
AMSC 460 - HW 3

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Problem 1

(a) Express $x = (12.8)_{10}$ as a double-precision IEEE float $fl(x)$, using the round-to-nearest rule.

$(12.8)_{10} = (12)_{10} + (0.8)_{10}$ Integer part: $12/2 = 6$ remainder = 0 $6/2 = 3$ remainder = 0 $3/2 = 1$ remainder = 1 $1/2 = 0$ remainder = 1 $\rightarrow (12)_{10} = (1100)_2$ Fractional part: $0.8 * 2 = 1.6 = 0.6 + 1$ $0.6 * 2 = 1.2 = 0.2 + 1$ $0.2 * 2 = 0.4 = 0.4 + 0$ $0.4 * 2 = 0.8 = 0.8 + 0 \rightarrow (0.8)_{10} = (0.1100)_2$ So $(12.8)_{10} = (1100.1100)_2$, $fl(x) = 1.[10011....01]_{1001} \times 2^3$

Since $b_{53} = 1$ and the rest of bits are Not all zero, 1. By truncating, 1001 [in base 10] we lose $R = (0.1001) \times 2^{(-52)} \times 2^3 = (0.1001) \times 2^{(-49)} = 0.6 \times 2^{(-49)}$ 2. By the round-to-nearest rule, we add 1 to the b_{52} bit to get an addition of $2^{(-52)} \times 2^3 = 2^{(-49)}$ Thus we have $fl(12.8) = 12.8 + 2^{(-49)} - 0.6 \times 2^{(-49)} = 12.8 + 0.4 \times 2^{(-49)}$

(b) Compute the relative error $d = x - fl(x) / |x|$ exactly as a base-10 number, and show that d satisfies the upper bound $d \leq \epsilon_{mach}/2$.

```
d = abs(0.4 * 2^(-49)) / abs(12.8)
eps/2 - d
```

$d =$

$5.5511e-17$

$ans =$

$5.5511e-17$

$ans = 5.551115123125783e-17 > 0$ so the d satisfies the upper bound $d \leq \epsilon_{mach}/2$

Problem 2

(a) Explain why between 2^{53} and 2^{54} , the only double precision floating point numbers that exist are the even numbers.

```
eps(2^53)
```

$ans =$

2

We got $\text{eps}(2^{53}) = 2$ and we know 2^{53} is an even number.
So the smallest # for 2^{53} is 2, which means we can add 2 to 2^{53} to get a floating point, the distance between each floating point is 2. 2^{53} is an even number plus 2 is also even, thus the only double precision floating point numbers between 2^{53} and 2^{54} are the even numbers.

(b) Suppose we type the following into the MATLAB command prompt $x = 2^{53} + 1$. What will MATLAB store in x ? Explain.

```
syms x
x = 2^53+1
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x =
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9.0072e+15
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$x = 9.0072e+15$ since in matlab we can only rounded up to decimal point 15 digits. Therefore, 9.0072×10^{15}

Problem 3

Express $(12.8)_{10}$ as a computer word.

12.8_{10} in Decimal number system and want to translate it into Binary.
Taking whole part of a number is obtained by dividing on the basis new
We get 12 using 2 as a denominator we get 1100₂ as 12₁₀ in binary
The fractional part will be rounded by multiplying the basis
 $8/2=4$0
 $6/2=3$1
 $2/2=1$1
 $4/2=2$0
 $8/2=4$0
 $6/2=3$1
 $2/2=1$1
 $4/2=2$0
 $8/2=4$0
 $6/2=3$1
 $2/2=1$1
 $4/2=2$0
 $0.8_{10} = 0.11001100110_2$
Adding two parts will be 1100.11001100110₂
Done

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