

1a) observe that the largest # that can be represented is of the form

\uparrow 0 1110 111
positive \uparrow largest \uparrow largest
non-special significand
exponent

and the second largest is of the form

0 1110 110

Decoding them creates

$$1.875 \cdot 2^7 - 1.75 \cdot 2^7 = 2^7 (1.875 - 1.75) \\ = 2^7 \cdot .125$$

so $.125 \cdot 2^7$ is the difference between the largest tiny floats.

1b) observe the smallest possible # is 0 and the 2nd smallest is

\uparrow 0 0000 001
positive \uparrow smallest \uparrow smallest
exp sig. other than 0

decode this to get

$.125 \cdot 2^{-6}$ as the 2nd smallest #.

$$.125 \cdot 2^{-6} - 0 = .125 \cdot 2^{-6} \text{ is the diff.}$$

between the 2 smallest positive tiny floats