## **RULES FOR SIGNIFICANT DIGITS**

- With or without a decimal point, the leftmost <u>non-zero</u> digit is the significant, and is THE MOST significant digit in the number.
- If the number has no decimal point, the rightmost <u>non-zero</u> digit is significant, and is THE LEAST significant digit in the number.
- If the number does have a decimal point, the least significant digit is the rightmost digit (which may be zero).
- 4. The number of significant digits of a number is the number of digits from the most to the least significant.
- 5. The number of significant digits in the output should equal the least number of significant digits in the input.

7,000,000,000	1-SD	7,000,000,003	10-SD
0.000 000 003	1-SD	0.500 000 002	9-SD