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    /* Get the sign bits */
    unsigned sx = ux >> 31;
    unsigned sy = uy >> 31;

    /* Give an expression using only ux, uy, sx, and sy */
    return _____ ;
}

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**2.84** ◆

Given a floating-point format with a  $k$ -bit exponent and an  $n$ -bit fraction, write formulas for the exponent  $E$ , significand  $M$ , the fraction  $f$ , and the value  $V$  for the quantities that follow. In addition, describe the bit representation.

- A. The number 7.0
- B. The largest odd integer that can be represented exactly
- C. The reciprocal of the smallest positive normalized value

**2.85** ◆

Intel-compatible processors also support an “extended precision” floating-point format with an 80-bit word divided into a sign bit,  $k = 15$  exponent bits, a single *integer* bit, and  $n = 63$  fraction bits. The integer bit is an explicit copy of the implied bit in the IEEE floating-point representation. That is, it equals 1 for normalized values and 0 for denormalized values. Fill in the following table giving the approximate values of some “interesting” numbers in this format:

Description	Extended precision	
	Value	Decimal
Smallest positive denormalized	_____	_____
Smallest positive normalized	_____	_____
Largest normalized	_____	_____

**2.86** ◆

Consider a 16-bit floating-point representation based on the IEEE floating-point format, with one sign bit, seven exponent bits ( $k = 7$ ), and eight fraction bits ( $n = 8$ ). The exponent bias is  $2^{7-1} - 1 = 63$ .

Fill in the table that follows for each of the numbers given, with the following instructions for each column:

- Hex: The four hexadecimal digits describing the encoded form.
- $M$ : The value of the significand. This should be a number of the form  $x$  or  $\frac{x}{y}$ , where  $x$  is an integer, and  $y$  is an integral power of 2. Examples include: 0,  $\frac{67}{64}$ , and  $\frac{1}{256}$ .
- $E$ : The integer value of the exponent.
- $V$ : The numeric value represented. Use the notation  $x$  or  $x \times 2^z$ , where  $x$  and  $z$  are integers.

As an example, to represent the number  $\frac{7}{8}$ , we would have  $s = 0$ ,  $M = \frac{7}{4}$ , and  $E = -1$ . Our number would therefore have an exponent field of  $0x3E$  (decimal value  $63 - 1 = 62$ ) and a significand field  $0xC0$  (binary  $11000000_2$ ), giving a hex representation  $3EC0$ .

You need not fill in entries marked “—”.

Description	Hex	$M$	$E$	$V$
−0	_____	_____	_____	—
Smallest value > 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
512	_____	_____	_____	—
Largest denormalized	_____	_____	_____	_____
−∞	_____	—	—	—
Number with hex representation 3BB0	—	_____	_____	_____

2.87 ♦♦

Consider the following two 9-bit floating-point representations based on the IEEE floating-point format.

- 1. Format A
  - There is one sign bit.
  - There are  $k = 5$  exponent bits. The exponent bias is 15.
  - There are  $n = 3$  fraction bits.
- 2. Format B
  - There is one sign bit.
  - There are  $k = 4$  exponent bits. The exponent bias is 7.
  - There are  $n = 4$  fraction bits.

Below, you are given some bit patterns in Format A, and your task is to convert them to the closest value in Format B. If rounding is necessary, you should *round toward*  $+\infty$ . In addition, give the values of numbers given by the Format A and Format B bit patterns. Give these as whole numbers (e.g., 17) or as fractions (e.g.,  $17/64$  or  $17/2^6$ ).

Format A		Format B	
Bits	Value	Bits	Value
1 01111 001	$-\frac{9}{8}$	1 0111 0010	$-\frac{9}{8}$
0 10110 011	_____	_____	_____
1 00111 010	_____	_____	_____
0 00000 111	_____	_____	_____
1 11100 000	_____	_____	_____
0 10111 100	_____	_____	_____

2.88 ♦

We are running programs on a machine where values of type `int` have a 32-bit two’s-complement representation. Values of type `float` use the 32-bit IEEE format, and values of type `double` use the 64-bit IEEE format.