

# Floating point: number range 4

Challenge 2



A floating point number is represented by a mantissa and an exponent. Both parts are always stored as two's complement numbers.

The number of bits allocated to the **exponent** affects the **range** of the numbers that can be represented.

If 5 bits are allocated to the mantissa and 3 bits are allocated to the exponent, what is the **smallest negative number** (the negative number that is closest to zero) that can be represented? Give your answer as a denary (base-10) number.

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# Floating point: number range 3

A floating point number is represented by a mantissa and an exponent. Both parts are always stored as two's complement numbers.

The number of bits allocated to the **exponent** affects the **range** of the numbers that can be represented.

If 5 bits are allocated to the mantissa and 3 bits are allocated to the exponent, what is the **largest negative number** that can be represented? Give your answer as a denary (base-10) number.

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Floating point: binary to denary 1

Challenge 2



The binary number shown below is represented as a floating point number with a 10-bit mantissa and a 4-bit exponent. The mantissa and exponent are both stored using two's complement.

mantissa											exponent			
1	.	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1

Convert the floating point number into denary.

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# Floating point: normalisation

Challenge 2



Floating point numbers are normalised so that they can be stored with optimum precision. Which of the following values is **not** properly normalised?

- ☐

mantissa	exponent
0.111010001	0100
- ☐

mantissa	exponent
0.011101101	0110
- ☐

mantissa	exponent
1.010011110	1111
- ☐

mantissa	exponent
1.000000001	0110

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# Floating point: binary to denary 2

Challenge 2



The binary number shown below is represented as a **normalised floating point number** with an 8-bit mantissa and a 4-bit exponent. The mantissa and exponent are both stored using two's complement.

mantissa								exponent			
0	.	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0

Convert the floating point number into denary.

Type your answer as a **signed decimal number** (e.g. +3.75) – do not leave any spaces in your answer.

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Floating point: binary to denary 3

Challenge 2



The binary number shown below is represented as a **normalised floating point number** with an 8-bit mantissa and a 4-bit exponent. The mantissa and exponent are both stored using two's complement.

mantissa										exponent			
1	.	0	0	1	0	1	0	0		1	1	1	1

Which of the following options shows the correct denary representation of the number?

- ☐ −0.421875
- ☐ −1.6875
- ☐ −27648
- ☐ +0.578125



Floating point: binary to denary 4

Challenge 2



The binary number shown below is represented as a **normalised floating point number** with an 8-bit mantissa and a 4-bit exponent. The mantissa and exponent are both stored using two's complement.

mantissa										exponent			
0	.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0		1	0	1	1

Convert the floating point number into denary.

Type your answer as a **signed decimal number**, e.g. +3.75 – do not leave any spaces in your answer.

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# Floating point: denary to binary 1

Challenge 2



Convert the denary number  $+\frac{5}{16}$  (or  $+0.3125$  as a decimal) to binary, encoding the number as a **normalised floating point number** with an 8-bit mantissa and a 4-bit exponent. The mantissa and exponent use two's complement.

Type your answer as a 12-bit binary number with the binary point (e.g. 0.11100011101) - do not leave any spaces in your answer.

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# Floating point: denary to binary 2

Challenge 2



The denary number  $-\frac{9}{64}$  (or  $-0.140625$  as a decimal) has been converted to binary, and is held as a **normalised floating point number** with an 8-bit mantissa and a 4-bit exponent. The mantissa and exponent use two's complement.

Which of the following options shows the correct binary representation of the number?

☐

mantissa	exponent
1.0111000	0010

☐

mantissa	exponent
1.1101110	0000

☐

mantissa	exponent
1.0111000	1110

☐

mantissa	exponent
0.1001000	1110



Floating point: addition

Challenge 2



Select the correct result for the addition of binary numbers shown below. The representation used is **normalised** two's complement **floating point**, with **8 bits** for the mantissa and **4 bits** for the exponent.

	<b>mantissa</b>	<b>exponent</b>
	01110110	0011
+	01001011	0100

☐

<b>mantissa</b>	<b>exponent</b>
10000110	0100

☐

<b>mantissa</b>	<b>exponent</b>
01000011	0101

☐

<b>mantissa</b>	<b>exponent</b>
11000001	0111

☐

<b>mantissa</b>	<b>exponent</b>
010000110	0100

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