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AN ALGORITHM FOR BINARY-TO-DECIMAL CONVERSION
 OF REAL NUMBERS

1. Procedure declaration. Assume the following representation of numbers. Let

$$(A_j \dots A_0)_B = (\dots (A_j \cdot B + A_{j-1}) \cdot B + \dots + A_1) \cdot B + A_0,$$

where $A_i \in \langle 0, B-1 \rangle$ for $i < j$, and $A_j \in \langle 1, B-1 \rangle$;

$$(0.A_{-1}A_{-2} \dots A_{-j})_B = (\dots (A_{-j}/B + A_{-j+1})/B + \dots + A_{-1})/B,$$

where $A_{-1} \neq 0$, and $A_{-i} \in \langle 0, B-1 \rangle$ for $i = 1, \dots, j$;

$$(1) \quad (0.A_{-1} \dots A_{-j})'_B = ((\dots A_{-j}/B + \dots + A_{-2})/B + A_{-1})/10^k,$$

where $10^{k-1} \leq A_{-1} < 10^k \leq B$, and $A_{-i} \in \langle 0, B-1 \rangle$ for $i = 2, \dots, j$.

The procedure *CONV* transforms the binary floating-point number

$$(2) \quad x = m \cdot 2^c$$

(where $0.5 \leq m \leq 1 - 2^{-p+1}$ for $x > 0$ or $-1 \leq m \leq -0.5 - 2^{-p+1}$ for $x < 0$, p is the number of bits in the mantissa of the computer word) to the form

$$(3) \quad (-1)^i \cdot (0.A_{-1} \dots A_{-j})'_B \cdot 10^{E10},$$

where

$$i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x < 0, \end{cases}$$

and B is the highest power of 10 smaller than the computer word.

Data:

- x — real number of type (2);
- n — dimension of the integer array A (see Results);
- N — length of the computer word (in bits);
- j — if the binary exponent of the number x is smaller than p , then j is the number of digits in representation (6), otherwise its value is inessential;

MULT — procedure with the following procedure head:

procedure *MULT*(*a1*, *a2*, *e*, *c*);
value *e*;
integer *a1*, *a2*, *e*, *c*;
 realizing the function:
 $a2 := (a1 * 2^{\uparrow e} + c) \pmod{B}$,
 $c := (a1 * 2^{\uparrow e} + c) \div B$;

DIV — procedure with the following procedure head:

procedure *DIV*(*a1*, *a2*, *e*, *c*);
value *e*;
integer *a1*, *a2*, *e*, *c*;
 realizing the function:
 $a2 := (c * B + a1) \div 2^{\uparrow e}$,
 $c := (c * B + a1) \pmod{2^{\uparrow e}}$;

D — procedure with the following procedure head:

procedure *D*(*a*, *A*, *w*, *j*);
value *a*;
integer *a*, *w*, *j*;
integer array *A*;

This procedure presents the integer number *a* in the *B* radix system in the form $(U_{j-1} \dots U_0)_B$, where $U_i \in \langle 0, B-1 \rangle$ for $i < j-1$ and $U_{j-1} \in \langle 1, B-1 \rangle$. The values of U_i ($i = j-1, \dots, 0$) are placed in consecutive elements of *A* beginning from the element $A[w-j+1]$.

BDIV — procedure with the following head:

procedure *BDIV*(*A*, *c*, *i*, *e*);
value *e*;
integer *c*, *i*, *e*;
integer array *A*;

After execution of the procedure body, the value of the variable *i* is such that

$$(\dots A[1] * B + \dots) * B + A[i] \geq 2^{\uparrow e}$$

and

$$c := (\dots A[1] * B + \dots) * B + A[i-1].$$

Results:

A[1 : *j*] — array containing consecutive numbers A_i from (3) ($i = -1, \dots, -j$);

j — number of calculated digits of the number *x* in the *B* radix system;

k — number of significant decimal digits in A_{-1} (see (1));

E10 — decimal exponent of the number *x*.

Non-local identifiers:

const — integer number such that $10 \uparrow const = B$;

mant — procedure with the following procedure head:

procedure *mant*(*x*, *A*, *b*, *i*);

value *b*;

real *x*;

integer *i*;

integer array *A*;

Boolean *b*;

This procedure presents the mantissa m' of the number x in the B radix system in the form $(U_{i-1} \dots U_0)_B$, where $U_j \in \langle 0, B-1 \rangle$ for $j < i-1$, and $U_{i-1} \in \langle 1, B-1 \rangle$. The values of U_j are placed in consecutive elements of A beginning from the element $A[1]$ if $b \equiv \text{true}$ and beginning from the element $A[n-i+1]$ if $b \equiv \text{false}$.

cecha — procedure with the following procedure head:

procedure *cecha*(*x*, *e*);

value *x*;

real *x*;

integer *e*;

giving the value of the parameter e equal to e' (see (4)).

2. Method used. Let the number x have the binary representation $m \cdot 2^e$, where the mantissa m belongs to the interval $\langle -1, -0.5 - 2^{-p} \rangle$ if $x < 0$ or to $\langle 0.5, 1 - 2^{-p} \rangle$ if $x > 0$. To obtain the representation of x in the B radix system in the form (3) we proceed as follows:

(i) Transform the mantissa m and the exponent e according to the formulas

$$(4) \quad m' = m \cdot 2^p \quad \text{and} \quad e' = e - p.$$

(ii) Present m' in the form $(A_n^0 \dots A_0^0)_B$ using the method described in [1]. This method consists in repeated division of the number by B ; its consecutive digits are calculated by the formulas

$$A_0^0 = m' \pmod{B}, \quad A_1^0 = \text{entier}(m'/B) \pmod{B}$$

until

$$\text{entier}(\dots \text{entier}(m'/B)/B \dots /B) = 0.$$

This method is realized in the body of the procedure D .

(iii) Later, either multiply e' (for $e' > 0$) or divide $(A_n^0 \dots A_0^0)_B$ (for $e' < 0$) by $2^{|e'|}$. This method is opposite to that proposed by Knuth in [1].

The algorithm used in the procedure $CONV$ distinguishes two cases:

(i) — for $e' > 0$, and (ii) — for $e' < 0$.

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procedure CONV(x, A, n, N, j, k, E10, MULT, DIV, D, BDIV);
value x, n, N;
integer n, N, j, k, E10;
real x;
integer array A;
procedure MULT, DIV, D, BDIV;
begin
  integer i, e, s, N1, l, c;
  Boolean b;
  N1:=N-1;
  if x=.0
    then
      begin
        E10:=0;
        k:=1;
        go to ET2;
      end;
  cecha(x, e);
  b:=e<=0;
  s:=sign(x);
  x:=abs(x);
  mant(x, A, b, E10);
  if b
    then
      begin
        if e=0
          then go to ET;
        for N1:=N1 while e>N1, e do
          begin
            e:=e-N1;

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BDIV(A, c, i, N1);
E10:=E10-i+1;
for l:=i step 1 until j do
  DIV(A[l], A[l-i+1], N1, c);
  j:=j-i+1
end;
end
else
begin
  j:=n-E10+1;
  for N1:=N1 while e>N1, e do
    begin
      e:=e-N1;
      c:=0;
      for i:=n step -1 until j do
        MULT(A[i], A[i], N1, c);
        if c≠0
          then D(c, A, j-1, i);
          j:=j-i
        end;
      E10:=n-j+1;
      copy(E10, A[j], A[1]);
    end;
  ET:
    c:=A[1];
    for k:=1 step 1 until const do
      if c<10k
        then go to ET1;
  ET1:
    E10:=E10×const-const+k;
  ET2:
    end

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Case (i) ($e' > 0$). Multiply the mantissa $(A_{n_0}^0 \dots A_0^0)_B$ by $2^{e'}$. This multiplication is executed according to the schema

$$\underbrace{(\dots (A_{n_0}^0 \dots A_0^0) \cdot 2^{N-1} \cdot \dots \cdot 2^{N-1})}_{m \text{ times}} \cdot 2^{e' \pmod{(N-1)}}, \quad \text{where } m = e' \div (N-1).$$

Let the j -th product be of the form $(A_{n_j}^j \dots A_0^j)_B$. The consecutive digits of the product are calculated by the formulas

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} c &:= 0, \\ a &:= A_i^{j-1} \cdot 2^e + c \\ A_i^j &:= a \pmod{B} \quad (i = 0, \dots, n_{j-1}), \\ c &:= a \div B, \\ e &= \begin{cases} N-1 & \text{if } j \neq m+1, \\ e' \pmod{(N-1)} & \text{if } j = m+1, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and $A_{n_j}^j, \dots, A_{n_{j-1}+1}^j$ are consecutive digits of the representation of the value of the variable m' in the B radix system.

For fixed j and i the calculations of (5) are realized by the procedure *MULT*. In the procedure *MULT*, multiplications by powers of 2 are calculated as shifts of the computer word. To multiply the number A_i^{j-1} by 2^e , this number must be located in the register A , the register W must be cleared and the contents of AW is shifted to the right by $N-e$ bits. If $e = N-1$, it suffices to shift the contents of AW to the right by one bit only.

Having x represented in the form $(A_{n_{m+1}}^{m+1} \dots A_0^{m+1})_B$, we receive the form (3) in a simple way.

Case (ii) ($e' < 0$). m' is represented in the form

$$(6) \quad (0.A_{-1}^0 \dots A_{-n_0-1}^0 \dots A_{-j}^0)_B \cdot B^{E_0},$$

where

$$A_{-1}^0 = A_n^0, A_{-2}^0 = A_{n-1}^0, \dots, A_{-n_0-1}^0 = A_0^0, A_{-n_0-2}^0 = \dots = A_{-j}^0 = 0$$

and

$$E_0 = n_0 + 1.$$

Then $(0.A_{-1}^0 \dots A_{-j}^0)_B \cdot B^{E_0}$ is to be divided by $2^{|e'|}$ according to the schema

$$\underbrace{(A_{-1}^0 \dots A_{-j}^0) \cdot B^{E_0} / 2^{N-1} / \dots / 2^{N-1} / 2^{e' \pmod{(N-1)}}}_{m \text{ times}}, \quad \text{where } m = e' \div (N-1).$$

Let $(0.A_{-1}^l \dots A_{-j}^l)_B \cdot B^E$, where $A_{-1}^l \neq 0$, be the l -th quotient. The digits of the quotients are calculated by the formulas

$$a := 0, k := 0,$$

1. $a := a \cdot B + A_{-1}^{l-1-k}$,
 2. if $a < 2^e$, then $k := k + 1$ and go to 1 else,
- (7) $A_{-1}^l := a \div 2^e$,
- $E_l := E_{l-1} - k$,
- $j_l := j_{l-1} - k$,
3. $a := (a \pmod{2^e}) \cdot B + A_{-i-k}^{l-1}$ for $i = 2, \dots, j_l$,
- (8) $A_{-i}^l := a \div 2^e$ for $i = 2, \dots, j_l$,

where $e = N - 1$ if $l \neq m + 1$, and $e = |e'| \pmod{(N - 1)}$ if $l = m + 1$.
 Finally,

$$x = (0.A_{-1}^{m+1} \dots A_{-j_{m+1}}^{m+1})_B \cdot B^{E_{m+1}}.$$

From this formula it is easy to obtain formula (3).

The integer division from (7) and (8) is done in the procedure *DIV*. The procedure *DIV* calculates consecutive digits of the quotient as follows:

1. locate the number a in AW ,
2. shift the contents of AW to the left by $N - e$ bits.

The register A contains the result of the integer division of a by 2^e . If $e = N - 1$, the contents of AW is shifted only by one bit to the left.

3. Certification. The procedure *CONV* has been written also in the machine language of the ODR A 1204 computer using only fixed-point instructions. It has been used to printing the numbers. The comparison of the printouts of numbers in the assembler AS 1204 and using the procedure *CONV* are given in Table 1.

TABLE 1. Printouts of numbers

Number	AS-language	Procedure CONV
1	99.99999999996 ₁₀ - 002	10.00000000000 ₁₀ - 001
10 ⁵⁰	10.00000000686 ₁₀ + 049	99.99999999810 ₁₀ + 048
-10 ¹⁰⁰	-10.00000001470 ₁₀ + 099	-10.0000000053 ₁₀ + 099
28072624	28072624.000719	28072624.000000
32942252	32942251.999861	32942252.000000
909847776	909847776.00897	909847776.00000
64318876	64318876.000868	64318876.000000
7604325.5	7604325.5001363	7604325.5000000
923745504	923745504.00927	923745504.00000
642559200	642559199.99777	642559200.00000



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ALGORYTM ZAMIANY LICZB RZECZYWISTYCH
Z SYSTEMU DWÓJKOWEGO NA DZIESIĘTNY

STRESZCZENIE

Procedura *CONV* przedstawia liczbę zmiennopozycyjną $x = m \cdot 2^c$ w postaci

$$(-1)^i \cdot (0.A_{-1} \dots A_{-j})'_B \cdot 10^{E10},$$

gdzie $i = 0$, jeżeli $x > 0$, albo $i = 1$, jeżeli $x < 0$, a B jest najwyższą potęgą 10 mniejszą od słowa maszynowego.

Dane:

x — liczba rzeczywista;

n — wymiar tablicy A ;

N — długość słowa maszynowego (w bitach);

j — jeżeli cecha dwójkowa liczby x jest mniejsza niż p , to j jest liczbą cyfr w (6), w przeciwnym razie wartość j nie ma znaczenia;

MULT — procedura o nagłówku **procedure** *MULT*($a1, a2, e, c$); **value** e ; **integer** $a1, a2, e, c$; wykonująca czynności: $a2 := (a1 * 2^{\uparrow e} + e) \pmod{B}$, $c := (a1 * 2^{\uparrow e} + e) \div B$;

DIV — procedura o nagłówku: **procedure** *DIV*($a1, a2, e, c$); **value** e ; **integer** $a1, a2, e, c$; wykonująca czynności: $a2 := (c * B + a1) \div 2^{\uparrow e}$, $c := (c * B + a1) \pmod{2^{\uparrow e}}$;

D — procedura o nagłówku: **procedure** *D*(a, A, w, j); **value** a ; **integer** a, w, j ; **integer array** A . Procedura ta przedstawia liczbę a w systemie o podstawie B w postaci $(U_{j-1}, \dots, U_0)_B$, przy czym $A[w-j+1]$ zawiera cyfrę U_{j-1} , $A[w-j+2]$ cyfrę U_{j-2} itd.

BDIV — procedura o nagłówku: **procedure** *BDIV*(A, c, i, e); **value** e ; **integer** c, i, e ; **integer array** A . Po wykonaniu treści procedury wartość zmiennej i jest taka, że

$$(\dots A[1] * B + \dots) * B + A[i] \geq 2^{\uparrow e}$$

oraz

$$c := (\dots A[1] * B + \dots) * B + A[i-1].$$

Wyniki:

- $A[1:j]$ – tablica zawierająca kolejne cyfry liczby x w systemie o podstawie B ;
 j – liczba wyznaczonych cyfr;
 k – liczba znaczących cyfr dziesiętnych w A_{-1} ;
 $E10$ – cecha dziesiętna liczby x .

Nazwy nielokalne:

- const* – liczba całkowita spełniająca równość $10 \uparrow const = B$;
mant – procedura o nagłówku **procedure mant**(x, A, b, i); **value** b ; **real** x ; **integer** **array** A ; **Boolean** b ; **integer** i ; procedura wyznacza mantysę m' liczby x (patrz p. 2); kolejne cyfry mantysy w systemie o podstawie B umieszcza się w początkowych (gdy $b \equiv \text{true}$) lub końcowych (gdy $b \equiv \text{false}$) elementach tablicy A ;
cecha – procedura o nagłówku **procedure cecha**(x, e); **value** x ; **real** x ; **integer** e ; oblicza cechę e' (patrz p. 2) liczby x .

Algorytm polega na k -krotnym dzieleniu (gdy cecha dwójkowa liczby jest mniejsza od p) lub mnożeniu (w przeciwnym wypadku) mantysy m' przez $2 \uparrow (N - 1)$, gdzie $k = e' \div (N - 1)$, oraz przez $2 \uparrow e' \pmod{(N - 1)}$.

