

Take care with floating-point values

- ❑ Consider

```
double a = 1;
double b = 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1
          + 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1;
double c = .9999999999999999;
```
- ❑ Two true expressions!

```
c == b      b != a
```
- ❑ Two false expressions!

```
a == b      b != c
```
- ❑ Problem lies with the finite precision of the floating-point types
 - ❑ Instead with the ordering operators for closeness

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How to solve this

- ❑ Don't compare floating-point values if you can help it!
 - Both doubles and floats
- ❑ Need to test if the two doubles are "close" in value

```
final double EPSILON = 0.000001;
boolean foo = Math.abs (a-b) < EPSILON;
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