\setlength{\extrarowheight}{4pt}

or your table will look like: $\begin{array}{c|cccc} A & B & C \\ \hline 100 & 10 & I \end{array}$

as opposed to $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline A & B & C \\ \hline 100 & \textbf{10} & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$

You can automatically insert math \$'s in a column. But you must start math first, so all surroundings are reversed!

 $\begin{array}{c|c} 10!^{10!} & \text{a big number} \\ 10^{-999} & \text{a small number} \end{array}$

You can change \arraycolsep or \tabcolsep to control the separation between columns.

\setlength{\arraycolsep}{1cm}

10! ^{10!}	a big number
10^{-999}	a small number

You can suppress a column space by a ${\tt Q}\{\}$ in the tabular preamble:

\begin{array}{|1|0{}>{\$}|} \hline

10!10!	a big number
10^{-999}	a small number

If you set

\setlength{\doublerulesep}{4pt}

the table will look like BOXES BOXES BOXES

4.1 Table aligned with dots

Use the dcolumn package, we can construct tables with entries aligned on a "decimal point" etc.

\usepackage{dcolumn}

\newcolumntype{d}[1]{D{.}{\cdot}{#1}}
\newcolumntype{.}{D{.}{.}{-1}}
\newcolumntype{,}{D{,}{,}{2}}
\begin{tabular}{|d{-1}|d{2}|.|,|}
1.2 & 1.2 & 1.2 & 1,2 \\
1.23 & 1.23& 12.5 & 300,2 \\
1121.2 & 1121.2 & 864.13 & 435,234 \\
123 & 343 & 10 & 69 \\
.4 & .4 & & ,4 \\
& & .4 & & dend{tabular}