

# Floating point numbers

On GitHub: <https://github.com/akalenuk/floating-point-experiments>

On Medium (soon): <https://medium.com/@okaleniuk>

## “One, two, many” counting system

- Our only numbers are “1”, “2” and “many”.
  - There is no 0.
  - There is no negative numbers.
  - No rational and of course irrational numbers.
- Isn't it simple?

Addition is very simple indeed

	+1	+2	+many
1	2	many	many
2	many	many	many
many	many	many	many

# “One, two, many” counting system

Subtraction raises so many questions

	-1	-2	-many
1	?	?	?
2	1	?	?
many	?	?	?

- What do we do with “1-1”?
- What do we do with “1-2”?
- What’s “many-many”?
- What’s “many-1”?

# “One, two, many” counting system

Since 0 isn't part of our counting system, “1-1” is not a number.

So isn't “1-2”.

“Many-many” could be anything. It may be a number, or not.

“Many-1” is polemic.



I take one sheep from many, - and suddenly there are only two left.

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Never happens on practice.  
Take one rice grain from many, there are still many.

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## Need for a standardization

We have to balance applicability, so it would work for most.  
But different applications require different properties.  
Therefore we have to agree on simplifications.

### Subtraction after “standardization”

	-1	-2	-many
1	NaN	NaN	NaN
2	1	NaN	NaN
many	many	Undef	Undef

Incorrect, but convenient.  
(Also the guy on the right has a knife)

# Floating point arithmetics

- Standardized by [IEEE 754](#). Not C++ specific, but universal.
- Covers finite grids of rational numbers.
- Treats overflows as “+infinity”, “-infinity”\*.
- Treats underflows as “+0” “-0”\*\*.
- Has a “not a number” special value\*\*\*.

\* - actually bear a semantic of “still a number, we just can’t count it”.  
`+infinity + 1 = +infinity`.

\*\* - It also has subnormal numbers, which are numbers with the least possible exponent and trailing zeros in the significant. These can be cast to zero automatically to avoid performance overhead.

\*\*\* - Which can be quiet of signaling, so there are two of them\*\*\*\*.

\*\*\*\* - technically, there is a whole class.

# Examples

```
0      - 0 00000000 00000000000000000000000000000000
-0     - 1 00000000 00000000000000000000000000000000
1      - 0 01111111 00000000000000000000000000000000
-1     - 1 01111111 00000000000000000000000000000000
```

```
15      - 0 10000010 11100000000000000000000000000000
15.9375 - 0 10000010 11111110000000000000000000000000
0.9375  - 0 01111110 11100000000000000000000000000000
```

```
inf      - 0 11111111 00000000000000000000000000000000
-inf     - 1 11111111 00000000000000000000000000000000
-nan     - 1 11111111 10000000000000000000000000000000 (1./0. * 0.)
-nan     - 1 11111111 10000000000000000000000000000000 (0./0.)
-nan     - 1 11111111 10000000000000000000000000000000 (std::sqrt(-1.))
```

Prepare for the big boring table!..

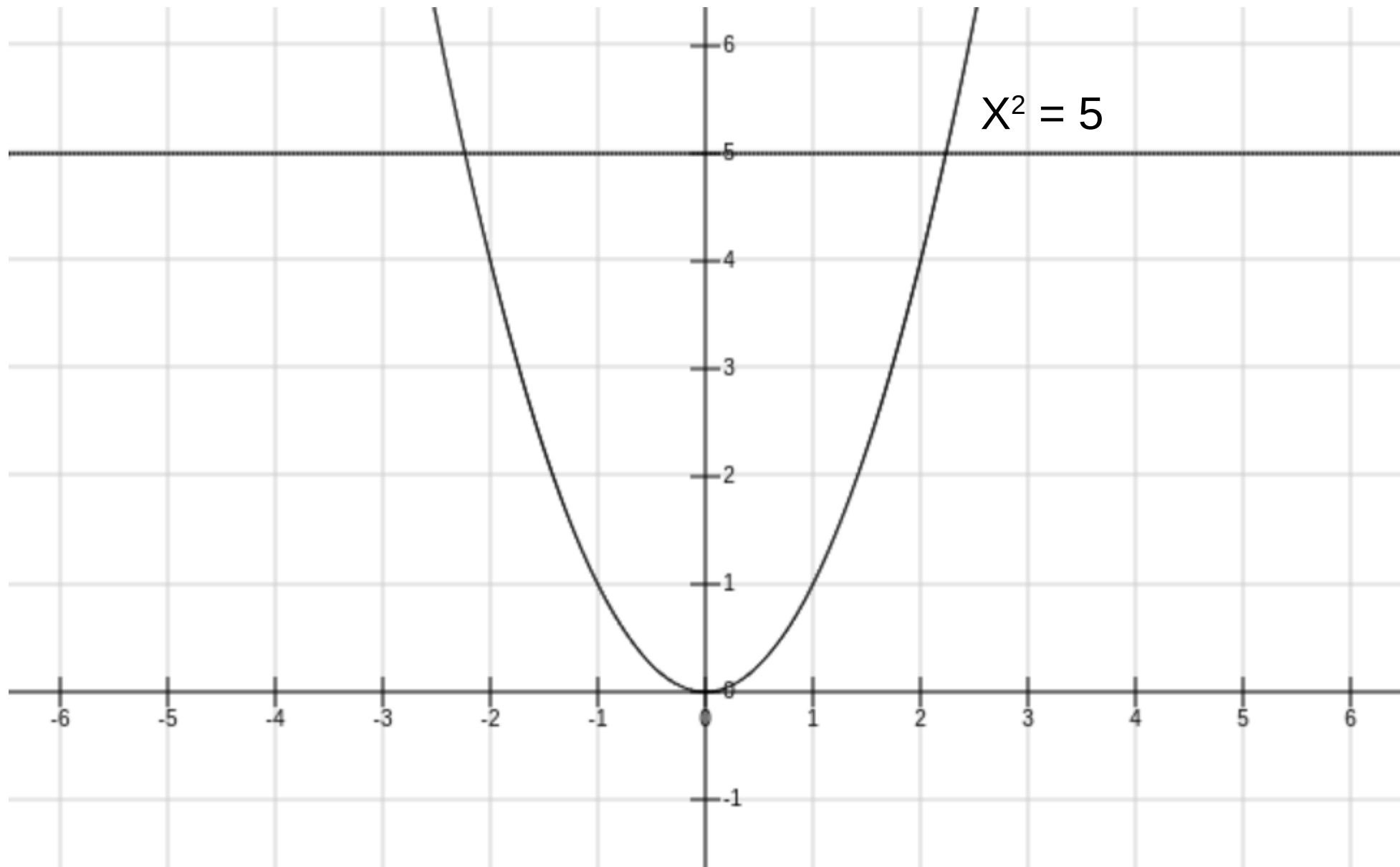
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128	- 0 10000110 00000000000000000000	1.1259e+15	- 0 10110001 00000000000000000000	9.90352e+27	- 0 11011100 00000000000000000000
256	- 0 10000111 00000000000000000000	2.2518e+15	- 0 10110010 00000000000000000000	1.9807e+28	- 0 11011101 00000000000000000000
512	- 0 10001000 00000000000000000000	4.5036e+15	- 0 10110011 00000000000000000000	3.96141e+28	- 0 11011110 00000000000000000000
1024	- 0 10001001 00000000000000000000	9.0072e+15	- 0 10110100 00000000000000000000	7.92282e+28	- 0 11011111 00000000000000000000
2048	- 0 10001010 00000000000000000000	1.80144e+16	- 0 10110101 00000000000000000000	1.58456e+29	- 0 11100000 00000000000000000000
4096	- 0 10001011 00000000000000000000	3.60288e+16	- 0 10110110 00000000000000000000	3.16913e+29	- 0 11100001 00000000000000000000
8192	- 0 10001100 00000000000000000000	7.20576e+16	- 0 10110111 00000000000000000000	6.33825e+29	- 0 11100010 00000000000000000000
16384	- 0 10001101 00000000000000000000	1.44115e+17	- 0 10111000 00000000000000000000	1.26765e+30	- 0 11100011 00000000000000000000
32768	- 0 10001110 00000000000000000000	2.8823e+17	- 0 10111001 00000000000000000000	2.5353e+30	- 0 11100100 00000000000000000000
65536	- 0 10001111 00000000000000000000	5.76461e+17	- 0 10111010 00000000000000000000	5.0706e+30	- 0 11100101 00000000000000000000
131072	- 0 10010000 00000000000000000000	1.15292e+18	- 0 10111011 00000000000000000000	1.01412e+31	- 0 11100110 00000000000000000000
262144	- 0 10010001 00000000000000000000	2.30584e+18	- 0 10111100 00000000000000000000	2.02824e+31	- 0 11100111 00000000000000000000
524288	- 0 10010010 00000000000000000000	4.61169e+18	- 0 10111101 00000000000000000000	4.05648e+31	- 0 11101000 00000000000000000000
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4.39805e+12	- 0 10101001 00000000000000000000	3.86856e+25	- 0 11010100 00000000000000000000		

And now for even bigger!..



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0.25	- 0 01111101 00000000000000000000	2.22045e-16	- 0 01001011 00000000000000000000	1.97215e-31	- 0 00011001 00000000000000000000
0.125	- 0 01111100 00000000000000000000	1.11022e-16	- 0 01001010 00000000000000000000	9.86076e-32	- 0 00011000 00000000000000000000
0.0625	- 0 01111011 00000000000000000000	5.55112e-17	- 0 01001001 00000000000000000000	4.93038e-32	- 0 00010111 00000000000000000000
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1.77636e-15	- 0 01001110 00000000000000000000	1.57772e-30	- 0 00011100 00000000000000000000	1.4013e-45	- 0 00000000 00000000000000000000

## Equality problem



# Equality problem solution #1

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>

static const double delta = 1e-5;
static const double epsilon = 1e-5;

bool almost_equal(double x, double y){
    return std::abs(x-y) < epsilon;
}

int main(){
    for(double x = 2.; x < 3.; x += delta)
        if(almost_equal(5., x*x)){
            std::cout << x << std::endl;
            return 0;
        }
    return 1;
}
```

We can check grid determined by delta.

If  $|5 - x^2| < \textit{epsilon}$ , then  $x$  is kind of solution

Let's say delta is the algorithm precision.  
What's epsilon then?

How do we determine one?

For every big enough **epsilon** there is big enough  $y$   
 $y = x^2$ , so  $(x+\textit{delta})^2 - x^2 > \textit{epsilon}$  although  $x < y < x+\textit{delta}$ .

## Equality problem solution #2

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>

static const double delta = 1e-5;

bool change_sign(double x, double y){
    return x*y < 0;
}

int main(){
    for(double x = 2.; x < 3.; x += delta){
        double x_delta = x + delta;
        if(change_sign(x_delta*x_delta - 5., x*x - 5.)){
            std::cout << x << std::endl;
            return 0;
        }
    }
    return 1;
}
```

Still a grid.

But use sign change instead of *epsilon*.

Now the answer has to be between  $x$  and  $x+\mathbf{delta}$ .

Unless  $y = 0$ .

We can use properties such as continuousness or unimodality, but this limits the applicability.

# Algebraic properties (that floats don't hold)

```
void assert_associativity()
{
    // associativity
    double a = 1.;
    double b = 9007199254740992.; // 2 ^ 53
    double c = -9007199254740992.;
    double d = (a + b) + c;
    double e = a + (b + c);
    assert(d != e);
}
```

Without associativity, we can't have robust parallel algorithms.

```
void assert_identity()
{
    // identity element
    double a = 0.;
    double b = -0.;
    assert(a == b);
    // 0. != -0.
    auto a_string = std::to_string(a);
    auto b_string = std::to_string(b);
    assert(a_string != b_string);
}
```

No real null, just “small enough”

```
void assert_integers()
{
    // not a superset on integers
    uint64_t a = std::numeric_limits<uint64_t>::max();
    uint64_t b = std::numeric_limits<uint64_t>::max() - 1;
    double double_a = static_cast<double>(a);
    double double_b = static_cast<double>(b);
    assert(sizeof(a) == sizeof(double_a));
    assert(a == b + 1);
    assert(double_a == double_b); // lost one
}
```

No interchangeability.  
(unless in a very limited subset)

# Algebraic properties (that compilers rely on)

<b>Floating point algebra reductions:</b>									
$a+b = b+a$	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	X
$a*b = b*a$	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	X
$a+b+c = a+(b+c)$	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
$(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
$a*b*c = a*(b*c)$	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
$a+b+c+d = (a+b)+(c+d)$	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
$a*b+a*c = a*(b+c)$	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X
$a*x*x*x + b*x*x + c*x + d = ((a*x+b)*x+c)*x+d$	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
$x*x*x*x*x*x*x*x = ((x^2)^2)^2$	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
$a+a+a+a = a*4$	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-
$-(-a) = a$	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	-
$a-(-b) = a+b$	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	X	-
$a+0 = a$	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	-
$a*0 = 0$	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	X
$a*1 = a$	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	X
$(-a)*(-b) = a*b$	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-
$a/a = 1$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
$a/1 = a$	X	-	X	X	X	-	X	-	-
$0/a = 0$	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X
$(-a == -b) = (a == b)$	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-
$(-a > -b) = (a < b)$	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	X
Divide by constant = multiply by reciprocal	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	X	-

# Integers

```
#include <array>
#include <iostream>

template <typename T>
struct Box
{
    std::array<T, 3> m_side;
    double Volume()
    {
        return m_side[0]*m_side[1]*m_side[0];
    }
};

int main()
{
    Box<int> test_box;
    test_box.m_side = {100, 200, 300};
    std::cout << test_box.Volume() << std::endl;
    test_box.m_side = {1000, 2000, 3000};
    std::cout << test_box.Volume() << std::endl;
    test_box.m_side = {10000, 20000, 30000};
    std::cout << test_box.Volume() << std::endl;
}
```

```
./integer_overflow
2e+06
2e+09
-1.45476e+09
```

Not specified by the universal standard.  
Hardly specified by C or C++ standard.  
Overflows are either silent or undefined;  
conversions are obscure.

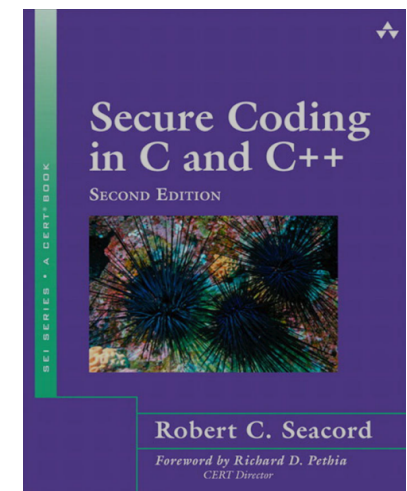
# Integers are inherently unsafe

## Things to know

- Integer Conversion Rank
- Integer Promotions
- Usual Arithmetic Conversions

## Things to follow

- MSC14-C. Do not introduce unnecessary platform dependencies.
- DCL03-C. Use a static assertion to test the value of a constant expression.
- INT07-C. Use only explicitly signed or unsigned char type for numeric values.
- INT32-C. Ensure that operations on signed integers do not result in overflow.
- INT34-C. Do not shift a negative number of bits or more bits than exist in the operand.
- INT13-C. Use bitwise operators only on unsigned operands.
- INT01-C. Use `rsize_t` or `size_t` for all integer values representing the size of an object.
- and many more...





# Algebraic properties (that compilers rely on too)

Integer algebra reductions:									
$a+b = b+a$	x	(x)	x	x	x	x	-	x	x
$a*b = b*a$	x	(x)	x	x	x	x	-	x	x
$(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$	x	-	x	x	-	-	x	x	-
$a+b+c = c+b+a$	x	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-
$a+b+c+d = (a+b)+(c+d)$	-	-	x	x	-	-	-	-	-
$a*b+a*c = a*(b+c)$	x	-	x	x	x	-	-	-	x
$a*x*x*x + b*x*x + c*x + d = ((a*x+b)*x+c)*x+d$	x	-	x	x	x	-	-	-	x
$x*x*x*x*x*x*x*x = ((x^2)^2)^2$	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-
$a+a+a+a = a*4$	x	-	x	x	-	-	-	-	x
$-(-a) = a$	x	-	x	x	x	x	x	x	-
$a-(-b) = a+b$	x	-	x	x	x	x	-	x	-
$a-a = 0$	x	-	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
$a+0 = a$	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
$a*0 = 0$	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	x
$a*1 = a$	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
$(-a)*(-b) = a*b$	x	-	x	x	x	-	-	-	-
$a/a = 1$	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	x
$a/1 = a$	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
$0/a = 0$	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	x	x
$(-a == -b) = (a == b)$	-	-	-	x	x	-	-	-	-
$(a+c == b+c) = (a == b)$	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-
$!(a < b) = (a >= b)$	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
$(a < b \ \&\& \ b < c \ \&\& \ a < c) = (a < b \ \&\& \ b < c)$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multiply by constant = shift and add	x	x	x	x	-	x	x	x	-
Divide by constant = multiply and shift	x	-	x	x	x	(-)	x	-	-

# Exercises

Validate or disprove algebraic properties compilers rely on.  
Brute force example:

```
#include <iostream>
#include <limits>

int main()
{
    for(uint32_t i = 0u; i < std::numeric_limits<uint32_t>::max(); ++i)
    {
        const float& f = *(reinterpret_cast<float*>(&i));
        if(f != f)
        {
            std::cout << f << " != " << f << std::endl;
            return 0;
        }
    }
}
```