

	A	B	C	D
1	x	y	x-y	x-y >= 0.1
2	1.3	1.2	0.100000000000000000	true
3	1.2	1.1	0.099999999999999900	false
4				
5				

$(4/3 - 1)*3 - 1$	$((4/3 - 1)*3 - 1)$
0	-2.22045E-16

Apparently *Excel* rounds *Cosmetically* in a futile attempt to make Binary floating-point appear to be Decimal. This is why *Excel* confers supernatural powers upon some (not all) parentheses.

How can a user of *Excel* predict which functions act upon displayed instead of actual values? Which expressions get rounded cosmetically before being displayed? The user's program cannot be debugged without an awareness of these questions, and an aware user ends up debugging Microsoft's pious fraud instead of just a malfunctioning *Excel* spreadsheet.

"Against stupidity even the gods struggle in vain." F. von Schiller (1759-1805)