

The **xfp** package

Floating Point Unit

The L^AT_EX3 Project*

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This package provides a L^AT_EX 2_ε document-level interface to the L^AT_EX3 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 T_EX 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 `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 `sind x` , `cosd x` , `tand x` , `cotd x` , `secd x` , `cscd x` expecting their arguments in degrees.
- Inverse trigonometric functions: `asin x` , `acos x` , `atan x` , `acot x` , `asec x` , `acsc x` giving a result in radians, and `asind x` , `acosd x` , `atand x` , `acotd x` , `asecd x` , `acscd x` giving a result in degrees.
- Extrema: `max(x, y, \dots)`, `min(x, y, \dots)`, `abs(x)`.
- Rounding functions ($n = 0$ by default, $t = \text{NaN}$ by default): `trunc(x, n)` rounds towards zero, `floor(x, n)` rounds towards $-\infty$, `ceil(x, n)` rounds towards $+\infty$, `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 pdfT_EX or LuaT_EX).
- 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.

`\LaTeX{}` can now compute: $\frac{\sin(3.5)}{2} + 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
`= \fpeval{sin 3.5 /2 + 2e-3} $.`

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