Bit representation of floating-point numbers

Arbitrary real-valued numbers cannot be represented by bits

- approximated by certain rational numbers; "floating-point numbers"
- p bits for "significand" (fraction, mantissa)
- m bits for exponent
- 1 sign bit

here bits b(i) are counted from left (i=0) to right (i=p-1)

$$(i)2^{-(i+1)}$$

$$1 < \text{significand} < 2$$

$$R = \operatorname{sign} \times 2^{e} \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} b(i) 2^{-i} \to \operatorname{sign} \times 2^{e} \left(1 + \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} b(i) 2^{-(i+1)} \right)$$

1 ≤ significand < 2

The exponent can be positive or negative

- exactly how the exponent is stored is a bit subtle (we don't need the details) On most computers:

sign

- single-precision (4 bytes); p=23, m=8

(precision about 7 decimals)

- double-precision (8 bytes); p=53, m=10

(precision about 16 decimals)

- some times 16-byte quadruple precision is available

Special values represented

+0,-0, +infinity, -infinity, "not a number" NaN

Example: floats, random numbers, arrays, multiple dispatch [randomarray.jl]

```
First method, Int argument
function makerandom(n::Int)
    r=Array{Float64}(undef,n)
                                     - array with n elements (undefined contents)
   for i=1:n
                                     - one way to loop over values i
       r[i]=rand()
                                     - i:th element assigned a random value in [0,1)
   end
    return r
end
function makerandom(m::Float64)
                                          Second method, Float64 argument
   n=round(Int,m)
                                          - round to closest integer and convert to Int
    r=Array{Float32}(undef,n)
   for i=1:n
                                          In general, any number of methods
       r[i]=rand()
                                          can be used, as long as they can be
   end
                                          uniquely identified by their arguments
   return r
                                          (more on functions later)
end
```

Two function declarations, same name, different argument types

- it's really one function with two methods
- the method that matches calling raguments is dispached

Code calling this function:

```
n=5
m=convert(Float64,n)
                         - converts integer n to 64-bit float
a=makerandom(n)
for i=1:n
   println(i," ",a[i])
end
                                        0.768629462884634
a=makerandom(m)
                                        0.2031804749902122
for i=1:n
                                       0.1664474670812679
   println(i," ",a[i])
                                        0.5501970241421752
end
                                        0.4978716671303165
Output
                                        0.5057016
Note, in second method:
                                        0.65821403
                                       0.2276439
Float64 value is assigned to a
                                        0.83020467
Float32 variable; OK but of
                                        0.84432185
course some precision is lost
Floating-point types in Julia
Float16, Float32, Float64
```

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Examples of matrix operations
                                   [matrix.jl]
Function to maxe a random n*n matrix
function randmatrix(n::Int)
                                         matrix = 2-dimensional array
   mat=Array{Float64}(undef,n,n)
   for j=1:n
       for i=1:n
          mat[i,j]=rand()
      end
   end
   return mat
end
a=randmatrix(n)
b=randmatrix(n)
                 here * means actual matrix multiplication
c=a*b
for i=1:n
   println(a[i,:]," ",b[i,:]," ",c[i,:]) : means all elements
end
              point . before operator means element-by-element
c=a.*b
              Base function for matrix inversion
b=inv(a)
```

Notes on variable/function names, non-ascii symbols

Names are case-sensitive; "Var" is different from "var"

- customary to use lower case for variables and function names
- use upper case first letter for module and type names
- functions that change arguments end in "!" (I violate this rule...)

Names of variables and functions can contain Unicode characters

- in addition to the conventional ASCII characters

```
Example: function 笨蛋(\gamma) [specialnames.jl] \alpha=1 \beta=1 \delta=\alpha+\beta+\gamma return \delta end println(笨蛋(2))
```

Depending on your editor/environment, it may be painful to enter characters

- in the REPL, Latex commands can be used, e.g., \delta<tab> for δ
- probably better to avoid using special characters in code

Elementary Mathematical Operations from julialang.org

Expression	Name	Description	
+x	unary plus	the identity operation	x op y is really equivalent to
-x	unary minus	maps values to their additive inverses	op(x,y), i.e., op is a function with two arguments. Try in
x + y	binary plus	performs addition	the REPL:
x - y	binary minus	performs subtraction	 julia> +
x * y	times	performs multiplication	+ (generic function with 190 methods)
x / y	divide	performs division	
x ÷ y	integer divide	x/y, truncated to an integer same	as $div(x,y)$; \div is $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ in the REPI
x \ y	inverse divide	equivalent to y / x	
x ^ y	power	raises x to the yth power	
x % y	remainder	equivalent to rem(x,y)	

Updating ops: += -= *= /= \= \div = %= ^= &= |= \times = >>>= <<= x += y is equivalent to x = x + y, etc.

Rounding functions

Function	Description	Return type
round(x)	round x to the nearest integer	typeof(x)
round(T, x)	round x to the nearest integer	Т
floor(x)	round x towards -Inf	typeof(x)
floor(T, x)	round x towards -Inf	Т
ceil(x)	round x towards $+Inf$	typeof(x)
ceil(T, x)	round x towards +Inf	Т
trunc(x)	round x towards zero	typeof(x)
trunc(T, x)	round x towards zero	Т

Convertion Convert(T,x) converts x to type T if possible

Functions related to division

Function	Description	
div(x,y),	truncated division; quotient rounded towards zero	
x÷y		
fld(x,y)	floored division; quotient rounded towards -Inf	
cld(x,y)	ceiling division; quotient rounded towards +Inf	
rem(x,y)	remainder; satisfies $x == div(x,y)*y + rem(x,y)$; sign matches x	
mod(x,y)	modulus; satisfies $x == fld(x,y)*y + mod(x,y)$; sign matches y	

Sign related functions

Function Description		
abs(x)	a positive value with the magnitude of x	
abs2(x)	the squared magnitude of x	
sign(x)	indicates the sign of x, returning -1, 0, or +1	
signbit(x)	indicates whether the sign bit is on (true) or off (false)	
copysign(x,y)	a value with the magnitude of x and the sign of y	
flipsign(x,y)	a value with the magnitude of x and the sign of $x*y$	

Common math functions

Function	Description
sqrt(x),√x	square root of x
cbrt(x),∛x	cube root of x
hypot(x,y)	hypotenuse of right-angled triangle with other sides of length x and y
exp(x)	natural exponential function at x
expm1(x)	accurate exp(x)-1 for x near zero
ldexp(x,n)	x*2^n computed efficiently for integer values of n
log(x)	natural logarithm of x
log(b,x)	base b logarithm of x
log2(x)	base 2 logarithm of x
log10(x)	base 10 logarithm of x
log1p(x)	accurate log(1+x) for x near zero
exponent(x)	binary exponent of x
significand(x)	binary significand (a.k.a. mantissa) of a floating-point number x

Trig functions (radian args)

sin	cos	tan	cot	sec	csc
sinh	cosh	tanh	coth	sech	csch
asin	acos	atan	acot	asec	acsc
asinh	acosh	atanh	acoth	asech	acsch
sinc	cosc				

Trig functions (degree args)

sind cosd tand cotd secd cscd asind acosd atand acotd asecd acscd

Many special functions in package SpecialFunctions

Boolean Data Type and boolean operations

The type **Bool** is for variables with values **true** or **false**

it uses 8 bits (even though 1 bit would be enough)

Example: function trueorfalse(b::Bool) [bool.jl]

- Bool is a subset of Int (true=1, false=0)
- In most respects Bool is the same as Int8

```
Output: true
              println(b)
                                                               1
              println(b*1)
              println(b*2)
                                                               true
              println(b*true)
          end
                                                               false
          trueorfalse(true)
                                                               0
          println()
          trueorfalse(false)
                                                               false
Boolean ops:
              !x - negation
x and y are
                x && y - and (short-circuit; only evaluates y if x is true)
of type boolean
                          - or (short-circuit; only evaluates y if x is false)
(expressions)
```

Numerical comparisons from julialang.org

Operator	Name
==	equality
!=,≠	inequality
<	less than
<=,≤	less than or equal to
>	greater than
>=,≥	greater than or equal to

Used, e.g., in "if-elseif-else" control structure or "ternary operator" - operator with 3 args

Program ifelse.jl online

These all result in "true" or "false" boolean values

if a
 dosomething
elseif b
 doseomethingelse
else
 doyetanotherthing
end

X ? Y : Z

- if X is true, evaluate Y
- if X is false, evaluate Z

Bitwise boolean Operations

from julialang.org

Performs boolean operations on

- individual bits of one argument
- same-index bits of two arguments

Expression	Name	Examples of these ops in program 'bitwise.jl' on the web site
~X	bitwise not	
x & y	bitwise and	
x y	bitwise or	
x y	bitwise xor (exclusive or)	- same as xor(x,y)
x >>> y	logical shift right	- shifts all bits
x >> y	arithmetic shift right	- leaves sign bit (1s are shifted in if negative)
x << y	logical/arithmetic shift left	- does not preserve sign (0s shifted in on right)

Vectorized operators

All operators acting on single variables have vectorized "dot" versions For an array x (any number of dimensions):

```
op x performs "op" on each element
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Example, for a vector x of lengt n

```
for i=1:n
    x[i] = x[i]^2
end
```

does the same as

```
x = x.^2
```

 $x = x.^2$ also works, but allocates a new x if x already exists (slower)

can also be expressed with the @. macro

$$0. x = x^2$$

Examples in program timing.jl online

- this program also introduces functionality for timing code for performance