

Detailed Float Calculation

-23.5

Next Step

Start Over

1 Negative so sign bit is 1

10111 Convert whole number section to binary (23 base 10)

0.1 Convert fraction section to binary (.5 base 10 is $\frac{1}{2}$ or .1 in binary)

10111.1 Join the two together

4 How many spaces to move binary point (ignore the leading 1 because we always have a leading one digit)

(131 base 10) 10000011 Add 127 to get Exponent

10000011 Convert Exponent to binary

1.01111 Adjust the mantissa

011110000000000000000000 Remove the leading 1

127 is the Basis meaning that the float can range from base 2 -127 to base 2 $+127$

Result in Binary : 1 10000011 011110000000000000000000

Floating Point Steps :

1. Starting Number : -4.25
2. Binary format = -1 4 .25 -1 100 .01
3. Combine 100.01
4. Digits to move decimal until leading 1 : 2 1 00.01
5. Exponent - Bias (127) = 2 so Exponent is 129 10000001
6. Put sign, exponent and mantissa together:
1 10000001 0001 0000000000000000000000 (19 0)