HISTO VHD
Hardware
what does PN mean!!!

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-- Histo bins and counts the integer portion of the PNs as a means of determining
the width of the
-- distribution. We use a 'bounded range' method to measure the width of the
distribution, e.g., 6.25%
-- to 93.75% to approx. the 3 sigma actual range to avoid the negative impact
caused by an outlying
-- PNs.

-- The PNs are signed values between -2048.9375 and 2047.9375 (SIGNED 12-bit
integer + 4 bits of precision)
-- We have 2K words of PNL BRAM to utilize (addresses 2048 to 4095) for the
histogram so we'll need to make
-- sure the integer PNs do not exceed -1024 to +1023. To maximize the ranges that
can be handled and to
-- deal with the negative PNs (if they occur), we first find the smallest value
and I use that to offset
-- the distribution. The range is a relative value (difference of two addresses
in the histogram portion of
-- the PNL_BRAM) that represent the 6.25% to 93.75% bounds so subtracting the two
addresses gives us the
-- range of the PNs.

-- Each cell is 16 bits so we can count to 2^16 (plenty given we only have 4096
total values to bin). Once
-- we've created the histogram, we parse it from left to right, adding each of
the cell counts to a global sum,
-- and record the point where the sum equals or exceeds the LV bound count. This
address becomes the lower bound
-- on the range. We keep parsing until the sum becomes >= the HV bound count.
This address becomes the upper
-- bound on the range.

library IEEE;
use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.ALL;
use IEEE.NUMERIC_STD.all;

library work;
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PN ?
provided number??
pseudo noise?
pixel_numbe??
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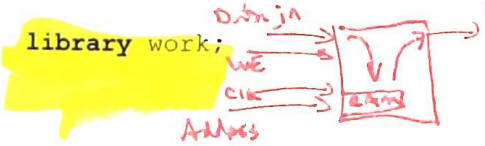

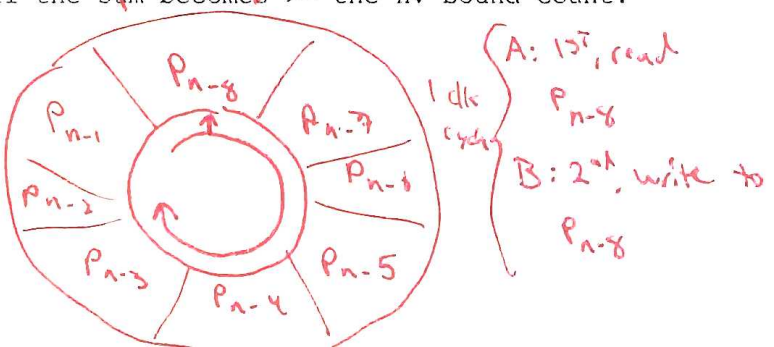

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use work.DataTypes_pkg.all;

entity Histo is
   port(
      Clk: in  std_logic;
      RESET: in std_logic;
      start: in std_logic;
      ready: out std_logic;
      HISTO_ERR: out std_logic;
      PNL_BRAM_addr: out std_logic_vector(PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB-1 downto 0);
      PNL_BRAM_din: out std_logic_vector(PNL_BRAM_DBITS_WIDTH_NB-1 downto 0);
      PNL_BRAM_dout: in std_logic_vector(PNL_BRAM_DBITS_WIDTH_NB-1 downto 0);
      PNL_BRAM_we: out std_logic_vector(0 to 0)
      );
end Histo;

architecture beh of Histo is
   type state_type is (idle, clear_mem, find_smallest, compute_addr, inc_cell,
   get_next_PN, init_dist, sweep_BRAM,
      check_histo_error, write_range);
   signal state_reg, state_next: state_type;

   signal ready_reg, ready_next: std_logic;

   -- Address registers for the PNs and histogram portions of memory
   signal PN_addr_reg, PN_addr_next: unsigned(PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB-1 downto 0);
   signal histo_addr_reg, histo_addr_next: unsigned(PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB-1 downto
    0);

   -- For selecting between PN or histo portion of memory during memory accesses
   signal do_PN_histo_addr: std_logic;

   -- Stores the full 16-bit PN that is the smallest among all in the data set
   signal smallest_val_reg, smallest_val_next: signed(PNL_BRAM_DBITS_WIDTH_NB-1
   downto 0);

   -- These are 12 bits each to hold only the 12-bit integer portion of the PNs
   signal shifted_dout: signed(PN_INTEGER_NB-1 downto 0);
   signal shifted_smallest_val: signed(PN_INTEGER_NB-1 downto 0);

   -- These signals used in the calculation of the address in the histogram memory
   of the cell to add 1 to during the histo
   -- contruction. They are addresses and therefore need to match the address width
   of the memory.
   signal offset_addr: signed(PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB-1 downto 0);
   signal histo_cell_addr: unsigned(PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB-1 downto 0);

   -- These variables will store the PNL_BRAM addresses when the LV and HV bounds
   are met.
   signal LV_addr_reg, LV_addr_next: unsigned(PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB-1 downto 0);
   signal HV_addr_reg, HV_addr_next: unsigned(PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB-1 downto 0);

   -- Use for error checking when the range of the distribution is computed.
   signal LV_set_reg, LV_set_next: std_logic;
   signal HV_set_reg, HV_set_next: std_logic;

   -- These signals store the lower and upper count that represents the fractional
   limits of the histogram. They are constants
   -- that signal the state machine when to record an address reference in the
   histogram memory. These hold constants that
   -- represent a 'count', where the maximum value can be 4096 (one bigger than
   4095), so we need 13 bits (not 12).
   signal LV_bound, HV_bound: unsigned(NUM_PNS_NB downto 0);
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103   -- The register used to sum up the counts in the histogram as it is parsed left
      to right. It WILL count up to the number of
104   -- PNs stored, which is currently 4096, so we need 13-bit here, not 12.
105      signal dist_cnt_sum_reg, dist_cnt_sum_next: unsigned(NUM_PNS_NB downto 0);
106
107   -- Storage for the mean must be able to accommodate a sum of 4096 values
      (NUM_PNS) each of which is 16-bits (PNL_BRAM_DBITS_WIDTH_NB)
108   -- wide. The number of values summed is 4096 so we need 12-bits, NUM_PNS_NB)
      where each value is 16-bits (PN_SIZE_NB) so we need
109   -- an adder that is 28 bits (27 downto 0). The sum is likely to require much
      fewer bits -- this is worst case.
110      signal dist_mean_sum_reg, dist_mean_sum_next: signed(NUM_PNS_NB+PN_SIZE_NB-1
         downto 0);
111
112   -- The final mean and range computed from the histogram. Written to memory below.
113      signal dist_mean: std_logic_vector(PNL_BRAM_DBITS_WIDTH_NB-1 downto 0);
114      signal dist_range: std_logic_vector(HISTO_MAX_RANGE_NB-1 downto 0);
115
116   -- Error flag is set to '1' if distribution is too narrow to be characterized
      with the specified bounds, or the integer portion of
117   -- a PN value is outside the range of -1023 and 1024.
118      signal HISTO_ERR_reg, HISTO_ERR_next: std_logic;
119
120      begin
121
122   -- Compute the mean with full precision. Divide through by 2^12 or 4096 since
      that's the number of PNs we add to the sum.
123      dist_mean <= std_logic_vector(resize(dist_mean_sum_reg/(2**NUM_PNS_NB),
         PNL_BRAM_DBITS_WIDTH_NB));
124
125   -- The range of the distribution is computed as the difference in the addresses
      which were set when the running sum of the counts in
126   -- the histo (as we sweep left to right) became equal to the percentages we
      defined as the limits, e.g., 6.25% and 93.75%.
127   -- NOTE: 'HISTO_MAX_RANGE_NB" is 12 because the number of memory elements
      allocated for histo memory is 2^12 = 2048, so 12 bits are
128   -- needed to allow the range to reach 2048 (one bigger than 2047, which is 2^11).
129      dist_range <= std_logic_vector(resize(HV_addr_reg - LV_addr_reg + 1,
         HISTO_MAX_RANGE_NB));
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132   --
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133   -- State and register logic
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135      process(Clk, RESET)
136         begin
137         if ( RESET = '1' ) then
138            state_reg <= idle;
139            ready_reg <= '1';
140            PN_addr_reg <= (others => '0');
141            histo_addr_reg <= (others => '0');
142            smallest_val_reg <= (others => '0');
143            LV_addr_reg <= (others => '0');
144            HV_addr_reg <= (others => '0');
145            LV_set_reg <= '0';
146            HV_set_reg <= '0';
147            dist_cnt_sum_reg <= (others => '0');
148            dist_mean_sum_reg <= (others => '0');
149            HISTO_ERR_reg <= '0';
150         elsif ( Clk'event and Clk = '1' ) then
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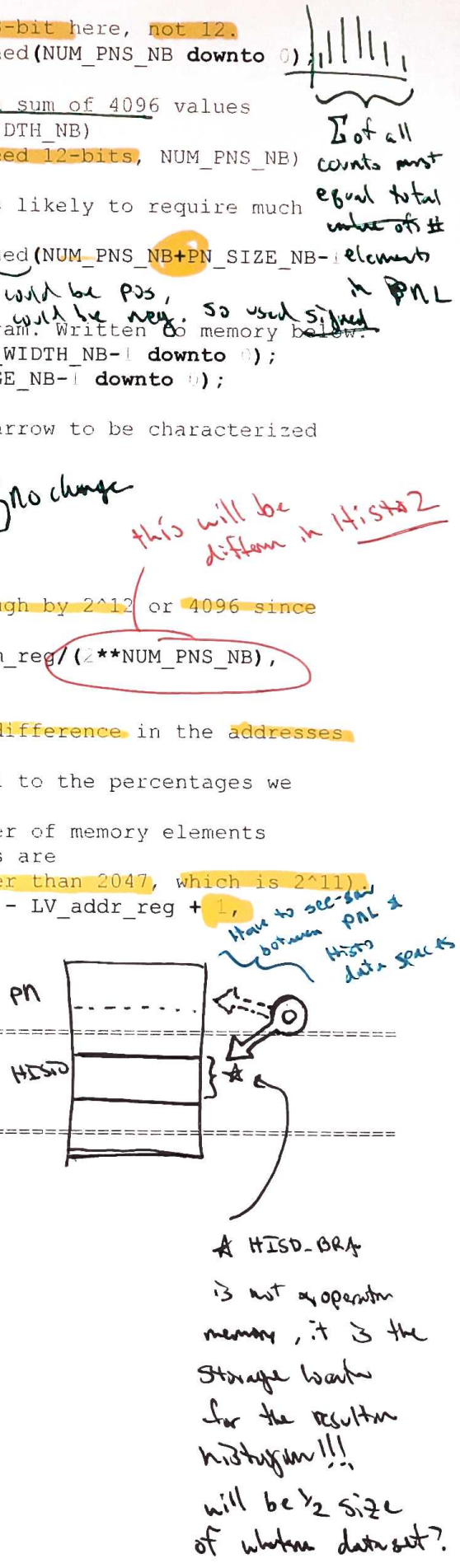

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151             state_reg <= state_next;
152             ready_reg <= ready_next;
153             PN_addr_reg <= PN_addr_next;
154             histo_addr_reg <= histo_addr_next;
155             smallest_val_reg <= smallest_val_next;
156             LV_addr_reg <= LV_addr_next;
157             HV_addr_reg <= HV_addr_next;
158             LV_set_reg <= LV_set_next;
159             HV_set_reg <= HV_set_next;
160             dist_cnt_sum_reg <= dist_cnt_sum_next;
161             dist_mean_sum_reg <= dist_mean_sum_next;
162             HISTO_ERR_reg <= HISTO_ERR_next;
163          end if;
164       end process;
165
166
167    -- Convert the two quantities that will participate in computing the address of
       appropriate distribution cell that we will
168    -- add 1 to to create the histogram. these trim off the low order 4 bits of
       precision of the current word on the output
169    -- of the BRAM and the smallest_val computed in the loop below. NOTE: the RANGE
       MUST NEVER EXCEED +/- 1023 since we have
170    -- ONLY 2048 memory locations dedicated to the distribution.
171       shifted_dout <= resize(signed(PNL_BRAM_dout)/16, PN_INTEGER_NB);
172       shifted_smallest_val <= resize(smallest_val_reg/16, PN_INTEGER_NB);
173
174    -- Compute the offset address in the histo portion of memory by taking the
       integer portion of 'dout' - the integer portion
175    -- of the smallest value among all PNs. This address MUST fall into the range 0
       to 2047.
176       offset_addr <= resize(shifted_dout, PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB) - resize(
          shifted_smallest_val, PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB);
177
178    -- Add the offset computed above to the base address of the histogram portion of
       BRAM.
179       histo_cell_addr <= unsigned(offset_addr) + to_unsigned(HISTO_BRAM_BASE,
          PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB);
180
181    -- Compute the bounds of the distribution by adding up histo cells from left to
       right until the sum becomes larger/smaller than
182    -- a 'fraction' of the total number of values counted in the histogram (which is
       4096). Use 4 here to set the fraction limits to
183    -- 6.25% and 93.75% for the LV and HV bounds. With a total count across histo
       cells of 4096, the bounds become 256 and 3840.
184       LV_bound <= to_unsigned(NUM_PNs, NUM_PNS_NB+1) srl HISTO_BOUND_PCT_SHIFT_NB;
185       HV_bound <= to_unsigned(NUM_PNs, NUM_PNS_NB+1) - LV_bound;
186
187    --  converting to unsigned before arithmetic ops
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188    -- Combo logic
189    --
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190
191       process (state_reg, start, ready_reg, PN_addr_reg, histo_addr_reg,
          PNL_BRAM_dout, histo_cell_addr,
192          LV_bound, HV_bound, LV_addr_reg, HV_addr_reg, LV_set_reg, HV_set_reg,
             dist_cnt_sum_reg,
193          dist_cnt_sum_next, dist_mean_sum_reg, smallest_val_reg, dist_mean,
             dist_range, HISTO_ERR_reg)
194       begin
195          state_next <= state_reg;
196          ready_next <= ready_reg;
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Ok, keep

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198         PN_addr_next <= PN_addr_reg;
199         histo_addr_next <= histo_addr_reg;
200         smallest_val_next <= smallest_val_reg;
201         LV_addr_next <= LV_addr_reg;
202         HV_addr_next <= HV_addr_reg;
203         LV_set_next <= LV_set_reg;
204         HV_set_next <= HV_set_reg;
205         dist_cnt_sum_next <= dist_cnt_sum_reg;
206         dist_mean_sum_next <= dist_mean_sum_reg;
207         HISTO_ERR_next <= HISTO_ERR_reg;
208
209     -- Default value is 0 -- used during memory initialization.
210         PNL_BRAM_din <= (others=>'0');
211         PNL_BRAM_we <= "0";
212
213         do_PN_histo_addr <= '0';
214
215     case state_reg is
216
217     -- ======================
218         when idle =>
219             ready_next <= '1';
220
221             if ( start = '1' ) then
222                 ready_next <= '0';
223
224     -- Reset error flag
225                 HISTO_ERR_next <= '0';
226
227     -- Zero the register that will eventually define the mean.
228                 dist_mean_sum_next <= (others=>'0');
229
230     -- Allow histo_addr to drive PNL_BRAM
231                 do_PN_histo_addr <= '1';
232
233     -- Assert 'we' to zero out the first cell at 2048.
234                 PNL_BRAM_we <= "1";
235                 histo_addr_next <= to_unsigned(HISTO_BRAM_BASE,
                    PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB);
236                 state_next <= clear_mem;
237             end if;
238
239     -- ======================
240     -- Clear out the histo portion of memory. 'histo_addr_reg' tracks BRAM cells in
        (2048 to 4095) portion of memory
241         when clear_mem =>
242
243             if( histo_addr_reg = HISTO_BRAM_UPPER_LIMIT - 1 ) then
244
245     -- Reset PN_addr and get first value
246                 PN_addr_next <= to_unsigned(PN_BRAM_BASE, PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB);
247                 state_next <= find_smallest;
248
249     -- On the first iteration here, we've already initialized the first memory
        location in the previous state.
250     -- Do the second, etc.
251             else
252                 do_PN_histo_addr <= '1';
253                 PNL_BRAM_we <= "1";
254                 histo_addr_next <= histo_addr_reg + 1;
255             end if;
256
257     -- ======================
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-- Find smallest value (this works for signed PN values, e.g., positive or
negative).
        when find_smallest =>

-- Check PN value to see if it is smaller than current. On first iteration,
assign 'dout' to smallest.
            if ( PN_addr_reg = to_unsigned(PN_BRAM_BASE, PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB) )
            then
               smallest_val_next <= signed(PNL_BRAM_dout);
            elsif ( signed(PNL_BRAM_dout) < smallest_val_reg ) then
               smallest_val_next <= signed(PNL_BRAM_dout);
            end if;

-- PN_addr_reg tracks BRAM cells in (4096 to 8191) portion of memory
            if ( PN_addr_reg = PN_UPPER_LIMIT - 1 ) then

-- Reset PN_addr and get first value for histo construction below
               PN_addr_next <= to_unsigned(PN_BRAM_BASE, PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB);
               state_next <= compute_addr;

            else
               PN_addr_next <= PN_addr_reg + 1;
            end if;

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-- Start constructing the histogram. PN portion of memory is selected and driving
'dout' since 'do_PN_histo_addr' was set to '0'
-- in previous state.
        when compute_addr =>

-- Force address to histo portion for next write to memory
            do_PN_histo_addr <= '1';

-- histo_cell_addr is computed outside this process. It is the integer portion of
the 'dout' value minus the smallest_val among
-- all PNs. THIS IS ALWAYS an address in the range of 2048 and 4095.
            histo_addr_next <= histo_cell_addr;

-- Error check. Be sure address NEVER exceeds upper limit of histogram memory.
This 'if stmt' ASSUMES histogram is NOT in the
-- upper-most portion of memory (histo_addr_next in this case would wrap back to
0).
            if ( histo_cell_addr > HISTO_BRAM_UPPER_LIMIT - 1 ) then
               HISTO_ERR_next <= '1';
            end if;

-- Add the current PN to a sum for the mean calculation.
            dist_mean_sum_next <= dist_mean_sum_reg + signed(PNL_BRAM_dout);

            state_next <= inc_cell;

-- =====================
-- Add 1 to the memory location addressed by histo_addr_next/reg
        when inc_cell =>

-- Maintain address in histo memory for the write operation
            do_PN_histo_addr <= '1';

-- Add 1 to the cell pointed to by histo_addr and store it back. NOTE: I DO NOT
need to check for OVERFLOW here b/c it is impossible
-- under the current parameters where we have at most 4096 total PN. Each cell is
16-bits so we can count to at least 2^16 = 65,536
-- unsigned so even if the entire distribution appears in one cell, it will not
overflow.
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will have to look at this for HISTO 2.

means working in HISTO storage area. if true

if false: working in PN memory

histo_cell_addr.

add (1) to total sum so on last entry reg_next is not circled back to beginning

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312             PNL_BRAM_we <= "1";
313             PNL_BRAM_din <= std_logic_vector(unsigned(PNL_BRAM_dout) + 1);
314             state_next <= get_next_PN;
315
316     -- =====================
317     -- Allow PN_addr to drive PNL_BRAM with new address, increment address and get
    next PN value
318         when get_next_PN =>
319
320     -- Check for exit condition
321             if ( PN_addr_reg = PN_UPPER_LIMIT - 1 ) then
322                 state_next <= init_dist;
323             else
324                 PN_addr_next <= PN_addr_reg + 1;
325                 state_next <= compute_addr;
326             end if;
327
328     -- =====================
329     -- With all the counts computed and stored in the histo portion of memory,
    commense the parse from left to right.
330         when init_dist =>
331
332     -- Select histo memory
333             do_PN_histo_addr <= '1';
334
335     -- Re-initialize histo address to first element of distribution. NOTE: The first
    cell is guaranteed to store at least a count of 1
336     -- since we offset all integer portions of the PN in the distribution by
    subtracting the smallest value.
337             histo_addr_next <= to_unsigned(HISTO_BRAM_BASE, PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB);
338
339     -- Clear the addresses that will be used to compute the dist_range
340             LV_addr_next <= (others => '0');
341             HV_addr_next <= (others => '0');
342
343     -- Set the 'done' indicators to '0' and sum
344             LV_set_next <= '0';
345             HV_set_next <= '0';
346             dist_cnt_sum_next <= (others => '0');
347
348             state_next <= sweep_BRAM;
349
350     -- =====================
351     -- With all the counts computed and stored in the upper portion of the PNL_BRAM,
    commense the parse from left to right
352     -- to determine the range of the distribution.
353         when sweep_BRAM =>
354
355     -- Select histo memory
356             do_PN_histo_addr <= '1';
357
358     -- Add the count in the histo cell to the sum. NOTE: The counts are unsigned
    values. Note we resize to 13 bit to accomodate
359     -- the value 4096
360             dist_cnt_sum_next <= dist_cnt_sum_reg + resize(unsigned(PNL_BRAM_dout
                ), NUM_PNS_NB+1);
361
362     -- Assign the LV address just when dist_cnt_sum_next becomes >= than the LV
    bound. LV_set also used to handle case
363     -- where the dist_sum never becomes >= LV_bound and is therefore, never assigned
    (which would happen if ALL the PNs are the
364     -- same value or span a very small range).
365             if ( LV_set_reg = '0' and dist_cnt_sum_next >= LV_bound ) then
366                 LV_addr_next <= histo_addr_reg;
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write enable = true

have to conv. to unsigned in order to add '1'.

(6) when get_next_PN => 1 condition (PN_addr_reg)

(7) when init_dist => 2 conditions

Histo is built... ⟶, now double check & sum up elements for L/R to match PNL_BRAM

value

size of field storing value

(10a) fill w/ zeroes

(11a) fill w/ zeroes

(12) flags = 0

(13) flags = 0

(14) vector full of zeroes.

Histo reg_addr are cleared & set back to beginning of HISTO storage...

(8) when sweep_BRAM => (6) conditions

Sweep

L → → → → R = Σ elements

(Yes working in HISTO Storage)

value

field size of value

(1) (2) (3)

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                LV_set_next <= '1';
            end if;

-- Keep assigning HV address while dist_cnt_sum_next is smaller than the bound.
-- If it happens that the first address has a
-- count that's larger than the HV bound, then HV_set is never set.
            if ( dist_cnt_sum_next <= HV_bound ) then
                HV_addr_next <= histo_addr_reg;
                HV_set_next <= '1';
            end if;

-- Check if entire distribution has been swept.
            if ( histo_addr_reg = HISTO_BRAM_UPPER_LIMIT - 1 ) then
                state_next <= check_histo_error;
            else
                histo_addr_next <= histo_addr_reg + 1;
            end if;

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-- Check if the distribution is TOO narrow to be characterized by our bounds. Set
the error flag if true.
        when check_histo_error =>
            if ( LV_set_reg = '0' or HV_set_reg = '0' ) then
                HISTO_ERR_next <= '1';
                state_next <= idle;

-- Just store the mean and range in the lowest portion of memory (addresses 0 and
1) for transfer to C program.
            else
                do_PN_histo_addr <= '1';
                histo_addr_next <= to_unsigned(HISTO_BRAM_UPPER_LIMIT - 2,
                PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB);
                PNL_BRAM_we <= "1";
                PNL_BRAM_din <= dist_mean;
                state_next <= write_range;
            end if;

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-- Write range at address 1
        when write_range =>
            do_PN_histo_addr <= '1';
            histo_addr_next <= to_unsigned(HISTO_BRAM_UPPER_LIMIT - 1,
            PNL_BRAM_ADDR_SIZE_NB);
            PNL_BRAM_we <= "1";
            PNL_BRAM_din <= (PNL_BRAM_DBITS_WIDTH_NB-1 downto HISTO_MAX_RANGE_NB
            => '0') & dist_range;
            state_next <= idle;

    end case;
end process;

-- Using _reg here (not the look-ahead _next value).
    with do_PN_histo_addr select
        PNL_BRAM_addr <= std_logic_vector(PN_addr_next) when '0',
                         std_logic_vector(histo_addr_next) when others;

    HISTO_ERR <= HISTO_ERR_reg;
    ready <= ready_reg;

end beh;
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