z", "ac", "a", "bbb", "c"]

because each iteration of the outermost * clears all captured strings contained in the quantified Atom, which in this case includes capture strings numbered 2, 3, and 4.

Step 1 of the RepeatMatcher's closure d states that, once the minimum number of repetitions has been satisfied, any more expansions of Atom that match the empty string are not considered for further repetitions. This prevents the regular expression engine from falling into an infinite loop on patterns such as:

/ (a*) */.exec("b")

or the slightly more complicated:

/ (a*) b \1+ / .exec("baaaac")

which returns the array

["b", ""]

15.10.2.6 Assertion

The production Assertion :: ^ evaluates by returning an internal AssertionTester closure that takes a State argument x and performs the following:

1. Let e be x's endIndex.
2. If e is zero, return true.
3. If Multiline is false, return false.
4. If the character Input[e–1] is one of LineTerminator, return true.
5. Return false.

The production Assertion :: $ evaluates by returning an internal AssertionTester closure that takes a State argument x and performs the following:

1. Let e be x's endIndex.
2. If e is equal to InputLength, return true.
3. If multiline is false, return false.
4. If the character Input[e] is one of LineTerminator, return true.
5. Return false.

The production Assertion :: \ b evaluates by returning an internal AssertionTester closure that takes a State argument x and performs the following:
1. Let e be x's endIndex.
2. Call IsWordChar(e-1) and let a be the boolean result.
3. Call IsWordChar(e) and let b be the boolean result.
4. If a is true and b is false, return true.
5. If a is false and b is true, return true.
6. Return false.

The production Assertion :: \ B evaluates by returning an internal AssertionTester closure that takes a State argument x and performs the following:
1. Let e be x's endIndex.
2. Call IsWordChar(e-1) and let a be the boolean result.
3. Call IsWordChar(e) and let b be the boolean result.
4. If a is true and b is false, return false.
5. If a is false and b is true, return false.
6. Return true.

The production Assertion :: ( ? = Disjunction ) evaluates as follows:
1. Evaluate Disjunction to obtain a Matcher m.
2. Return an internal Matcher closure that takes two arguments, a State x and a Continuation c, and performs the following steps:
   1. Let d be a Continuation that always returns its State argument as a successful MatchResult.
   2. Call m(x, d) and let r be its result.
   3. If r is failure, return failure.
   4. Let y be r's State.
   5. Let cap be y's captures internal array.
   6. Let xe be x's endIndex.
   7. Let z be the State (xe, cap).
   8. Call c(z) and return its result.

The production Assertion :: ( ? ! Disjunction ) evaluates as follows:
1. Evaluate Disjunction to obtain a Matcher m.
2. Return an internal Matcher closure that takes two arguments, a State x and a Continuation c, and performs the following steps:
   1. Let d be a Continuation that always returns its State argument as a successful MatchResult.
   2. Call m(x, d) and let r be its result.
   3. If r isn't failure, return failure.
   4. Call c(x) and return its result.

The abstract operation IsWordChar takes an integer parameter e and performs the following:
1. If e == -1 or e == InputLength, return false.
2. Let c be the character Input[e].
3. If c is one of the sixty-three characters in the table below, return true.
   A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
   a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 _
4. Return false.

15.10.2.7 Quantifier
The production Quantifier :: QuantifierPrefix evaluates as follows:
1. Evaluate QuantifierPrefix to obtain the two results: an integer min and an integer (or $\infty$) max.
2. Return the three results min, max, and true.

The production Quantifier :: QuantifierPrefix ? evaluates as follows:
1. Evaluate QuantifierPrefix to obtain the two results: an integer min and an integer (or $\infty$) max.
2. Return the three results min, max, and false.

The production QuantifierPrefix :: * evaluates by returning the two results 0 and $\infty$.

The production QuantifierPrefix :: + evaluates by returning the two results 1 and $\infty$.

The production QuantifierPrefix :: ? evaluates by returning the two results 0 and 1.

The production QuantifierPrefix :: { DecimalDigits } evaluates as follows:
1. Let i be the MV of DecimalDigits (see 7.8.3).
2. Return the two results i and i.

The production QuantifierPrefix :: { DecimalDigits , } evaluates as follows:
1. Let i be the MV of DecimalDigits.
2. Return the two results i and $\infty$.

The production QuantifierPrefix :: { DecimalDigits , DecimalDigits } evaluates as follows:
1. Let i be the MV of the first DecimalDigits.
2. Let j be the MV of the second DecimalDigits.
3. Return the two results i and j.

15.10.2.8 Atom
The production Atom :: PatternCharacter evaluates as follows:
1. Let ch be the character represented by PatternCharacter.
2. Let A be a one-element CharSet containing the character ch.
3. Call CharSetMatcher(A, false) and return its Matcher result.

The production Atom :: . evaluates as follows:
1. Let A be the set of all characters except LineTerminator.
2. Call CharSetMatcher(A, false) and return its Matcher result.

The production Atom :: \ AtomEscape evaluates by evaluating AtomEscape to obtain a Matcher and returning that Matcher.

The production Atom :: CharacterClass evaluates as follows:
1. Evaluate CharacterClass to obtain a CharSet A and a boolean invert.
2. Call CharSetMatcher(A, invert) and return its Matcher result.

The production Atom :: ( Disjunction ) evaluates as follows:
1. Evaluate Disjunction to obtain a Matcher m.
2. Let parenIndex be the number of left capturing parentheses in the entire regular expression that occur to the left of this production expansion's initial left parenthesis. This is the total number of times the Atom :: ( Disjunction ) production is expanded prior to this production's Atom plus the total number of Atom :: ( Disjunction ) productions enclosing this Atom.
3. Return an internal Matcher closure that takes two arguments, a State \( x \) and a Continuation \( c \), and performs the following steps:
   1. Create an internal Continuation closure \( d \) that takes one State argument \( y \) and performs the following steps:
      1. Let \( \text{cap} \) be a fresh copy of \( y \)'s captures internal array.
      2. Let \( \text{xe} \) be \( x \)'s endIndex.
      3. Let \( \text{ye} \) be \( y \)'s endIndex.
      4. Let \( s \) be a fresh string whose characters are the characters of \( \text{Input} \) at positions \( \text{xe} \) (inclusive) through \( \text{ye} \) (exclusive).
      5. Set \( \text{cap}[\text{parenIndex}+1] \) to \( s \).
      6. Let \( z \) be the State \( (\text{ye}, \text{cap}) \).
      7. Call \( c(z) \) and return its result.
   2. Call \( m(x, d) \) and return its result.

The production \( \text{Atom} :: \left( ? : \text{Disjunction} \right) \) evaluates by evaluating \( \text{Disjunction} \) to obtain a Matcher and returning that Matcher.

The abstract operation \( \text{CharacterSetMatcher} \) takes two arguments, a CharSet \( A \) and a boolean flag \( \text{invert} \), and performs the following:

1. Return an internal Matcher closure that takes two arguments, a State \( x \) and a Continuation \( c \), and performs the following steps:
   1. Let \( e \) be \( x \)'s endIndex.
   2. If \( e == \text{InputLength} \), return \text{failure}.
   3. Let \( c \) be the character \( \text{Input}[e] \).
   4. Let \( cc \) be the result of \( \text{Canonicalize}(c) \).
   5. If \( \text{invert} \) is \text{false}, then
      a. If there does not exist a member \( a \) of set \( A \) such that \( \text{Canonicalize}(a) == cc \), return \text{failure}.
   6. Else \( \text{invert} \) is \text{true}, then
      a. If there exists a member \( a \) of set \( A \) such that \( \text{Canonicalize}(a) == cc \), return \text{failure}.
   7. Let \( \text{cap} \) be \( x \)'s captures internal array.
   8. Let \( y \) be the State \( (e+1, \text{cap}) \).
   9. Call \( c(y) \) and return its result.

The abstract operation \( \text{Canonicalize} \) takes a character parameter \( ch \) and performs the following steps:

1. If \( \text{IgnoreCase} \) is \text{false}, return \( ch \).
2. Let \( u \) be \( ch \) converted to upper case as if by calling the standard built-in method \( \text{String.prototype.toUpperCase} \) on the one-character string \( ch \).
3. If \( u \) does not consist of a single character, return \( ch \).
4. Let \( cu \) be \( u \)'s character.
5. If \( ch \)'s code unit value is greater than or equal to decimal 128 and \( cu \)'s code unit value is less than decimal 128, then return \( ch \).
6. Return \( cu \).

\text{NOTE}

Parentheses of the form \( ( \text{Disjunction} ) \) serve both to group the components of the Disjunction pattern together and to save the result of the match. The result can be used either in a backreference \( (\backslash \text{ followed by a nonzero decimal number} ) \), referenced in a replace string, or returned as part of an array from the regular expression matching internal procedure. To inhibit the capturing behaviour of parentheses, use the form \( (?: \text{Disjunction} ) \) instead.

The form \( \text{(?= Disjunction) } \) specifies a zero-width positive lookahead. In order for it to succeed, the pattern inside \( \text{Disjunction} \) must match at the current position, but the current position is not advanced before matching the sequel. If \( \text{Disjunction} \) can match at the current position in several ways, only the first one is tried. Unlike other regular expression operators, there is no backtracking into a \( (?: \text{ form) (this unusual behaviour is inherited from Perl) } \). This only matters when the \( \text{Disjunction} \) contains capturing parentheses and the sequel of the pattern contains backreferences to those captures.
For example,

```
/(?=(\+))/.exec("baaabac")
```

matches the empty string immediately after the first b and therefore returns the array:

```
["", "aaa"]
```

To illustrate the lack of backtracking into the lookahead, consider:

```
/\(?=(\+))a*b\1/.exec("baaabac")
```

This expression returns

```
["aba", "a"]
```

and not:

```
["aaaba", "a"]
```

The form (?! Disjunction ) specifies a zero-width negative lookahead. In order for it to succeed, the pattern inside Disjunction must fail to match at the current position. The current position is not advanced before matching the sequel. Disjunction can contain capturing parentheses, but backreferences to them only make sense from within Disjunction itself. Backreferences to these capturing parentheses from elsewhere in the pattern always return undefined because the negative lookahead must fail for the pattern to succeed. For example,

```
/\([^!((a+)b\2(\*))/.exec("baaabac")
```

looks for an a not immediately followed by some positive number n of a's, a b, another n a's (specified by the first \2) and a c. The second \2 is outside the negative lookahead, so it matches against undefined and therefore always succeeds. The whole expression returns the array:

```
["baaabaac", "ba", undefined, "abaac"]
```

In case-insensitive matches all characters are implicitly converted to upper case immediately before they are compared. However, if converting a character to upper case would expand that character into more than one character (such as converting "ß" (\u00DF) into "SS"), then the character is left as-is instead. The character is also left as-is if it is not an ASCII character but converting it to upper case would make it into an ASCII character. This prevents Unicode characters such as \u0131 and \u017F from matching regular expressions such as /\[a-z]/i, which are only intended to match ASCII letters. Furthermore, if these conversions were allowed, then /\[^w]/i would match each of a, b, ..., h, but not i or s.

15.10.2.9 AtomEscape

The production AtomEscape :: DecimalEscape evaluates as follows:

1. Evaluate DecimalEscape to obtain an EscapeValue E.
2. If E is a character, then
   a. Let ch be E's character.
   b. Let A be a one-element CharSet containing the character ch.
   c. Call CharacterSetMatcher(A, false) and return its Matcher result.
3. E must be an integer. Let n be that integer.
4. If n=0 or n>NCapturingParens then throw a SyntaxError exception.
5. Return an internal Matcher closure that takes two arguments, a State x and a Continuation c, and performs the following:
   1. Let cap be x's captures internal array.
   2. Let s be cap[n].
   3. If s is undefined, then call c(x) and return its result.
   4. Let e be x's endIndex.
   5. Let len be s's length.
   6. Let f be e+len.
   7. If f>InputLength, return failure.
8. If there exists an integer \( i \) between 0 (inclusive) and \( \text{len} \) (exclusive) such that 
\( \text{Canonicalize}(s[i]) \) is not the same character as \( \text{Canonicalize}(\text{Input}[e+i]) \), then return \text{failure}.
9. Let \( y \) be the State \((f, \text{cap})\).
10. Call \( c(y) \) and return its result.

The production \textit{AtomEscape} :: \textit{CharacterEscape} evaluates as follows:
1. Evaluate \textit{CharacterEscape} to obtain a character \( ch \).
2. Let \( A \) be a one-element CharSet containing the character \( ch \).
3. Call \textit{CharacterSetMatcher}(A, false) and return its Matcher result.

The production \textit{AtomEscape} :: \textit{CharacterClassEscape} evaluates as follows:
1. Evaluate \textit{CharacterClassEscape} to obtain a CharSet \( A \).
2. Call \textit{CharacterSetMatcher}(A, false) and return its Matcher result.

\textbf{NOTE}
An escape sequence of the form \( \backslash \) followed by a nonzero decimal number \( n \) matches the result of the \( n \)th set of capturing parentheses (see 15.10.2.11). It is an error if the regular expression has fewer than \( n \) capturing parentheses. If the regular expression has \( n \) or more capturing parentheses but the \( n \)th one is undefined because it hasn’t captured anything, then the backreference always succeeds.

\textbf{15.10.2.10 CharacterEscape}

The production \textit{CharacterEscape} :: \textit{ControlEscape} evaluates by returning the character according to the table below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>\textit{ControlEscape}</th>
<th>\textit{Unicode Value}</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>( t )</td>
<td>\u0009</td>
<td>horizontal tab</td>
<td>(&lt;\text{HT}&gt;)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( n )</td>
<td>\u000A</td>
<td>line feed (new line)</td>
<td>(&lt;\text{LF}&gt;)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( v )</td>
<td>\u000B</td>
<td>vertical tab</td>
<td>(&lt;\text{VT}&gt;)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( f )</td>
<td>\u000C</td>
<td>form feed</td>
<td>(&lt;\text{FF}&gt;)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( r )</td>
<td>\u000D</td>
<td>carriage return</td>
<td>(&lt;\text{CR}&gt;)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The production \textit{CharacterEscape} :: \textit{c ControlLetter} evaluates as follows:
1. Let \( ch \) be the Unicode character represented by \textit{ControlLetter}.
2. Let \( i \) be \( ch \)'s code point value.
3. Let \( j \) be the remainder of dividing \( i \) by 32.
4. Return the code unit numbered \( j \).

The production \textit{CharacterEscape} :: \textit{HexEscapeSequence} evaluates by evaluating the CV of the \textit{HexEscapeSequence} (see 7.8.4) and returning its character result.

The production \textit{CharacterEscape} :: \textit{UnicodeEscapeSequence} evaluates by evaluating the CV of the \textit{UnicodeEscapeSequence} (see 7.8.4) and returning its character result.

The production \textit{CharacterEscape} :: \textit{IdentityEscape} evaluates by returning the character represented by \textit{IdentityEscape}.

\textbf{15.10.2.11 DecimalEscape}

The production \textit{DecimalEscape} :: \textit{DecimalIntegerLiteral} [lookahead \(! \text{DecimalDigit}\)] evaluates as follows.
1. Let \( i \) be the MV of \textit{DecimalIntegerLiteral}.
2. If \( i \) is zero, return the EscapeValue consisting of a \(<\text{NUL}>\) character (Unicode value 0000).
3. Return the EscapeValue consisting of the integer \( i \).

The definition of “the MV of \textit{DecimalIntegerLiteral}” is in 7.8.3.

\textbf{NOTE}
If \ is followed by a decimal number \( n \) whose first digit is not 0, then the escape sequence is considered to be a backreference. It is an error if \( n \) is greater than the total number of left capturing parentheses in the entire regular expression. \( \backslash 0 \) represents the NUL character and cannot be followed by a decimal digit.

15.10.2.12 CharacterClassEscape

The production \( \text{CharacterClassEscape} :: d \) evaluates by returning the ten-element set of characters containing the characters 0 through 9 inclusive.

The production \( \text{CharacterClassEscape} :: D \) evaluates by returning the set of all characters not included in the set returned by CharacterClassEscape :: d.

The production \( \text{CharacterClassEscape} :: s \) evaluates by returning the set of characters containing the characters that are on the right-hand side of the WhiteSpace (7.2) or LineTerminator (7.3) productions.

The production \( \text{CharacterClassEscape} :: S \) evaluates by returning the set of all characters not included in the set returned by CharacterClassEscape :: s.

The production \( \text{CharacterClassEscape} :: w \) evaluates by returning the set of characters containing the sixty-three characters:

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 _
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
```

The production \( \text{CharacterClassEscape} :: W \) evaluates by returning the set of all characters not included in the set returned by CharacterClassEscape :: w.

15.10.2.13 CharacterClass

The production \( \text{CharacterClass} :: [ \text{lookahead} \neq (^)] \text{ClassRanges} ] \) evaluates by evaluating ClassRanges to obtain a CharSet and returning that CharSet and the boolean false.

The production \( \text{CharacterClass} :: [ ^ \text{ClassRanges} ] \) evaluates by evaluating ClassRanges to obtain a CharSet and returning that CharSet and the boolean true.

15.10.2.14 ClassRanges

The production \( \text{ClassRanges} :: [\text{empty}] \) evaluates by returning the empty CharSet.

The production \( \text{ClassRanges} :: \text{NonemptyClassRanges} \) evaluates by evaluating NonemptyClassRanges to obtain a CharSet and returning that CharSet.

15.10.2.15 NonemptyClassRanges

The production \( \text{NonemptyClassRanges} :: \text{ClassAtom} \) evaluates by evaluating ClassAtom to obtain a CharSet and returning that CharSet.

The production \( \text{NonemptyClassRanges} :: \text{ClassAtom} \text{NonemptyClassRangesNoDash} \) evaluates as follows:

1. Evaluate ClassAtom to obtain a CharSet \( A \).
2. Evaluate NonemptyClassRangesNoDash to obtain a CharSet \( B \).
3. Return the union of CharSets \( A \) and \( B \).

The production \( \text{NonemptyClassRanges} :: \text{ClassAtom} \text{ClassRanges} \) evaluates as follows:

1. Evaluate the first ClassAtom to obtain a CharSet \( A \).
2. Evaluate the second ClassAtom to obtain a CharSet \( B \).
3. Evaluate ClassRanges to obtain a CharSet \( C \).
4. Call CharacterRange\((A, B)\) and let \( D \) be the resulting CharSet.
5. Return the union of CharSets \( D \) and \( C \).

The abstract operation CharacterRange takes two CharSet parameters \( A \) and \( B \) and performs the following:
1. If \( A \) does not contain exactly one character or \( B \) does not contain exactly one character then throw a \texttt{SyntaxError} exception.
2. Let \( a \) be the one character in CharSet \( A \).
3. Let \( b \) be the one character in CharSet \( B \).
4. Let \( i \) be the code unit value of character \( a \).
5. Let \( j \) be the code unit value of character \( b \).
6. If \( i > j \) then throw a \texttt{SyntaxError} exception.
7. Return the set containing all characters numbered \( i \) through \( j \), inclusive.

\section*{15.10.2.16 NonemptyClassRangesNoDash}

The production \texttt{NonemptyClassRangesNoDash :: ClassAtom} evaluates by evaluating \texttt{ClassAtom} to obtain a CharSet and returning that CharSet.

The production \texttt{NonemptyClassRangesNoDash :: ClassAtomNoDash NonemptyClassRangesNoDash} evaluates as follows:

1. Evaluate \texttt{ClassAtomNoDash} to obtain a CharSet \( A \).
2. Evaluate \texttt{NonemptyClassRangesNoDash} to obtain a CharSet \( B \).
3. Return the union of CharSet\( s A \) and \( B \).

The production \texttt{NonemptyClassRangesNoDash :: ClassAtomNoDash \texttt{\-} ClassAtom ClassRanges} evaluates as follows:

1. Evaluate \texttt{ClassAtomNoDash} to obtain a CharSet \( A \).
2. Evaluate \texttt{ClassAtom} to obtain a CharSet \( B \).
3. Evaluate \texttt{ClassRanges} to obtain a CharSet \( C \).
4. Call \texttt{CharacterRange}(\( A \), \( B \)) and let \( D \) be the resulting CharSet.
5. Return the union of CharSet\( s D \) and \( C \).

\textbf{NOTE}

ClassRanges can expand into single ClassAtoms and/or ranges of two ClassAtoms separated by dashes. In the latter case the ClassRanges includes all characters between the first ClassAtom and the second ClassAtom, inclusive; an error occurs if either ClassAtom does not represent a single character (for example, if one is \texttt{\w}) or if the first ClassAtom's code unit value is greater than the second ClassAtom's code unit value.

Even if the pattern ignores case, the case of the two ends of a range is significant in determining which characters belong to the range. Thus, for example, the pattern \texttt{/\[E-F\]\textasciitilde{\i}} matches only the letters \texttt{E}, \texttt{F}, \texttt{e}, and \texttt{f}, while the pattern \texttt{/\[E-F\]\textasciitilde{\i}} matches all upper and lower-case ASCII letters as well as the symbols \texttt{[}, \texttt{\,}, \texttt{\_}, \texttt{\^}, \texttt{\_}, \texttt{and \textasciitilde{\`}.}

A \texttt{\-} character can be treated literally or it can denote a range. It is treated literally if it is the first or last character of ClassRanges, the beginning or end limit of a range specification, or immediately follows a range specification.

\section*{15.10.2.17 ClassAtom}

The production \texttt{ClassAtom :: \texttt{\-}} evaluates by returning the CharSet containing the one character \texttt{\-}.

The production \texttt{ClassAtom :: ClassAtomNoDash} evaluates by evaluating \texttt{ClassAtomNoDash} to obtain a CharSet and returning that CharSet.

\section*{15.10.2.18 ClassAtomNoDash}

The production \texttt{ClassAtomNoDash :: SourceCharacter but not one of \texttt{\[]}} evaluates by returning a one-element CharSet containing the character represented by \texttt{SourceCharacter}.

The production \texttt{ClassAtomNoDash :: \texttt{\}} \texttt{ClassEscape} evaluates by evaluating \texttt{ClassEscape} to obtain a CharSet and returning that CharSet.

\section*{15.10.2.19 ClassEscape}

The production \texttt{ClassEscape :: DecimalEscape} evaluates as follows:
1. Evaluate `DecimalEscape` to obtain an `EscapeValue E`.
2. If `E` is not a character then throw a `SyntaxError` exception.
3. Let `ch` be `E`'s character.
4. Return the one-element CharSet containing the character `ch`.

The production `ClassEscape :: b` evaluates by returning the CharSet containing the one character <BS> (Unicode value 0008).

The production `ClassEscape :: CharacterEscape` evaluates by evaluating `CharacterEscape` to obtain a character and returning a one-element CharSet containing that character.

The production `ClassEscape :: CharacterClassEscape` evaluates by evaluating `CharacterClassEscape` to obtain a CharSet and returning that CharSet.

**NOTE**
A ClassAtom can use any of the escape sequences that are allowed in the rest of the regular expression except for \b, \B, and backreferences. Inside a CharacterClass, \b means the backspace character, while \B and backreferences raise errors. Using a backreference inside a ClassAtom causes an error.

### 15.10.3 The RegExp Constructor Called as a Function

#### 15.10.3.1 RegExp(pattern, flags)

If `pattern` is an object `R` whose `[[Class]]` internal property is "RegExp" and `flags` is `undefined`, then return `R` unchanged. Otherwise call the standard built-in `RegExp` constructor (15.10.4.1) as if by the expression `new RegExp(pattern, flags)` and return the object constructed by that constructor.

#### 15.10.4 The RegExp Constructor

When `RegExp` is called as part of a `new` expression, it is a constructor: it initialises the newly created object.

#### 15.10.4.1 new RegExp(pattern, flags)

If `pattern` is an object `R` whose `[[Class]]` internal property is "RegExp" and `flags` is `undefined`, then let `P` be the `pattern` used to construct `R` and let `F` be the `flags` used to construct `R`. If `pattern` is an object `R` whose `[[Class]]` internal property is "RegExp" and `flags` is not `undefined`, then throw a `TypeError` exception. Otherwise, let `P` be the empty string if `pattern` is `undefined` and `ToString(pattern)` otherwise, and let `F` be the empty string if `flags` is `undefined` and `ToString(flags)` otherwise.

If the characters of `P` do not have the syntactic form `Pattern`, then throw a `SyntaxError` exception. Otherwise let the newly constructed object have a `[[Match]]` internal property obtained by evaluating ("compiling") the characters of `P` as a `Pattern` as described in section 15.10.2.

If `F` contains any character other than "g", "i", or "m", or if it contains the same character more than once, then throw a `SyntaxError` exception.

If a `SyntaxError` exception is not thrown, then:

Let `S` be a string in the form of a `Pattern` equivalent to `P`, in which certain characters are escaped as described below. `S` may or may not be identical to `P` or `pattern`; however, the internal procedure that would result from evaluating `S` as a `Pattern` must behave identically to the internal procedure given by the constructed object's `[[Match]]` internal property.

The characters `/` or `backslash \` occurring in the pattern shall be escaped in `S` as necessary to ensure that the string value formed by concatenating the strings "/", S, "/", and `F` can be parsed (in an appropriate lexical context) as a `RegularExpressionLiteral` that behaves identically to the constructed regular expression. For example, if `P` is "/", then `S` could be "/\" or "/\u002F", among other possibilities, but not "/\", because "/" followed by `F` would be parsed as a `SingleLineComment` rather than a `RegularExpressionLiteral`. If `P` is the empty string, this specification can be met by letting `S` be "(?:)".
The following properties of the newly constructed object are data properties with the attributes that are specified in 15.10.7. The [[Value]] of each property is set as follows:

The `source` property of the newly constructed object is set to $S$.

The `global` property of the newly constructed object is set to a Boolean value that is `true` if $F$ contains the character "g" and `false` otherwise.

The `ignoreCase` property of the newly constructed object is set to a Boolean value that is `true` if $F$ contains the character "i" and `false` otherwise.

The `multiline` property of the newly constructed object is set to a Boolean value that is `true` if $F$ contains the character "m" and `false` otherwise.

The `lastIndex` property of the newly constructed object is set to 0.

The `[[Prototype]]` internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the standard built-in RegExp prototype object as specified in 15.10.6.

The `[[Class]]` internal property of the newly constructed object is set to "RegExp".

`NOTE`

If `pattern` is a StringLiteral, the usual escape sequence substitutions are performed before the string is processed by RegExp. If `pattern` must contain an escape sequence to be recognised by RegExp, any backslash \\ characters must be escaped within the StringLiteral to prevent them being removed when the contents of the StringLiteral are formed.

15.10.5 Properties of the RegExp Constructor

The value of the `[[Prototype]]` internal property of the RegExp constructor is the standard built-in Function prototype object (15.3.4).

Besides the internal properties and the `length` property (whose value is 2), the RegExp constructor has the following properties:

15.10.5.1 RegExp.prototype

The initial value of RegExp.prototype is the RegExp prototype object (15.10.6).

This property shall have the attributes { `[[Writable]]`: `false`, `[[Enumerable]]`: `false`, `[[Configurable]]`: `false` }.

15.10.6 Properties of the RegExp Prototype Object

The value of the `[[Prototype]]` internal property of the RegExp prototype object is the standard built-in Object prototype object (15.2.4). The RegExp prototype object is itself a regular expression object; its `[[Class]]` is "RegExp".

The RegExp prototype object does not have a `valueOf` property of its own; however, it inherits the `valueOf` property from the Object prototype object.

In the following descriptions of functions that are properties of the RegExp prototype object, the phrase “this RegExp object” refers to the object that is the this value for the invocation of the function; a `TypeError` exception is thrown if the this value is not an object or an object for which the value of the `[[Class]]` internal property is not "RegExp".

15.10.6.1 RegExp.prototype.constructor

The initial value of RegExp.prototype.constructor is the standard built-in RegExp constructor.

15.10.6.2 RegExp.prototype.exec(string)

Performs a regular expression match of `string` against the regular expression and returns an Array object containing the results of the match, or null if the string did not match.

The string `ToString(string)` is searched for an occurrence of the regular expression pattern as follows:

1. Let $R$ be this RegExp object.
2. Let $S$ be the value of `ToString(string)`.
3. Let `length` be the length of $S$.
4. Let `lastIndex` be the value of the `lastIndex` property.
5. Let $i$ be the value of `ToInteger(lastIndex)`.
6. Let `global` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of $R$ with argument "global".
7. If `global` is `false`, then let $i = 0$.
8. Let `matchSucceeded` be `false`.
9. Repeat, while `matchSucceeded` is `false`:
   a. If $i < 0$ or $i > length$, then:
      i. Call the `[[ThrowingPut]]` internal method of $R$ with arguments "lastIndex", 0, and `true`.
      ii. Return `null`.
   b. Call the `[[Match]]` internal method of $R$ with arguments $S$ and $i$.
      i. Let $i = i + 1$.
      d. else:
         i. Let $r$ be the State result of the call to `[[Match]]`.
         ii. Set `matchSucceeded` to `true`.
   e. Let $i = i + 1$.
10. Let $e$ be $r$'s `endIndex` value.
11. If `global` is `true`, set `lastIndex` to $e$.
   a. Call the `[[ThrowingPut]]` internal method of $R$ with arguments "lastIndex", $e$, and `true`.
12. Let $n$ be the length of $r$'s `captures` array. (This is the same value as 15.10.2.1's `NCapturingParen`.)
13. Let $A$ be a new array created as if by the expression `new Array()` where `Array` is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
14. Let `matchIndex` be the position of the matched substring within the complete string $S$.
15. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of $A$ with arguments "index", Property Descriptor `[[Value]]: matchIndex`, `[[Writable]]: true`, `[[Enumerable]]: true`, `[[Configurable]]: true`, and `true`.
16. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of $A$ with arguments "input", Property Descriptor `[[Value]]: S`, `[[Writable]]: true`, `[[Enumerable]]: true`, `[[Configurable]]: true`, and `true`.
17. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of $A$ with arguments "length", Property Descriptor `[[Value]]: $n + 1$, `[[Writable]]: true`, `[[Enumerable]]: true`, `[[Configurable]]: true`, and `true`.
18. Let `matchedSubstr` be the matched substring (i.e. the portion of $S$ between offset $i$ inclusive and offset $e$ exclusive).
19. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of $A$ with arguments "0", Property Descriptor `[[Value]]: matchedSubstr`, `[[Writable]]: true`, `[[Enumerable]]: true`, `[[Configurable]]: true`, and `true`.
20. For each integer $i$ such that $I > 0$ and $I \leq n$:
   a. Let $captureI$ be the $i$th element of $r$'s `captures` array.
   b. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` internal method of $A$ with arguments `ToString(i)`, Property Descriptor `[[Value]]: captureI`, `[[Writable]]: true`, `[[Enumerable]]: true`, `[[Configurable]]: true`, and `true`.

15.10.6.3 `RegExp.prototype.test(string)`

The following steps are taken:
1. Let `match` be the result of evaluating the `RegExp.prototype.exec` (15.10.6.3) algorithm upon this RegExp object using `string` as the argument.
2. If `match` is not null, then return `true`; else return `false`. 
15.10.6.4 RegExp.prototype.toString()

Return the string value formed by concatenating the strings "/", the string value of the source property of this RegExp object, and "/"; plus "g" if the global property is true, "i" if the ignoreCase property is true, and "m" if the multiline property is true.

**NOTE**
The returned string has the form of a RegularExpressionLiteral that evaluates to another RegExp object with the same behaviour as this object.

15.10.7 Properties of RegExp Instances

RegExp instances inherit properties from the RegExp prototype object and their [[Class]] internal property value is "RegExp". RegExp instances also have a [[Match]] property and a length property.

The value of the [[Match]] internal property is an implementation dependent of the Pattern of the RegExp object.

RegExp instances inherit properties from their [[Prototype]] object as specified above and also have the following properties.

15.10.7.1 source

The value of the source property is string in the form of a Pattern representing the current regular expression. This property shall have the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.10.7.2 global

The value of the global property is a Boolean value indicating whether the flags contained the character “g”. This property shall have the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.10.7.3 ignoreCase

The value of the ignoreCase property is a Boolean value indicating whether the flags contained the character “i”. This property shall have the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.10.7.4 multiline

The value of the multiline property is a Boolean value indicating whether the flags contained the character “m”. This property shall have the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.10.7.5 lastIndex

The value of the lastIndex property is an integer that specifies the string position at which to start the next match. This property shall have the attributes { [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

**NOTE**
Unlike the other standard built-in properties of RegExp instances, lastIndex is writable.

15.11 Error Objects

Instances of Error objects are thrown as exceptions when runtime errors occur. The Error objects may also serve as base objects for user-defined exception classes.

15.11.1 The Error Constructor Called as a Function

When Error is called as a function rather than as a constructor, it creates and initialises a new Error object. Thus the function call Error(...) is equivalent to the object creation expression new Error(...) with the same arguments.

15.11.1.1 Error (message)

The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the original Error prototype object, the one that is the initial value of Error.prototype (15.11.3.1).
The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to "Error".

The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to true.

If the argument message is not undefined, the message own property of the newly constructed object is set to ToString(message). Otherwise, the message own property is set to the empty string.

15.11.2 The Error Constructor

When Error is called as part of a new expression, it is a constructor: it initialises the newly created object.

15.11.2.1 new Error (message)

The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the original Error prototype object, the one that is the initial value of Error.prototype (15.11.3.1).

The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed Error object is set to "Error".

The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to true.

If the argument message is not undefined, the message own property of the newly constructed object is set to ToString(message). Otherwise, the message own property is set to the empty string.

15.11.3 Properties of the Error Constructor

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the Error constructor is the Function prototype object (15.3.4).

Besides the internal properties and the length property (whose value is 1), the Error constructor has the following property:

15.11.3.1 Error.prototype

The initial value of Error.prototype is the Error prototype object (15.11.4).

This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.11.4 Properties of the Error Prototype Object

The Error prototype object is itself an Error object (its [[Class]] is "Error").

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the Error prototype object is the standard built-in Object prototype object (15.2.4).

15.11.4.1 Error.prototype.constructor

The initial value of Error.prototype.constructor is the built-in Error constructor.

15.11.4.2 Error.prototype.name

The initial value of Error.prototype.name is "Error".

15.11.4.3 Error.prototype.message

The initial value of Error.prototype.message is the empty string.

15.11.4.4 Error.prototype.toString ()

The following steps are taken:

1. Let O be the this value.
2. If Type(O) is not Object, throw a TypeError exception.
3. Let name be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument "name".
4. If name is undefined, then let name be "Error"; else let name be ToString(name).
5. Let msg be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with argument "message".
6. If msg is undefined, then let R be msg.
7. Else, let R be the result of concatenating name, ": ", a single space character, and ToString(msg).
8. Return R.
15.11.5 Properties of Error Instances

Error instances inherit properties from the Error prototype object and their [[Class]] internal property value is "Error". Error instances have no special properties beyond those inherited from the Error prototype object.

15.11.6 Native Error Types Used in This Standard

One of the NativeError objects below is thrown when a runtime error is detected. All of these objects share the same structure, as described in 15.11.7.

15.11.6.1 EvalError

Indicates that the global function name eval was used in a way that is incompatible with this specification. See 8.7.2, 12.2.1 and 13.1.

15.11.6.2 RangeError

Indicates a numeric value has exceeded the allowable range. See 15.4.2.2, 15.4.5.1, 15.7.4.2, 15.7.4.5, 15.7.4.6, and 15.7.4.7.

15.11.6.3 ReferenceError

Indicates that an invalid reference value has been detected. See 8.7.1, 8.7.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.1.1.4, 10.2.1.2.4, 11.4.1, and 11.13.1.

15.11.6.4 SyntaxError

Indicates that a parsing error has occurred. See 11.1.5, 13.1, 15.10.2.2, 15.3.2.1, 15.10.2.5, 15.10.2.9, 15.10.2.15, 15.10.2.19, 15.10.4.1, and 15.12.2.

15.11.6.5 TypeError

Indicates the actual type of an operand is different than the expected type. See 8.12.5, 8.12.8, 8.12.9, 9.9, 9.10, 10.2.1, 10.2.1.1.3, 10.56, 11.2.2, 11.2.3, 11.4.1, 11.8.6, 11.8.7, 11.3.1, 15.2.3.2, 15.2.3.3, 15.2.3.4, 15.2.3.5, 15.2.3.6, 15.2.3.7, 15.2.3.8, 15.2.3.9, 15.2.3.10, 15.2.3.11, 15.2.3.12, 15.2.3.13, 15.2.3.14, 15.2.4.3, 15.3.4.2, 15.3.4.3, 15.3.4.4, 15.3.4.5, 15.3.4.5.2, 15.3.4.5.3, 15.3.5.3, 15.4.4.3, 15.4.4.11, 15.4.4.16, 15.4.4.17, 15.4.4.18, 15.4.4.19, 15.4.4.20, 15.4.4.21, 15.4.4.22, 15.4.5.1, 15.5.4.2, 15.5.4.3, 15.5.4.21, 15.6.4.2, 15.6.4.3, 15.6.4.4, 15.7.4, 15.7.4.2, 15.7.4.4, 15.7.4.8, 15.9.5, 15.9.5.9, 15.9.5.44, 15.10.4.1, 15.10.6, 15.11.4.4 and 15.12.3.

15.11.6.6 URIError

Indicates that one of the global URI handling functions was used in a way that is incompatible with its definition. See 15.1.3.

15.11.7 NativeError Object Structure

When an ECMAScript implementation detects a runtime error, it throws an instance of one of the NativeError objects defined in 15.11.6. Each of these objects has the structure described below, differing only in the name used as the constructor name instead of NativeError, in the name property of the prototype object, and in the implementation-defined message property of the prototype object.

For each error object, references to NativeError in the definition should be replaced with the appropriate error object name from 15.11.6.

15.11.7.1 NativeError Constructors Called as Functions

When a NativeError constructor is called as a function rather than as a constructor, it creates and initialises a new object. A call of the object as a function is equivalent to calling it as a constructor with the same arguments.

15.11.7.2 NativeError (message)

The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the prototype object for this error constructor. The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to "Error". The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to true.

If the argument message is not undefined, the message own property of the newly constructed object is set to toString(message).
15.11.7.3 The NativeError Constructors
When a NativeError constructor is called as part of a new expression, it is a constructor: it initialises the newly created object.

15.11.7.4 New NativeError (message)
The [[Prototype]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to the prototype object for this NativeError constructor. The [[Class]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to "Error". The [[Extensible]] internal property of the newly constructed object is set to true.

If the argument message is not undefined, the message property of the newly constructed object is set to ToString(message). Otherwise, the message own property is set to the empty string.

15.11.7.5 Properties of the NativeError Constructors
The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of a NativeError constructor is the Function prototype object (15.3.4).

Besides the internal properties and the length property (whose value is 1), each NativeError constructor has the following property:

15.11.7.6 NativeError.prototype
The initial value of NativeError.prototype is a NativeError prototype object (15.11.7.7). Each NativeError constructor has a separate prototype object.

This property has the attributes { [[Writable]]: false, [[Enumerable]]: false, [[Configurable]]: false }.

15.11.7.7 Properties of the NativeError Prototype Objects
Each NativeError prototype object is an Error object (its [[Class]] is "Error").

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of each NativeError prototype object is the standard built-in Error prototype object (15.11.4).

15.11.7.8 NativeError.prototype.constructor
The initial value of the constructor property of the prototype for a given NativeError constructor is the NativeError constructor function itself (15.11.7).

15.11.7.9 NativeError.prototype.name
The initial value of the name property of the prototype for a given NativeError constructor is the name of the constructor (the name used instead of NativeError).

15.11.7.10 NativeError.prototype.message
The initial value of the message property of the prototype for a given NativeError constructor is the empty string.

NOTE
The prototypes for the NativeError constructors do not themselves provide a toString function, but instances of errors will inherit it from the Error prototype object.

15.11.7.11 Properties of NativeError Instances
NativeError instances inherit properties from their NativeError prototype object and their [[Class]] internal property value is "Error". NativeError instances have no special properties. NativeError instances have no special properties beyond those inherited from the Error prototype object.

15.12 The JSON Object
The JSON object is a single object that contains two functions, parse and stringify, that are used to parse and construct JSON texts. The JSON Data Interchange Format is described in RFC 4627 <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc4627.txt?number=4627>.

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the JSON object is the standard built-in Object prototype object (15.2.4). The value of the [[Class]] internal property of the JSON object is "JSON". The value of the [[Extensible]] internal property of the JSON object is set to true.
The JSON object does not have a [[Construct]] internal property; it is not possible to use the JSON object as a constructor with the new operator.

The JSON object does not have a [[Call]] internal property; it is not possible to invoke the JSON object as a function.

15.12.1 The JSON Grammar

JSON.stringify produces a string that conforms to the following JSON grammar. JSON.parse accepts a string that conforms to the JSON grammar.

15.12.1.1 The JSON Lexical Grammar

JSON is similar to ECMAScript source text in that it consists of a sequence of Unicode characters. However, JSON text is limited to the subset of Unicode specified by the production JSONSourceCharacter. The JSON Lexical Grammar defines the tokens that make up a JSON text similar to the manner that the ECMAScript lexical grammar defines the tokens of an ECMAScript source test. The JSON Lexical grammar only recognizes the white space character specified by the production JSONWhiteSpace. The JSON lexical grammar shares some productions with the ECMAScript lexical grammar. All nonterminal symbols of the grammar that do not begin with the characters “JSON” are defined by productions of the ECMAScript lexical grammar.

Syntax

```
JSONSourceCharacter ::
    SourceCharacter but not U+0000 thru U+001F

JSONWhiteSpace ::
    <TAB>
    <CR>
    <LF>
    <SP>

JSONString ::
    "JSONStringCharacters_opt"

JSONStringCharacters ::
    JSONStringCharacter JSONStringCharacters_opt

JSONStringCharacter ::
    JSONSourceCharacter but not double-quote " or backslash \ 
    JSONEscapeSequence

JSONEscapeSequence ::
    JSONEscapeCharacter UnicodeEscapeSequence

JSONEscapeCharacter :: one of
    " / \ b f n r t

JSONNumber ::
    -opt DecimalIntegerLiteral JSONFraction_opt ExponentPart_opt

JSONFraction ::
    . DecimalDigits

JSONNullLiteral ::
    NullLiteral

JSONBooleanLiteral ::
    BooleanLiteral
```

15.12.1.2 The JSON Syntactic Grammar

The JSON Syntactic Grammar defines a valid JSON text in terms of tokens from defined by the JSON lexical grammar. The goal symbol of the grammar is JSONValue.
Syntax

JSONValue :
  JSONNullLiteral
  JSONBooleanLiteral
  JSONObject
  JSONArray
  JSONString
  JSONNumber

JSONObject :
  { }
  { JSONMemberList }

JSONMember :
  JSONString : JSONValue

JSONMemberList :
  JSONMember
  JSONMemberList , JSONMember

JSONArray :
  [ ]
  [ JSONElementList ]

JSONElementList :
  JSONValue
  JSONElementList , JSONValue

15.12.2 parse ( text [, reviver ] )

The parse function parses a JSON text (a JSON formatted string) and produces an ECMAScript value. The JSON format is a restricted form of ECMAScript literal. JSON objects are realized as ECMAScript objects. JSON Arrays are realized as ECMAScript arrays. JSON strings, numbers, booleans, and null are realized as ECMAScript strings, numbers, booleans, and null. JSON uses a more limited set of white space characters than WhiteSpace and allows Unicode code points U+2028 and U+2029 to directly appear in JSONString literals without using an escape sequence. The process of parsing is similar to 11.1.4 and 11.1.5 as constrained by the JSON grammar.

The optional reviver parameter is a function that takes two parameters, (key, value). It can filter and transform the results. It is called with each of the key/value pairs produced by the parse, and its return value is used instead of the original value. If it returns what it received, the structure is not modified. If it returns undefined then the member-property is deleted from the result.

1. Let JText be ToString(text).
2. Parse JText using the grammars in 15.12.1. Throw a SyntaxError exception if the JText did not conform to the JSON grammar for the goal symbol JSONValue.
3. Let unfiltered be the result of parsing and evaluating JText as if it was the source text of an ECMAScript program. Note that since JText conforms to the JSON grammar this result will be either a constant value or an object that is defined by either an ArrayLiteral or an ObjectLiteral.
4. If IsCallable(reviver) is true, then
   a. Let root be a new object created as if by the expression new Object(), where Object is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
   b. Call the [[DefineOwnProperty]] internal method of root with the empty string, the PropertyDescriptor [[Value]]: unfiltered, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true, and false as arguments.
   c. Return the result of calling the abstract operation Walk, passing root and the empty string. The abstract operation Walk is described below.
5. Else
   a. Return unfiltered.

NOTE
In parsing 

The abstract operation Walk is a recursive abstract operation that takes two parameters: a holder object and the string name of a property in that object. Walk uses the value of reviver that was originally passed to the above parse function.

1. Let val be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of holder with argument name.
2. If val is an object, and IsCallable(val) is false, then
   a. If the [[Class]] internal property of val is "Array"
      i. Set I to 0.
      ii. Let len be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of val with argument "length".
      iii. Repeat while I < len.
           1. Let newElement be the result of calling the abstract operation walk, passing val andToString(I).
   2. If newElement is undefined, then
      a. Call the [[Delete]] internal method of val with ToString(I) and false as arguments.
   3. Else
      a. Let newElement be the result of calling the [[PutDefineOwnProperty]] internal method of val with arguments ToString(I), the Property Descriptor and
         [[Value]]: newElement, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true, and falsenewElement.
      2.4. Add 1 to I.
   b. Else
      i. Let keys be an internal List of Strings consisting of the names of all the own properties of val whose [[Enumerable]] attribute is true. The ordering of the strings should be the same as that used by the Object.keys standard built-in function.
      ii. For each string P in keys do,
           1. Let newElement be the result of calling the abstract operation walk, passing val and P.
           2. If newElement is undefined, then
              a. Call the [[Delete]] internal method of val with P and false as arguments.
           3. Else
              a. Call the [[PutDefineOwnProperty]] internal method of val with arguments P, the Property Descriptor, [[Value]]: newElement, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, [[Configurable]]: true, and falsenewElement.
      3. Return the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of reviver passing holder as the this value and with an argument list consisting of name and val.

NOTE

In the case where there are duplicate name strings within an object, lexically preceding values for the same key shall be overwritten.

15.12.3 stringify ( value [, replacer [, space ] ] )

The stringify function produces a JSON formatted string that captures information from a JavaScript value. It can take three parameters. The first parameter is required. The value parameter is a JavaScript value, which is usually an object or array, although it can also be a string, boolean, number or null. The optional replacer parameter is either a function that alters the way objects and arrays are stringified, or an array of strings that acts as a white list for selecting the keys that will be stringified. The optional space parameter is a string or number that allows the result to have white space injected into it to improve human readability.

These are the steps in stringifying an object:

1. Let stack be an empty List.
2. Let indent be the empty string.
3. If Type(space) is object then,
   a. If the [[Class]] internal property of space is "Number" then,
      i. Let space be ToNumber(space).
   b. Else if the [[Class]] internal property of space is "String" then,
      i. Let space be ToString(space).
4. If $\text{Type}(\text{space})$ is number
   a. Let $\text{space}$ be $\text{min}(10, \text{ToInteger}(\text{space}))$, the lesser of $\text{space}$ and 100.
   b. Set $\text{gap}$ to a string containing $\text{space}$ space characters. This will be the empty string if $\text{space}$ is less than 1.
5. Else if $\text{Type}(\text{space})$ is string
   a. If the number of characters in $\text{space}$ is 10 or less, set $\text{gap}$ to $\text{space}$ otherwise set $\text{gap}$ to a string consisting of the first 10 characters of $\text{space}$. Set $\text{gap}$ to $\text{space}$.
6. Else
   a. Set $\text{gap}$ to the empty string.
7. Let $\text{wrapper}$ be a new object created as if by the expression `new Object()`, where `Object` is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
8. Call the `[[DefineOwnProperty]]` `[[Put]]` internal method of $\text{wrapper}$ with arguments the empty string, and `value`, the Property Descriptor `[[Value]]: value, [[Writable]]: true, [[Enumerable]]: true, `[[Configurable]]: true`, and false.
9. Return the result of calling the abstract operation $\text{Str}$ with the empty string and $\text{wrapper}$.

The abstract operation $\text{Str}(\text{key}, \text{holder})$ has access to $\text{replacer}$ from the invocation of the $\text{stringify}$ method. Its algorithm is as follows:

1. Let $\text{value}$ be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of $\text{holder}$ with argument $\text{key}$.
2. If $\text{Type}(\text{value})$ is object, then
   a. Let $\text{toJSON}$ be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of $\text{value}$ with argument "$\text{toJSON}$".
   b. If $\text{IsCallable}(\text{toJSON})$ is true
      i. Let $\text{value}$ be the result of calling the `[[Call]]` internal method of $\text{toJSON}$ passing $\text{value}$ as the this value and with an argument list consisting of $\text{key}$.
3. If $\text{IsCallable}(\text{replacer})$ is true
   a. Let $\text{value}$ be the result of calling the `[[Call]]` internal method of $\text{replacer}$ passing $\text{holder}$ as the this value and with an argument list consisting of $\text{key}$ and $\text{value}$.
4. If $\text{value}$ is `null` then return "null".
5. If $\text{value}$ is true then return "true".
6. If $\text{value}$ is false then return "false".
7. If $\text{Type}(\text{value})$ is object then,
   a. If the `[[Class]]` internal property of $\text{value}$ is "Number" then,
      i. Let $\text{value}$ be $\text{ToNumber}(\text{value})$.
   b. Else if the `[[Class]]` internal property of $\text{value}$ is "String" then,
      i. Let $\text{value}$ be $\text{ToString}(\text{value})$.
   c. Else if the `[[Class]]` internal property of $\text{value}$ is "Boolean" then,
      i. Let $\text{value}$ be the value of the `[[PrimitiveValue]]` internal property of $\text{value}$.
5. If $\text{value}$ is `null` then return "null".
6. If $\text{value}$ is true then return "true".
7. If $\text{value}$ is false then return "false".
8. If $\text{Type}(\text{value})$ is string, then return the result of calling the abstract operation $\text{Quote}$ with argument $\text{value}$.
9. If $\text{Type}(\text{value})$ is number
   a. If $\text{value}$ is finite then return $\text{ToString}(\text{value})$.
   b. else, return "null".
10. If $\text{Type}(\text{value})$ is object, and $\text{IsCallable}(\text{value})$ is false
    a. If the `[[Class]]` internal property of $\text{value}$ is "Array" then
      i. Return the result of calling the abstract operation $\text{JA}$ with argument $\text{value}$.
    b. Return the result of calling the abstract operation $\text{JO}$ with argument $\text{value}$.
11. Return $\text{undefined}$.

The abstract operation $\text{Quote}(\text{value})$ wraps a string value in double quotes and escapes characters within it.

1. Let $\text{product}$ be the double quote character.
2. For each character $C$ in $\text{value}$
a. If $C$ is the double quote character or the backslash character
   i. Let $product$ be the concatenation of $product$ and the backslash character.
   ii. Let $product$ be the concatenation of $product$ and $C$.
b. Else If $C$ is backspace, formfeed, newline, carriage return, or tab
   i. Let $product$ be the concatenation of $product$ and the backslash character.
   ii. Let $abbrev$ be the character corresponding to the value of $C$ in the following table:
      backspace "b"
      formfeed "f"
      newline "n"
      carriage return "r"
      tab "t"
   iii. Let $product$ be the concatenation of $product$ and $abbrev$.
c. Else If $C$ is a control character having a code unit value less than the space character
   i. Let $product$ be the concatenation of $product$ and the backslash character.
   ii. Let $product$ be the concatenation of $product$ and "u".
   iii. Let $hex$ be the result of converting the numeric code unit value of $C$ to a string of 4
        base 16 digits.
   iv. Let $product$ be the concatenation of $product$ and $hex$.
d. Else
   i. Let $product$ be the concatenation of $product$ and $C$.
3. Let $product$ be the concatenation of $product$ and the double quote character.
4. Return $product$.

The abstract operation $\text{JO}(value)$ serializes an object. It has access to the $stack$, $indent$, $gap$, $replacer$, and $space$ of the invocation of the stringify method.

1. If $stack$ contains $value$ then throw a $\text{TypeError}$ exception because the structure is cyclical.
2. Append $value$ to $stack$.
3. Let $stepback$ be $indent$.
4. Let $indent$ be the concatenation of $indent$ and $gap$.
5. If $\text{Type}(replacer)$ is object and the $\text{[]}$ internal property of $replacer$ is "Array", then
   a. Let $K$ be an internal List consisting of the values of those properties of $replacer$ that have
      array index names. The elements of the list are in ascending array index order.
6. Else
   a. Let $K$ be an internal List of strings consisting of the names of all the own properties of $value$
      whose $\text{[]}$ attribute is $true$. The ordering of the strings should be the same as
      that used by the $\text{Object.keys}$ standard built-in function.
7. Let $partial$ be an empty List.
8. For each element $P$ of $K$.
   a. Let $strP$ be the result of calling the abstract operation $\text{Str}$ with arguments $P$ and $value$.
   b. If $strP$ is not $\text{undefined}$
      i. Let $member$ be the result of calling the abstract operation $\text{Quote}$ with argument $P$.
      ii. Let $member$ be the concatenation of $member$ and the colon character.
      iii. If $gap$ is not the empty string
         1. Let $member$ be the concatenation of $member$ and the space character.
      iv. Let $member$ be the concatenation of $member$ and $strP$.
      v. Append $member$ to $partial$.
9. If $partial$ is empty, then
   a. Let $final$ be "{}".
10. Else
    a. If $gap$ is the empty string
       i. Let $properties$ be a string formed by concatenating all the element strings of $partial$
          with each adjacent pair of strings separated with the comma character. A comma is
          not inserted either before the first string or after the last string.
       ii. Let $final$ be the result of concatenating "{}, properties, and {}".
    b. Else $gap$ is not the empty string
       i. Let $separator$ be the result of concatenating the comma character, the line feed
          character, and $indent$. 

- 199 -
Let $properties$ be a string formed by concatenating all the element strings of $partial$ with each adjacent pair of strings separated with $separator$. The $separator$ string is not inserted either before the first string or after the last string.

Let $final$ be the result of concatenating "$\{\$, the line feed character, $indent$, $properties$, the line feed character, $stepback$, and \"\}$".

11. Remove the last element of $stack$.
12. Let $indent$ be $stepback$.

The abstract operation $JA(value)$ serializes an array. It has access to the $stack$, $indent$, $gap$, and $space$ of the invocation of the stringify method. The representation of arrays includes only the elements between zero and array.length – 1. Named properties are excluded from the stringification. An array is stringified as an open left bracket, elements separated by comma, and a closing right bracket.

1. If $stack$ contains $value$ then throw a $TypeError$ exception because the structure is cyclical.
2. Append $value$ to $stack$.
3. Let $stepback$ be $indent$.
4. Let $indent$ be the concatenation of $indent$ and $gap$.
5. Let $partial$ be an empty List.
6. Let $len$ be the result of calling the $[[Get]]$ internal method of $value$ with argument "$length$".
7. Let $index$ be 0.
8. Repeat while $index < len$
   a. Let $strP$ be the result of calling the abstract operation $strStr$ with arguments $ToString(index)$ and $value$.
   b. If $strP$ is undefined
      i. Append "$null$" to $partial$.
   c. Else
      i. Append $strP$ to $partial$.
      d. Increment $index$ by 1.
9. If $partial$ is empty, then
   a. Let $final$ be "$[]$".
10. Else
    a. If $gap$ is the empty string
       i. Let $properties$ be a string formed by concatenating all the element strings of $partial$ with each adjacent pair of strings separated with the comma character. A comma is not inserted either before the first string or after the last string.
       ii. Let $final$ be the result of concatenating "$\{\$, $properties$, and \"\}$".
    b. Else
       i. Let $separator$ be the result of concatenating the comma character, the line feed character, and $indent$.
       ii. Let $properties$ be a string formed by concatenating all the element strings of $partial$ with each adjacent pair of strings separated with $separator$. The $separator$ string is not inserted either before the first string or after the last string.
       iii. Let $final$ be the result of concatenating "$\{\$, $separator$, "$\{\$, the line feed character, $indent$, $properties$, the line feed character, $stepback$, and "$\}$"$".

11. Remove the last element of $stack$.
12. Let $indent$ be $stepback$.

NOTE

JSON structures are allowed to be nested to any depth, but they must be acyclic. If $value$ is or contains a cyclic structure, then the stringify function must throw a $TypeError$ exception. This is an example of a value that cannot be stringified:

```javascript
a = [];
a[0] = a;
my_text = JSON.stringify(a); // This must throw an TypeError.
```
The **null** value is rendered in JSON text as the string `null`.
The **true** value is rendered in JSON text as the string `true`.
The **false** value is rendered in JSON text as the string `false`.

String values are wrapped in double quotes. The characters `"` and `\` are escaped with `\` prefixes. Control characters are replaced with escape sequences `\uHHHH`, or with the shorter forms, `\b` (backspace), `\f` (formfeed), `\n` (newline), `\r` (carriage return), `\t` (tab).

Finite numbers are stringified as if by `String(number)`. `NaN` and `Infinity` regardless of sign are represented as the string `null`.

Values that do not have a JSON representation (such as `undefined` and functions) do not produce a string. Instead they produce the `undefined` value. In arrays these values are represented as the string `null`. In objects an unrepresentable value causes the property to be excluded from stringification.

An object is rendered as an opening left brace followed by zero or more properties, separated with commas, closed with a right brace. A property is a quoted string representing the key or property name, a colon, and then the stringified property value. An array is rendered as an opening left bracket followed by zero or more values, separated with commas, closed with a right bracket.
16 Errors

An implementation must report most errors at the time the relevant ECMAScript language construct is evaluated. An early error is an error that can be detected and reported prior to the evaluation of any construct in the Program containing the error. An implementation must report early errors in a Program prior to the first evaluation of that Program. Early errors in eval code are reported at the time eval is called but prior to evaluation of any construct within the eval code. All errors that are not early errors are runtime errors.

An implementation must treat any instance of the following kinds of errors as an early error:

- Any syntax error.
- Attempts to define an ObjectLiteral that has multiple get property assignments with the same name or multiple set property assignments with the same name.
- Attempts to define an ObjectLiteral that has both a data property assignment and a get or set property assignment with the same name.
- Errors in regular expression literals that are not implementation-defined syntax extensions.
- Attempts in strict mode code to define an ObjectLiteral that has multiple data property assignments with the same name.
- The occurrence of a WithStatement in strict mode code.
- The occurrence of an Identifier value appearing more than once within a FormalParameterList of an individual strict mode FunctionDeclaration or FunctionExpression.
- Improper uses of return, break, and continue.
- Attempts to call PutValue on any value for which an early determination can be made that the value is not a Reference (for example, executing the assignment statement 3=4).
- Any occurrence in strict mode code that is defined to produce an EvalError.

An implementation shall not treat other kinds of errors as early errors even if the compiler can prove that a construct cannot execute without error under any circumstances. An implementation may issue an early warning in such a case, but it should not report the error until the relevant construct is actually executed.

An implementation shall report all errors as specified, except for the following:

- An implementation may extend program syntax and regular expression pattern or flag syntax. To permit this, all operations (such as calling eval, using a regular expression literal, or using the Function or RegExp constructor) that are allowed to throw SyntaxError are permitted to exhibit implementation-defined behaviour instead of throwing SyntaxError when they encounter an implementation-defined extension to the program syntax or regular expression pattern or flag syntax.
- An implementation may provide additional types, values, objects, properties, and functions beyond those described in this specification. This may cause constructs (such as looking up a variable in the global scope) to have implementation-defined behaviour instead of throwing an error (such as ReferenceError).
- An implementation may define behaviour other than throwing RangeError for toFixed, toExponential, and toPrecision when the fractionDigits or precision argument is outside the specified range.
Annex A
(Informative)

Grammar Summary

A.1 Lexical Grammar

SourceCharacter ::
                      any Unicode character

InputElementDiv ::
                     WhiteSpace
                      LineTerminator
                      Comment
                      Token
                      DivPunctuator

InputElementRegExp ::
                      See clause 7
                      WhiteSpace
                      LineTerminator
                      Comment
                      Token
                      RegularExpressionLiteral

WhiteSpace ::
                      See 7.2
                      <TAB>
                      <VT>
                      <FF>
                      <SP>
                      <NEL>
                      <NBSP>
                      <ZWSP>
                      <BOM>
                      <USP>

LineTerminator ::
                      See 7.3
                      <LF>
                      <CR>
                      <LS>
                      <PS>

LineTerminatorSequence ::
                      See 7.3
                      <LF>
                      <CR> [lookahead ≠ <LF>]
                      <LS>
                      <PS>
                      <CR> <LF>

Comment ::
                      See 7.4
                      MultiLineComment
                      SingleLineComment
MultiLineComment ::
   /* MultiLineCommentChars_opt */

MultiLineCommentChars ::
   MultiLineNotAsteriskChar MultiLineCommentChars_opt
   * PostAsteriskCommentChars_opt

PostAsteriskCommentChars ::
   MultiLineNotForwardSlashOrAsteriskChar MultiLineCommentChars_opt
   * PostAsteriskCommentChars_opt

MultiLineNotAsteriskChar ::
   SourceCharacter but not asterisk *

MultiLineNotForwardSlashOrAsteriskChar ::
   SourceCharacter but not forward-slash / or asterisk *

SingleLineComment ::
   // SingleLineCommentChars_opt

SingleLineCommentChars ::
   SingleLineCommentChar SingleLineCommentChars_opt

SingleLineCommentChar ::
   SourceCharacter but not LineTerminator

Token ::
   IdentifierName
   Punctuator
   NumericLiteral
   StringLiteral

ReservedWord ::
   Keyword
   FutureReservedWord
   NullLiteral
   BooleanLiteral

Keyword :: one of
   break
do
instanceof
typeof
case
delete
default
do
else
finally
function
for
if
in
new
null
object
return
switch
this
throw
try
var
void
while
with
"
FutureReservedWord :: one of  
  abstract   export   interface   static
  boolean   extends   long   super
  byte   final   native   synchronized
  char   float   package   throws
  class   goto   private   transient
  const   implements   protected   volatile
  double   import   public
  enum   int   short

Identifier ::  
  IdentifierName but not ReservedWord

IdentifierName ::  
  IdentifierStart  
  IdentifierName IdentifierPart

IdentifierStart ::  
  UnicodeLetter  
  $  
  \\ UnicodeEscapeSequence

IdentifierPart ::  
  IdentifierStart  
  UnicodeCombiningMark  
  UnicodeDigit  
  UnicodeConnectorPunctuation

UnicodeLetter  
  any character in the Unicode categories “Uppercase letter (Lu)”, “Lowercase letter (Ll)”,  
  “Titlecase letter (Lt)”, “Modifier letter (Lm)”, “Other letter (Lo)”, or “Letter number (Nl)”.  

UnicodeCombiningMark  
  any character in the Unicode categories “Non-spacing mark (Mn)” or “Combining spacing mark (Mc)”

UnicodeDigit  
  any character in the Unicode category “Decimal number (Nd)”

UnicodeConnectorPunctuation  
  any character in the Unicode category “Connector punctuation (Pc)”

UnicodeEscapeSequence :: See 7.6
  \u HexDigit HexDigit HexDigit HexDigit

HexDigit :: one of  
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 a b c d e f A B C D E F

Punctuator :: one of  
  { } ( ) [ ]  
  . ; , < > <=  
  >= == != === !==
\[+\quad -\quad *\quad \%\quad ++\quad --\]
\[<<\quad >>\quad >>>\quad &\quad |\quad ^\]
\[!\quad \sim\quad &&\quad ||\quad ?\quad :\]
\[=\quad +=\quad -=\quad *=\quad %=\quad <<=\]
\[>>=\quad >>==\quad &=\quad |=\quad ^=\]

\textit{DivPunctuator} :: \textbf{one of} \\
\texttt{//} \quad \texttt{/=} \quad \textbf{See 7.7}

\textit{Literal} :: \\
\texttt{NullLiteral} \quad \textbf{See 7.8} \\
\texttt{BooleanLiteral} \\
\texttt{NumericLiteral} \\
\texttt{StringLiteral}

\textit{NullLiteral} :: \\
\texttt{null} \quad \textbf{See 7.8.1}

\textit{BooleanLiteral} :: \\
\texttt{true} \quad \textbf{See 7.8.2} \\
\texttt{false}

\textit{NumericLiteral} :: \\
\texttt{DecimalLiteral} \\
\texttt{HexIntegerLiteral} \\
\textbf{See 7.8.3}

\textit{DecimalLiteral} :: \\
\texttt{DecimalIntegerLiteral} \texttt{. DecimalDigits\textsubscript{opt} ExponentPart\textsubscript{opt}} \\
\texttt{. DecimalDigits ExponentPart\textsubscript{opt}} \\
\texttt{DecimalIntegerLiteral ExponentPart\textsubscript{opt}} \\
\textbf{See 7.8.3}

\textit{DecimalIntegerLiteral} :: \\
\texttt{0} \\
\texttt{NonZeroDigit DecimalDigits\textsubscript{opt}} \\
\textbf{See 7.8.3}

\textit{DecimalDigits} :: \\
\texttt{DecimalDigit} \\
\texttt{DecimalDigits DecimalDigit} \\
\textbf{See 7.8.3}

\textit{DecimalDigit} :: \textbf{one of} \\
\texttt{0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9} \\
\textbf{See 7.8.3}

\textit{ExponentIndicator} :: \textbf{one of} \\
\texttt{e \ E} \\
\textbf{See 7.8.3}
SignedInteger ::
    DecimalDigits
    + DecimalDigits
    - DecimalDigits

HexStringLiteral ::
    0x HexDigit
    0X HexDigit
    HexIntegerLiteral HexDigit

HexString :: one of
    0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 a b c d e f A B C D E F

StringLiteral ::
    " DoubleStringCharacters_opt "
    ' SingleStringCharacters_opt '

DoubleStringCharacters ::
    DoubleStringCharacter DoubleStringCharacters_opt

SingleStringCharacters ::
    SingleStringCharacter SingleStringCharacters_opt

DoubleStringCharacter ::
    SourceCharacter but not double-quote " or backslash \ or LineTerminator
    \ EscapeSequence
    LineContinuation

SingleStringCharacter ::
    SourceCharacter but not single-quote ' or backslash \ or LineTerminator
    \ EscapeSequence
    LineContinuation

LineContinuation ::
    \ LineTerminatorSequence

EscapeSequence ::
    CharacterEscapeSequence
    0 [lookahead \ DecimalDigit]
    HexEscapeSequence
    UnicodeEscapeSequence

CharacterEscapeSequence ::
    SingleEscapeCharacter
    NonEscapeCharacter
SingleEscapeCharacter :: one of \\
  ' " \ b f n r t v

NonEscapeCharacter ::
  SourceCharacter but not EscapeCharacter or LineTerminator

EscapeCharacter ::
  SingleEscapeCharacter
  DecimalDigit
  x
  u

HexEscapeSequence ::
  x HexDigit HexDigit

UnicodeEscapeSequence ::
  u HexDigit HexDigit HexDigit HexDigit

RegularExpressionLiteral ::
  / RegularExpressionBody / RegularExpressionFlags

RegularExpressionBody ::
  RegularExpressionFirstChar RegularExpressionChars

RegularExpressionChars ::
  [empty]
  RegularExpressionChars RegularExpressionChar

RegularExpressionFirstChar ::
  RegularExpressionNonTerminator but not * or \ or / or [ 
  RegularExpressionBackslashSequence
  RegularExpressionClass

RegularExpressionChar ::
  RegularExpressionNonTerminator but not \ or / or [ 
  RegularExpressionBackslashSequence
  RegularExpressionClass

RegularExpressionBackslashSequence ::
  \ NonTerminator

RegularExpressionNonTerminator ::
  SourceCharacter but not LineTerminator

RegularExpressionClass ::
  [RegularExpressionClassChars ]
RegularExpressionClassChars ::
  [empty]
RegularExpressionClassChars  RegularExpressionClassChar

RegularExpressionClassChar ::
  RegularExpressionNonTerminator but not \ or \RegulatExpressionBackslashSequence

RegularExpressionFlags ::
  [empty]
RegularExpressionFlags IdentifierPart

A.2  Number Conversions

StringNumericLiteral :::
  See 9.3.1
  StrWhiteSpace opt
  StrWhiteSpaceStrWhiteSpace opt

StrWhiteSpace :::
  See 9.3.1
  StrWhiteSpaceChar StrWhiteSpace opt

StrWhiteSpaceChar :::
  See 9.3.1
  StrWhiteSpaceChar StrWhiteSpace opt
  StrWhiteSpaceChar
  StrWhiteSpaceChar
  LineTerminator

StrNumericLiteral :::
  See 9.3.1
  StrDecimalLiteral
  StrDecimalLiteral
  HexIntegerLiteral

StrDecimalLiteral :::
  See 9.3.1
  StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral
  + StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral
  - StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral

StrUnsignedDecimalLiteral :::
  See 9.3.1
  Infinity
  DecimalDigits . DecimalDigits opt ExponentPart opt
  . DecimalDigits ExponentPart opt
  DecimalDigits ExponentPart opt

DecimalDigits :::
  See 9.3.1
  DecimalDigit
  DecimalDigits DecimalDigit

DecimalDigit :::
  See 9.3.1
  one of
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

ExponentPart :::
  See 9.3.1
  ExponentIndicator SignedInteger
ExponentIndicator ::= one of
   e E

SignedInteger ::= See 9.3.1
   DecimalDigits
   + DecimalDigits
   - DecimalDigits

HexIntegerLiteral ::= See 9.3.1
   0x HexDigit
   0X HexDigit
   HexIntegerLiteral HexDigit

HexDigit ::= one of See 9.3.1
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 a b c d e f A B C D E F

A.3 Expressions
PrimaryExpression : See 11.1
   this
   Identifier
   Literal
   ArrayLiteral
   ObjectLiteral
   ( Expression )

ArrayLiteral : See 11.1.4
   [ Elision_opt ]
   [ ElementList ]
   [ ElementList , Elision_opt ]

ElementList : See 11.1.4
   Elision_opt AssignmentExpression
   ElementList , Elision_opt AssignmentExpression

Elision : See 11.1.4
   ,
   Elision

ObjectLiteral : See 11.1.5
   { }
   { PropertyNameAndValueList }
   { PropertyNameAndValueList , }

PropertyNameAndValueList : See 11.1.5
   PropertyAssignment
   PropertyNameAndValueList , PropertyAssignment
PropertyAssignment:

```
PropertyName : AssignmentExpression
  get PropertyName() { FunctionBody }
  set PropertyName(PropertySetParameterList) { FunctionBody }
```

PropertyName:

```
  IdentifierName
  StringLiteral
  NumericLiteral
```

PropertySetParameterList:

```
  Identifier
```

MemberExpression:

```
  PrimaryExpression
  FunctionExpression
  MemberExpression [ Expression ]
  MemberExpression . IdentifierName
  new MemberExpression Arguments
```

NewExpression:

```
  MemberExpression
  new NewExpression
```

CallExpression:

```
  MemberExpression Arguments
  CallExpression Arguments
  CallExpression [ Expression ]
  CallExpression . IdentifierName
```

Arguments:

```
  ()
  ( ArgumentList )
```

ArgumentList:

```
  AssignmentExpression
  ArgumentList , AssignmentExpression
```

LeftHandSideExpression:

```
  NewExpression
  CallExpression
```

PostfixExpression:

```
  LeftHandSideExpression
  LeftHandSideExpression [no LineTerminator here] ++
  LeftHandSideExpression [no LineTerminator here] --
```
UnaryExpression:

PostfixExpression

delete UnaryExpression
void UnaryExpression
typeof UnaryExpression
++ UnaryExpression
-- UnaryExpression
+ UnaryExpression
- UnaryExpression
~ UnaryExpression
! UnaryExpression

MultiplicativeExpression:

UnaryExpression

MultiplicativeExpression * UnaryExpression
MultiplicativeExpression / UnaryExpression
MultiplicativeExpression % UnaryExpression

AdditiveExpression:

MultiplicativeExpression

AdditiveExpression + MultiplicativeExpression
AdditiveExpression - MultiplicativeExpression

ShiftExpression:

AdditiveExpression

ShiftExpression << AdditiveExpression
ShiftExpression >> AdditiveExpression
ShiftExpression >>> AdditiveExpression

RelationalExpression:

ShiftExpression

RelationalExpression < ShiftExpression
RelationalExpression > ShiftExpression
RelationalExpression <= ShiftExpression
RelationalExpression >= ShiftExpression
RelationalExpression instanceof ShiftExpression
RelationalExpression in ShiftExpression

RelationalExpressionNoIn:

ShiftExpression

RelationalExpressionNoIn < ShiftExpression
RelationalExpressionNoIn > ShiftExpression
RelationalExpressionNoIn <= ShiftExpression
RelationalExpressionNoIn >= ShiftExpression
RelationalExpressionNoIn instanceof ShiftExpression
EqualityExpression : See 11.9
  RelationalExpression
  EqualityExpression == RelationalExpression
  EqualityExpression != RelationalExpression
  EqualityExpression === RelationalExpression
  EqualityExpression !== RelationalExpression

EqualityExpressionNoIn : See 11.9
  RelationalExpressionNoIn
  EqualityExpressionNoIn == RelationalExpressionNoIn
  EqualityExpressionNoIn != RelationalExpressionNoIn
  EqualityExpressionNoIn === RelationalExpressionNoIn
  EqualityExpressionNoIn !== RelationalExpressionNoIn

BitwiseANDExpression : See 11.10
  EqualityExpression
  BitwiseANDExpression & EqualityExpression

BitwiseANDExpressionNoIn : See 11.10
  EqualityExpressionNoIn
  BitwiseANDExpressionNoIn & EqualityExpressionNoIn

BitwiseXORExpression : See 11.10
  BitwiseANDExpression
  BitwiseXORExpression ^ BitwiseANDExpression

BitwiseXORExpressionNoIn : See 11.10
  BitwiseANDExpressionNoIn
  BitwiseXORExpressionNoIn ^ BitwiseANDExpressionNoIn

BitwiseORExpression : See 11.10
  BitwiseXORExpression
  BitwiseORExpression | BitwiseXORExpression

BitwiseORExpressionNoIn : See 11.10
  BitwiseXORExpressionNoIn
  BitwiseORExpressionNoIn | BitwiseXORExpressionNoIn

LogicalANDExpression : See 11.11
  BitwiseORExpression
  LogicalANDExpression && BitwiseORExpression

LogicalANDExpressionNoIn : See 11.11
  BitwiseORExpressionNoIn
  LogicalANDExpressionNoIn && BitwiseORExpressionNoIn

LogicalORExpression : See 11.11
  LogicalANDExpression
  LogicalORExpression || LogicalANDExpression
LogicalORExpressionNoIn : LogicalANDExpressionNoIn LogicalORExpressionNoIn || LogicalANDExpressionNoIn

ConditionalExpression : LogicalORExpression LogicalORExpression LogicalANDExpression ? AssignmentExpression : AssignmentExpression

ConditionalExpressionNoIn : LogicalORExpressionNoIn LogicalORExpressionNoIn LogicalORExpressionNoIn ? AssignmentExpressionNoIn : AssignmentExpressionNoIn

AssignmentExpression : ConditionalExpression LeftHandSideExpression AssignmentOperator AssignmentExpression

AssignmentExpressionNoIn : ConditionalExpressionNoIn LeftHandSideExpressionAssignmentOperator AssignmentExpressionNoIn

AssignmentOperator : one of = *= /= %= += -= <<= >>= >>>= &= ^= |=

Expression : AssignmentExpression Expression , AssignmentExpression

ExpressionNoIn : AssignmentExpressionNoIn ExpressionNoIn , AssignmentExpressionNoIn

A.4 Statements
Statement :

See clause 12
Block :
{ StatementListopt }

StatementList :
Statement
StatementList Statement

VariableStatement :
var VariableDeclarationList ;

VariableDeclarationList :
VariableDeclaration
VariableDeclarationList , VariableDeclaration

VariableDeclarationListNoIn :
VariableDeclarationNoIn
VariableDeclarationListNoIn , VariableDeclarationNoIn

VariableDeclaration :
Identifier Initialiseropt

VariableDeclarationNoIn :
Identifier InitialiserNoInopt

Initialiser :
= AssignmentExpression

InitialiserNoIn :
= AssignmentExpressionNoIn

EmptyStatement :
;

ExpressionStatement :
[lookahead $\notin \{\{, function\}\} Expression ;

IfStatement :
if ( Expression ) Statement else Statement
if ( Expression ) Statement

IterationStatement :
do Statement while ( Expression )
while ( Expression ) Statement
for (ExpressionNoInopt; Expressionopt ; Expressionopt ) Statement
for ( var VariableDeclarationListNoIn; Expressionopt ; Expressionopt ) Statement
for ( LeftHandSideExpression in Expression ) Statement
for ( var VariableDeclarationNoIn in Expression ) Statement
ContinueStatement:
    continue [no LineTerminator here] Identifieropt ;

BreakStatement:
    break [no LineTerminator here] Identifieropt ;

ReturnStatement:
    return [no LineTerminator here] Expressionopt ;

WithStatement:
    with (Expression) Statement

SwitchStatement:
    switch (Expression) CaseBlock

CaseBlock:
    { CaseClausesopt }
    { CaseClausesopt DefaultClause CaseClausesopt }

CaseClauses:
    CaseClause
    CaseClauses CaseClause

CaseClause:
    case Expression : StatementListopt

DefaultClause:
    default : StatementListopt

LabelledStatement:
    Identifier : Statement

ThrowStatement:
    throw [no LineTerminator here] Expression ;

TryStatement:
    try Block Catch
    try Block Finally
    try Block Catch Finally

Catch:
    catch (Identifier) Block

Finally:
    finally Block
DebuggerStatement :
  debugger ;

A.5 Functions and Programs

FunctionDeclaration :
  function Identifier ( FormalParameterList, ) { FunctionBody }

FunctionExpression :
  function Identifier ( FormalParameterList, ) { FunctionBody }

FormalParameterList :
  Identifier
  FormalParameterList , Identifier

FunctionBody :
  SourceElements

Program :
  SourceElements

SourceElements :
  SourceElement
  SourceElements SourceElement

SourceElement :
  Statement
  FunctionDeclaration

UseStrictDirective :
  useExtension
  useExtension

useExtension :
  ArbitraryInputElements

ArbitraryInputElements :
  any sequence of lexical input elements that does not include any LineTerminator elements

A.6 Universal Resource Identifier Character Classes

uri :
  uriCharacters

uriCharacters :
  uriCharacter uriCharacters

uriCharacter :
  uriReserved
  uriUnescaped
  uriEscaped
uriReserved :: one of
   ; / ? : @ & = + $ ,

uriUnescaped :::
   uriAlpha
   DecimalDigit
   uriMark

uriEscaped :::
   % HexDigit HexDigit

uriAlpha :: one of
   a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
   A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

uriMark :: one of
   - _ . ! ~ * \ ( )

A.7 Regular Expressions

Pattern ::
   Disjunction

Disjunction ::
   Alternative
   Alternative | Disjunction

Alternative ::
   [empty]
   Alternative Term

Term ::
   Assertion
   Atom
   Atom Quantifier

Assertion ::
   ^
   $
   \ b
   \ B
   ( ? = Disjunction )
   ( ? ! Disjunction )

Quantifier ::
   QuantifierPrefix
   QuantifierPrefix ?
QuantifierPrefix :: See 15.10.1
  *  
  +  
  ?  
  { DecimalDigits }  
  { DecimalDigits , }  
  { DecimalDigits , DecimalDigits }

Atom :: See 15.10.1
  PatternCharacter  
  \ AtomEscape  
  CharacterClass  
  ( Disjunction )  
  ( ? : Disjunction )

PatternCharacter :: SourceCharacter but not any of: See 15.10.1
  ^ $ \ . * + ? ( ) [ ] { } |

AtomEscape :: See 15.10.1
  DecimalEscape  
  CharacterEscape  
  CharacterClassEscape

CharacterEscape :: See 15.10.1
  ControlEscape  
  c ControlLetter  
  HexEscapeSequence  
  UnicodeEscapeSequence  
  IdentityEscape

ControlEscape :: one of See 15.10.1
  f n r t v

ControlLetter :: one of See 15.10.1
  a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
  A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

IdentityEscape :: See 15.10.1
  SourceCharacter but not IdentifierPart

DecimalEscape :: See 15.10.1
  DecimalIntegerLiteral [lookahead # DecimalDigit]

CharacterClass :: See 15.10.1
  [ [lookahead $ [^]] ClassRanges ]  
  [ ^ ClassRanges ]
ClassRanges :: 
[empty] 
NonemptyClassRanges 

NonemptyClassRanges :: 
ClassAtom 
ClassAtom NonemptyClassRangesNoDash 
ClassAtom – ClassAtom ClassRanges 

NonemptyClassRangesNoDash :: 
ClassAtom 
ClassAtomNoDash NonemptyClassRangesNoDash 
ClassAtomNoDash – ClassAtom ClassRanges 

ClassAtom :: 
– 
ClassAtomNoDash 

ClassAtomNoDash :: 
SourceCharacter but not one of \ ] – 
\ ClassEscape 

ClassEscape :: 
DecimalEscape 
\ 
CharacterEscape 
CharacterClassEscape 

A.8 JSON 

A.8.1 JSON Lexical Grammar 

JSONSourceCharacter :: 
SourceCharacter but not U+0000 thru U+001F 

JSONWhiteSpace :: 
<TAB> 
<CR> 
<LF> 
<SP> 

JSONString :: 
"JSONStringCharacters_opt " 

JSONStringCharacters :: 
JSONStringCharacter JSONStringCharacters_opt 

JSONStringCharacter :: 
JSONSourceCharacter but not double-quote " or backslash \ 
\ JSONEscapeSequence 

JSONEscapeSequence :: 
JSONEscapeCharacter 
UnicodeEscapeSequence 

JSONEscapeCharacter :: one of 
" / \ b f n r t 

See 15.10.1
JSONNumber ::
  -opt DecimalIntegerLiteral JSONFraction opt ExponentPart opt

See 15.12.1.1

JSONFraction ::
  . DecimalDigits

See 15.12.1.1

JSONNullLiteral ::
  NullLiteral

See 15.12.1.1

JSONBooleanLiteral ::
  BooleanLiteral

See 15.12.1.1

A.8.2 JSON Syntactic Grammar

JSONValue :
  JSONNullLiteral
  JSONBooleanLiteral
  JSONObject
  JSONArray
  JSONString
  JSONNumber

See 15.12.1.2

JSONObject :
  { }
  { JSONMemberList }

See 15.12.1.2

JSONMember :
  JSONString : JSONValue

See 15.12.1.2

JSONMemberList :
  JSONMember
  JSONMemberList , JSONMember

See 15.12.1.2

JSONArray :
  [ ]
  [ JSONElementList ]

See 15.12.1.2

JSONElementList :
  JSONValue
  JSONElementList , JSONValue

See 15.12.1.2
Annex B
(informative)

Compatibility

B.1 Additional Syntax

Past editions of ECMAScript have included additional syntax and semantics for specifying octal literals and octal escape sequences. These have been removed from this edition of ECMAScript. This non-normative annex presents uniform syntax and semantics for octal literals and octal escape sequences for compatibility with some older ECMAScript programs.

B.1.1 Numeric Literals

The syntax and semantics of 7.8.3 can be extended as follows except that this extension is not allowed for strict mode code:

Syntax

\[\text{NumericLiteral} :: \]
\[\text{DecimalLiteral} \]
\[\text{HexIntegerLiteral} \]
\[\text{OctalIntegerLiteral} \]
\[\text{OctalIntegerLiteral} ::= 0 \text{OctalDigit} \]
\[\text{OctalIntegerLiteral OctalDigit} \]
\[\text{OctalDigit} :: \text{one of } 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \]

Semantics

- The MV of \text{NumericLiteral} :: \text{OctalIntegerLiteral} is the MV of \text{OctalIntegerLiteral}.
- The MV of \text{OctalDigit} :: 0 is 0.
- The MV of \text{OctalDigit} :: 1 is 1.
- The MV of \text{OctalDigit} :: 2 is 2.
- The MV of \text{OctalDigit} :: 3 is 3.
- The MV of \text{OctalDigit} :: 4 is 4.
- The MV of \text{OctalDigit} :: 5 is 5.
- The MV of \text{OctalDigit} :: 6 is 6.
- The MV of \text{OctalDigit} :: 7 is 7.
- The MV of \text{OctalIntegerLiteral} :: 0 \text{OctalDigit} is the MV of \text{OctalDigit}.
- The MV of \text{OctalIntegerLiteral} :: \text{OctalIntegerLiteral OctalDigit} is (the MV of \text{OctalIntegerLiteral} times 8) plus the MV of \text{OctalDigit}.

B.1.2 String Literals

The syntax and semantics of 7.8.4 can be extended as follows except that this extension is not allowed for strict mode code:
Syntax

EscapeSequence ::
  CharacterEscapeSequence
  OctalEscapeSequence
  HexEscapeSequence
  UnicodeEscapeSequence

OctalEscapeSequence ::
  OctalDigit [lookahead ≠ DecimalDigit]
  ZeroToThree OctalDigit [lookahead ≠ DecimalDigit]
  FourToSeven OctalDigit
  ZeroToThree OctalDigit OctalDigit

ZeroToThree :: one of
  0 1 2 3

FourToSeven :: one of
  4 5 6 7

Semantics

- The CV of EscapeSequence :: OctalEscapeSequence is the CV of the OctalEscapeSequence.
- The CV of OctalEscapeSequence :: OctalDigit [lookahead ≠ DecimalDigit] is the character whose code unit value is the MV of the OctalDigit.
- The CV of OctalEscapeSequence :: ZeroToThree OctalDigit [lookahead ≠ DecimalDigit] is the character whose code unit value is (8 times the MV of the ZeroToThree) plus the MV of the OctalDigit.
- The CV of OctalEscapeSequence :: FourToSeven OctalDigit is the character whose code unit value is (8 times the MV of the FourToSeven) plus the MV of the OctalDigit.
- The CV of OctalEscapeSequence :: ZeroToThree OctalDigit OctalDigit is the character whose code unit value is (64 (that is, 8^2) times the MV of the ZeroToThree) plus (8 times the MV of the first OctalDigit) plus the MV of the second OctalDigit.
- The MV of ZeroToThree :: 0 is 0.
- The MV of ZeroToThree :: 1 is 1.
- The MV of ZeroToThree :: 2 is 2.
- The MV of ZeroToThree :: 3 is 3.
- The MV of FourToSeven :: 4 is 4.
- The MV of FourToSeven :: 5 is 5.
- The MV of FourToSeven :: 6 is 6.
- The MV of FourToSeven :: 7 is 7.

B.2 Additional Properties

Some implementations of ECMAScript have included additional properties for some of the standard native objects. This non-normative annex suggests uniform semantics for such properties without making the properties or their semantics part of this standard.

B.2.1 escape (string)

The escape function is a property of the global object. It computes a new version of a string value in which certain characters have been replaced by a hexadecimal escape sequence.

For those characters being replaced whose code unit value is 0xFF or less, a two-digit escape sequence of the form \%xx is used. For those characters being replaced whose code unit value is greater than 0xFF, a four-digit escape sequence of the form \%uxxxx is used.

When the escape function is called with one argument string, the following steps are taken:

1. Call ToString(string).
2. Compute the number of characters in Result(1).
3. Let \( R \) be the empty string.
4. Let \( k \) be 0.
5. If \( k \) equals Result(2), return \( R \).
6. Get the character (represented as a 16-bit unsigned integer) at position \( k \) within Result(1).
7. If Result(6) is one of the 69 nonblank characters
   
   “ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789@*_+-/”

   then go to step 13.
8. If Result(6), is less than 256, go to step 11.
9. Let \( S \) be a string containing six characters “%wxyz” where \( wxyz \) are four hexadecimal digits encoding the value of Result(6).
11. Let \( S \) be a string containing three characters “%xy” where \( xy \) are two hexadecimal digits encoding the value of Result(6).
13. Let \( S \) be a string containing the single character Result(6).
14. Let \( R \) be a new string value computed by concatenating the previous value of \( R \) and \( S \).
15. Increase \( k \) by 1.
16. Go to step 5.

**NOTE**

The encoding is partly based on the encoding described in RFC1738, but the entire encoding specified in this standard is described above without regard to the contents of RFC1738.

### B.2.2 unescape (string)

The `unescape` function is a property of the global object. It computes a new version of a string value in which each escape sequence of the sort that might be introduced by the `escape` function is replaced with the character that it represents.

When the `unescape` function is called with one argument `string`, the following steps are taken:

1. Call `ToString(string)`.
2. Compute the number of characters in Result(1).
3. Let \( R \) be the empty string.
4. Let \( k \) be 0.
5. If \( k \) equals Result(2), return \( R \).
6. Let \( c \) be the character at position \( k \) within Result(1).
7. If \( c \) is not \%, go to step 18.
8. If \( k \) is greater than Result(2)−6, go to step 14.
9. If the character at position \( k+1 \) within Result(1) is not \( u \), go to step 14.
10. If the four characters at positions \( k+2, k+3, k+4, \) and \( k+5 \) within Result(1) are not all hexadecimal digits, go to step 14.
11. Let \( c \) be the character whose code unit value is the integer represented by the four hexadecimal digits at positions \( k+2, k+3, k+4, \) and \( k+5 \) within Result(1).
12. Increase \( k \) by 5.
14. If \( k \) is greater than Result(2)−3, go to step 18.
15. If the two characters at positions \( k+1 \) and \( k+2 \) within Result(1) are not both hexadecimal digits, go to step 18.
16. Let \( c \) be the character whose code unit value is the integer represented by two zeroes plus the two hexadecimal digits at positions \( k+1 \) and \( k+2 \) within Result(1).
17. Increase \( k \) by 2.
18. Let \( R \) be a new string value computed by concatenating the previous value of \( R \) and \( c \).
19. Increase \( k \) by 1.
20. Go to step 5.
B.2.3 String.prototype.substr (start, length)
The `substr` method takes two arguments, `start` and `length`, and returns a substring of the result of converting this object to a string, starting from character position `start` and running for `length` characters (or through the end of the string if `length` is `undefined`). If `start` is negative, it is treated as `(sourceLength+start)` where `sourceLength` is the length of the string. The result is a string value, not a String object. The following steps are taken:

1. Call ToString, giving it the `this` value as its argument.
2. Call ToInteger(`start`).
3. If `length` is `undefined`, use $+\infty$; otherwise call ToInteger(`length`).
4. Compute the number of characters in Result(1).
5. If Result(2) is positive or zero, use Result(2); else use max(Result(4)+Result(2),0).
6. Compute min(max(Result(3),0), Result(4)−Result(5)).
7. If Result(6) ≤ 0, return the empty string “”.
8. Return a string containing Result(6) consecutive characters from Result(1) beginning with the character at position Result(5).

The `length` property of the `substr` method is 2.

NOTE
The `substr` function is intentionally generic; it does not require that its `this` value be a String object. Therefore it can be transferred to other kinds of objects for use as a method.

B.2.4 Date.prototype.getYear ()

NOTE
The `getFullYear` method is preferred for nearly all purposes, because it avoids the “year 2000 problem.”

When the `getYear` method is called with no arguments the following steps are taken:

1. Let t be this time value.
2. If t is NaN, return NaN.
3. Return YearFromTime(LocalTime(t)) − 1900.

B.2.5 Date.prototype.setYear (year)

NOTE
The `setFullYear` method is preferred for nearly all purposes, because it avoids the “year 2000 problem.”

When the `setYear` method is called with one argument `year` the following steps are taken:

1. Let t be the result of LocalTime(this time value); but if this time value is NaN, let t be +0.
2. Call ToNumber(`year`).
3. If Result(2) is NaN, set the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of the `this` value to NaN and return NaN.
4. If Result(2) is not NaN and 0 ≤ ToInteger(Result(2)) ≤ 99 then Result(4) is ToInteger(Result(2)) + 1900. Otherwise, Result(4) is Result(2).
5. Compute MakeDay(Result(4), MonthFromTime(t), DateFromTime(t)).
6. Compute UTC(MakeDate(Result(5), TimeWithinDay(t))).
7. Set the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of the `this` value to TimeClip(Result(6)).
8. Return the value of the [[PrimitiveValue]] internal property of the `this` value.

B.2.6 Date.prototype.toGMTString ()

NOTE
The property `toUTCString` is preferred. The `toGMTString` property is provided principally for compatibility with old code. It is recommended that the `toUTCString` property be used in new ECMAScript code.
The Function object that is the initial value of `Date.prototype.toGMTString` is the same Function object that is the initial value of `Date.prototype.toUTCString`. 
Annex C
(informative)

The Strict Mode of ECMAScript

The strict mode restriction and exceptions

- A conforming implementation, when processing strict mode code, may not extend the syntax of NumericLiteral (7.8.3) to include OctalIntegerLiteral as described in B.1.1.
- Assignment to an undeclared identifier or otherwise unresolvable reference does not create a property in the global object. When a simple assignment occurs within strict mode code, its LeftHandSide must not evaluate to a Reference whose base is null. If it does a ReferenceError exception is thrown (8.7.2). The LeftHandSide also may not be a reference to a data property with the attribute value [[Writable]]:false, to an accessor property with the attribute value [[Put]]:undefined, nor to a non-existent property of an object whose [[Extensible]] internal property has the value false. In these cases a TypeError exception is thrown (11.13.1).
- The identifier eval may not appear as the LeftHandSideExpression of an Assignment expression (11.13) or in any context that would result in a PutValue for a non-property Reference to eval (8.7.2).
- Arguments objects for strict mode functions define non-configurable accessor properties named "caller" and "callee" which throw a TypeError exception on access (10.56).
- For strict mode functions, if an arguments object is created the binding of the local identifier arguments to the arguments object is immutable and hence may not be the target of an assignment expression. (10.65).
- It is a syntax error if strict mode code contains an ObjectLiteral with more than one definition of any data property (11.1.5)
- Strict mode eval code cannot instantiate variables or functions in the variable environment of the caller to eval. Instead, a new variable environment is created and that environment is used for declaration binding instantiation for the eval code (10.4.2).
- If this is evaluated within strict mode code, then the this value is not coerced to an object. In particular, the this value passed via a function call (including calls made using Function.prototype.apply and Function.prototype.call) do not coerce the passed this value to an object.
- When a delete operator occurs within strict mode code, a ReferenceException is thrown if its UnaryExpression is a direct reference to a variable, function argument, or function name. In addition, if the property to be deleted has the attribute { [[Configurable]]:false }, a TypeError exception is thrown (11.4.1).
- It is an EvalError if a VariableDeclaration or VariableDeclarationNoIn occurs within strict code and its Identifier is eval.
- Strict mode code may not include a WithStatement. The occurrence of a WithStatement in such a context should be treated as a syntax error (12.10).
- It is an EvalError if a TryStatement with a Catch occurs within strict code and the Identifier of the Catch production is eval (12.14.1)
- The identifier eval may not appear within a FormalParameterList of a strict mode FunctionDeclaration or FunctionExpression. (13.1)
- A strict mode function may not have two or more formal parameters that have the same name. An attempt to create such a function, if expressed as a FunctionDeclaration or FunctionExpression, is a Syntax Error.
- An implementation may not associate special meanings with strict mode functions to properties named caller or arguments of function instances. ECMAScript code may not create or modify properties with these names on function objects that correspond to strict mode functions.
- A strict mode function may not have two or more formal parameters that have the same name or the name eval is used as a formal parameter name. Attempting to dynamically define such a function using the Function constructor (15.3.2) will throw a SyntaxError exception.
Annex D
(Informative)

Correction and Clarifications in the 5th Edition with Possible Compatibility Impact

Throughout: In the Edition 3 specification the meaning of phrases such as “as if by the expression new Array()” are subject to misinterpretation. In the Edition 5 specification text for all internal references and invocations of standard built-in objects and methods has been clarified by making it implicit that the intent is that the actual built-in object is to be used rather than the current dynamic value of the correspondingly named property.

11.8.2, 11.8.3, 11.8.5 ECMAScript generally uses a left to right evaluation order, however the Edition 3 specification language for the > and <= operators resulted in a partial right to left order. The specification has been corrected for these operators such that it now specifies a full left to right evaluation order. However, this change of order is potentially observable if user-defined valueOf or toString methods with side-effects are invoked during the evaluation process.

11.1.4 Edition 5 clarifies the fact that a trailing comma at the end of an Array Initialiser does not add to the length of the array. This is not a semantic change from Edition 3 but some implementations may have previously misinterpreted this.

11.2.3 Edition 5 reverses the order of steps 2 and 3 of the algorithm. The original order as specified in Editions 1 through 3 was incorrectly specified such that side-effects of evaluating Arguments could affect the result of evaluating MemberExpression.

12.4 In Edition 3, an object is created, as if by new Object(), to used to serve as the scope for resolving the name of the exception parameter passed to a catch clause of a try statement. If the actual exception object is a function and it is called from within the catch clause, the scope object will be passed as the this value of the call. The body of the function can then define new properties on its this value and those property names become visible identifiers bindings within the scope of the catch clause after the function returns. In Edition 5, when an exception parameter is called as a function, undefined is passed as the this value.

13. In Edition 3, the algorithm for the production FunctionExpression with an Identifier adds an object created as if by new Object() to the scope chain to serve as a scope for looking up the name of the function. The identifier resolution rules (10.1.4 in Edition 3) when applied to such an object will, if necessary, follow the object’s prototype chain when attempting to resolve an identifier. This means all the properties of Object.prototype are visible as identifiers within that scope. In practice most implementations of Edition 3 have not implemented this semantics. Edition 5 changes the specified semantics by using a Declarative Environment Record to bind the name of the function.

15.1.2.1. Implementations are no longer permitted to restrict the use of eval in ways that are not a direct call. In addition, any invocation of eval that is not a direct call uses the global environment as its variable environment rather than the caller’s variable environment.

15.10.6 RegExp.prototype is now a RegExp object rather than an instance of Object. The value of its [[Class]] internal property which is observable using Object.prototype.toString is now “RegExp” rather than “Object”.
Annex E
(Informative)


Section 7.1: Unicode format control characters are no longer stripped from ECMAScript source text before processing.

Section 7.2: Unicode characters <NEL>, <ZWSP>, and <BOM> are now treated as whitespace.

Section 7.3: Line terminator characters that are preceded by an escape sequence are now allowed within a string literal token.

Section 7.8.5: Regular expression literals now return a unique object each time the literal is evaluated. This change is detectable by any programs that test the object identity of such literal values or that are sensitive to the shared side effects.

Section 7.8.5: Edition 5 requires early reporting of any possible RegExp constructor errors that would be produced when converting a RegularExpressionLiteral to a RegExp object. Prior to Edition 5 implementations were permitted to defer the reporting of such errors until the actual execution time creation of the object.

Section 7.8.5: In Edition 5 unescaped “/” characters may appear as a CharacterClass in a regular expression literal. In Edition 3 such a character would have been interpreted as the final character of the literal.

Section 10.5: In Edition 5 the array indexed properties of argument objects that correspond to actual formal parameters are enumerable. In Edition 3, such properties were not enumerable.

Section 10.4.2: In Edition 5, indirect calls to the eval function use the global environment as both the variable environment and lexical environment for the eval code. In Edition 3, the variable and lexical environments of the caller of an indirect eval was used as the environments for the eval code.

Section 12.6.4: for-in statements no longer throw a TypeError if the in expression evaluates to null or undefined. Instead, the statement behaves as if the value of the expression was an object with no enumerable properties.

Section 15: Implementations are now required to ignore extra arguments to standard built-in methods unless otherwise explicitly specified. In Edition 3 the handling of extra arguments was unspecified and implementations were explicitly allowed to throw a TypeError exception.

Section 15.1.1: The value properties NaN, Infinity, and undefined of the Global Object have been changed to be read-only properties.

Section 15.1.22: The specification of the function parseInt no longer allows implementations to treat strings beginning with a 0 character as octal values.

Sections 15.3.4.3, 15.3.4.4: In Edition 3 passing undefined or null as the first argument to Function.prototype.apply or Function.prototype.call causes the global object to be passed to the indirectly invoked target function as the this value. If the first argument is a primitive value the result of calling ToObject on the primitive value is passed as the this value. In Edition 5, these transformations are not performed and the actual first argument value is passed as the this value. This difference will normally be unobservable to existing ECMAScript Edition 3 code because a corresponding transformation takes place upon activation of the target function. However, depending upon the implementation, this difference may be observable by host object functions called using apply or call. In addition, invoking a standard built-in function in this manner with null or undefined passed as the this value will in many cases cause behaviour in Edition 5 implementations that differ from Edition 3 behaviour. In particular, in Edition 5 built-in functions that are specified to actually use the passed this value as an object typically throw a TypeError exception if passed null or undefined as the this value.

Section 15.9.4.2: Date.parse is now required to first attempt to parse its argument as an ISO format string. Programs that use this format but depended upon implementation specific behaviour (including failure) may behave differently.

Section 15.10.2.12: In Edition 5, \
\ls now matches <NEL>, <ZWSP>, and <BOM>.
Section 15.10.4.1: In Edition 3, the exact form of the string value of the `source` property of an object created by the `RegExp` constructor is implementation defined. In Edition 5, the string must conform to certain specified requirements and hence may be different from that produced by an Edition 3 implementation.

Section 15.10.6.4: In Edition 3, the result of `RegExp.prototype.toString` need not be derived from the value of the `RegExp` object’s `source` property. In Edition 5 the result must be derived from the `source` property in a specified manner and hence may be different from the result produced by an Edition 3 implementation.

Sections 15.11.2.1, 15.11.4.3: In Edition 5, if an initial value for the `message` property of an `Error` object is not specified via the `Error` constructor the initial value of the property is the empty string. In Edition 3, such an initial value is implementation defined.

Section 15.11.4.4: In Edition 3, the result of `Error.prototype.toString` is implementation defined. In Edition 5, the result is fully specified and hence may differ from some Edition 3 implementations.
Free printed copies can be ordered from:

ECMA
114 Rue du Rhône
CH-1204 Geneva
Switzerland
Fax: +41 22 849.60.01
Interne.ch

Files of this Standard can be freely downloaded from our ECMA web site (www.ecma.ch). This site gives full information on ECMA, ECMA activities, ECMA Standards and Technical Reports.
ECMA
114 Rue du Rhône
CH-1204 Geneva
Switzerland

See inside cover page for obtaining further soft or hard copies.