

# A **hol** Theory of $n$ words

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## **1 Introduction**

This work forms part of an epsrc funded project on the formal specification and verification of the ARM6 microprocessor. Under this project, Graham Birtwistle's group in Leeds have produced detailed ml specifications of the ARM instruction set and of the ARM6. At Cambridge, the hol theorem prover has been used to verify a design that is closely based on the ARM6. In order to model the ARM instruction set and the processor implementation in hol, a model of 32-bit words was required. Moreover, the intention was

This set of equations does satisfy some of the properties of n

used to partition an algebra  $A$ 's carrier set into classes

$$\cdots \quad \mathbf{b}_{h+2} \quad \mathbf{b}_{h+1} \quad \mathbf{b}_h \quad \mathbf{b}_{h-1} \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{b}_{l+1} \quad \mathbf{b}_l \quad \mathbf{b}_{l-1} \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{b}_1$$





|     |            |          |          |            |     |       |       |
|-----|------------|----------|----------|------------|-----|-------|-------|
| ... | $a_{wl+1}$ | $a_{wl}$ | $a_{hb}$ | $a_{hb-1}$ | ... | $a_1$ | $a_0$ |
|-----|------------|----------|----------|------------|-----|-------|-------|

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(a) The operands a and b.

|     |   |   |                        |                            |     |                  |                  |
|-----|---|---|------------------------|----------------------------|-----|------------------|------------------|
| ... | 0 | 0 | $a_{hb} \wedge b_{hb}$ | $a_{hb-1} \wedge b_{hb-1}$ | ... | $a_1 \wedge b_1$ | $a_0 \wedge b_0$ |
|-----|---|---|------------------------|----------------------------|-----|------------------|------------------|

(b) The word  $a \wedge b$  = bitwise  $wl \wedge a$  b.

Figure 3: Bitwise Conjunction.

The function  $\text{bitwise} : N \rightarrow (B \rightarrow B \rightarrow B) \rightarrow N \rightarrow N \rightarrow N$  is used to define logical operations. It has a (primitive) recursive definition:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bitwise } 0 \text{ R } a \text{ b} &= 0 \\ \text{bitwise } (n + 1) \text{ R } a \text{ b} &= \text{bitwise } n \text{ R } a \text{ b} + \text{sbit } ((\text{bit } n \text{ a}) \text{ R } \text{bit } n \text{ b}) \end{aligned}$$



## 5 Constructing a Word Algebra

is a well-defined bijection between

**Algebra: Bits**

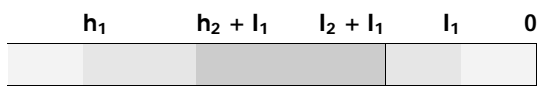
**Carrier Sets**

B; N

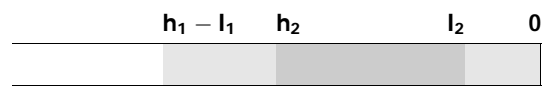
**Constants**

true; false 2 B

0;



(a) Natural number  $n$ , split into bit regions.



(b)  $n' = \text{bits}$



### 6.2.2 Shifting

Shifting by zero and shifting the word 0 is an identity mapping.

**Theorem 9.**

$$\text{isl } 0 \ w = \text{lsr } 0 \ w = \text{asr } 0 \ w = \text{ror } 0 \ w = w$$

and

$$\text{isl } x \ 0 = \text{lsr } x \ 0 = \text{asr } x \ 0 = \text{ror } x \ 0 = 0:$$

The arithmetic and rotate right shifts are also identity maps for the word T.

**Theorem 10.**  $\text{asr } x \ T = \text{ror } x \ T = T$ .

**Theorem 11.** Shifting is additive:

$$\text{isl } (m + n) \ w = \text{isl } n \ (\text{isl } m \ w)$$

$$\text{lsr } (m + n) \ w = \text{lsr } n \ (\text{lsr } m \ w)$$

$$\text{asr } (m + n) \ w = \text{asr } n \ (\text{asr } m \ w)$$

$$\text{ror } (m + n) \ w = \text{ror } n \ (\text{ror } m \ w):$$

Logical left and right shifts reach a fixed point at word 0 and word T.

## 7.1 The Word Type

Equivalence types can be declared in `hol` using the function `define_equivalence_type` from the `equivType` package. Creating an equivalence type is analogous to asserting the existence of the set  $A = \{x \mid \dots\}$ .

### 7.3 Mappings to and from the Natural Numbers

Natural numbers can be mapped to words with the function `n2w: num → word32`, defined by

```
def n2w a = mk_word32 ($== a)
```

The term  $\$==\ n$  represents the equivalence class of  $n$ ; it is a map characterising the set of all numbers  $x$  such that  $x \equiv n$ , defined by





## 8 Conclusion

A hol theory of n-bit words has been presented with reference to the quotient



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