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Posted by Andy Loughe on Thu, 23 Jan 1997 08:00:00 GMT
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Mirko Vukovic wrote:
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number = 5.89
frac_number = number - fix(number)

Is one way to do it.

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"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us
with
sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forego their use."
-Galileo

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Do you mean this:
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IDL>

Good luck,
Phil
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"One man gathers what another man spills..."
-The Grateful Dead
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Posted by davidf on Thu, 23 Jan 1997 08:00:00 GMT
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No, no, I was just kidding. I do love these kinds of questions, though. :-)

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davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) writes:

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Actually, neither of these approaches is completely robust, because of their different behaviors for negative numbers,

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IDL> n = -5.5
IDL> print, n mod floor(n)
     -5.50000
IDL> print, n - fix(n)
    -0.500000
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I think the correct way to do it is to combine the two approaches,

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IDL> print, n - floor(n)
     0.500000
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That is, if you agree with me that the integer part of -5.5 is -6, and the fractional part is +0.5. :^)

Bill Thompson