## ERCE: Exact Real Calculator for Everyone

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A popular National Geographic documentary ...





Figure: Ariane 5 Launcher Failure - 4 June 1996 http://alturl.com/254eg

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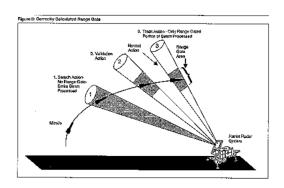
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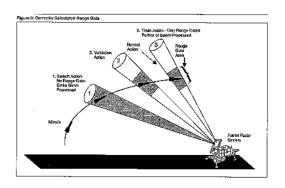


Figure: Patriot Missile Failure - 25 February 1991

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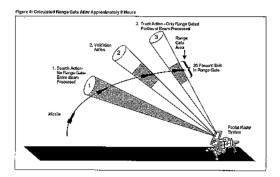


Figure : 20% shift in range gate calculation after 8 consecutive hours of operation

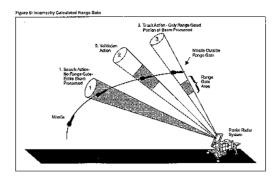


Figure : After 20 consecutive hours, the target is no longer in the range gate area.

Let us watch an animation:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EMVBLg2MrLs

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What is the lesson learnt?

There is an urgent need to calculate real numbers exactly!

# Floating point system

# Definition (FPS)

IEEE 754 single-precision *floating point* is encoded in 32 bits using 1 bit for the sign s, 8 bits for the exponent e and 23 bits for the normalised mantissa m without the leading 1 so that a 'real' number can be written in the form

$$(-1)^s \cdot 2^{e-127}(1:m).$$

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Realizability issues

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#### **Theorem**

The scaling function  $f: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$x \mapsto 9x$$

is not realizable.

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must the machine read before it decides to print the first digit 1?

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That the machine can print 1 as the first digit implies

$$f(x) \ge 1$$

where the input real number is x.

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and since it is impossible to read infinitely many digits before printing, it must be that there is a digit  $k \ge 2$  appearing somewhere at some point – which is impossible granted that the input  $x = \frac{1}{9}$ .

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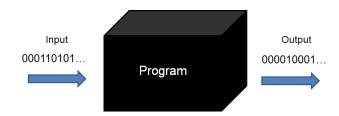


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Every *finite* part of the output depends only on a *finite* part of the input.

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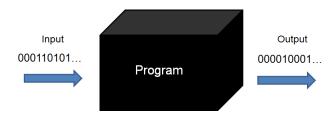


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$$\forall m \in \mathbb{N}. \exists n \in \mathbb{N}. x =_n x' \implies f(x) =_m f(x').$$

### Look-aheads

#### Fact

A working program can only perform finite look-aheads.

# Signed bit streams

The signed-digit representation of real numbers in the interval [-1,1] is defined by

$$q: \mathbf{3}^{\omega} woheadrightarrow [-1,1], \quad a_0 a_1 \ldots \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i 2^{-i-1},$$

where  $a_i \in \mathbf{3} := \{\overline{1}, 0, 1\}$ . Here  $\overline{1} := -1$ .

#### Partial real number

### Definition (Partial real number)

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A partial real number is a finite sequence of signed bits of the form

$$\vec{a}_n := a_0 a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1}$$

that represents a closed bounded interval

$$\left[\sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k 2^{-k-1} - 2^{-n}, \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k 2^{-k-1} + 2^{-n}\right].$$

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#### Nested intervals

A real number a is the limit of the sequence of partial numbers  $(\vec{a}_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ ; in other words,

$$a \in \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k 2^{-k-1} - 2^{-n}, \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k 2^{-k-1} + 2^{-n} \right]$$



#### Interval domain

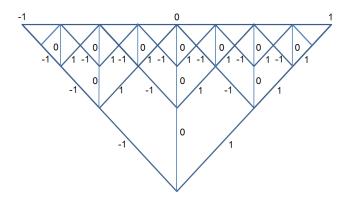


Figure : Interval domain  $\mathcal{I}$ : signed bit streams as paths

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No program P can realize the function  $\lambda x$ . 9x.

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Beware: Conversion back is a little tricky!

## Example

Revisit the function

$$f: x \mapsto 9x$$

acting on the input  $x = \frac{1}{9}$ .

Example

The input stream that represents  $x = \frac{1}{9}$  is

0.000111000111000111... = 0.000111.

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Thus, after reading the first six digits 0.000111, the machine is ready to print the first digit 1 and then shift one radix point to the right.

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## Data types

Since we are working with the signed bit streams, we need a data type to store streams.

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type SD = Int -- Signed bits. \{-1,0,1\}
type I = [SD] -- Reals in [-1,1]
type ME = (I,Int) -- Reals in Mantissa-Exponent form
                     (m,e) := m \times 2^e
```

## Architecture of ERCE

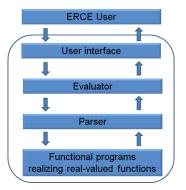


Figure: ERCE

## Arithmetic functions

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We pause for a short demonstration.

The addition function

add\_ME\_ME :: ME -> ME -> ME

takes two real numbers

$$(m0, e0)$$
 and  $(m1, e1)$ 

to produce their sum.

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# The midpoint operator

$$\oplus: [-1,1] \longrightarrow [-1,1] \longrightarrow [-1,1]$$

is realized by the composition

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where

type I2 = [Int] -- List of elements 
$$\{-2,-1,0,1,2\}$$

```
div I 2 :: I2 -> I
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### Zooming into the second line and denoting div\_I\_2 by f, we have

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and the previous program for  $\oplus$ , we have:

To show you the power of the elementary functions, we recall that Theorem (John Machin)

$$4\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{239}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

# Elementary functions

```
Consider the program
```

```
cvt_MEtoDECSTRINGraw myPI
```

where

```
i_Plover4 :: I
i_Plover4 = mul_I_4 (sub_I_I (my_arctan (cvt_QtoI (2,5)))

-- myPI = pi (derived from pi/4)
myPI :: ME
myPI = mul_ME_INT (cvt_ItoME i_Plover4) 4
```

```
add ME ME :: ME -> ME -> ME
add_ME_ME (m0,e0) (m1,e1)
 = ( mid_I_I (f (m0,e0-e)) (f (m1,e1-e)) , e + 1 )
where e
                 = max e0 e1;
       f(m2,e2) = (take (abs (e2)) i_ZERO) ++ m2;
```

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Functional paradigm

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Example (Closed expression)

$$1 + \frac{2}{\sin\frac{\pi}{3}} \times 7.13 - 0$$
 parses to the tree below:

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```
Example (Application)  (4x(1-x))(0.5) \text{ parses to the tree below:}  App (Op Mul (Op Mul (Value "4")  (\text{Var "X"}))  (Op Add (Value "1")  (\text{Op Mul (Value "-1") (Var "X"))})  (Value "0.5")
```

# Syntax data type

```
data Expression =
Value String | Op Opl Expression Expression |
Fun Funl Expression | Var String |
App Expression Expression | Itn Expression String
deriving Show
```

#### where

```
data Opl = Add | Sub | Mul | Div | Pow deriving Show
```

```
data Funl = Exp | Sin | Cos | Tan | Log | Lon deriving Show
```

### Function iteration

Because functions are first class citizens, you can execute finite iterations of these to create new functions, i.e., given a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \underbrace{f(f(\ldots f(x)\ldots))}_{n \text{ copies}}.$$

### Function iteration

The calculator admits the syntax

```
(exp1 @ exp2)(exp3)
```

#### where

```
exp1 -- function f
exp2 -- non-negative integer n
exp3 -- seed of iteration x
```

# Example (Application of function iteration)

The function  $f = \lambda x$ . 4x(1-x) applied 5 times on the seed x is parsed to the expression tree:

# Evaluator

The evaluator reads the parsed expression tree and converts it to a function.

- Function expression 
  → a function of type ME -> ME
- Non-function 

  → a constant function of type ME -> ME

# **Fvaluator**

```
-- "Evaluating" an application to a function
evaltofn :: Expression -> ME -> ME
evaltofn (Var x) r = r
evaltofn (Value x) r = if x == "PI" then myPI else cvt_DECSTRINGtoME x
evaltofn (Itn e1 e2) r = (repeat_MEfunction (evaltofn e1) (read e2 :: Int)) r
evaltofn (Op Add e1 e2) r = add_ME_ME ((evaltofn e1)r) ((evaltofn e2)r)
evaltofn (Op Mul e1 e2) r = mul_ME_ME ((evaltofn e1)r) ((evaltofn e2)r)
evaltofn (Op Div e1 e2) r = div_ME_ME ((evaltofn e1)r) ((evaltofn e2)r)
evaltofn (Fun Exp x) r = e_power_ME ((evaltofn x)r)
evaltofn (Fun Sin x) r = sin_ME ((evaltofn x)r)
evaltofn (Fun Cos x) r = cos_ME ((evaltofn x)r)
evaltofn (Fun Tan x) r = tan_ME ((evaltofn x)r)
```

```
-- Evaluating parsed trees in mantissa exponent form
evalme :: Expression -> ME
evalme (Value x) = if x == "PI" then myPI else cvt_DECSTRINGtoME x
evalme (App e1 e2) = (evaltofn e1)(evalme e2)
evalme (Op Add e1 e2) = add_ME_ME (evalme e1) (evalme e2)
evalme (Op Mul e1 e2) = mul_ME_ME (evalme e1) (evalme e2)
evalme (Op Div e1 e2) = div_ME_ME (evalme e1) (evalme e2)
evalme (Fun Exp x)
                     = e_power_ME (evalme x)
evalme (Fun Sin x)
                     = sin ME (evalme x)
evalme (Fun Cos x)
                     = cos_ME (evalme x)
evalme (Fun Tan x)
                     = tan ME (evalme x)
```

# **Evaluator**

For human consumption, the output signed-bit stream is then converted into readable form, i.e., decimal representation correct to a default of 20 decimal places.

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# Monadic programming

To simulate the I/O interaction between user and program, HASKELL makes used of

Monadic Programming.

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## **Actions**

The module Main is the standard platform by which actions-sequence can be scripted.

## **Actions**

To link with the underlying calculator, we invoke the commands:

```
import Eval
import Parse
import Graphics.UI.Gtk
```

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- a is any data type.

main :: IO ()

#### Actions

Give a simple instruction for setting the dimensions of the calculator:

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```
main = do
  initGUT
  window <- windowNew
  set window [windowTitle := "ERCE", containerBorderWidth
              windowDefaultWidth := 350,
              windowDefaultHeight := 400]
 table
         <- tableNew 10 10 True
  containerAdd window table
```

### **Buttons**

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# Symbolic button

When a symbolic button is pressed, a single mathematical symbol that matches the button label (e.g., button1) is inserted at the end of the existing string of symbols previously keyed in. This is stored at label2.

When a symbolic button is pressed, the buttomSwitch function below is invoked:

```
buttonSwitch :: Button -> Label -> Label -> IO()
buttonSwitch b l z= do
 txt <- get b buttonLabel
  lb <- get l labelText</pre>
 lbs <- get z labelText</pre>
  if txt == "="
     then labelSetText 1( show(eval (parse lbs)))
     else labelSetText z(lbs ++txt)
```

# ERCE user-interface



Figure : A screen-capture of ERCE user-interface

# Orbit of logistic map

We now proceed to calculate  $x_{100}$  of the sequence  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  defined by

$$x_0 = 0.125$$
$$x_{n+1} = 4x_n(1 - x_n)$$

# Orbit of logistic map

cvt\_MEtoDECSTRINGtrunc (cvt\_ItoME ((repeat\_Ifunction logistic\_I 100)(cvt\_QtoI (1,8)))) 20

# Orbit of logistic map

$\overline{n}$	ERCE	MATLAB
0	0.1250000000000000000000	0.1250000000000000000000
10	0.38367583854736609603	$0.38367583854736\underline{526000}$
20	0.55150781744159181178	$0.55150781744\underline{258315000}$
30	0.29059706649102177619	$0.29059706\underline{556439530000}$
40	0.94723756671816869896	$0.94723\underline{803391889350000}$
50	0.97984857115056995132	$0.9\underline{8014818012213323000}$
100	0.99971849434213872830	$0.\overline{78273071414107154000}$

Figure: Orbits of the logistic map produced by ERCE and MATLAB

### Areas of improvement:

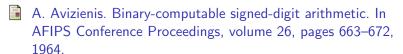
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