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4. Determine the single-precision and double-precision machine representation of the following decimal numbers:

- a. 1.0, -1.0 b. +0.0, -0.0 c. -9876.54321
 d. 0.234375 e. 492.78125 f. 64.37109375
 g. -285.75 h. 10^{-2}

Single precision \rightarrow 23 bits
 Double precision \rightarrow 53 bits
 (a) $1.0 \cdot 2^0 = 1.0$

Bias rep 8 bits
 $2^{n-1} - 1 = 127$

Sign:

positive - 0
 negative - 1

$$\text{Exponent} = 0 + 127 = 127_{10}$$

$$127 / 2 = 63 (1)$$

$$63 / 2 = 31 (1)$$

$$31 / 2 = 15 (1)$$

$$15 / 2 = 7 (1)$$

$$7 / 2 = 3 (1)$$

$$3 / 2 = 1 (1)$$

$$1 / 2 = 0 (1)$$

$$127_{10} = 01111111_2$$

Single precision machine representation of 1.0 and -1.0

Sign	Exponent	Mantissa
0	01111111	000000000000000000000000
1	01111111	000000000000000000000000

Double precision machine representation of 1.0 and -1.0

Sign	Exponent	Mantissa
0	01111111	00
1	01111111	00

Convert to base 16

0011 1111 1000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
 3 F 8 0 0 0 0 0
 1011 1111 1000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
 B F 8 0 0 0 0 0

Hex representation:

1.0 = 3F800000
 -1.0 = BF800000

- 0.0

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16. Consider a computer that operates in base β and carries n digits in the mantissa of its floating-point number system. Show that the rounding of a real number x to the nearest machine number \tilde{x} involves a relative error of at most $\frac{1}{2}\beta^{1-n}$.

Hint: Imitate the argument in the text.

Assume \hat{x} is the floating point approximation to a number \tilde{x} , then according to the chapter 1.1, the absolute rounding error would be:

$$|\tilde{x} - \hat{x}|$$

And the relative error would be: $\frac{|\tilde{x} - \hat{x}|}{|\hat{x}|}$

The floating point representation of a base β number with n digits in mantissa would be: $\hat{x} = \pm m \beta^e$

In this case, m is mantissa such that $1 \leq m \leq \beta$
And e is the exponent.

Considering that the difference between floating point numbers is β^{1-n} times the exponent factor of LSB of the mantissa, the absolute rounding error is:

$$|\tilde{x} - \hat{x}| = \frac{1}{2} \beta^{1-n} |\hat{x}|$$

Now, the relative error is: $\frac{|\tilde{x} - \hat{x}|}{|\hat{x}|} \leq \frac{\frac{1}{2} \beta^{1-n} |\hat{x}|}{|\hat{x}|} \Rightarrow \frac{|\tilde{x} - \hat{x}|}{|\hat{x}|} \leq \frac{1}{2} \beta^{1-n}$

Since:

$$|\hat{x}| \leq |\tilde{x}| \Rightarrow \frac{|\tilde{x} - \hat{x}|}{|\tilde{x}|} \leq \frac{|\tilde{x} - \hat{x}|}{|\hat{x}|} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \beta^{1-n} |\hat{x}|}{|\hat{x}|} = \frac{1}{2} \beta^{1-n}$$

We see that the rounding of a real number x to the nearest machine number \tilde{x} has a relative error at most $\frac{1}{2} \beta^{1-n}$