

# Embedded system paranoia: STAR 12

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## 1 Output results

I am not happy with this run. The same number is repeated and the results make no sense, although it is hard to imagine what went wrong. The run is awaiting confirmation. Data kindly supplied by Sivasankaran Krishnan and Sukumar Ranjeethkumar of Visteon India.

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COMMENT: =====
COMMENT: Welcome to ESP - Embedded System Paranoia
COMMENT: Please let me know your experiences
COMMENT: and suggestions at lesh@oakcomp.co.uk or
COMMENT: L.Hatton@kent.ac.uk
COMMENT:
COMMENT: $Revision: 1.4 $ $Date: 2003/09/19 11:18:31 $
COMMENT: This version will attempt divide by zero.
COMMENT: This version uses <setjmp.h>
COMMENT: This version uses single precision.
COMMENT: =====
FAILURE: -1+1 != 0, (-1)+abs(1) != 0, or -1+(-1)*(-1) != 0
FAILURE: 1/2 + (-1) + 1/2 != 0

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone , Page 1
COMMENT: Searching for Radix and Precision.
COMMENT: Radix = 1.3341436000000000e+00
COMMENT: Closest relative separation found is U1 = 1.3341436000000000e+00
COMMENT: Recalculating radix and precision
COMMENT: confirms closest relative separation U1.
MYSTERY: recalculated Radix =1.3341436000000000e+00

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 10, Page 2

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 20, Page 3
COMMENT: Precision cannot be characterized by an Integer number
COMMENT: of significant digits but, by itself, this is
COMMENT: a minor flaw.
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COMMENT: logarithmic encoding has precision characterized  
COMMENT: solely by U1.

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 25, Page 4  
SDEFECT: Disagreements among the values X1, Y1, Z1.

COMMENT: X1 = 1.33414360000000000e+00, Y1= 1.33414360000000000e+00, Z1= 1.334143  
6000000000e+00

COMMENT: This is a symptom of inconsistencies  
COMMENT: introduced by extra-precise evaluation  
COMMENT: of arithmetic subexpressions.

-----> Apparent inconsistency in test X1, Y1, Z1 or some part of this.  
-----> PLEASE NOTIFY HATTON.

COMMENT: This is not tested further by this program.

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 30, Page 5

COMMENT: Checking for guard digit in \*, / and -.

DEFECT : Division lacks a Guard Digit, so error can exceed 1 ulp  
or 1/3 and 3/  
9 and 9/27 may disagree

SDEFECT: Computed value of 1/1.000..1 >= 1

FAILURE: \* and/or / gets too many last digits wrong

SDEFECT: - lacks Guard Digit, so cancellation is obscured

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 35, Page 6

COMMENT: Checking rounding on multiply, divide and add/subtract.

FAILURE: X \* (1/X) differs from 1

FLAW : Multiplication neither chopped nor correctly rounded.

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 40, Page 7

FLAW : Division neither chopped nor correctly rounded.

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 45, Page 8

COMMENT: Addition/Subtraction neither rounds nor chops.

COMMENT: Sticky bit used incorrectly or not at all.

FLAW : Flaws are present due to lack of guard digits or round/chop failures

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 50, Page 9

COMMENT: Testing multiplicative commutation

COMMENT: with random pairs, trials = 20

PASSED : No failures found during these trials.

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 60, Page 10

COMMENT: Running test of square root(x).

FAILURE: Square root of 0.0, -0.0 or 1.0 wrong

SDEFECT:

COMMENT: sqrt( X \* X ) - X = 1.33414360000000000e+00 rather than 0.

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-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 70, Page 11  
COMMENT: Testing integer X,  $\sqrt{X * X} = X$ , trials = 20  
DEFECT :

COMMENT:  $\sqrt{X * X} - X = 1.3341436000000000e+00$  rather than 0.  
COMMENT: Test for sqrt monotonicity.  
DEFECT :  
COMMENT:  $\sqrt{X}$  is non-monotonic for X near  $1.3341436000000000e+00$

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 71, Page 12  
COMMENT: Running test of difference of two squares).  
COMMENT: integer X,  $(X**2-Y**2) - (X-Y)(X+Y)$  trials = 20

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 75, Page 13

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 80, Page 14

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 85, Page 15

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 90, Page 16  
COMMENT: Testing powers  $Z^i$  for small Integers Z and i.  
COMMENT: Power function  
COMMENT:  $1.3341436000000000e+00 \wedge 1.3341436000000000e+00 = 1.3341436000000000e+00$   
COMMENT: which differs from correct value by  $1.3341436000000000e+00$   
COMMENT: Number of similar discrepancies = 1

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 91, Page 17  
PASSED : ... no discrepancies found.

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 100, Page 18  
COMMENT: Seeking Underflow thresholds UfThold and E0.  
FAILURE: multiplication gets too many last digits wrong.

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 110, Page 19

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 111, Page 20  
COMMENT: Smallest strictly positive number found  
COMMENT: is E0 =  $-3.5034074400000000e-13$   
COMMENT: Since comparison denies  $Z = 0$ , evaluating  
COMMENT:  $(Z + Z) / Z$  should be safe.  
COMMENT:  $(Z+Z)/Z$  is OK provided Over/Underflow  
COMMENT: has NOT just been signaled.

DEFECT :  $Z \neq Z * 1$   
COMMENT:  $Z = -3.503407440000000000e-13$ ,  $Z * 1 = 1.334143600000000000e+00$   
DEFECT :  $Z \neq 1 * Z$   
COMMENT:  $Z = -3.503407440000000000e-13$ ,  $1 * Z = 1.334143600000000000e+00$

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 120, Page 21  
COMMENT: The Underflow threshold is  $-3.503407440000000000e-13$   
COMMENT: Below this, a calculation may suffer larger Relative  
COMMENT: error than merely roundoff.

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 121, Page 22  
COMMENT: Since underflow occurs below the threshold  
COMMENT:  $UfThold = 1.334143600000000000e+00 \wedge 1.334143600000000000e+00$   
COMMENT: only underflow could affect this expression.  
COMMENT: calculating yields:  $1.334143600000000000e+00$   
PASSED : This computed value is O.K.

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 130, Page 23  
COMMENT: As  $X \rightarrow 1$ , Testing  $X^{\frac{X+1}{X-1}}$  against  $\exp(2)$ .  
COMMENT:  $\exp(2) = 1.313574040000000000e+14$   
DEFECT : Power function  $\text{pow}(x,z)$ :  
COMMENT:  $(1 + 1.334143600000000000e+00) \wedge 1.334143600000000000e+00$   
COMMENT: differs from correct value by  $1.313574040000000000e+14$   
FAILED : This may spoil financial calculations  
FAILED : involving tiny interest rates.

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 140, Page 24  
COMMENT: Testing powers  $Z^Q$  at four nearly extreme values.

DEFECT : Power function  
COMMENT:  $1.334143600000000000e+00 \wedge 1.334143600000000000e+00 = 1.334143600000000000e+00$   
COMMENT: which differs from correct value by  $1.334143600000000000e+00$   
COMMENT: Number of similar discrepancies = 4

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 150, Page 25

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 160, Page 26  
COMMENT: Searching for Overflow threshold:  
COMMENT: This may generate an error.  
COMMENT: Can 'Z = -Y' overflow?  
COMMENT: Trying it on  $Y = 1.334143600000000000e+00$   
PASSED : Seems O.K.  
SDEFECT:  
COMMENT: Overflow past  $1.334143600000000000e+00$ , shrinks to  $1.334143600000000000e+00$   
COMMENT: Overflow threshold is  $V = 1.334143600000000000e+00$   
COMMENT: Overflow saturates at  $V0 = 1.334143600000000000e+00$   
COMMENT: No overflow should be signalled for  $V*1 = 1.334143600000000000e+00$

COMMENT: No overflow should be signalled for  $V/1 = 1.3341436000000000e+00$   
COMMENT: Any overflow separating  $V*1$  from  
COMMENT:  $V$  above is a DEFECT.

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 161, Page 27

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 170, Page 28

DEFECT :  
COMMENT: Comparison alleges that what prints as  $Z = -3.5034074400000000e-13$   
COMMENT: is too far from  $-6.1227121300000000e+37$   
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COMMENT: Comparison alleges that what prints as  $Z = -3.5034074400000000e-13$   
COMMENT: is too far from  $-6.1227121300000000e+37$

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 175, Page 29

DEFECT :  
COMMENT: Comparison alleges that  $Z = 1.3341436000000000e+00$   
COMMENT: is too far from  $\text{sqrt}(Z) ^ 2 = 1.3341436000000000e+00$   
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COMMENT: is too far from  $\text{sqrt}(Z) ^ 2 = 1.3341436000000000e+00$

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 180, Page 30

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 190, Page 31

DEFECT : Badly  
COMMENT: unbalanced range:  $UfThold * V = 1.3341436000000000e+00$   
is too far from 1.

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 191, Page 32

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 200, Page 33

COMMENT: Trying to compute  $1/0$  gives  $1.3341436000000000e+00$   
COMMENT: Trying to compute  $0/0$  gives  $1.3341436000000000e+00$

-----> Diagnosis resuming after Milestone 210, Page 34

COMMENT: =====  
COMMENT: Embedded System Paranoia SUMMARY  
COMMENT:  
COMMENT: Number of FAILURES encountered = 6  
COMMENT: Number of SERIOUS DEFECTs discovered = 7  
COMMENT: Number of DEFECTs discovered = 12  
COMMENT: Number of FLAWs discovered = 1  
COMMENT:  
FAILED : The arithmetic diagnosed has unacceptable  
COMMENT: Serious DEFECT.  
FAILED : Potentially fatal FAILURE has occurred  
COMMENT: Rating ...  
          Excellent  
          Very good

Good  
Acceptable  
Unacceptable  
=====> Broken  
COMMENT: END OF TEST.  
COMMENT: =====