Translating between Decimal and binary floating point Hunter Pitelka January 26, 2009

From Decimal To Binary

Fill in	the table below with	the binar	y n	umbe	er									
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\mathbf{S}	exponent				fra	ctio	n							
1. Fill	in the following value	es:												
•	number of exponent	bits: $k =$				_								
•	unsigned value of the	e exponen	ιt: <i>ϵ</i>	exp =	= _									
•	Bias value for expon	ent: $B =$	2^{k-}	¹ – 1	_					_				
2. Is th	e exponent (exp) :													
•	All 1's ?													
	– If the fraction is	all 0's th	e va	alue i	is =	$\pm \infty$								
	– if the fraction is	${\it nonzero},$	the	valu	e i	s N a	aN							
•	All 0's? Denorm	alized												
	- Exponent is $e =$	1 – Bias	= _											
	- Fraction is $frac$	$=0.\{frac$	etion	nal C	Con	npon	ent	fre	m	abo	ve			
	– Your answer i	s: 0.fra	c×	2^e										
•	Something else: Nor	rmalized												
	-e = exp-Bias =	:												
	 Fraction has imp 	plied leadi	ng	one:	1.	{frac	ctio	nal	cor	mpe	onen	t fr	om	above]
	- Your answer i	s: 1.fra	c×	2^e										

From Decimal to Binary

Write down the binary equilivalent of your number
Now shift the binary decimal point as necessary to create a leading 1: 1.
• Now fill in the following values:
- Number of exponent bits $k = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$
- Now calculate your exponent:
* The actual exponent as recorded above is $e = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$
* Your $Bias$ is $B = 2^{k-1} - 1 = $
* The encoded exponent is $exp = e + b = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$
* Is your encoded exponent $exp \leq 0$? You are generating a Denormalized value!
· Set your actual exponent to $e = 1 - B = 1 - $
· Set your encoded exponent $exp = 0$ to signify denormalization.
· Shift over your binary point to be 2^{1-B}
 Denormalization simply means that you do not have a leading zero infrom of your fraction.
* Write down your final exponent bits:
- Number of fraction bits $f = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$
* Is your fraction larger than the max bits? You need to round! :
* Mark off the last bit that can be kept, this is your guard bit.
* The bit less significant from your guard bit is your $sticky$ bit.
* The logical OR of everything less significant than your sticky bit is your <i>round</i> bit.
* If $(G S)$ &&R then round up (add one). And post-normalize to get the leading one. (possibly dealing with denormalization as shown above)
* Write down your final fractional bits:

You're all set! Now just write out the binary number as:

Sign bit - exponent bits - fractional bits