VAX Floating Point

- * 4 formats, all with hidden bit
 - F 1, 8, 23+1
 - D 1, 8, 55+1
 - G 1, 11, 52+1
 - H 1, 15, 112+1
- * Accuracy
 - * All operations are 0.5 ulp accurate, but no round to even
 - * Round to nearest always used, no rounding modes
- * Special operands
 - * No Infinity, NaN, denorms
 - * -0 is a reserved operand
- * Exceptions
 - * Overflow produces reserved operand and always takes a floating overflow trap
 - * Divide by zero produces reserved operand and always takes a floating divide by zero trap
 - * Underflow always produces zero and takes a floating underflow trap if it is enabled Underflow traps are disable on every procedure call
 - * Reserved operand (-0) aborts instruction and always takes reserved operand trap

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VMS Exception handling -- General

- * Machine faults are translated into software signals with specific condition numbers
- * Programs can establish signal handlers on a per-procedure basis which are passed the condition number
- * Handlers can pass the condition, unwind, or continue
- * If program does not handle condition the a default handler prints something like

%SYSTEM-F-FLTOVF_F, arithmetic fault, floating overflow at PC=00000711, PSL=03C0

%TRACE-F-TRACEBACK, symbolic stack dump follows module name routine name line TEST TEST 30

and then stops

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1 / 0	-0	%SYSTEM-F-FLTDIV_F
0 / 0	-0	%SYSTEM-F-FLTDIV_F
Overflow	-0	%SYSTEM-F-FLTOVF_F
Underflow	0	%SYSTEM-F-FLTUND_F (if enable)
Bad input	0	%FOR-F-INPCONERR
sqrt(-1)	-0	%MTH-F-SQUROONEG,
_		square root of negative value
sqrt(-0)	none	%SYSTEM-F-ROPRAND
log(0)	-0	%MTH-F-LOGZERNEG ,
		logarithm of zero or negative value
log(-1)	-0	%MTH-F-LOGZERNEG
log(-0)	-0	%MTH-F-LOGZERNEG
exp (89)	-0	%MTH-F-FLOOVEMAT,
		floating overflow in math library
exp(-89)	0	
$\exp(-0)$	1.0	
sin (1e38)	0.989164472	
atan(0,0)	none	%MTH-F-INVARGMAT
0**0	-0	