

# Accuracy of Mathematical Functions in Julia

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# IEEE 754: correct rounding

## correct rounding (IEEE 754-2019 Clause 2.1)

*“[...] method of converting an infinitely precise result to a floating-point number, as determined by the applicable rounding direction.”*

Correct rounding assures implementations have bit-wise equivalent outputs for each input.

IEEE 754-2019 Clause 9.2 “Additional mathematical operations”:

*A conforming operation shall return results correctly rounded for the applicable rounding direction for all operands in its domain.*

## Rounding

Rounding itself is easy—it is the approximation of a function that causes difficulties. **Correctly rounding an inaccurate approximation yields an incorrectly rounded result.**

# IEEE 754: required operations—correct rounding applies

- Arith:  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$ ,  $\div$ ,  $\sqrt{x}$ ,  $ab + c$  (FMA)
- Round to integer
- Convert to/from int
- Convert formats
- Convert FP to decimal char. sequenc.

## Building blocks

Expressions computed by correctly rounded operations are not correctly rounded—including the mathematical operations such as  $\exp$ ,  $\log$ , which have, e.g. polynomial evaluation inside.

# IEEE 754: mathematical functions (recommended)

$\underline{e^x}$ ,  $\underline{e^x - 1}$  (expm1),  $\underline{2^x}$ ,  $\underline{2^x - 1}$  (exp2m1),  $\underline{10^x}$ ,  $\underline{10^x - 1}$  (exp10m1),  
 $\underline{\log_e(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\log_2(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\log_{10}(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\log_e(1+x)}$  (logp1),  $\underline{\log_2(1+x)}$  (log2p1),  
 $\underline{\log_{10}(1+x)}$  (log10p1),  
 $\underline{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$  (hypot),  $\underline{1/\sqrt{x}}$ ,  $\underline{(1+x)^n}$  (compound),  $\underline{x^{1/n}}$  (rootn),  $\underline{x^n}$ ,  
 $\underline{x^y}$ ,  
 $\underline{\sin(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\cos(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\tan(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\sin(x\pi)}$  (sinpi),  $\underline{\cos(x\pi)}$  (cospi),  $\underline{\tan(x\pi)}$   
(tanpi),  
 $\underline{\text{asin}(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\text{acos}(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\text{atan}(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\sinh(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\cosh(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\tanh(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\text{asinh}(x)}$ ,  
 $\underline{\text{acosh}(x)}$ ,  $\underline{\text{atanh}(x)}$ .

# Correct rounding of math functions: the challenge?

## Rounding breakpoints

Inputs at which the rounding function changes values.

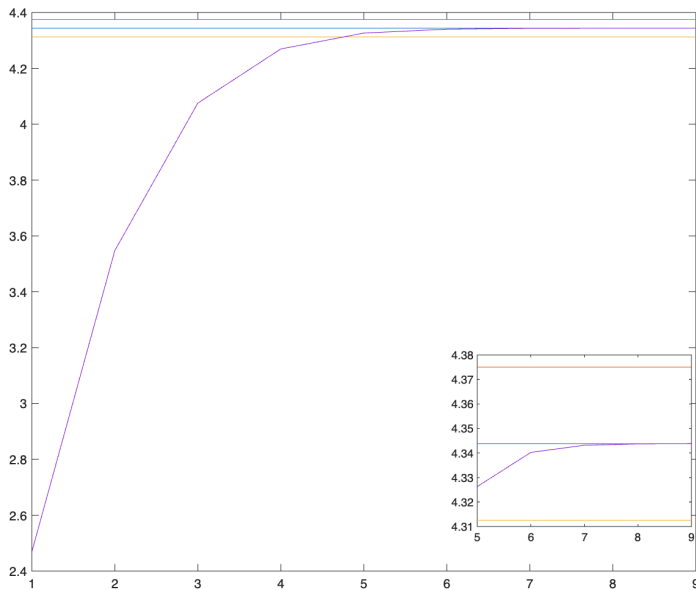
## Table Maker's Dilemma

How accurate does the approximation need to be so that we are on the right side of the *rounding breakpoints*?

Example in bfloat16 (8-bit precision):

- 1 Take Maclaurin series  $e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \dots$
- 2  $e^{1.46875} = \boxed{100.01011} 0000000011 \dots$  (due to Lefèvre & Muller)
- 3 Correct rounding (towards zero):  
 $\text{RZ}\left(\boxed{100.01011} 0000000011 \dots\right) = 100.01011$
- 4 For  $k = 8$ ,  $\boxed{100.01010} 111111110010 \dots$  (would yield incorrect rounding towards zero)

# Correct rounding of math functions: $e^{1.46875}$ in bfloat16



## Correctly Rounded Evaluation of a Function: Why, How, and at What Cost?

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The goal of this article is to give a survey on the various computational and mathematical issues and progress related to the problem of providing efficient correctly rounded elementary functions in floating-point arithmetic. We also aim at convincing the reader that a future standard for floating-point arithmetic should require the availability of a correctly rounded version of a well-chosen core set of elementary functions. We discuss the interest and feasibility of this requirement.

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# Floating-point formats in Julia

| Type     | $e_{\min}$ | $e_{\max}$ | $p$ | $s_{\min}$  | $f_{\min}$  | $f_{\max}$                  | Finite numbers                               |
|----------|------------|------------|-----|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| binary16 | -14        | 15         | 11  | $2^{-24}$   | $2^{-14}$   | 65504                       | $2^{16} - 2^{11} = 63488$                    |
| binary32 | -126       | 127        | 24  | $2^{-149}$  | $2^{-126}$  | $\sim 3.4 \times 10^{38}$   | $2^{32} - 2^{24} = 4278190080$               |
| binary64 | -1022      | 1023       | 53  | $2^{-1074}$ | $2^{-1022}$ | $\sim 1.79 \times 10^{308}$ | $2^{64} - 2^{53} \approx 1.8 \times 10^{19}$ |



# ULP errors

Denote a floating-point format with  $\mathbb{F}\langle e_{\min}, e_{\max}, p \rangle$  and take  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\text{ulp}(x) = \begin{cases} 2^{\max(e_{\min}, \lfloor \log_2 |x| \rfloor) - p + 1} & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 2^{e_{\min} - p + 1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## Worst-case ulp errors

We report the *worst-case errors* or the *known worst-case errors* in units of ULP. For example, 2.5ULPs of error tells us that the approximation of a function  $f$  is not farther away from  $f$  than  $2.5\text{ulp}(f(x))$  for any  $x$  in the input domain of the approximation of  $f$ , where  $f(x)$  is a reference solution.

## Error measure

$E(x) := \frac{|\hat{f}(x) - f(x)|}{\text{ulp}(\text{RZ}(f(x)))}$  (Use RZ to avoid hitting next power of two where ulp doubles).  $f(x)$  computed to 63 or 127 bits using MPFR.

# Determining input ranges of functions

## Reducing input space of functions

Given some  $\mathbb{F}\langle e_{\min}, e_{\max}, p \rangle$ , find  $[a, b]$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}\langle e_{\min}, e_{\max}, p \rangle$  for each function  $f$  such that

- the function is defined
- does not overflow ( $|f(x)| \leq f_{\max}$ ) if correctly rounded to any of the standard rounding modes
- does not converge to a constant output value, such as zero when raising  $e$  to large negative power

## Input space reduction

Solving simple equations by substituting  $f_{\max}$  or a convergence value for each function/format, we found the ranges. These are hardcoded exactly in the source code: `src/functions.jl`.

# Example: function input ranges for binary32

| Function | Input domain $I_f$                                  |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| acos     | $[-1.0, 1.0]$                                       |
| acosh    | $[1.0, f_{\max}]$                                   |
| asin     | $[-1.0, 1.0]$                                       |
| asinh    | $[-f_{\max}, f_{\max}]$                             |
| atan     | $[-f_{\max}, f_{\max}]$                             |
| atanh    | $[\text{nextfloat}(-1.0), \text{prevfloat}(1.0)]$   |
| cbrt     | $[-f_{\max}, f_{\max}]$                             |
| cos      | $[-f_{\max}, f_{\max}]$                             |
| cosh     | $[-89.415985107421875, 89.415985107421875]$         |
| exp      | $[-103.27892303466796875, 88.72283172607421875]$    |
| exp10    | $[-44.853466033935546875, 38.531841278076171875]$   |
| exp2     | $[-149, 127.99999237060546875]$                     |
| log      | $[s_{\min}, f_{\max}]$                              |
| log10    | $[s_{\min}, f_{\max}]$                              |
| log1p    | $[\text{nextfloat}(-1)), f_{\max}]$                 |
| log2     | $[s_{\min}, f_{\max}]$                              |
| sin      | $[-f_{\max}, f_{\max}]$                             |
| sinh     | $[-89.415985107421875, 89.415985107421875]$         |
| sqrt     | $[0.0, f_{\max}]$                                   |
| tan      | $[-f_{\max}, f_{\max}]$                             |
| tanh     | $[-9.01091289520263671875, 9.01091289520263671875]$ |
| cospi    | $[-f_{\max}, f_{\max}]$                             |
| sinpi    | $[-f_{\max}, f_{\max}]$                             |
| tanpi    | $[-f_{\max}, f_{\max}]$                             |

# Prev. work (Gladman, Innocente, Mather, Zimmermann)

## Binary32 (exhaustive)

| library<br>version | GNU libc<br>2.43 | IML<br>2025.3.2 | AMD<br>5.2   | Newlib<br>4.6.0 | OpenLibm<br>0.8.7 | Musl<br>1.2.5 | Apple<br>26.1 | LLVM<br>21.1.8 | MSVC<br>2026 | FreeBSD<br>15.0 | ArmPL<br>25.07 | CUDA<br>12.8 | ROCm<br>6.2.4 |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| acos               | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.501           | 0.897        | 0.899           | 0.918             | 0.918         | 0.634         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.653        | 0.895           | 1.32           | 1.34         | 1.47          |
| acosh              | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.501           | 0.504        | 2.01            | 2.01              | 2.01          | 0.502         | <b>0.500</b>   | 2.89         | 2.01            | 2.79           | 2.18         | 0.564         |
| asin               | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.501           | 0.781        | 0.926           | 0.743             | 0.743         | 0.634         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.846        | 0.672           | 2.41           | 1.36         | 2.54          |
| asinh              | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.527           | 0.518        | 1.78            | 1.78              | 1.78          | 0.515         | <b>0.500</b>   | 1.99         | 1.78            | 3.57           | 1.78         | 0.573         |
| atan               | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.541           | 0.501        | 0.853           | 0.853             | 0.853         | 0.722         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.501        | 0.853           | 2.88           | 1.21         | 2.10          |
| atanh              | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.507           | 0.547        | 1.73            | 1.73              | 1.73          | 0.511         | <b>0.500</b>   | 2.35         | 1.73            | 3.09           | 3.16         | 0.574         |
| cbrt               | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.520           | 0.548        | 3.56            | <b>0.500</b>      | <b>0.500</b>  | <b>0.500</b>  | <b>0.500</b>   | 1.83         | <b>0.500</b>    | 1.53           | 1.17         | 1.14          |
| cos                | 0.561            | 0.548           | 0.729        | 2.91            | 0.501             | 0.501         | 0.846         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.530        | 0.501           | 0.561          | 1.52         | 1.61          |
| cosh               | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.506           | 1.03         | 2.51            | 1.36              | 1.03          | 0.579         | <b>0.500</b>   | <b>0.500</b> | 1.36            | 1.89           | 2.34         | 0.567         |
| erf                | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.780           | 0.531        | 0.968           | 0.943             | 0.968         | 0.631         | <b>0.500</b>   | 3.98         | 0.890           | 1.93           | 1.04         | 1.51          |
| erfc               | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.934           | 3.00         | 63.9            | 3.17              | 3.13          | 0.750         |                | 5.79         | 3.18            | 1.64           | 4.49         | 3.33          |
| exp                | 0.502            | 0.506           | 0.501        | 0.911           | 0.911             | 0.502         | 0.514         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.501        | 0.911           | 0.502          | 1.94         | 1.00          |
| exp10              | 0.502            | 0.507           | 0.501        | 1.00            |                   | 3.88          | 0.514         | <b>0.500</b>   |              |                 |                | 2.07         | 1.00          |
| exp2               | 0.502            | 0.519           | 0.501        | 1.00            | 0.501             | 0.502         | 0.514         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.502        | 0.501           | 0.502          | 2.39         | 0.871         |
| expm1              | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.544           | 0.508        | 0.813           | 0.813             | 0.813         | 0.687         | <b>0.500</b>   | 3.02         | 0.813           | 1.51           | 1.45         | 1.45          |
| j0                 | 9.00             | <b>0.678</b>    |              | 6.18e6          | 3.66e6            | 3.66e6        |               |                |              | 3.66e6          |                | 3.78e10      | 7.60e7        |
| j1                 | 9.00             | <b>1.69</b>     |              | 1.68e7          | 2.25e6            | 2.25e6        |               |                |              | 2.25e6          |                | 7.48e9       | 7.53e7        |
| lgamma             | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.510           |              | 7.50e6          | 7.50e6            | 7.50e6        | 0.501         |                | 2.92e5       | 7.50e6          |                | 1.35e7       | 7.50e6        |
| log                | 0.818            | 0.509           | 0.577        | 0.888           | 0.888             | 0.818         | 0.563         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.562        | 0.888           | 0.818          | 0.865        | 1.89          |
| log10              | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.508           | 1.40         | 2.10            | 0.832             | 0.832         | 0.502         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.626        | 0.832           | 0.82           | 2.09         | 1.71          |
| log1p              | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.525           | 0.501        | 1.30            | 0.839             | 0.835         | 0.563         | <b>0.500</b>   | 1.44         | 0.839           | 2.02           | 0.887        | 0.579         |
| log2               | 0.752            | 0.507           | 0.766        | 1.65            | 0.865             | 0.752         | 0.502         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.752        | 0.865           | 0.752          | 0.919        | 1.00          |
| sin                | 0.561            | 0.546           | 0.530        | 1.37            | 0.501             | 0.501         | 0.846         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.530        | 0.501           | 0.561          | 1.50         | 1.61          |
| sinh               | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.538           | <b>0.500</b> | 2.51            | 1.83              | 1.83          | 0.579         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.501        | 1.83            | 2.26           | 2.94         | 0.922         |
| sqrt               | <b>0.500</b>     | <b>0.500</b>    | <b>0.500</b> | <b>0.500</b>    | <b>0.500</b>      | <b>0.500</b>  | <b>0.500</b>  | <b>0.500</b>   | <b>0.500</b> | <b>0.500</b>    |                | <b>0.500</b> | <b>0.500</b>  |
| tan                | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.520           | 0.509        | 3.48            | 0.800             | 0.800         | 0.746         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.502        | 0.800           | 3.30           | 3.10         | 2.33          |
| tanh               | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.514           | <b>0.500</b> | 2.19            | 2.19              | 2.19          | 0.817         | <b>0.500</b>   | 1.24         | 2.19            | 2.59           | 1.82         | 1.41          |

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## Binary64 (known worst cases)

| library<br>version | GNU libc<br>2.43 | IML<br>2025.3.2 | AMD<br>5.2   | Newlib<br>4.6.0 | OpenLibm<br>0.8.7 | Musl<br>1.2.5 | Apple<br>26.1 | LLVM<br>21.1.8 | MSVC<br>2026 | FreeBSD<br>15.0 | ArmPL<br>25.07 | CUDA<br>12.8 | ROCm<br>6.2.4 |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| acos               | 0.523            | 0.531           | 1.36         | 0.930           | 0.930             | 0.930         | 1.06          | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.932        | 0.930           | 1.52           | 1.53         | 0.772         |
| acosh              | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.509           | 1.32         | 2.25            | 2.25              | 2.25          | 2.25          |                | 3.22         | 2.25            | 2.66           | 2.52         | 0.662         |
| asin               | 0.516            | 0.531           | 1.06         | 0.981           | 0.981             | 0.981         | 0.711         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.957        | 0.981           | 2.69           | 1.99         | 0.710         |
| asinh              | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.507           | 1.65         | 1.92            | 1.92              | 1.92          | 1.58          |                | 2.05         | 1.92            | 2.04           | 2.57         | 0.661         |
| atan               | <b>0.523</b>     | 0.528           | 0.863        | 0.861           | 0.861             | 0.861         | 0.876         | 1.00           | 0.863        | 0.861           | 2.24           | 1.77         | 1.73          |
| atanh              | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.507           | 1.04         | 1.81            | 1.81              | 1.80          | 2.01          |                | 2.50         | 1.81            | 3.00           | 2.50         | 0.664         |
| cbrt               | 3.67             | 0.523           | 0.503        | 0.670           | 0.668             | 0.668         | 0.729         | <b>0.500</b>   | 1.86         | 0.668           | 1.79           | 0.501        | 0.501         |
| cos                | 0.516            | 0.518           | 0.919        | 0.887           | 0.834             | 0.834         | 0.948         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.897        | 0.834           |                | 1.52         | 0.798         |
| cosh               | 1.93             | <b>0.516</b>    | 1.85         | 2.67            | 1.47              | 1.04          | 0.523         |                | 1.42         | 1.47            | 1.93           | 1.40         | 0.563         |
| erf                | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.773           | 1.00         | 1.02            | 1.02              | 1.02          | 6.41          |                | 3.32         | 1.02            | 2.29           | 1.50         | 1.12          |
| erfc               | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.827           | 4.31e6       | 4.08            | 4.08              | 3.72          | 10.7          |                | 5.85         | 4.08            | 1.71           | 4.51         | 4.08          |
| exp                | 0.511            | 0.530           | 1.01         | 0.949           | 0.949             | 0.511         | 0.521         | <b>0.500</b>   | 1.50         | 0.949           | 0.511          | 0.928        | 0.929         |
| exp10              | 0.513            | 0.538           | 1.02         | 0.896           |                   | 4.14          | 0.521         | <b>0.500</b>   |              |                 | 0.510          | 1.11         | 1.11          |
| exp2               | 0.511            | 0.535           | 1.05         | 0.896           | 0.751             | 0.511         | 0.521         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.505        | 0.751           | 0.509          | 0.948        | 0.947         |
| expm1              | 0.913            | 0.512           | 0.670        | 0.909           | 0.909             | 0.909         | 0.706         | <b>0.500</b>   | 3.06         | 0.909           | 2.18           | 1.18         | 1.91          |
| j0                 | 4.51e14          | <b>0.600</b>    |              | 9.01e15         | 4.51e14           | 4.51e14       | 3.83e14       |                | 2.42e33      | 4.51e14         |                | 3.08e20      | 1.25e13       |
| j1                 | 4.47e14          | <b>0.615</b>    |              | 9.01e15         | 1.10e15           | 1.10e15       | 1.10e15       |                | 8.19e32      | 1.10e15         |                | 1.73e21      | 4.80e13       |
| lgamma             | <b>0.500</b>     | 0.515           |              | 4.45e15         | 4.45e15           | 4.45e15       | 2.33e16       |                | 5.10e13      | 4.45e15         |                | 5.11e15      | 4.45e15       |
| log                | 0.520            | 0.518           | 0.611        | 0.946           | 0.946             | 0.520         | 0.508         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.577        | 0.946           | 0.520          | 0.564        | 0.663         |
| log10              | 1.62             | 0.532           | 1.09         | 2.08            | 0.814             | 0.814         | 0.514         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.633        | 0.814           | 1.62           | 1.43         | 0.785         |
| log1p              | 0.899            | 0.521           | 0.636        | 0.896           | 0.896             | 0.900         | 0.667         | <b>0.500</b>   | 1.44         | 0.896           | 1.74           | 1.50         | 1.00          |
| log2               | 0.548            | 0.509           | 1.72         | 2.06            | 0.921             | 0.555         | 0.515         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.812        | 0.921           | 0.554          | 1.31         | 0.734         |
| sin                | 0.516            | 0.518           | 0.895        | 0.888           | 0.831             | 0.831         | 0.944         | <b>0.500</b>   | 0.799        | 0.831           |                | 1.52         | 0.800         |
| sinh               | 1.93             | <b>0.521</b>    | 1.49         | 2.67            | 1.88              | 1.88          | 0.539         |                | 1.41         | 1.88            | 2.59           | 1.51         | 0.868         |
| sqrt               | <b>0.500</b>     | <b>0.500</b>    | <b>0.500</b> | <b>0.500</b>    | <b>0.500</b>      | <b>0.500</b>  | <b>0.500</b>  | <b>0.500</b>   | <b>0.500</b> | <b>0.500</b>    |                | <b>0.500</b> | <b>0.500</b>  |
| tan                | 0.619            | 0.550           | 1.38         | 1.02            | 1.02              | 1.02          | 3.53          | <b>0.500</b>   | 1.32         | 1.02            |                | 2.09         | 1.30          |
| tanh               | 2.21             | <b>0.556</b>    | 1.40         | 2.22            | 2.22              | 2.22          | 0.613         |                | 1.33         | 2.22            | 2.76           | 1.48         | 0.866         |

# Covering input ranges of functions

## How many inputs to test

We can cover all inputs for all functions easily for binary16 and binary32 (univariate). For the cases where it is not feasible, we need a *search strategy*.

## Determining $N$ the number of tests (per thread)

Given an input domain in  $\mathbb{F}\langle e_{\min}, e_{\max}, p \rangle$  of a function  $f$  for a particular floating-point format,  $I_f$ , form  $I \subset I_f$  according to one of the strategies below. Take  $N$  members of  $I_f$  to compile  $I = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ .

- Seconds:  $N = \lfloor \frac{10^9}{t} \rfloor$ . Here  $t$  is an approximate latency of a function.
- Minutes:  $N = \lfloor \frac{60 \times 10^9}{t} \rfloor$ .
- Hours:  $N = \lfloor \frac{3600 \times 10^9}{t} \rfloor$ .
- Days:  $N = \lfloor \frac{24 \times 3600 \times 10^9}{t} \rfloor$ .
- Exhaustive:  $I = I_f$ ,  $N = \text{length}_{\mathbb{F}\langle e_{\min}, e_{\max}, p \rangle}(I_f)$ .

# Testbench configuration: JSON interface

```
{  
  "test-binary16RN-exhaustive-nofastmath" : {  
    "format" : "binary16",  
    "rounding" : "RN",  
    "fastmath" : 0,  
    "search" : "exhaustive"  
  },  
  "test-binary32RN-exhaustive-nofastmath" : {  
    "format" : "binary32",  
    "rounding" : "RN",  
    "fastmath" : 0,  
    "search" : "exhaustive"  
  },  
  "test-binary64RN-hours-nofastmath" : {  
    "format" : "binary64",  
    "rounding" : "RN",  
    "fastmath" : 0,  
    "search" : "hours"  
  }  
}
```

Run: `julia -t <T> run.jl`

# Results: system specification

Binary16 and binary32: Macbook Pro M4 12x cores. Julia 1.12.6.

Binary64: Two AMD EPYC 9634 84-core CPUs running at 2.2GHz, overall providing 168 cores. We have used Julia 1.11.6 (latest results running).

2 days of runtime, mainly testing binary64.



# Results: binary16 (exhaustive)

| Function | ULPs    | Input         | Output        | MPFR            | Tests  |
|----------|---------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| acos     | 0.50002 | -0.556640625  | 2.16015625    | 2.1611328533    | 30,721 |
| acosh    | 0.50005 | 1.22265625    | 0.6552734375  | 0.6555176014    | 16,384 |
| asin     | 0.49993 | -0.1364746094 | -0.1368408203 | -0.1369018472   | 30,721 |
| asinh    | 0.50007 | -258.5        | -6.25         | -6.2480466158   | 63,487 |
| atan     | 0.50003 | -0.0283966064 | -0.0283813477 | -0.0283889774   | 63,487 |
| atanh    | 0.49986 | -0.0357666016 | -0.0357971191 | -0.0357818648   | 30,719 |
| cbirt    | 0.49999 | -10,888       | -22.171875    | -22.1640627339  | 63,487 |
| cos      | 0.50001 | -0.0584716797 | 0.998046875   | 0.9982910183    | 63,487 |
| cosh     | 0.50004 | -0.03125      | 1             | 1.000488321     | 37,833 |
| cospi    | 0.49994 | -0.0070343018 | 0.9995117188  | 0.999755829     | 63,487 |
| exp      | 0.50003 | 0.0226898193  | 1.0234375     | 1.0229491913    | 38,324 |
| exp10    | 0.50024 | -3.763671875  | 0.0001723766  | 0.000172317     | 35,850 |
| exp2     | 0.50001 | 0.0007042885  | 1             | 1.0004882948    | 39,424 |
| log      | 0.50004 | 0.0053405762  | -5.234375     | -5.2324217345   | 31,743 |
| log10    | 0.50006 | 2,976         | 3.47265625    | 3.4736329269    | 31,743 |
| log1p    | 0.50001 | -0.0058479309 | -0.0058670044 | -0.005865097    | 47,103 |
| log2     | 0.49991 | 0.2834472656  | -1.8193359375 | -1.8188477431   | 31,743 |
| sin      | 0.50004 | -300          | 1             | 0.9997558399    | 63,487 |
| sinh     | 0.49998 | -7.34375      | -773          | -773.2499920787 | 37,833 |
| sinpi    | 0.49989 | -0.0000471473 | -0.0001480579 | -0.0001481175   | 63,487 |
| sqrt     | 0.49994 | 0.0002440214  | 0.0156173706  | 0.0156211848    | 31,744 |
| tan      | 0.50002 | -0.0357666016 | -0.0357666016 | -0.0357818608   | 63,487 |
| tanh     | 0.49994 | -0.0283966064 | -0.0283813477 | -0.0283889762   | 35,075 |
| tanpi    | 0.50006 | -0.0001212358 | -0.0003809929 | -0.0003808737   | 63,487 |

# Results: binary32 (exhaustive)

| Function | ULPs         | Input                    | Output                   | Tests         |
|----------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| acos     | 0.9179250677 | -0.50042                 | 2.09488                  | 2,130,706,435 |
| acosh    | 1.9944941297 | 1.00775                  | 0.1244                   | 1,073,741,826 |
| asin     | 0.7298913713 | -0.50073                 | -0.52445                 | 2,130,706,435 |
| asinh    | 1.5277680587 | -0.12024                 | -0.11996                 | 4,278,190,081 |
| atan     | 0.8521076359 | -0.6922                  | -0.60547                 | 4,278,190,081 |
| atanh    | 1.9411387117 | $-7.79411 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $-7.79427 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | 2,130,706,433 |
| cbrt     | 0.499999982  | $-1.74563 \cdot 10^{38}$ | $-5.58879 \cdot 10^{12}$ | 4,278,190,081 |
| cos      | 0.5009001762 | -15,705.27148            | -0.90053                 | 4,278,190,081 |
| cosh     | 2.414086836  | -89.37019                | $3.25051 \cdot 10^{38}$  | 2,238,032,379 |
| cospi    | 0.5000704434 | -0.42245                 | 0.24123                  | 4,278,190,080 |
| exp      | 0.8934687937 | 26.68997                 | $3.90217 \cdot 10^{11}$  | 2,239,758,569 |
| exp10    | 1.0477928032 | 4.08913                  | 12,278.02344             | 2,219,674,257 |
| exp2     | 0.8747607674 | -126.42215               | $8.77285 \cdot 10^{-39}$ | 2,249,523,202 |
| log      | 0.5507246331 | 1.06556                  | 0.0635                   | 2,139,095,041 |
| log10    | 0.586694695  | 1.06589                  | 0.02771                  | 2,139,095,041 |
| log1p    | 0.5635540398 | 0.082                    | 0.07881                  | 3,204,448,257 |
| log2     | 0.5707293911 | 1.08145                  | 0.11297                  | 2,139,095,041 |
| sin      | 0.5009001286 | $-2.57601 \cdot 10^{31}$ | -0.80778                 | 4,278,190,081 |
| sinh     | 2.414086836  | -89.37019                | $-3.25051 \cdot 10^{38}$ | 2,238,032,378 |
| sinpi    | 0.5000706535 | $-3.81455 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $-1.19838 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | 4,278,190,080 |
| sqrt     | 0.4999999925 | $4.70198 \cdot 10^{-38}$ | $2.1684 \cdot 10^{-19}$  | 2,139,095,040 |
| tan      | 0.7998569047 | $-6.46722 \cdot 10^{10}$ | -7.99478                 | 4,278,190,081 |
| tanh     | 1.3663689677 | -0.12551                 | -0.12486                 | 2,183,158,121 |
| tanpi    | 0.500082014  | -0.24998                 | -0.99986                 | 4,278,190,080 |

# Results: binary64 (1-2 hours per function, 168 cores)

| Function | ULPs         | Input                      | Output                    | Tests          |
|----------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| acos     | 0.9006986618 | -0.52243                   | 2.1205                    | 26,590,058,380 |
| acosh    | 2.0152511597 | 1.00699                    | 0.11819                   | 21,778,279,324 |
| asin     | 0.8815574646 | -0.5023                    | -0.52625                  | 28,884,011,020 |
| asinh    | 1.552775383  | 0.52074                    | 0.49969                   | 15,313,993,634 |
| atan     | 0.8525094986 | 0.69962                    | 0.61047                   | 18,443,002,540 |
| atanh    | 1.9880361557 | $1.9499 \cdot 10^{-3}$     | $1.9499 \cdot 10^{-3}$    | 31,533,156,148 |
| cbt      | 0.6670742035 | $-1.50513 \cdot 10^{-160}$ | $-5.31934 \cdot 10^{-54}$ | 35,003,831,524 |
| cos      | 0.8252658844 | $-1.1852 \cdot 10^{280}$   | 0.72064                   | 26,920,755,796 |
| cosh     | 1.9222135544 | -710.47184                 | $1.79048 \cdot 10^{308}$  | 34,457,676,796 |
| cospi    | 0.9097290039 | $-1.2756 \cdot 10^7$       | 0.72012                   | 27,455,885,860 |
| exp      | 0.7575774193 | -708.6358                  | $1.75138 \cdot 10^{-308}$ | 32,446,565,428 |
| exp10    | 0.7585949898 | -307.70809                 | $1.95843 \cdot 10^{-308}$ | 24,004,809,868 |
| exp2     | 0.7587532997 | -1,022.03188               | $2.17645 \cdot 10^{-308}$ | 13,775,094,148 |
| log      | 0.5551567078 | 1.08195                    | 0.07877                   | 22,568,962,084 |
| log10    | 0.6261129379 | 1.06618                    | 0.02783                   | 17,515,452,364 |
| log1p    | 0.5656337738 | 0.07422                    | 0.0716                    | 24,852,795,412 |
| log2     | 0.5981225967 | 1.08182                    | 0.11346                   | 18,707,470,156 |
| sin      | 0.8293628693 | $6.86426 \cdot 10^{30}$    | 0.71468                   | 24,285,228,748 |
| sinh     | 1.9222135544 | -710.47184                 | $-1.79048 \cdot 10^{308}$ | 23,702,916,724 |
| sinpi    | 0.9081516266 | $-8.78737 \cdot 10^6$      | 0.71028                   | 23,496,667,156 |
| sqrt     | 0.5          | $2.91022 \cdot 10^{-309}$  | $5.39465 \cdot 10^{-155}$ | 23,709,682,418 |
| tan      | 1.041472435  | $3.02146 \cdot 10^{88}$    | -0.79934                  | 18,693,623,932 |
| tanh     | 1.5872955322 | 0.50202                    | 0.4637                    | 35,662,764,484 |
| tanpi    | 2.4517974854 | $-1.55527 \cdot 10^7$      | -0.98508                  | 26,232,941,620 |

# Conclusions

- We have developed an easy-to-run testsuite for Julia.
- We find that most functions are close to being correctly rounded.
- Future work: bivariate functions, different search strategy for binary64, bigger proportion of input space.
- What should Julia do? Utilise @fastmath switch for correctly rounded mode (see CORE-MATH by Zimmermann et al).

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