

Atlantic/Pacific: Determining the Number of Significant Digits

Pacific

Decimal Present

Count toward the right
from the first nonzero
digit.



Atlantic

Decimal Absent

Count toward the left
from the first nonzero
digit.



Pacific = Decimal **P**resent

Atlantic = Decimal **A**bsent

Count from the ocean towards the coast starting with the first nonzero digit, and include *all* the digits that follow.