

## Enough Precision?

Calculate

$$\sqrt{\underbrace{0.111\dots111}_{100 \text{ times}}}$$

- (a) to 100 significant digits;
- (b) to 101 significant digits;
- (c) to 200 significant digits.

*Answer of problem*      **Enough Precision?**

Use the fact that

$$\frac{1}{9} = 0.(1)$$

and write

$$0.\underbrace{111\dots 1}_{100 \text{ times}} = \frac{1}{9}(1 - 10^{-100})$$

So the square root of that will be approximately

$$\frac{1}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2}10^{-100} - \frac{1}{8}10^{-200} \right) = 0.(3) - 0.1(6) * 10^{-100} - 0.041(6) * 10^{-200}$$

$$= 0.\underbrace{33\dots 33}1\underbrace{66\dots 6}\dots$$

100 times      100 times