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When two operators share an operand, the operator with the *higher* precedence goes first.

Example:

2+2*3

is treated as 2 + (2*3)

Since, multiplication has higher precedence than addition.

Associativity

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When an expression has two operators with the *same precedence*, the expression is evaluated according to its associativity.

Example 1:

a = b = c = 2020

a= (b=(c=2020))), leaving all three variables with the value 2020.

Since, the = operator has *right-to-left* associativity.

Some more examples...

Example 2:

2020/2/5 -> (2020/2)/5

Since, the / operator has *left-to-right* associativity.

Example 3:

2==3!=5

Here, == and != have same precedence and *left-to-right* associativity.

(2==3)!=5 that is (2==3) executes first-> false (0)

Then (0!=5) executes -> true (1)



