

Algorithm: Subtraction of floating point numbers

- Read x_1 , e_1 , x_2 and e_2
 - Set $k = |e_1 - e_2|$
 - If ($e_1 > e_2$) then
 - $x_2 = \frac{x_2}{10^k}$
 - $e = e_1$
 - else
 - $x_1 = \frac{x_1}{10^k}$
 - $e = e_2$
 - End if
 - Set $x = x_1 - x_2$
 - While (($\text{abs}(x) < 0.1$) and ($\text{abs}(x) > 0.0$)) do
 - $x = x * 10$
 - $e = e - 1$End while
 - If ($e < -99$) then
 - Print ("Underflow")
 - STOPEnd if
 - Print(x , e)
- END