

NASA and IEEE 754 Format

Differences

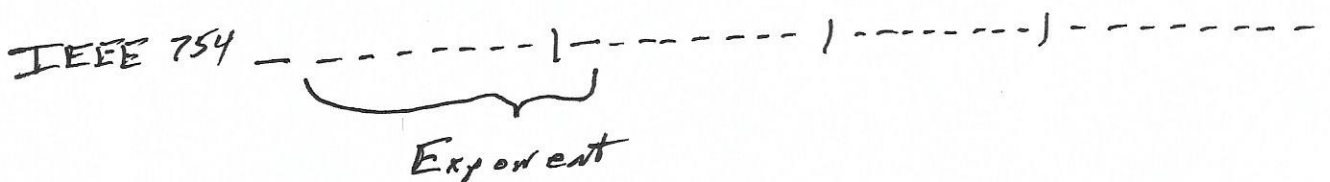
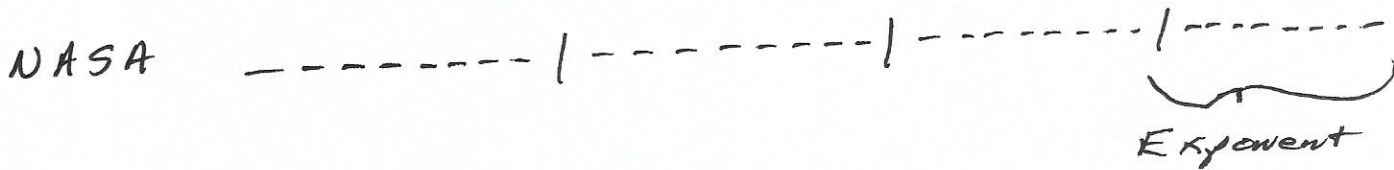
1) Scaling

$$\text{NASA} \rightarrow 0.1xxx \times 2^E$$

$$\text{IEEE} \rightarrow 1.xxx \times 2^{E-1}$$

The exponent has been shifted

2) The position of the Exponent is shifted, Moved to front Bits.



3) The exponent is biased by adding 127. No 2's complement

$$\text{NASA} \rightarrow 0.1xxx \times 2^E$$

↓
E-1+127

$$\text{Vs. } 1.xxx \times 2$$

4) Lastly the 1 is dropped

$$\text{NASA} \rightarrow 0.1xxx \times 2^E$$

$$\text{VS. } \underline{\underline{.xxx \times 2^{E-1+127}}}$$

Gains an extra Bit of accuracy.

So, Let's start with an example

$0.1_{10} \rightarrow$ First convert to base 16

$$0.1 \times 16 = 1.\underline{6}$$

$$0.6 \times 16 = 9.\underline{6}$$

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⋮

$$0.1_{10} = 0.19999 \dots_{16} = 0.1\underline{9}_{16}$$

Let's have fun and add this infinite sequence to make sure it is 0.1_{10}

$$\underline{\underline{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} C^i = \frac{1}{1-C}, \quad C < 1}}$$

Let's prove the previous formula

$$S_N = c^0 + c^1 + c^2 + c^3 + \dots + c^N$$
$$= \sum_{i=0}^N c^i$$

Now multiply by c

$$cS_N = c \sum_{i=0}^N c^i = c^1 + c^2 + c^3 + \dots + c^{N+1}$$

Now subtract the first from the second

$$S_N = c^0 + \cancel{c^1} + \cancel{c^2} + \dots + \cancel{c^N}$$

$$- cS_N = \cancel{c^1} + \cancel{c^2} + \dots + \cancel{c^N} + c^{N+1}$$

$$(1-c)S_N = c^0 + c^{N+1}$$

$$S_N = \frac{c^0 + c^{N+1}}{1-c}$$

As $N \rightarrow \infty$
 $c^{N+1} = 0$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N = \frac{1}{1-c}$$

If we use this formula then we can show equivalency

$$0.1\overline{9}_{16} = \frac{1}{16} + \frac{9}{16^2} + \frac{9}{16^3} + \frac{9}{16^4} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} + \frac{9}{16^2} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{16}\right)^i$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} + \frac{9}{16^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{16^2} + \dots\right)$$

↓ use formula

$$= \frac{1}{16} + \frac{9}{16^2} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{16}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} + \frac{9}{16^2} \left(\frac{16}{15}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} + \frac{9}{16 \cdot 15}$$

$$= \frac{15 + 9}{16 \cdot 15} = \frac{24}{240} = \underline{\underline{.1_{10}}}$$

So $0.1_{10} = 0.1\overline{9}_{16}$

Now put this into NASA format

$$0.19_{16} = 0.0001\ 1001\ 1001\ 1001\ \dots$$

$$= 0.1100\ \underline{1100} \times 2^{-3}$$

$$= 0.\underline{1100} \times 2^{-3} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 0000\ 0011 \\ 1111\ 1100 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 1111\ 1101 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{2's complement} \\ \downarrow \end{array}$$

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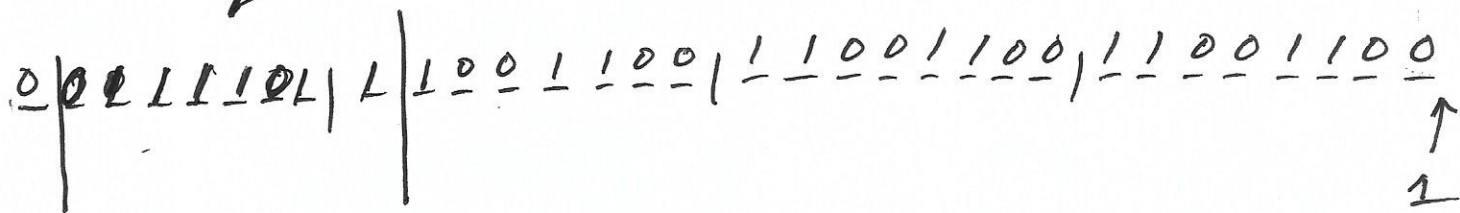
This would be NASA format

Now convert to IEEE 754

$$0.1100 \times 2^{-3} \quad \leftarrow \text{NASA}$$

$$= 1.1001 \times 2^{-4}$$

$$127 - 4 = 123$$



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Rounding up

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