

help eps

EPS Spacing of floating point numbers.

$D = \text{EPS}(X)$, is the positive distance from $\text{ABS}(X)$ to the next larger in magnitude floating point number of the same precision as X .

X may be either double precision or single precision.

For all X , $\text{EPS}(X) = \text{EPS}(-X) = \text{EPS}(\text{ABS}(X))$.

EPS, with no arguments, is the distance from 1.0 to the next larger double precision number, that is $\text{EPS} = 2^{(-52)}$.

$\text{EPS}(\text{'double'})$ is the same as EPS, or $\text{EPS}(1.0)$.

$\text{EPS}(\text{'single'})$ is the same as $\text{EPS}(\text{single}(1.0))$, or $\text{single}(2^{-23})$.

Except for denormals, if $2^E \leq \text{ABS}(X) < 2^{(E+1)}$, then

$\text{EPS}(X) = 2^{(E-23)}$ if $\text{ISA}(X, \text{'single'})$

$\text{EPS}(X) = 2^{(E-52)}$ if $\text{ISA}(X, \text{'double'})$

Replace expressions of the form

if $Y < \text{EPS} * \text{ABS}(X)$

with

if $Y < \text{EPS}(X)$

Examples:

double precision

$\text{eps}(1/2) = 2^{(-53)}$

$\text{eps}(1) = 2^{(-52)}$ ←

$\text{eps}(2) = 2^{(-51)}$

$\text{eps}(\text{realmax}) = 2^{971}$

$\text{eps}(0) = 2^{(-1074)}$

if $(\text{abs}(x)) \leq \text{realmin}$, $\text{eps}(x) = 2^{(-1074)}$

$\text{eps}(\text{Inf}) = \text{NaN}$

$\text{eps}(\text{NaN}) = \text{NaN}$

single precision

$\text{eps}(\text{single}(1/2)) = 2^{(-24)}$

$\text{eps}(\text{single}(1)) = 2^{(-23)}$

$\text{eps}(\text{single}(2)) = 2^{(-22)}$

$\text{eps}(\text{realmax}(\text{'single'})) = 2^{104}$

$\text{eps}(\text{single}(0)) = 2^{(-149)}$

if $(\text{abs}(x)) \leq \text{realmin}(\text{'single'})$, $\text{eps}(x) = 2^{(-149)}$

$\text{eps}(\text{single}(\text{Inf})) = \text{single}(\text{NaN})$

$\text{eps}(\text{single}(\text{NaN})) = \text{single}(\text{NaN})$

See also [realmax](matlab:help realmax), [realmin](matlab:help realmin)

Overloaded functions or methods (ones with the same name in other directories)

[help quantizer/eps.m](matlab:help quantizer/eps.m)

[help qfilt/eps.m](matlab:help qfilt/eps.m)

[help qfft/eps.m](matlab:help qfft/eps.m)

Reference page in Help browser

[doc eps](matlab:doc eps)

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