# Floating Point Arithmetic

• Example:  $9.999_{\text{ten}} \times 10^1 + 1.610_{\text{ten}} \times 10^{-1}$ 

- Assumption:
- We can store 4 decimal digits for significand part and 2 decimal digits for the exponent.

• Example:  $9.999_{\text{ten}} \times 10^1 + 1.610_{\text{ten}} \times 10^{-1}$ 

Step 1: Align decimal point of the number that has smaller exponent.
 ( exponents of both the numbers must match!!!)

 $0.016 \times 10^{1}$ 

• Example: 
$$9.999_{\text{ten}} \times 10^1 + 1.610_{\text{ten}} \times 10^{-1}$$

• Step 2. Next comes the addition of the significands:

$$9.999_{\text{ten}}$$
+  $0.016_{\text{ten}}$ 
 $10.015_{\text{ten}}$ 

The sum is 
$$10.015_{\text{ten}} \times 10^{1}$$
.

• Example:  $9.999_{\text{ten}} \times 10^1 + 1.610_{\text{ten}} \times 10^{-1}$ 

Step 3. This sum is not in normalized scientific notation, so we need to adjust it:

$$10.015_{\text{ten}} \times 10^{1} = 1.0015_{\text{ten}} \times 10^{2}$$

• Step 4: Rounding up (since we have assumed that four digits will be stored.)

$$1.002_{\text{ten}} \times 10^{2}$$

# **Binary Floating Point Addition**

• Perform: 0.5 + (-0.4375)

Step1: Convert the numbers into binary and normalize them.

$$0.5 = 0.1 \times 2^0 = 1.000 \times 2^{-1}$$
 (normalised)

$$-0.4375 = -0.0111 \times 2^{0} = -1.110 \times 2^{-2}$$
 (normalised)

## **Binary Floating Point Addition**

• Step 2: Rewrite the smaller number such that its exponent matches with the exponent of the larger number.

$$-1.110 \times 2^{-2} = -0.1110 \times 2^{-1}$$

# **Binary Floating Point Addition**

Step 3: Add the mantissas/significands

$$1.000 \times 2^{-1} + -0.1110 \times 2^{-1} = 0.001 \times 2^{-1}$$

• Step 4: Normalise the sum, checking for overflow/underflow.

$$0.001 \times 2^{-1} = 1.000 \times 2^{-4}$$

-126 <= -4 <= 127 ===> No overflow or underflow

## Floating Point Multiplication

- Example :  $1.110 \times 10^{10} \times 9.200 \times 10^{-5}$
- Step 1: Add the exponents:

New Exponent = 
$$10 + (-5) = 5$$

Step 2: Multiply the mantissas:

$$1.110 \times 9.200 = 10.212000$$

## Floating Point Multiplication

Step 3: Normalise the result

$$1.0212 \times 10^{6}$$

Step 4: Round it

$$1.021 \times 10^6$$

•  $1.000 \times 2^{-1} \times -1.110 \times 2^{-2}$ 

Step 1: Add the biased exponents

$$(-1 + 127) + (-2 + 127) - 127 = 124 ===> (-3 + 127)$$

Step 3: Multiply the mantissas

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1.000
              × 1.110
                       0000
                     1000
                    1000
                   1000
                   1110000 ===> 1.110000
The product is 1.110000 × 2<sup>-3</sup>
Need to keep it to 4 bits 1.110 \times 2<sup>-3</sup>
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• Step 3:

Normalise (already normalised)

At this step check for overflow/underflow by making sure that

• Step 5: Adjust the signs.

Since the original signs are different, the result will be negative

$$-1.110 \times 2^{-3}$$