
Subject: Re: machine precision

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On Mon, 18 May 2009 13:33:48 GMT, James Kuyper

<jameskuyper@verizon.net> wrote:

> At a minimum, you should use $\text{pres} \cdot (f_1^2 + f_2^2)^{0.5}$ instead of pres for
> the following comparison. eps gives you the relative precision, not the
> absolute precision; it needs to be scaled by the numbers you're working
> with.

Now this I didn't realize! So it's the precision of the mantisse or something?
