Homework 12

- 1. Describe the representation of IEEE single precision floating point numbers.
- The single precision floating point numbers are represented by a toal of 32 bits, there is one sign bit a 22-bit mantissa or the actual number followed by an 8-it exponent which allows for a greater range to be represented.
- 2. How many different single precision numbers are represented with the IEEE standard?
- 10^-38 to 10^38 different values
- 3. What is the largest single precision number?
- 3.402823466 * 10^38
- 4. What is the smallest single precision number?
- 0
- 5. What single precision numbers have the smallest non-zero absolute value?
- .0625
- 6. Explain why the highest precision occurs around the value of 1 (and -1)?
- The highest precision values occurs around one because at this point the values on both sides are going to be the closest to each other giving you a bigger range of decimal values that can exist over the small range between 1 and -1.