

Floating Point Rounding Modes:

Round the following binary numbers to the nearest **integer** using each of the four modes, when needed:

	0.00_2	0.01_2	0.10_2	0.11_2	1.00_2	1.01_2	1.10_2	1.11_2
Half-way?	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
$+\infty$	0	0	1	1	1	1	10_2	10_2
$-\infty$	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	10_2
Zero	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	10_2
Even	0	0	0	1	1	1	10_2	10_2

Floating Point

Convert the following decimal numbers into binary (not float):

1.5	0.25	0.8	-16.5
$= 2^0 + 2^{-1}$	$= 2^{-2}$	$= 2^{-1} + 2^{-2} + 2^{-5} + 2^{-6} + \dots$	$= -(2^4 + 2^{-1})$
$= 1.1_2$	$= 0.01_2$	$= 0.\overline{1100}_2$ (repeating)	$= -10000.1_2$

Give the best hex representation of the following numbers (using single precision floats):

1.0	-7.5	(1.0/3.0)	(186.334/0.0)
$= 1_2$	$= -111.1_2$	$= 0.0\overline{1}_2$	$= +\infty$
S = 0	S = 1	S = 0	S = 0
E = 127	E = 129	E = 125	E = 255
M = 0	M = 0b1110...0	M = 0b $\overline{01}$	M = 0
0x3f800000	0xc0f00000	0x3eaaaaaa	0x7f800000

What is the value of the following single precision floats?

0x0	0xff94beef	0x1
0	-NaN	$2^{-126} \times 2^{-23} = 2^{-149}$

These were all special numbers. Remember that exponent for denorm is 2^{-126} .

Performance Metrics

Exercises

You are the lead developer of a new video game at AE, Inc. The graphics are quite sexy, but the frame rates (performance) are horrible. Doubly unfortunately, you have to show it off at a shareholder meeting tomorrow. What do you do?

1) You need to render your latest and greatest über-l33t animation. If your rendering software contains the following mix of instructions, which processor is the best choice?

Operation	Frequency
ALU	30%
Load	30%
Store	20%
Branch	20%

A's CPI	B's CPI	C's CPI
1	1	1
3	5	3
2	3	4
3	2	2

Average CPI:

A: $1 \cdot .3 + 3 \cdot .3 + 2 \cdot .2 + 3 \cdot .2 = 2.2$

B: 2.8

C: 2.4

A wins.

2) What if the processors had different clock speeds? Assume A is a 1 Ghz processor, B is a 1.5 Ghz processor, and C is a 750 Mhz processor.

$1/\text{frequency} = \text{seconds/cycle}$
 $\text{cycles/inst} * \text{seconds/cycle} = \text{seconds/inst}$, a better estimate of performance.

seconds / cycle: A = 1 ns, B = .66 ns, C = 1.33 ns
seconds / inst: A = 2.2 ns, B = 1.86 ns, C = 3.2 ns.

B wins.

3) But wait, these processors are made by different manufacturers, and use different instruction sets. So the renderer (for the different architectures) takes a different number of instructions on each. Which is best if your main loop on A averages 1000 instructions; on B it averages 800 instructions; and on C it averages 1200 instructions?

We now have instructions/program.
 $\text{seconds/inst [from part b]} * \text{inst/program} = \text{seconds/program}$, the runtime.

instructions / program: A = 1000, B = 800, C = 1200
seconds/program: A = 2.2 us, B = 1.493 us, C = 3.84 us.
B produces the fastest program, and wins.