

Problem 5

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1 5.1

We consider a b-compliment number system with base 5 and 4 “digits”.
For the representation of -1 in this number system: First we consider the representation of 1. Which is:
 $1(5^0)$:

0001

We choose the negative such that when the two numbers are added, the last 4 “digits” represent a 0 and we ignore the overflow. In this case, the number that satisfies this condition for -1 is:

4444

We use the same process for the representation of -8.
Representation of 8:

$$1(5^1) + 3(5^0)$$

0013

Number which causes an overflow equivalent to (-8):

4432

When adding the two numbers:

4444

4432

14431

We only take 4 of the least significant bits and ignore the overflow giving us:

4431

Converting the number into decimal:

4431 (base 5)

$$4(5^3) + 4(5^2) + 3(5^1) + 1(5^0)$$

616 (base 10)

2 5.2

We are working with a 32 bit format of floating point numbers. This means that we have a 23 bit mantissa to store numbers. Thus we can store 24 bits in total after normalization.

The decimal number we want to convert to a floating point binary is -273.15. Our first step is to set the "signed bit" to 1 because our number is negative. Then we convert the digits before decimal to binary:

273

$$(2^8) + (2^4) + (2^0)$$

100010001

Now we use an algorithm for the decimal part of our number:

Since we already need 8 bits to represent the previous binary, we are left with 15 bits

$$0.15 - > 0.3 \text{ (0)}$$

$$0.3 - > 0.6 \text{ (00)}$$

$$0.6 - > 1.2 \text{ (001)}$$

$$0.2 - > 0.4 \text{ (0010)}$$

$$0.4 - > 0.8 \text{ (00100)}$$

$$0.8 - > 1.6 \text{ (001001)}$$

$$0.6 - > 1.2 \text{ (0010011)}$$

From this point on, the pattern is recursive. Thus our binary approximation will be:

001001100110011

We stop at the 15th bit.

The binary conversion of 273.15 is:

100010001.001001100110011

After normalization we get the mantissa:

00010001001001100110011

And the exponent: 2^8

But we add 127 to the exponent and store it as binary giving us:

10000111

Thus the final 32 bit floating point representation is:

11000011100010001001001100110011

For the approximation of the decimal fraction stored:

001001100110011

$$(2^{-3}) + (2^{-6}) + (2^{-7}) + (2^{-10}) + (2^{-11}) + (2^{-14}) + (2^{-15})$$

0.1499939