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If, in cell A1, you enter the formula $17.9-17*10$, the cell will display 9, the correct result. If you then enter, in cell A2, `@INT(A1)`, the cell will display 8. Even if you try the `@IF`, the result will always be something less than 9.

This phenomenon is not the application's fault: it's that old standard floating point error. Remember that $17.9-17$ isn't .9, but rather .899999, so that when you multiply by 10, you get 8.99999--and `@INT(8.9999) = 8`. The best workaround is to use `@INT(A1+0.5)` instead.

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