## The **xfp** package Floating Point Unit

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The two functions provided by this package are part of the LATEX format starting with 2022-06-01 release. This package is therefore no longer needed and only provided to be able to process older documents loading.

This package provides a  $\text{LATEX} 2_{\varepsilon}$  document-level interface to the LATEX 3 floating point unit (part of expl3). It also provides a parallel integer expression interface for convenience.

\fpeval \* The expandable command \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 \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 \* y, division x/y, square root  $\sqrt{x}$ , and parentheses.
- Comparison operators: x < y, x <= y, x >? y, x != 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: 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:  $a\sin x$ ,  $a\cos x$ ,  $a\tan x$ ,  $a\cot x$ ,  $a\sec x$ ,  $a\csc x$  giving a result in radians, and  $a\sin dx$ ,  $a\cos dx$ ,  $a\tan dx$ ,  $a\cot dx$ ,  $a\sec dx$ ,  $a\csc dx$  giving a result in degrees.
- Extrema:  $\max(x_1, x_2, ...), \min(x_1, x_2, ...), \operatorname{abs}(x)$ .
- Rounding functions, controlled by two optional values, n (number of places, 0 by default) and t (behavior on a tie, NaN by default):

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- $-\operatorname{trunc}(x,n)$  rounds towards zero,
- floor(x, n) rounds towards  $-\infty$ ,
- $-\operatorname{ceil}(x,n)$  rounds towards  $+\infty$ ,
- round(x, n, t) rounds to the closest value, with ties rounded to an even value by default, towards zero if t = 0, towards  $+\infty$  if t > 0 and towards  $-\infty$  if t < 0.
- Random numbers: rand(), randint(m, n).
- Constants: pi, deg (one degree in radians).
- Dimensions, automatically expressed in points, *e.g.*, pc is 12.
- Automatic conversion (no need for **\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.

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

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

An example of use could be the following.

 $LaTeX{} can now compute: The sum of the numbers is <math>it + 2 + 3$ .

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\edef 1, 2	\inteval 2
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\fpeval 1	\number 2