# High Precision Computing

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# Introduction

In the realm of mathematics and computation, precision plays a crucial role in achieving accurate and reliable results. Traditional data types in programming languages often have limitations when it comes to handling extremely large numbers or performing calculations with high precision. To address this challenge, our project aims to provide a robust and efficient library for performing arithmetic operations with arbitrary precision. This library offers a custom num class that allows users to work with numbers of virtually any size (provided that they have enough memory) and perform mathematical operations with exceptional precision.

Whether you need to calculate mathematical constants, solve complex equations, or perform intricate financial calculations, our library provides the tools necessary to achieve accurate results. The key features of this library include support for arithmetic operators (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division), comparison operators (less than, greater than, equal to), mathematical functions (square root, trigonometric functions, etc.), and convenient initialization methods for creating num objects.

To ensure the reliability and accuracy of this library, I have tested it by calculating mathematical constants, such as pi, e, and the golden ratio, to an impressive number of decimal places. The results have demonstrated a high level of accuracy, verifying the effectiveness in handling complex computations with precision.

In this documentation, you will find explanations of the library's functionality, examples, and pseudocode for various algorithms implemented within the library.

# Methodology

#### Intuition

Our objective is to store large numbers without sacrificing precision. Traditional floating-point representations suffer from precision loss, making them unsuitable for our needs. Therefore, we adopt a fixed-point system to ensure accuracy. To store the digits of a number, we utilize an array or vector. For instance, if we desire a precision of eight digits, four digits before the decimal and four digits after the decimal, the number 12.3 is represented as [(0)(0)(1)(2).(3)(0)(0)(0)]. The decimal point is implicit as we work in fixed-point representation.

Since our precision requirement is four digits, the decimal point will always be located just before the fourth-to-last element in the array. By performing arithmetic operations digit by digit, we can achieve precise computations.

However, storing one digit per array element is inefficient in terms of space utilization. Upon further consideration, we realize that storing two digits in each element allows us to work effectively in a base 100 system. This concept can be extended to store 8 or 9 digits in each element.

To handle negative numbers, we draw inspiration from the widely used two's complement system employed in computers. Assuming a precision of two digits, we represent numbers as follows:

Table 1: Examples of number representation in computer memory

Number	Representation					
1.1	$[\ (0)\ (1)\ (1)\ (0)\ ]$					
12	[(1)(2)(0)(0)]					
0.1	[ (0) (0) (1) (0) ]					
-1	[ (9) (9) (0) (0) ]					
-1.2	[ (9) (8) (8) (0) ]					

To determine the representation of -1.2, we first express 1.2 as [(0)(1)(2)(0)]. Next, we take the nine's complement of each digit, resulting in [(9)(8)(7)(9)]. Finally, we add [(0)(0)(0)(1)] to obtain the representation of -1.2 as [(9)(8)(8)(0)].

# **Implementation**

We implement a fixed-point number class from scratch, utilizing a vector of type long long to store the digits of our number. Each element in the vector is a 64-bit integer, capable of holding 18-digit numbers. However,

to avoid potential overflow issues during multiplication, we choose to store a maximum of 9 digits in each element.

To establish the precision of our class, we introduce the following variables:

K: base\_length: The number of decimal digits in each element (DIGIT).

B: number base: The base we work with, equal to  $10^K$ .

N: nDigitsBeforeDecimal: The number of DIGITs before the decimal point.

M: nDigitsAfterDecimal: The number of DIGITs after the decimal point.

Consider the example of storing the number 112233445500110044.55. Let K be 4, N be 6, and M be 2, then B would be 10,000.

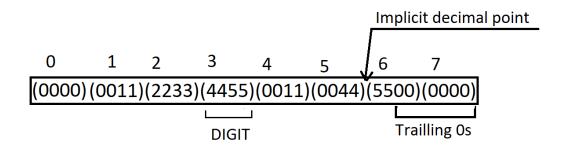


Figure 1: Schematic representation of the array used to store the number in memory.

# Documentation

This documentation will walk you through various essential aspects of the High Precision Computing Library. Each method is thoroughly explained, including its purpose, input parameters, return values, and any exceptions it may throw. Code examples are provided to illustrate how to use the methods effectively in your computations.

# Class

The definition of the class is shown below.

```
typedef long long ll;
class num{
    private:
    static ll nDigits_Before_Decimal;
    static ll nDigits_After_Decimal;
    static ll number_base, base_length;
    static ll nDIGITS;
    static bool PRECISION_SET;
```

```
std::vector<ll> digits;
   public:
   num();
   num(const num& b);
   num(std:: string arr);
   num(ll integer);
   num& operator=(const num &b);
    // helper functions
   private:
    static ll strToDIGIT(std:: string str, int length);
   static ll strToDIGIT2(std:: string str, int length);
    static std:: string DIGITtoString(ll number);
   void negate();
   public:
   bool signum() const;
   static void shiftnum(num &x, ll s);
   static std:: string NumToString(const num &x);
   static void setPrecision(11 DigitsBeforeDecimal, 11 DigitsAfterDecimal, 11 baseLength);
   // Comparision operators
   bool operator==(const num &b) const;
   bool operator!=(const num &b) const;
   bool operator>(const num &b) const;
   bool operator>=(const num &b) const;
   bool operator<(const num &b) const;</pre>
   bool operator<=(const num &b) const;</pre>
   // Arithematic Operators
   num operator+(const num &b) const;
   num operator-(const num &b) const;
   num operator-() const;
   num operator*(const num &b) const;
   num operator*(11 b) const;
   num reciprocal() const;
   num operator/(const num &b) const;
   num operator/(ll b) const;
   // Declare math functions
   public:
   static num int_reciprocal(ll x);
   static num sqrt(const num &x);
   static num arctan(const num &x);
   static num arctanOfReciprocal(ll x);
};
std:: ostream& operator<<(std:: ostream& os, num number);</pre>
```

# Member variables

Table 2: All variables used in the number class private.

Variable name	Alias	Type	Purpose
nDigits_Before_Decimal	. N	static long long	Number of DIGITs before the decimal
nDigits_After_Decimal	M	static long long	Number of DIGITs after the decimal
base_length	K	static long long	Number of decimal digits in each DIGIT
number_base	B	static long long	Base of our number system = $10^K$
nDIGITS	L	static long long	Makes code more readable. $L = N + M$
PRECISION_SET		bool	Tracks whether the precision has been set
digits		vector <long long=""></long>	It stores the actual digits of our number

#### Member functions

The class provides functions for initializing number objects in different ways, including constructors for instantiating numbers from integers or strings. It also includes various arithmetic operators such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, allowing easy computations. The comparison operators are implemented to perform comparisons between numbers, including equality and inequality checks. Additionally, the class offers mathematical functions such as square root and arctangent that will be useful when we implement testing.

#### Initialization functions

Table 3: List of various initializers.

Sr.	Name	Arguments	Return	Purpose	Usage
1	num	void	void	Initializes to 0	num a;
2	num	const num& x	void	Copy Constructor	<pre>num a; num b(a);</pre>
3	num	string s	void	Creates number from string	num a("-1.2");
4	num	long long x	void	Creates number from int64_t	num a(23);
5	=	const num& x	num&	Assignment Operator	<pre>num a; num b = a;</pre>

These constructors provide convenient ways to instantiate **num** objects using different types of input data. The initialization of **num** objects is carried out digit by digit.

For the implementation and inner workings of the num(string) constructor, refer to the pseudocode provided in the appendix of this documentation. The implementation of other constructors, such as those accepting integers or the copy constructor, follows a straightforward approach.

#### Helper functions

These function facilitate working with the num objects. All the helper functions are static.

Table 4: List of helper functions.

Sr.	Name	Argument	Return	Purpose	Usage
1	strToDIGIT	sting s, int	long long	private	private
2	strToDIGIT2	string s, int k	long long	private	private
3	DIGITtoString	long long k	string	private	private
4	static NumToString	num& x	string	Convers a num to string	<pre>num a("-1.33"); NumToSting(a);</pre>
5	signum	void	bool	Returns true if the num is non-negative	<pre>num a("1.2"); if(a.signum());</pre>
6	static shiftnum	num& x, long long k	void	Perform right shift	num a("12.2"); shift(a, 2);
7	static setPrecision	long long x,y,z	void	To set the precision	setPrecision(2,3,5)

The **shiftnum** function is designed to perform a right shift on the DIGITs of a given number (num) in place. It is important to note that this function is intended to be used only for positive num objects. If a negative num is provided as the input (x), a logic error will be thrown.

The function takes two arguments: x, which is a reference to the num object to be shifted, and k, which represents the number of positions to shift the DIGITs. If k is negative, a left shift of |k| positions is performed on the DIGITs array. In other words, each digit is moved |k| positions to the left.

Before initializing a **num** object, it is essential to set the precision for your program. Failure to set the precision may result in a runtime error when constructing a **num** object. The precision should only be set once throughout your program execution.

To set the precision, use the **setPrecision** function, specifying the desired number of digits before and after the decimal point, along with the base length. However, if you attempt to set the precision more than once, the **setPrecision** function will throw an exception.

The third argument of the **setPrecision** function represents the value of K, which must be less than 10. If the provided value exceeds this limit, the function will also throw an exception.

Ensure that you set the precision correctly before working with num objects to ensure accurate computations.

### Comparison functions

The **num** class offers operator overloading for all the standard comparison operators: <, >,  $\le$ , and  $\ge$ . These operators allow you to compare **num** objects and determine their relative magnitudes. Each comparison operator is a const function that returns a boolean value.

To use the comparison operators, simply use the appropriate operator symbol between two num objects, for example, A < B to check if num A is less than num B.

For a detailed understanding of the implementation and inner workings of the less than operator, refer to the pseudocode provided in the appendix of this documentation.

### **Arithmetic functions**

All arithmetic functions are const functions with return type num.

Table 5: Operator overloading for common math operations.

Sr.	Oparator	Argument	Time complexity
1	+	num& b	O(L)
2	-	num& b	O(L)
3	-	void	O(L)
4	*	num& b	$O(L^2)$
5	*	long long b	O(L)
6	/	num& b	$O(L^2 \log_2(L \cdot K))$
7	/	long long b	O(L)
8	reciprocal	void	$O(L^2 \log_2(L \cdot K))$

The arithmetic operations of addition and subtraction in the **num** class are performed digit by digit, starting from the rightmost digit and moving towards the left. Similarly, multiplication and division by **long long** numbers are executed digit by digit, following the same right-to-left approach. It is important to note that the argument of these operators must be less than B, to prevent any potential overflows during multiplication. When performing division, it is essential to ensure that the divisor is not zero. Otherwise, a **logic\_error** will be thrown to handle this invalid operation.

The reciprocal() method is a helper function used to calculate the reciprocal of the current num object. This method is implemented using Newton's method, which provides an efficient approximation for finding the reciprocal.

Let a > 0 be the given number. Our goal is to find x such that  $\frac{1}{x} - a = 0$ .

Let 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} - a \implies f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$
.

Using the Newton's method, if we start from a guess  $x_0$  and iteratively generate  $x_1, x_2 \dots x_n$  which are better and better approximations for the root of f(x). For  $k \ge 0$ ,

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)} = 2x_k - ax_k^2$$

Newton's method has been shown to converge quadratically which means the number of correct decimal places in the guess roughly doubes every iteration which means we will have to do at most  $\log(L \cdot K)$  iterations.

For detailed information on the algorithms and implementations of the multiplication, reciprocal, and division operations, refer to the pseudocode provided in the appendix of this documentation.

#### Math functions

In addition to the core functionality of the library, several useful math functions have been implemented to facilitate testing and enhance the versatility of the library. These functions can be employed to perform various mathematical calculations and validate the accuracy of the library's numerical operations by calculating numerical constants.

Table 6: List of math functions written in the library to facilitate testing

Sr.	Name	Arguments	Return	Purpose	Usage
1	sqrt	num x	num	returns $\sqrt{x}$	<pre>num a; num b = sqrt(a);</pre>

Sr.	Name	Arguments	Return	Purpose	Usage
2	int_reciprocal	long long	num	returns $\frac{1}{x}$	<pre>int_reciprocal(4);</pre>
3	arctan	num x	num	returns $\tan^{-1}(x)$	num a; num b =
4	arctanOfRecipro	calong long	num	returns $\tan^{-1}(\frac{1}{x})$	<pre>arctan(a); arctanOfReciprocal(3);</pre>

The sqrt function is implemented using the Newton's method. Let the input to the function be a. We want to find the root of the function  $f(x) = x^2 - a$ . Now f'(x) = 2x. Steps involved in the Newton's algorithm are:

Set  $x_0$  to be a guess for the root of f(x). Then  $\forall k \geq 0$ ,  $x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$ .

$$x_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(x_k + \frac{a}{x_k})$$

Since the Newtons method has been shown to converge quadratically the number of correct decimal digits in  $x_k$  roughly doubles every iteration hence the number of iteration of the newtons algorithm we need is  $\log_2(L\cdot K)$ 

int\_reciprocal function is implemented by the long division algorithm which is quite straightforward.

arctan function and arctanOfReciprocal function are implemented using the Taylor series expansion of the  $\tan^{-1}(x)$ .

$$\tan^{-1}(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} \cdots$$

The terms  $\frac{x^k}{k!}$  are added until  $\frac{x^k}{k!}$  goes out of precision and becomes 0.

For detailed information on the algorithms and implementations of these functions refer to the pseudocode provided in the appendix of this documentation.

# **Testing**

To test the library's accuracy and performance, one approach is to calculate mathematical constants to a large number of decimal places. This involves using the library's numerical operations and functions to compute well-known mathematical constants, such as  $\pi$  to a high precision.

The testing process can be divided into the following steps:

1. Select the mathematical constant to be calculated.

Table 7: Mathematical constants used for testing

Name	Formula
Pythagoras's constant $(\pi)$ Euler's number $(e)$ Golden Ratio $(\phi)$	$\frac{\pi}{4} = \tan^{-1}(\frac{1}{5}) + \tan^{-1}(\frac{1}{239})$ $e = 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \cdots$ $\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$

- 2. Determine the desired number of decimal places for the calculation. This will determine the required precision of the library.
- 3. Implement the necessary algorithms or formulas to compute the constant using the library's operations and functions.
- 4. Perform the calculation and compare the result with known values or reference implementations obtained from reliable sources.
- 5. Measure the performance of the library during the calculation, including the time taken to compute the constant to the desired precision.

This testing approach helps ensure that the library performs accurately and consistently for various mathematical calculations in real-world applications.

Table 8: Specifications of the computer system used for testing.

Operating system	Windows 11 build 22631.1972
Processor	11th Gen Intel(R) Core i5-1135G7 @ $2.40\mathrm{GHz}$
System type	64-bit operating system, x64-processor
RAM	16 GB DDR5
GPU	Intel Iris XE Graphics

The C++ code used for testing is provided in the appendix to this document. Time taken for execution will vary across different systems but the results are still reproducible.

Table 9: Results of testing

Constant	Target decimal	Accurate Decimals	Time taken(seconds)	Accuracy
$\pi$	1,00,000	99,997	52.704	99.997%
e	1,00,000	99,997	9.763	99.997%
$\phi$	1,00,000	99,999	558.673	99.999%

Resources used for verification are University of Illinois for  $\pi$ , nasa.gov for e, and golden are university of Illinois for  $\pi$ .

# Conclusion

The library supports high precision through the use of a custom num class that handles large numbers with a flexible number of digits. The implementation utilizes efficient algorithms and techniques, such as Newton's method for reciprocal calculations, Taylor series expansions for trigonometric functions, approximation techniques for square root calculations.

This library offers a wide range of mathematical operations, including arithmetic operators, comparison operators, mathematical functions, and initialization methods. I have provided detailed documentation, including pseudocode, to assist users in understanding the inner workings of the library. Users can write their own functions as per their need and requirement.

The testing process has demonstrated the accuracy and reliability of our library, with results that closely match known values with a high level of precision.

# Appendix

This appendix contains the pseudocode for selected functions.

# **Testing**

Code for calculating  $\pi$ 

```
// set precision
int N = 2, M = 12500, K = 8;
num:: setPrecision(N, M, K);
// start the clock
clock_t tStart = clock();
// calculate pi
num pi = num::arctanOfReciprocal(5) * 16 - num::arctanOfReciprocal(239) * 4;
std:: string calculated_pi = num::NumToString(pi);
// read the true value of pi from pi.txt
std:: string true_pi;
std:: ifstream pi_txt("pi.txt");
std:: getline(pi_txt, true_pi);
// compare digits, and report the first unequal digit
int i = 0;
while(i<true_pi.length() && i<calculated_pi.length() && true_pi[i] == calculated_pi[i]){</pre>
    i++:
std::cout<<"First wrong digit is " << i<<std::endl;</pre>
// report the time taken
std:: cout<< "Time taken:" << (double)(clock() - tStart) / CLOCKS_PER_SEC << std:: endl;</pre>
```

Code for calculating e

```
// set precision
int N = 5, M = 12500, K = 8;
num:: setPrecision(N, M, K);
// start the clock
clock_t tStart = clock();
// calculate e
num e(0);
num term(1):
num zero(0);
long long r = 1;
while(term != zero){
    e = e + term;
    term = term/r;
    r++;
}
std:: string calculated_e = num::NumToString(e);
// read the true value of e from e.txt
std:: string true_e;
std:: ifstream e_txt("e.txt");
std:: getline(e_txt, true_e);
// compare digits, and report the first unequal digit
int i = 0;
while(i<true_e.length() && i<calculated_e.length() & true_e[i] == calculated_e[i]){</pre>
std::cout<<"First wrong digit is " << i<<std::endl;</pre>
// report the time taken
std:: cout<< "Time taken:" << (double)(clock() - tStart) / CLOCKS_PER_SEC << std:: endl;</pre>
```

#### Code for calculating $\phi$

```
// set precision
int N = 125, M = 125, K= 8;
num:: setPrecision(N, M, K);
// start the clock
clock_t tStart = clock();
// calculate phi
num phi = (num::sqrt(num(5))+num(1))/2;
std:: string calculated_phi = num::NumToString(phi);
// read the true value of phi from GoldenRatio.txt
std:: string true_phi;
std:: ifstream phi_txt("GoldenRatio.txt");
std:: getline(phi_txt, true_phi);
```

```
// compare digits, and report the first unequal digit
int i = 0;
while(i<true_phi.length() && i<calculated_phi.length() && true_phi[i] == calculated_phi[i]){
    i++;
}
std::cout<<"First wrong digit is " << i<std::endl;

// report the time taken
std:: cout<< "Time taken:" << (double)(clock() - tStart) / CLOCKS_PER_SEC << std:: endl;</pre>
```

#### Math

sqrt(num&)

 $int\_reciprocal(long\ long)$ 

```
function int_reciprocal(x: 11) -> num
   if x = 0 then
        throw "division by zero"

positive := x > 0
   if not positive then
        x := -x

ans: num
   remainder := 1

for i := nDigits_Before_Decimal to nDIGITS - 1 do
```

```
ans.digits[i] := (remainder * number_base) / x
    remainder := (remainder * number_base) mod x

if not positive then
    ans.negate()

return ans
end function
```

# arctan(num&)

# arctanOfReciprocal(long long)

# Multiplication

operator\*(num&)

```
function operator*(c: num) -> prod: num
    // Prepare variables and handle signs
   b = c // create a copy of the input number c
   a = this // create a copy of the current number
    sameSign = a.signum() is equal to b.signum() // determine if the final result should have the same
   // Handle negative numbers by converting them to positive
    if a.signum() is false then
        a.negate()
   if b.signum() is false then
        b.negate()
   // Create an empty array to hold the temporary result
   ans = new vector of size 2*nDIGITS initialized with zeros
   // Perform the multiplication
   for i from 0 to nDIGITS - 1 do
       // Skip multiplication if the digit is zero
        if b.digits[i] is zero then
            continue
       for j from 0 to nDIGITS - 1 do
            ans[i + j + 1] += a.digits[j] * b.digits[i]
            // multiply and accumulate the partial products
   /\!/ we did not take carry in the previous step so we do it now
    for i from 2*nDIGITS - 1 to 1 do
        ans[i - 1] += ans[i] / number_base // carry over the excess digits
        ans[i] = ans[i] % number_base // keep only the remainder
    // Set the answer variable
   prod = new num
   for i from 0 to nDIGITS - 1 do
       prod.digits[i] = ans[nDigits_Before_Decimal + i]
        // copy the appropriate DIGIT from the temporary array to the product variable
    // Adjust the sign of the result
    if sameSign is false then
       prod.negate()
   return prod
```

### operator\*(long long)

```
function operator*(x: 11) -> ans: num
// Prepare variables and handle signs
```

```
ans = new num
y = this // create a copy of the current number
sameSign = y.signum() is equal to (x > 0)
// determine the sign of final result
// Handle negative numbers by converting them to positive
if y.signum() is false then
   у = -у
if x < 0 then
   x = -x
carry = 0
for i from nDIGITS - 1 to 0 do
    temp = y.digits[i] * x + carry
    // multiply the digit with x and add any carry from previous calculations
    ans.digits[i] = temp % number_base
    // store the remainder in the appropriate digit of the result
   carry = temp / number_base // calculate the carry for the next iteration
if sameSign is true then
   return ans
else
   return -ans
```

#### Division

operator/(num&)

```
function num::operator/(const num &b) returns num
    num y
    if b == y then
        throw logic_error("Division by 0")
    num x <- this
    y <- b
    bool sameSign <- x.signum() == y.signum()</pre>
    if not x.signum() then
        x <- -x
    if not y.signum() then
        у <- -у
    int i <- 0
    num p, q
    while y.digits[i] == 0 do
        i <- i + 1
    int shift <- nDigits_Before_Decimal - i - 1</pre>
    shiftnum(x, shift) // Right shift x by the appropriate number of digits
    shiftnum(y, shift) // Right shift y by the same number of digits
```

```
if sameSign then
    return x * y.reciprocal() // Perform division by multiplying x with the reciprocal of y
return -x * y.reciprocal() // Perform division and negate the result if signs are different
end function
```

### operator/(long long)

```
function operator/(x: 11) -> ans: num
   if x is equal to 0 then
        throw a logic_error("Division by zero")
   ans = new num
   y = this // create a copy of the current number
   sameSign = y.signum() is equal to (x > 0)
   // determine the sign of the final result
   // Handle negative numbers by converting them to positive
   if y.signum() is false then
       y = -y
   if x < 0 then</pre>
       x = -x
   remainder = 0
   for i from 0 to nDIGITS - 1 do
       temp = remainder * number_base + y.digits[i]
        // combine the remainder with the next digit of y
        ans.digits[i] = temp / x // divide the combined value by x and store the quotient
        remainder = temp % x // calculate the new remainder for the next iteration
    if sameSign is false then
       ans.negate()
   return ans
```

### reciprocal()

```
function reciprocal() -> result: num
   if *this == (num(0)) then
        throw a logic_error("division by 0 occurred")

positive = this->signum() // get the sign of the number
   a = new num(*this)
   if a is negative then
        a.negate()

if a.digits[0] > number_base / 4 then
   // if the number too large we don't need to do any calculation , just return 0
        return num(0)
```

```
r = 0
while a.digits[r] is equal to 0 do
    r++

guess = new num
guess.digits[nDIGITS - 1 - r] = number_base / a.digits[r]
two = new num(2)

logLK = log2(base_length * (nDIGITS)) + 2
for k from 0 to logLK do
    guess = guess * (two - a * guess)

if not positive then
    guess.negate()

return guess
```

### Miscellaneous

### Operator<(num&)

```
function operator<(b: num) -> result: bool
  if this->sign() is equal to b.sign() then
    for i from 0 to nDIGITS - 1 do
        if digits[i] is not equal to b.digits[i] then
            return digits[i] < b.digits[i]
    return b.sign()</pre>
```

### num(string)

```
i = nDigits_Before_Decimal - 1
j = charBeforeDecimal
while i >= 0 and j > base_length do
    digits[i] = stoi(number.substr(j - base_length, base_length))
    j -= base_length
if i \ge 0 then
    digits[i] = strToDIGIT(number, j)
if totalLength is equal to charBeforeDecimal then
    // No decimal point in the string
    if(!positive) this->negate();
   return
charAfterDecimal = totalLength - charBeforeDecimal - 1
i = nDigits_Before_Decimal
j = charBeforeDecimal + 1
while i < nDIGITS and charAfterDecimal > base_length do
    digits[i] = stoi(number.substr(j, base_length))
    charAfterDecimal -= base_length
    j += base_length
if i < nDIGITS then</pre>
    digits[i] = strToDIGIT2(number.substr(j), charAfterDecimal)
if positive is false then
    this->negate()
```

### NumToString(num&)

```
function NumToString(x: num) -> result: string
    result <- ""
    y <- create a copy of x using the default copy constructor

if y is negative then
        append "-" to result
        y.negate() // negate the value inside the variable

i <- 0
while y.digits[i] is equal to 0 and i is less than nDigits_Before_Decimal - 1 do
        increment i by 1

append y.digits[i] converted to string to result
increment i by 1

while i is less than nDigits_Before_Decimal do
        append DIGITtoString(y.digits[i]) to result</pre>
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increment i by 1

t <- nDIGITS
while y.digits[t - 1] is equal to 0 and t is greater than or equal to nDigits_Before_Decimal do
    decrement t by 1

if t is not equal to nDigits_After_Decimal then
    append "." to result
    while i is less than t do
        append print_helper(y.digits[i]) to result
        increment i by 1

return result</pre>
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