



# Computer Architecture

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## Lectures adopted from

- Computer Organization and Design: The Hardware/Software Interface, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, David A. Patterson, John L. Hennessy, MK pub., 2014
  - Chapter 3: Arithmetic for Computers

# **Chapter 3**

## **Arithmetic for Computers**



# Floating-Point Addition

- Consider a 4-digit decimal example
  - $9.999 \times 10^1 + 1.610 \times 10^{-1}$
- 1. Align decimal points
  - Shift number with smaller exponent
  - $9.999 \times 10^1 + 0.016 \times 10^1$
- 2. Add significands
  - $9.999 \times 10^1 + 0.016 \times 10^1 = 10.015 \times 10^1$
- 3. Normalize result & check for over/**under**flow
  - $1.0015 \times 10^2$
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
  - $1.002 \times 10^2$



# Floating-Point Addition

- Now consider a 4-digit binary example
  - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-1} + -1.110_2 \times 2^{-2}$  ( $0.5 + -0.4375$ )
- 1. Align binary points
  - Shift number with smaller exponent
  - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-1} + -0.111_2 \times 2^{-1}$
- 2. Add significands
  - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-1} + -0.111_2 \times 2^{-1} = 0.001_2 \times 2^{-1}$
- 3. Normalize result & check for over/underflow
  - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-4}$ , with no over/underflow
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
  - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-4}$  (no change) = 0.0625

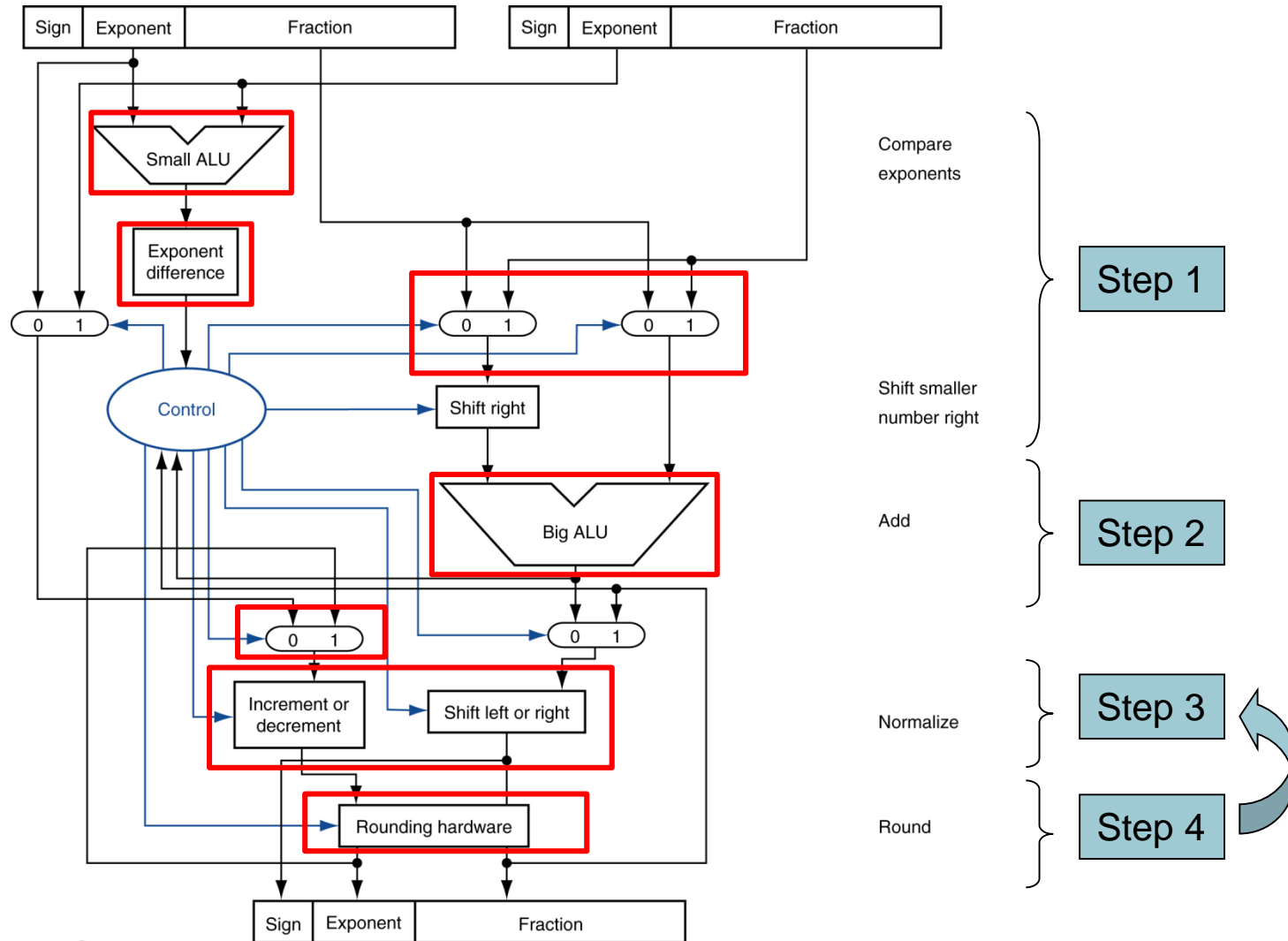


# FP Adder Hardware

- Much more complex than integer adder
- Doing it in one clock cycle would take too long
  - Much longer than integer operations
  - Slower clock would penalize all instructions
- FP adder usually takes several cycles
  - Can be pipelined



# FP Adder Hardware



# Floating-Point Multiplication

- Consider a 4-digit decimal example
  - $1.110 \times 10^{10} \times 9.200 \times 10^{-5}$
- 1. Add exponents
  - For biased exponents, subtract bias from sum
  - New exponent =  $10 + -5 = 5$
- 2. Multiply significands
  - $1.110 \times 9.200 = 10.212 \Rightarrow 10.212 \times 10^5$
- 3. Normalize result & check for over/underflow
  - $1.0212 \times 10^6$
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
  - $1.021 \times 10^6$
- 5. Determine sign of result from signs of operands
  - $+1.021 \times 10^6$





# Floating-Point Multiplication

- Now consider a 4-digit binary example
  - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-1} \times -1.110_2 \times 2^{-2}$  ( $0.5 \times -0.4375$ )
- 1. Add exponents
  - Unbiased:  $-1 + -2 = -3$
  - Biased:  $(-1 + 127) + (-2 + 127) = -3 + 254 - 127 = -3 + 127$
- 2. Multiply significands
  - $1.000_2 \times 1.110_2 = 1.110_2 \Rightarrow 1.110_2 \times 2^{-3}$
- 3. Normalize result & check for over/underflow
  - $1.110_2 \times 2^{-3}$  (no change) with no over/underflow
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
  - $1.110_2 \times 2^{-3}$  (no change)
- 5. Determine sign:  $+ve \times -ve \Rightarrow -ve$ 
  - $-1.110_2 \times 2^{-3} = -0.21875$



# FP Arithmetic Hardware

- FP multiplier is of similar complexity to FP adder
  - But uses a multiplier for significands instead of an adder
- FP arithmetic hardware usually does
  - Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, reciprocal, square-root
  - $\text{FP} \leftrightarrow \text{integer}$  conversion
- Operations usually takes several cycles
  - Can be pipelined

