

homework2

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1(f)

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a = smallest_positive ## smallest_postive is too long to type in
exmaple1f = ([0, 0, 1, 0, 0], 1, 1) # the original number
print(add_float(add_float(add_float(add_float(exmaple1f, a), a), a), a))
# use (((1+a)+a)+a)+a method
suma = ([0, 0, 0, 0, 0], 0, 1)
for i in range(4):
    suma = add_float(suma, a)
print(add_float(exmaple1f, suma)) # use (1+(a+(a+(a+(+a)))) method
>>> ([0, 0, 1, 0, 0], 1, 1)
>>> ([0, 0, 1, 0, 1], 1, 1)
```

From the last two line , we can see they are not the same . Then , add_float is not associative

2:

let x be -0.01 and n = 15 . then there is a catastrophic cancellation

for list h1(-0.01,15):

```
[ 1.0, -0.01, 0.0001, -1.0000000000000002e-06, 1e-08, -1.0000000000000002e-10, 1.0000000000000002e-12, -
1.0000000000000002e-14, 1.0000000000000002e-16, -1.0000000000000003e-18, 1.0000000000000002e-20, -1.0000000000000003e-
22, 1.0000000000000003e-24, -1.0000000000000003e-26, 1.0000000000000003e-28]
```

When we add them each time one more items , we get :

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0, 1.0, 0.99, 0.9901, 0.990099, 0.99009901, 0.9900990099, 0.990099009901, 0.99009900990099, 0.9900990099009901,
0.9900990099009901, 0.9900990099009901 .....
```

we can see the summation are not changing anymore , so there is catastrophic cancellation

for list h2(-0.01,15):

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[ 1.0, -0.01, 5e-05, -1.6666666666666667e-07, 4.166666666666667e-10, -8.333333333333335e-13, 1.3888888888888892e-
15, -1.9841269841269846e-18, 2.4801587301587306e-21, -2.7557319223985896e-24, 2.7557319223985897e-27, -
2.5052108385441727e-30, 2.0876756987868105e-33, -1.605904383682162e-36, 1.1470745597729728e-39]
```

When we add them each time one more items , we get :

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0, 1.0, 0.99, 0.99005, 0.9900498333333333, 0.99004983375, 0.9900498337491667, 0.9900498337491681, 0.9900498337491681,
0.9900498337491681, 0.9900498337491681, .....
```

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So for x = -0.01 both h1() and h2() suffer from catastrophic cancellation

