
Subject: Re: Julian time problem

Posted by [Jonathan Dursi](#) on Fri, 24 Nov 2006 13:30:47 GMT

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Paolo Grigis wrote:

> They *are* the same:

In particular, the difference between the two quantities ($\sim 4.65e-10$) is a couple parts in $1e16$ of the value ($\sim 2.45e6$), and you simply can't do better than that in the usual IEEE double precision math.

If your methods depend sensitively on floating point values giving you results more precise than a few parts in 10^{16} , then I fear your life will be full of sadness, or at least computationally expensive arbitrary precision mathematics libraries.

- Jonathan

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