The xfp package
Floating Point Unit

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This package provides a LaTeX 2_ε document-level interface to the LaTeX3 floating point unit (part of expl3).

`\fpeval` ⋆

The expandable command `\fpeval` takes as it's argument a floating point expression and will produce 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 $\operatorname{sign} x$, negation $!\,x$, conjunction $x \,\&\&\, y$, disjunction $x \,||\, y$, ternary operator $x \,?\, y : z$.
- Exponentials: $\exp x$, $\ln x$, x^y.
- Trigonometry: $\sin x$, $\cos x$, $\tan x$, $\cot x$, $\sec x$, $\csc x$ expecting their arguments in radians, and $\operatorname{sind} x$, $\operatorname{cosd} x$, $\operatorname{tand} x$, $\operatorname{cotd} x$, $\operatorname{secd} x$, $\operatorname{cscd} x$ expecting their arguments in degrees.
- Inverse trigonometric functions: $\operatorname{asin} x$, $\operatorname{acos} x$, $\operatorname{atan} x$, $\operatorname{acot} x$, $\operatorname{asec} x$, $\operatorname{acsc} x$ giving a result in radians, and $\operatorname{asind} x$, $\operatorname{acosd} x$, $\operatorname{atand} x$, $\operatorname{acotd} x$, $\operatorname{asecd} x$, $\operatorname{acscd} x$ giving a result in degrees.
- Extrema: $\max(x, y, \ldots)$, $\min(x, y, \ldots)$, $\operatorname{abs}(x)$.
- Rounding functions ($n = 0$ by default, $t =$ `NaN` by default): $\operatorname{trunc}(x, n)$ rounds towards zero, $\operatorname{floor}(x, n)$ rounds towards $-\infty$, $\operatorname{ceil}(x, n)$ rounds towards $+\infty$, $\operatorname{round}(x, n, t)$ 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: $rand()$, $randint(m, n)$ (requires pdfTeX or LuaTeX).
- Constants: `pi`, `deg` (one degree in radians).
- Dimensions, automatically expressed in points, *e.g.*, `pc` is 12.

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- Automatic conversion (no need for `\number` of integer, dimension, and skip variables to floating points, expressing dimensions in points and ignoring the stretch and shrink components of skips.

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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