

Chop off Decimals in Excel

This example illustrates two functions to chop off decimals in Excel. INT and TRUNC.

♦ INT

The INT (Integer) function rounds a number down to the nearest integer (negative numbers become more negative).

B1		✕ ✓ <i>f_x</i>		=INT(A1)						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
1	114.7261	114								
2										

B1		✕ ✓ <i>f_x</i>		=INT(A1)						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
1	-114.7261	-115								
2										

Conclusion: the INT function only chops off decimals from positive numbers.

♦ TRUNC

The TRUNC (Truncate) function always chops off decimals.

B1		✕ ✓ <i>f_x</i>		=TRUNC(A1,0)						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
1	114.7261	114								
2										

B1		✕ ✓ <i>f_x</i>		=TRUNC(A1,0)						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
1	-114.7261	-114								
2										

The TRUNC function can keep any number of decimals. Simply use the second argument to specify how many decimals you want to keep.

B1		✕ ✓ <i>f_x</i>		=TRUNC(A1,2)						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	

1	114.7261	114.72							
2									

B1		✕ ✓ <i>fx</i>		=TRUNC(A1,3)					
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	114.7261	114.726							
2									

◆ Decimal Part

To return just the decimal part of a number, use the following formula.

B1		✕ ✓ <i>fx</i>		=A1-TRUNC(A1)					
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	114.7261	0.7261							
2									

Note: if the second argument of the TRUNC function is omitted, a value of 0 is assumed.

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