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**Formulas are at the end.** Choose the **best** answer in each of the following multiple-choice questions.

**1 mark each**

- The mantissa of a normalized float number including the hidden bit
  - is approximately  $10^{-7}$
  - holds the power of 2 of the number
  - has a value between 1 and almost 2
  - has a value between 0 and almost 1
  - has a value between 0 and  $10^{-7}$
- In Science and Engineering real numbers have the following three parts:
  - exponent, characteristic, base
  - mantissa, significand, exponent
  - base, bias, mantissa
  - mantissa, exponent, base
  - exponent, bias, base
- Which of the following numbers is invalid
  - $2.9979 \times 10^8$
  - $0.29979 \times 10^9$
  - $29979 \times 10^4$
  - 299790000
  - none of the previous are invalid
- For the float data type the bias of 127 is
  - the amount by which the number is normalized
  - the number that is added to the exponent in memory to give the actual exponent
  - the number that is subtracted from the exponent in memory to give the actual exponent
  - the number that is added to the mantissa in memory to give the actual mantissa
  - the number that is subtracted from the mantissa in memory to give the actual mantissa
- For the float number 128.0 the exponent in memory is
  - 1
  - 120
  - 127
  - 134
  - 255
- What is the binary (base 2) value of the decimal number 13.125?
  - 1101.001
  - 111.010
  - 1101.125
  - 111.125
  - .011
- A de-normalized number has
  - exponent: 0, mantissa: 0
  - exponent: 0, mantissa: not 0
  - exponent: not 0, mantissa: 0
  - exponent: not 0, mantissa: not 0
  - none of the previous
- The symbol number NaN occurs when
  - a double is cast to a float
  - a float is cast to a double
  - the result of a calculation is 0
  - a float exceeds the value  $1.0e^{38}$
  - none of the previous is correct
- What is true about the float number 0?
  - It doesn't exist – underflow is the closest you can get
  - It only has the hidden bit – all the other fields are 0
  - the exponent is 127 (so when the bias is subtracted you get 0)
  - there's nothing special – it's just another normalized number
  - none of the previous is true

The following code is used in question 10 - 13

```
float s = 2.0e-8;
float t = 5.0e-7;
float v = 1.0e-4;
float a = 1.0;
float b = 100.0;

printf("%.8e\n", a + t); // 1.
printf("%.8e\n", a + s); // 2.
printf("%.8e\n", b + v); // 3.
printf("%.8e\n", b + t); // 4.
```

10. Output 1 is likely to be close to

- $1.00000000e+000$
- $1.00000048e+000$
- $1.00000000e+002$
- $1.00000099e+002$
- none of the previous

11. Output 2 is likely to be close to

- $1.00000000e+000$
- $1.00000048e+000$
- $1.00000000e+002$
- $1.00000099e+002$
- none of the previous

12. Output 3 is likely to be close to

- a. 1.000000000e+000    b. 1.00000048e+000    c. 1.00000000e+002    d. 1.00000099e+002  
 e. none of the previous

13. Output 4 is likely to be close to

- a. 1.000000000e+000    b. 1.00000048e+000    c. 1.00000000e+002    d. 1.00000099e+002  
 e. none of the previous

14. A converging Maclaurin series is one where

- a. each term is smaller than the preceding term    b. each term is larger than the preceding term  
 c. each term is a power series in x    d. each term uses derivatives at the origin  
 e. none of the previous

15. A Maclaurin series does which of the following for a function  $y = f(x)$

- a) writes it as a series of terms in powers of y  
 b) writes it as a series of terms in powers of  $f(x)$   
 c) writes it as a series of terms in powers of the derivatives of  $f(x)$   
 d) writes it as a series of terms in powers of x  
 e) none of the above

16. With reference to the formula at the end, which one of the following is a general expression the third term in the Maclaurin series?

- a.  $\frac{f^{(3)}(0).x^3}{3!}$     b.  $\frac{f^{(3)}(3).x^3}{3!}$     c.  $\frac{f^{(2)}(2).x^2}{2!}$     d.  $\frac{f^{(0)}(2).x^2}{2!}$     e.  $\frac{f^{(2)}(0).x^2}{2!}$

17. The difference between a Maclaurin series and a Taylor series is

- a. A Maclaurin series uses derivatives of x and a Taylor series uses powers of x  
 b. A Maclaurin series uses powers of x and a Taylor series uses powers of the derivatives of x  
 c. A Maclaurin series uses derivatives at  $x=0$  and a Taylor series uses derivatives at  $x = a$   
 d. A Maclaurin series uses derivatives at  $x=a$  and a Taylor series uses derivatives at  $x = 0$   
 e. there is no difference between a Maclaurin series and a Taylor series

18. Which one of the following is the most appropriate relative (fractional) error expression of a Maclaurin series for fast executing code?

- a. (1st truncated term)/(exact value from math library)    b. (1st truncated term)/(Maclaurin series approximation)  
 c. (all truncated terms)/(Maclaurin series approximation)  
 d. (all truncated terms)/(exact value from math library)  
 e. (last truncated term)/(Maclaurin series approximation)

19. Using the Maclaurin series for the  $\cos(x)$  function in the formulas at the end, what is the slope at  $x = 0$ ?

- a. 0    b. 1    c.  $1 - x^2/2!$     d.  $1 - x$     e.  $1 + x$

20. In the following Maclaurin series for  $\tan(x)$  near  $x = 0$ :

$$\tan x = x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{15}x^5 + \frac{17}{315}x^7 + \frac{62}{2835}x^9 + \dots$$

what is an estimate of the truncation error if the series has all terms up to and including the term in  $x^3$

- a.  $x + \frac{1}{3}x^3$     b.  $\frac{2}{15}x^5$     c.  $\frac{17}{315}x^7$     d.  $\frac{17}{315}x^7 + \frac{62}{2835}x^9$   
 e. there is no error because the series ends at the term in  $x^3$

**Short Questions** Show all working to get partial marks**21. [10 marks]**Show the derivation of the **hexadecimal** field in memory that represents the `float` decimal number 2.125

$$2.125_{10} = 10.001_2 \rightarrow \text{normalized} = 1.0001_2 \quad \text{Sign bit} = 0$$

$$\text{Exponent} = 127 + 1 = 128 = 10000000_2 \quad \text{for float}$$

$$\text{Mantissa} = [1] . 0001_2$$

$$\text{So the total bit field for 2.125 float} = 0100\ 0000\ 0000\ 1000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000 = 40080000_{16}$$

**22. [10 marks]****22a [5 marks]**Derive the Maclaurin series expansion for the function  $f(x) = 2\cos(x/2)$  for the first three non-zero terms

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

From the formulas:

**Substituting  $x/2$  for  $x$  and multiply by 2, for the first three terms:**

$$2\cos(x/2) = 2 - 2x^2/4.(2!) + 2x^4/16.(4!) = 2 - x^2/4 + x^4/192$$

**22b. [5 marks]**Write a numerical expression for the estimated % fractional (relative) error in your series from **22a** at  $x = 1.0$  when only two terms are used.

$$\text{At } x = 1.0 \text{ with two terms } f(x) = 2 - 1/4 = 7/4$$

$$\text{and error is } \sim \text{first truncated term} = 1/192$$

$$\text{so the \% fractional error} = 100 \times (1/192)/(7/4) = 0.298\%$$

## Formulas

The general formula for Maclaurin Series:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(0) \cdot x^k}{k!}$$

Maclaurin Series of Particular Functions:

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \quad \text{for all } x$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \quad \cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

Derivatives:

$$\frac{d(\sin(x))}{dx} = \cos(x); \quad \frac{d(\cos(x))}{dx} = -\sin(x); \quad \frac{d(e^{ax})}{dx} = ae^{ax} \qquad \frac{d(uv)}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$