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**TABLE 2.2** VHDL operators in order of precedence, from most binding to least binding

<i>Operator</i>	<i>Operation</i>	<i>Left operand type</i>	<i>Right operand type</i>	<i>Result type</i>
<b>**</b>	exponentiation	integer or floating-point	integer	same as left operand
<b>abs</b>	absolute value		numeric	same as operand
<b>not</b>	logical negation		boolean, bit, std_ulogic, 1-D array of boolean or bit, std_ulogic_vector	same as operand
<b>and</b> <b>or</b> <b>nand</b> <b>nor</b> <b>xor</b> <b>xnor</b>	logical and reduction logical or reduction negated logical and reduction negated logical or reduction exclusive or reduction negated exclusive or reduction		1-D array of boolean or bit, std_ulogic_vector	element type of operand
<b>*</b>	multiplication	integer or floating-point physical integer or real	same as left operand integer or real physical	same as operands same as left operand same as right operand
<b>/</b>	division	integer or floating-point physical physical	same as left operand integer or real same as left operand	same as operands same as left operand universal integer
<b>mod</b> <b>rem</b>	modulo remainder	integer or physical	same as left operand	same as operands
<b>+</b> <b>-</b>	identity negation		numeric	same as operand
<b>+</b> <b>-</b>	addition subtraction	numeric	same as left operand	same as operands
<b>&amp;</b>	concatenation	1-D array 1-D array element type of right oper- and element type of result	same as left operand element type of left oper- and 1-D array element type of result	same as operands same as left operand same as right operand 1-D array

<i>Operator</i>	<i>Operation</i>	<i>Left operand type</i>	<i>Right operand type</i>	<i>Result type</i>
<b>sl</b> <b>srl</b> <b>rol</b> <b>ror</b>	shift-left logical shift-right logical rotate left rotate right	1-D array of <b>boolean</b> or <b>bit</b> , <b>std_ulogic_vector</b>	integer	same as left operand
<b>sla</b> <b>sra</b>	shift-left arithmetic shift-right arithmetic	1-D array of <b>boolean</b> or <b>bit</b>	integer	same as left operand
= /=	equality inequality	any except file or protected type	same as left operand	<b>boolean</b>
< <= > >=	less than less than or equal to greater than greater than or equal to	scalar or 1-D array of any discrete type	same as left operand	<b>boolean</b>
?= ?/=	matching equality matching inequality	<b>bit</b> , <b>std_ulogic</b> or 1-D array of <b>bit</b> or <b>std_ulogic</b>	same as left operand	<b>bit</b> or <b>std_ulogic</b>
?< ?<= ?> ?>=	matching less than matching less than or equal to matching greater than matching greater than or equal to	<b>bit</b> or <b>std_ulogic</b>	same as left operand	<b>bit</b> or <b>std_ulogic</b>
<b>and</b> <b>or</b> <b>nand</b> <b>nor</b> <b>xor</b> <b>xnor</b>	logical and logical or negated logical and negated logical or exclusive or negated exclusive or	<b>boolean</b> , <b>bit</b> , <b>std_ulogic</b> , 1-D array of <b>boolean</b> or <b>bit</b> , <b>std_ulogic_vector</b>	same as left operand	same as operands

**TABLE 9.1** Constants defined in the package `math_real`

<i>Constant</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Constant</i>	<i>Value</i>
<code>math_e</code>	$e$	<code>math_log_of_2</code>	$\ln 2$
<code>math_1_over_e</code>	$1/e$	<code>math_log_of_10</code>	$\ln 10$
<code>math_pi</code>	$\pi$	<code>math_log2_of_e</code>	$\log_2 e$
<code>math_2_pi</code>	$2\pi$	<code>math_log10_of_e</code>	$\log_{10} e$
<code>math_1_over_pi</code>	$1/\pi$	<code>math_sqrt_2</code>	$\sqrt{2}$
<code>math_pi_over_2</code>	$\pi/2$	<code>math_1_over_sqrt_2</code>	$1/\sqrt{2}$
<code>math_pi_over_3</code>	$\pi/3$	<code>math_sqrt_pi</code>	$\sqrt{\pi}$
<code>math_pi_over_4</code>	$\pi/4$	<code>math_deg_to_rad</code>	$2\pi/360$
<code>math_3_pi_over_2</code>	$3\pi/2$	<code>math_rad_to_deg</code>	$360/2\pi$

**TABLE 9.2** Functions defined in the package `math_real`

<i>Function</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Function</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
<code>ceil(x)</code>	Ceiling of $x$ (least integer $\geq x$ )	<code>sign(x)</code>	Sign of $x$ (-1.0, 0.0 or +1.0)
<code>floor(x)</code>	Floor of $x$ (greatest integer $\leq x$ )	<code>"mod"(x, y)</code>	Floating-point modulus of $x / y$
<code>round(x)</code>	$x$ rounded to nearest integer value (ties rounded away from 0.0)	<code>realmax(x, y)</code>	Greater of $x$ and $y$
<code>trunc(x)</code>	$x$ truncated toward 0.0	<code>realmin(x, y)</code>	Lesser of $x$ and $y$
<code>sqrt(x)</code>	$\sqrt{x}$	<code>log(x)</code>	$\ln x$
<code>cbrt(x)</code>	$\sqrt[3]{x}$	<code>log2(x)</code>	$\log_2 x$
<code>"**"(n, y)</code>	$n^y$	<code>log10(x)</code>	$\log_{10} x$
<code>"**"(x, y)</code>	$x^y$	<code>log(x, y)</code>	$\log_y x$
<code>exp(x)</code>	$e^x$		
<code>sin(x)</code>	$\sin x$ ( $x$ in radians)	<code>arcsin(x)</code>	$\arcsin x$
<code>cos(x)</code>	$\cos x$ ( $x$ in radians)	<code>arccos(x)</code>	$\arccos x$
<code>tan(x)</code>	$\tan x$ ( $x$ in radians)	<code>arctan(x)</code>	$\arctan x$
		<code>arctan(y, x)</code>	$\arctan$ of point $(x, y)$
<code>sinh(x)</code>	$\sinh x$	<code>arcsinh(x)</code>	$\operatorname{arcsinh} x$
<code>cosh(x)</code>	$\cosh x$	<code>arccosh(x)</code>	$\operatorname{arccosh} x$
<code>tanh(x)</code>	$\tanh x$	<code>arctanh(x)</code>	$\operatorname{arctanh} x$

**TABLE 9.3** Overloaded operators defined in `math_complex`

<i>Operator</i>	<i>Operation</i>		<i>Left operand</i>	<i>Right operand</i>	<i>Result</i>
=	equality		complex_polar	complex_polar	boolean
/=	inequality		complex_polar	complex_polar	boolean
<b>abs</b>	magnitude			complex	positive_real
				complex_polar	positive_real
-	negation			complex	complex
				complex_polar	complex_polar
+	addition	}	complex	complex	complex
-	subtraction		real	complex	complex
*	multiplication		complex	real	complex
/	division		complex_polar	complex_polar	complex_polar
			real	complex_polar	complex_polar
			complex_polar	real	complex_polar

**TABLE 9.4** Functions defined in the package `math_complex`

<i>Function</i>	<i>Result type</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
<code>cmplx(x, y)</code>	complex	$x + jy$
<code>get_principal_value(x)</code>	principal_value	$x + 2\pi k$ for some $k$ , such that $-\pi < \text{result} \leq \pi$
<code>complex_to_polar(c)</code>	complex_polar	$c$ in polar form
<code>polar_to_complex(p)</code>	complex	$p$ in Cartesian form
<code>arg(z)</code>	principal_value	$\arg(z)$ in radians
<code>conj(z)</code>	same as $z$	complex conjugate of $z$
<code>sqrt(z)</code>	same as $z$	$\sqrt{z}$
<code>exp(z)</code>	same as $z$	$e^z$
<code>log(z)</code>	same as $z$	$\ln z$
<code>log2(z)</code>	same as $z$	$\log_2 z$
<code>log10(z)</code>	same as $z$	$\log_{10} z$
<code>log(z, y)</code>	same as $z$	$\log_y z$
<code>sin(z)</code>	same as $z$	$\sin z$
<code>cos(z)</code>	same as $z$	$\cos z$
<code>sinh(z)</code>	same as $z$	$\sinh z$
<code>cosh(z)</code>	same as $z$	$\cosh z$

TABLE 9.5 Operators defined in the IEEE standard synthesis packages

Operator	Operation		Left operand	Right operand	Result
<b>abs</b>	absolute value	}		signed	signed
-	negation				
+	addition	}	unsigned	unsigned	unsigned
-	subtraction		unsigned	natural	unsigned
*	multiplication		natural	unsigned	unsigned
/	division		signed	signed	signed
<b>rem</b>	remainder		signed	integer	signed
<b>mod</b>	modulo		integer	signed	signed
+	addition	}	unsigned	<i>element type</i>	unsigned
-	subtraction		<i>element type</i>	unsigned	unsigned
			signed	<i>element type</i>	signed
			<i>element type</i>	signed	signed
=	equality	}	unsigned	unsigned	boolean
/=	inequality		unsigned	natural	boolean
<	less than		natural	unsigned	boolean
<=	less than or equal to		signed	signed	boolean
>	greater than		signed	integer	boolean
>=	greater than or equal to		integer	signed	boolean
?=	matching equality	}	unsigned	unsigned	<i>element type</i>
?/=	matching inequality		unsigned	natural	<i>element type</i>
?<	matching less than		natural	unsigned	<i>element type</i>
?<=	matching less than or equal to		signed	signed	<i>element type</i>
?>	matching greater than		signed	integer	<i>element type</i>
?>=	matching greater than or equal to		integer	signed	<i>element type</i>
<b>sll</b>	shift-left logical	}	unsigned	integer	unsigned
<b>srl</b>	shift-right logical		signed	integer	signed
<b>sla</b>	shift-left arithmetic				
<b>sra</b>	shift-right arithmetic				
<b>rol</b>	rotate left				
<b>ror</b>	rotate right				



<i>Operator</i>	<i>Operation</i>		<i>Left operand</i>	<i>Right operand</i>	<i>Result</i>
<b>not</b>	negation	}		unsigned signed	unsigned signed
<b>and</b>	logical and	}	unsigned	unsigned	unsigned
<b>or</b>	logical or		unsigned	<i>element type</i>	unsigned
<b>nand</b>	negated logical and		<i>element type</i>	unsigned	unsigned
<b>nor</b>	negated logical or		signed	signed	signed
<b>xor</b>	exclusive or		signed	<i>element type</i>	signed
<b>xnor</b>	negated exclusive or		<i>element type</i>	signed	signed
<b>and</b>	logical and reduction	}		unsigned	<i>element type</i>
<b>or</b>	logical or reduction			signed	<i>element type</i>
<b>nand</b>	negated logical and reduction				
<b>nor</b>	negated logical or reduction				
<b>xor</b>	exclusive or reduction				
<b>xnor</b>	negated exclusive or reduction				

**TABLE 9.6** Functions defined in the IEEE standard synthesis packages

<i>Function</i>		<i>First parameter</i>	<i>Second parameter</i>	<i>Result</i>
minimum maximum	}	unsigned	unsigned	unsigned
		unsigned	natural	unsigned
		natural	unsigned	unsigned
		signed	signed	signed
		signed	integer	signed
		integer	signed	signed
shift_left shift_right rotate_left rotate_right	}	unsigned	natural	unsigned
		signed	natural	signed
find_leftmost find_rightmost	}	unsigned	<i>element type</i>	integer
		signed	<i>element type</i>	integer
resize	}	unsigned	natural	unsigned
		unsigned	unsigned	unsigned
		signed	natural	signed
		signed	signed	signed
to_integer	}	unsigned		natural
		signed		integer
to_unsigned	}	natural	natural	unsigned
		natural	unsigned	unsigned
to_signed	}	integer	natural	signed
		integer	signed	signed
rising_edge <sup>a</sup> falling_edge <sup>a</sup>	}	<b>signal</b> bit		boolean
std_match <sup>b</sup>	}	unsigned	unsigned	boolean
		signed	signed	boolean
		std_ulogic	std_ulogic	boolean
		std_ulogic_vector	std_ulogic_vector	boolean

<i>Function</i>		<i>First parameter</i>	<i>Second parameter</i>	<i>Result</i>
to_01 <sup>b</sup>	}	unsigned	[[ std_ulogic ]]	unsigned
to_X01 <sup>b</sup>		signed	[[ std_ulogic ]]	signed
to_X01Z <sup>b</sup>				
to_UX01 <sup>b</sup>				
to_string	}	unsigned		string
to_bstring		signed		string
to_binary_string				
to_ostring				
to_octal_string				
to_hstring				
to_hex_string				

- a. Provided in `numeric_bit` only.
- b. Provided in `numeric_std` only.

TABLE 9.7 Operand and result types

<i>Operators</i>	<i>Left</i>	<i>Right</i>	<i>Result</i>
Binary <b>and, or, nand, nor, xor, xnor</b>	std_ulogic	std_ulogic	std_ulogic
	<i>Logic.ArrayType</i>	<i>Logic.ArrayType</i>	<i>Logic.ArrayType</i>
	<i>Logic.ArrayType</i>	std_ulogic	<i>Logic.ArrayType</i>
	std_ulogic	<i>Logic.ArrayType</i>	<i>Logic.ArrayType</i>
<b>not</b>		std_ulogic	std_ulogic
		<i>Logic.ArrayType</i>	<i>Logic.ArrayType</i>
Unary reduction <b>and, or, nand, nor, xor, xnor</b>		<i>Logic.ArrayType</i>	std_ulogic
=, /=, <, <=, >, >=	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	boolean
	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	integer	boolean
	integer	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	boolean
?=?, ?/=?, ?<, ?<=, ?>, ?>=	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	<i>ArrayElementType</i>
	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	integer	<i>ArrayElementType</i>
	integer	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	<i>ArrayElementType</i>
<b>rol, ror, sll, srl</b>	<i>Logic.ArrayType</i>	integer	<i>Logic.ArrayType</i>
<b>sla, sra</b>	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	integer	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>
Binary +, -, *, /, <b>mod, rem</b>	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>
	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	integer	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>
	integer	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>
Binary +, -	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	std_ulogic	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>
	std_ulogic	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>
Unary -, <b>abs</b>		signed, sfixed, float	signed, sfixed, float
<b>maximum, minimum</b>	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>
	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	integer	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>
	integer	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>	<i>Numeric.ArrayType</i>

**TABLE 9.8** *Result sizes and index ranges*

<i>Operator</i>	<i>Result type</i>	<i>Result size and/or range</i>
Array/array <b>and, or, nand, nor, xor, xnor</b>	<i>ArrayOfBits</i>	$Result'length = L'length = R'length$
Array/scalar <b>and, or, nand, nor, xor, xnor</b>	<i>ArrayOfBits</i>	$Result'length = A'length$
<b>not</b>	<i>ArrayOfBits</i>	$Result'length = R'length$
<b>rol, ror, sll, srl, sla, sra</b>	<i>ArrayOfBits</i>	$Result'length = A'length$
Binary +, -	unsigned, signed	maximum( $L'length, R'length$ ) - 1 down to 0
*	unsigned, signed	$L'length + R'length - 1$ down to 0
/	unsigned, signed	$L'length - 1$ down to 0
<b>rem</b>	unsigned, signed	$R'length - 1$ down to 0
<b>mod</b>	unsigned, signed	$R'length - 1$ down to 0
Unary -, <b>abs</b>	signed	$R'length - 1$ down to 0
minimum, maximum	<i>DiscreteArrayType</i>	$Result'length = A'length$
	unsigned, signed	maximum( $L'length, R'length$ ) - 1 down to 0

**TABLE 9.9** *Conversions between bit and standard-logic types*

<i>Function</i>	<i>Result type</i>	<i>Parameter 1 type</i>	<i>Parameter 2</i>	<i>Package</i>
to_bit	bit	std_ulogic	xmap	1164
to_std_ulogic	std_ulogic	bit		1164
to_bv	bit_vector	sulv	xmap	1164
		natural	size	nbu
		natural	size_res	nbu
to_sulv	sulv	bv		1164
		slv		1164
		natural	size	nsu
		natural	size_res	nsu
to_slv	slv	bv		1164
		sulv		1164
		natural	natural	nsu
		natural	size_res	nsu

**TABLE 9.10** Conversion functions yielding unsigned and signed values

<i>Function</i>	<i>Result type</i>	<i>Param 1 type</i>	<i>Param 2</i>	<i>Param 3</i>	<i>Param 4</i>	<i>Package</i>
to_unsigned	unsigned	natural	size			ns/b
			size_res			
to_signed	signed	integer	size			ns/b
			size_res			

**TABLE 9.11** *Conversion functions yielding integer values*

<i>Function</i>	<i>Result type</i>	<i>Param 1 type</i>	<i>Package</i>
to_integer	natural	bv	nbu
	natural	sulv	nsu
	natural	unsigned	ns/b
	integer	signed	



**TABLE 9.12** *Resizing functions*

<i>Function</i>	<i>Result type</i>	<i>Param 1 type</i>	<i>Param 2</i>	<i>Package</i>
resize	bv	bv	new_size	nbu
			size_res	
	sulv	sulv	new_size	nsu
			size_res	
	unsigned	unsigned	new_size	ns/b
			size_res	
	signed	signed	new_size	
			size_res	

**TABLE 9.13** *Strength reduction mappings*

<i>Function</i>	'U'	'X'	'0'	'1'	'Z'	'W'	'L'	'H'	'-'
to_01	xmap	xmap	'0'	'1'	xmap	xmap	'0'	'1'	xmap
to_X01	'X'	'X'	'0'	'1'	'X'	'X'	'0'	'1'	'X'
to_X01Z	'X'	'X'	'0'	'1'	'Z'	'X'	'0'	'1'	'X'
to_UX01	'U'	'X'	'0'	'1'	'X'	'X'	'0'	'1'	'X'

**TABLE 15.1** *The Gummut instruction set*

<i>Arithmetic and logical instructions</i>	
<b>add</b> <i>rd, rs, op2</i>	Add <i>rs</i> and <i>op2</i> , result in <i>rd</i>
<b>addc</b> <i>rd, rs, op2</i>	Add <i>rs</i> and <i>op2</i> with carry, result in <i>rd</i>
<b>sub</b> <i>rd, rs, op2</i>	Subtract <i>op2</i> from <i>rs</i> , result in <i>rd</i>
<b>subc</b> <i>rd, rs, op2</i>	Subtract <i>op2</i> from <i>rs</i> with carry, result in <i>rd</i>
<b>and</b> <i>rd, rs, op2</i>	Logical AND of <i>rs</i> and <i>op2</i> , result in <i>rd</i>
<b>or</b> <i>rd, rs, op2</i>	Logical OR of <i>rs</i> and <i>op2</i> , result in <i>rd</i>
<b>xor</b> <i>rd, rs, op2</i>	Logical XOR of <i>rs</i> and <i>op2</i> , result in <i>rd</i>
<b>mask</b> <i>rd, rs, op2</i>	Logical AND of <i>rs</i> and NOT <i>op2</i> , result in <i>rd</i>
<i>Shift instructions</i>	
<b>shl</b> <i>rd, rs, count</i>	Shift <i>rs</i> value left <i>count</i> places, result in <i>rd</i>
<b>shr</b> <i>rd, rs, count</i>	Shift <i>rs</i> value right <i>count</i> places, result in <i>rd</i>
<b>rol</b> <i>rd, rs, count</i>	Rotate <i>rs</i> value left <i>count</i> places, result in <i>rd</i>
<b>ror</b> <i>rd, rs, count</i>	Rotate <i>rs</i> value right <i>count</i> places, result in <i>rd</i>
<i>Memory and I/O instructions</i>	
<b>ldm</b> <i>rd, (rs)±offset</i>	Load to <i>rd</i> from memory
<b>stm</b> <i>rd, (rs)±offset</i>	Store to memory from <i>rd</i>
<b>inp</b> <i>rd, (rs)±offset</i>	Input to <i>rd</i> from input controller register
<b>out</b> <i>rd, (rs)±offset</i>	Output to output controller register from <i>rd</i>
<i>Branch instructions</i>	
<b>bz</b> $\pm disp$	Branch if Z is set
<b>bnz</b> $\pm disp$	Branch if Z is not set
<b>bc</b> $\pm disp$	Branch if C is set
<b>bnc</b> $\pm disp$	Branch if C is not set
<i>Jump instructions</i>	
<b>jmp</b> <i>addr</i>	Jump to <i>addr</i>
<b>jsb</b> <i>addr</i>	Jump to subroutine at <i>addr</i>
<i>Miscellaneous instructions</i>	

<b>ret</b>	Return from subroutine
<b>reti</b>	Return from interrupt
<b>enai</b>	Enable interrupts
<b>disi</b>	Disable interrupts
<b>wait</b>	Wait for interrupts
<b>stby</b>	Enter low-power standby mode

**TABLE 15.2** *Function code values*

add	000	addc	001	sub	010	subc	011
and	100	or	101	xor	110	mask	111
shl	00	shr	01	rol	10	ror	11
ldm	00	stm	01	inp	10	out	11
bz	00	bnz	01	bc	10	bnc	11
jmp	0	jsb	1				
ret	000	reti	001	enai	010	disi	011
wait	100	stby	101				