

# NUMERICAL RECIPES

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### Code for Machar

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struct Machar {
    Int ibeta, it, irnd, ngrd, machep, negep, iexp, minexp, maxexp;
    Doub eps, epsneg, xmin, xmax;
} machar.h

Machar () {
    Determines machine-specific parameters affecting floating-point arithmetic, including ibeta,
    the floating-point radix; it, the number of base-ibeta digits in the floating-point mantissa;
    eps, the smallest positive number that, added to 1.0, is not equal to 1.0; epsneg, the
    smallest positive number that, subtracted from 1.0, is not equal to 1.0; xmin, the smallest
    representable positive number; and xmax, the largest representable positive number. See
    text for description of other returned parameters. Change Doub to float to find single
    precision parameters.
    Int i, itemp, iz, j, k, mx, nxres;
    Doub a, b, beta, betah, betain, one, t, temp, temp1, tempa, two, y, z, zero;
    one=Doub(1);
    two=one+one;
    zero=one-one;
    a=one;
    do {
        a += a;
        temp=a+one;
        temp1=temp-a;
    } while (temp1-one == zero);
    b=one;
    do {
        b += b;
        temp=a+b;
        itemp=Int(temp-a);
    } while (itemp == 0);
    ibeta=itemp;
    beta=Doub(ibeta);
    it=0;
    b=one;
    do {
        ++it;
        b *= beta;
        temp=b+one;
        temp1=temp-b;
    } while (temp1-one == zero);
    irnd=0;
    betah=beta/two;
    temp=a+betah;
    if (temp-a != zero) irnd=1;
    tempa=a+beta;
    temp=tempa+betah;
    if (irnd == 0 && temp-tempa != zero) irnd=2;
    negep=it+3;
    betain=one/beta;
    Determine ibeta and beta by the method of M. Malcolm.
    Determine it and irnd.
    Determine negep and epsneg.
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a=one;
for (i=1;i<=negep;i++) a *= betain;
b=a;
for (;;) {
    temp=one-a;
    if (temp-one != zero) break;
    a *= beta;
    --negep;
}
negep = -negep;
epsneg=a;
machep = -it-3;           Determine machep and eps.
a=b;
for (;;) {
    temp=one+a;
    if (temp-one != zero) break;
    a *= beta;
    ++machep;
}
eps=a;
ngrd=0;                   Determine ngrd.
temp=one+eps;
if (irnd == 0 && temp*one-one != zero) ngrd=1;
i=0;                       Determine iexp.
k=1;
z=betain;
t=one+eps;
nxres=0;
for (;;) {                 Loop until an underflow occurs, then exit.
    y=z;
    z=y*y;
    a=z*one;               Check here for the underflow.
    temp=z*t;
    if (a+a == zero || abs(z) >= y) break;
    temp1=temp*betain;
    if (temp1*beta == z) break;
    ++i;
    k += k;
}
if (ibeta != 10) {
    iexp=i+1;
    mx=k+k;
} else {                     For decimal machines only.
    iexp=2;
    iz=ibeta;
    while (k >= iz) {
        iz *= ibeta;
        ++iexp;
    }
    mx=iz+iz-1;
}
for (;;) {                 To determine minexp and xmin, loop until an
    xmin=y;                 underflow occurs, then exit.
    y *= betain;
    a=y*one;               Check here for the underflow.
    temp=y*t;
    if (a+a != zero && abs(y) < xmin) {
        ++k;
        temp1=temp*betain;
        if (temp1*beta == y && temp != y) {
            nxres=3;
            xmin=y;
            break;
        }
    }
}

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    }
    else break;
}
minexp = -k;           Determine maxexp, xmax.
if (mx <= k+k-3 && ibeta != 10) {
    mx += mx;
    ++iexp;
}
maxexp=mx+minexp;
irnd += nxres;       Adjust irnd to reflect partial underflow.
if (irnd >= 2) maxexp -= 2;   Adjust for IEEE-style machines.
i=maxexp+minexp;
Adjust for machines with implicit leading bit in binary mantissa, and machines with
radix point at extreme right of mantissa.
if (ibeta == 2 && !i) --maxexp;
if (i > 20) --maxexp;
if (a != y) maxexp -= 2;
xmax=one-epsneg;
if (xmax*one != xmax) xmax=one-beta*epsneg;
xmax /= (xmin*beta*beta*beta);
i=maxexp+minexp+3;
for (j=1;j<=i;j++) {
    if (ibeta == 2) xmax += xmax;
    else xmax *= beta;
}
}

void report() {
    cout << "quantity: numeric_limits<Dou> says (we calculate)" << endl;
    cout << "radix: " << numeric_limits<Dou>::radix
        << " (" << ibeta << ")" << endl;
    cout << "mantissa digits: " << numeric_limits<Dou>::digits
        << " (" << it << ")" << endl;
    cout << "round style: " << numeric_limits<Dou>::round_style
        << " (" << irnd << ") [our 5 == IEEE 1]" << endl;
    cout << "guard digits: " << "[not in numeric_limits]"
        << " (" << ngrd << ")" << endl;
    cout << "epsilon: " << numeric_limits<Dou>::epsilon()
        << " (" << eps << ")" << endl;
    cout << "neg epsilon: " << "[not in numeric_limits]"
        << " (" << epsneg << ")" << endl;
    cout << "epsilon power: " << "[not in numeric_limits]"
        << " (" << machep << ")" << endl;
    cout << "neg epsilon power: " << "[not in numeric_limits]"
        << " (" << negep << ")" << endl;
    cout << "exponent digits: " << "[not in numeric_limits]"
        << " (" << iexp << ")" << endl;
    cout << "min exponent: " << numeric_limits<Dou>::min_exponent
        << " (" << minexp << ")" << endl;
    cout << "max exponent: " << numeric_limits<Dou>::max_exponent
        << " (" << maxexp << ")" << endl;
    cout << "minimum: " << numeric_limits<Dou>::min()
        << " (" << xmin << ")" << endl;
    cout << "maximum: " << numeric_limits<Dou>::max()
        << " (" << xmax << ")" << endl;
}
};

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