

1. We build a computer, where the real numbers are represented using 5 digits as explained below:

S	A	B	C	E
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where

- S is the sign bit; 0 is positive and 1 is negative
- A, B, C: First three significant digits in decimal expansion with decimal point occurring between A and B
- E is the exponent in base 10 with abias of 5
- All digits after the third significant digit are chopped off
- +0 is represented by setting $S = 0$ and $A = 0$; B, C, E can be anything
- -0 is represented by setting $S = 1$ and $A = 0$; B, C, E can be anything
- $+\infty$ is represented by setting $S = 0$ and $A = B = C = E = 9$
- $-\infty$ is represented by setting $S = 1$ and $A = B = C = E = 9$
- Not A Number is represented by setting S to be other than 0 and 1.

For example, the number $\pi = 3.14159\dots$ is represented as follows. Chopping off after the third significant digit, we have $\pi = +3.14 \times 10^0$. Hence, the representation of π on our machine is:

0	3	1	4	5
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The number $-0.001259\dots$ is represented as follows. Chopping off after the third significant digit, we have -1.25×10^{-3} . Hence, the representation of on our machine is:

1	1	2	5	2
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Now answer the following questions:

- How many non-zero Floating Point numbers (from now on abbreviated as FPN) can be represented by our machine?
- How many FPN are in the following intervals?
 - (9, 10)
 - (10, 11)
 - (0, 1)
- Identify the smallest positive and largest positive FPN on the machine
- Identify the machine precision
- What is the smallest positive integer not representable exactly on this machine?
- Consider solving the following recurrence on our machine:

$$a_{n+1} = 5a_n - 4a_{n-1}$$

with $a_1 = a_2 = 2.932$. Compute a_n for $n \in \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ on our machine (work out what the machine would do by hand). Note a_1, a_2 would be chopped to three significant digits to begin with. Next note that at each step in the recurrence $5a_n$ and $4a_{n-1}$ would be chopped down to the first three significant digits before the subtraction is performed.

2. Consider the following integral:

$$I_n = \int_0^1 x^{2n} \sin(\pi x) dx$$

- Obtain a recurrence for I_n in terms of I_{n-1} . (HINT: Integration by parts)
- Evaluate I_0 by hand
- Use the recurrence to obtain I_n for $n \in \{1, 2, \dots, 15\}$ in MATLAB
- Use wolframalpha to obtain I_n by directly performing the integral for $n \in \{1, 2, \dots, 15\}$.
- Explain your observation