The \texttt{xfp} package
Floating Point Unit

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This package provides a \LaTeX{}2ε document-level interface to the \LaTeX{}X3 floating point unit (part of expl3). It also provides a parallel integer expression interface for convenience.

\fpeval\textsuperscript{*} The expandable command \texttt{\fpeval} takes as its argument a floating point expression and produces a result using the normal rules of mathematics. As this command is expandable it can be used where \TeX{} requires a number and for example within a low-level \texttt{\edef} operation to give a purely numerical result.

Briefly, the floating point expressions may comprise:

- Basic arithmetic: addition $x + y$, subtraction $x - y$, multiplication $x \ast y$, division $x/y$, square root $\sqrt{x}$, and parentheses.
- Comparison operators: $x < y$, $x \leq y$, $x > y$, $x \neq y$ etc.
- Boolean logic: sign sign $x$, negation $!x$, conjunction $x \& y$, disjunction $x \| y$, ternary operator $x ? y : z$.
- Exponentials: $\exp x$, $\ln x$, $x^y$.
- Integer factorial: $\text{fact} x$.
- Trigonometry: $\sin x$, $\cos x$, $\tan x$, $\cot x$, $\sec x$, $\csc x$ expecting their arguments in radians, and $\sin d x$, $\cos d x$, $\tan d x$, $\cot d x$, $\sec d x$, $\csc d x$ expecting their arguments in degrees.
- Inverse trigonometric functions: $\text{asin} x$, $\text{acos} x$, $\text{atan} x$, $\text{acot} x$, $\text{asec} x$, $\text{acsc} x$ giving a result in radians, and $\text{asind} x$, $\text{acosd} x$, $\text{atand} x$, $\text{acotd} x$, $\text{asecd} x$, $\text{acscd} x$ giving a result in degrees.
- Extrema: $\max(x_1, x_2, \ldots)$, $\min(x_1, x_2, \ldots)$, $\text{abs}(x)$.
- Rounding functions, controlled by two optional values, $n$ (number of places, 0 by default) and $t$ (behavior on a tie, \texttt{NaN} by default):
  - $\text{trunc}(x, n)$ rounds towards zero,
  - $\text{floor}(x, n)$ rounds towards $-\infty$.

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- \text{ceil}(x, n) \text{ rounds towards } +\infty,
- \text{round}(x, n, t) \text{ rounds to the closest value, with ties rounded to an even value by default, towards zero if } t = 0, \text{ towards } +\infty \text{ if } t > 0 \text{ and towards } -\infty \text{ if } t < 0.

- Random numbers: \text{rand()}, \text{randint}(m, n).
- Constants: \text{pi}, \text{deg} (one degree in radians).
- Dimensions, automatically expressed in points, e.g., \text{pc} is 12.
- Automatic conversion (no need for \text{number}) of integer, dimension, and skip variables to floating points numbers, expressing dimensions in points and ignoring the stretch and shrink components of skips.
- Tuples: \((x_1, \ldots, x_n)\) that can be added together, multiplied or divided by a floating point number, and nested.

An example of use could be the following.

\LaTeX{} can now compute: $\frac{\sin (3.5)}{2} + 2 \cdot 10^{-3} = \fpeval{\sin(3.5)/2 + 2e-3}$.

\textbf{\texttt{\inteval}} The expandable command \texttt{\inteval} takes as its argument an integer expression and produces a result using the normal rules of mathematics. The operations recognised are \texttt{+}, \texttt{-}, \texttt{*} and \texttt{/} plus parentheses. Division occurs with \textit{rounding}, and ties are rounded away from zero. As this command is expandable it can be used where \TeX{} requires a number and for example within a low-level \texttt{\edef} operation to give a purely numerical result.

An example of use could be the following.

\LaTeX{} can now compute: The sum of the numbers is $\inteval{1 + 2 + 3}$.

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