

Using this system gives a floating point number in the form

$$(*) \quad (-1)^s 2^{c-1023} (1+f)$$

Example:

#15^a The following numbers are in 64-bit format. Find the decimal equivalent

0 10000001010 10010011000

The leftmost bit is zero \Rightarrow the number is positive. The next eleven digits give the following decimal number

$$c = 2^{10} + 2^3 + 2^1 = 1024 + 8 + 2 = 1034$$

Hence, the exponential part of the number

$$2^{1034-1023} = 2^{11} = 2048$$

The mantissa is

$$\begin{aligned} f &= 1 \cdot 2^{-1} + 0 \cdot 2^{-2} + 0 \cdot 2^{-3} + 1 \cdot 2^{-4} + 0 \cdot 2^{-5} + 0 \cdot 2^{-6} + 1 \cdot 2^{-7} + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{128} + \frac{1}{256} = 0.57421875 \end{aligned}$$