

Chapter 3

Arithmetic for Computers

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- Operations on integers
 - Addition and subtraction
 - Multiplication and division
 - Dealing with overflow
- Floating-point real numbers
 - Representation and operations

§ 3.1 Introduction

Integer Addition

§ 3.2 Addition and Subtraction

■ Example: $7 + 6$

		(0)		(0)		(1)		(1)		(0)		(Carries)
...	0		0		0		1		1		1	
...	0		0		0		1		1		0	
...	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(1)	0	(0)	1

■ Overflow if result out of range

- Adding +ve and -ve operands, no overflow
- Adding two +ve operands
 - Overflow if result sign is 1
- Adding two -ve operands
 - Overflow if result sign is 0

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Integer Subtraction

■ Add negation of second operand

■ Example: $7 - 6 = 7 + (-6)$

+7:	0000 0000 ... 0000 0111
-6:	1111 1111 ... 1111 1010
+1:	0000 0000 ... 0000 0001

■ Overflow if result out of range

- Subtracting two +ve or two -ve operands, no overflow
- Subtracting +ve from -ve operand
 - Overflow if result sign is 0
- Subtracting -ve from +ve operand
 - Overflow if result sign is 1

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Dealing with Overflow

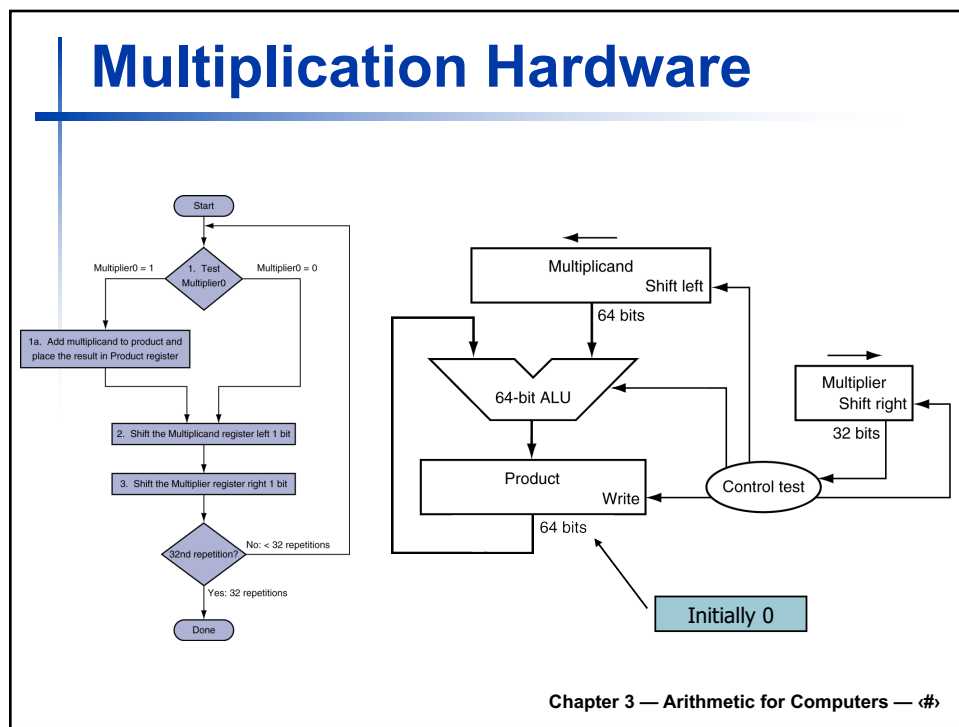
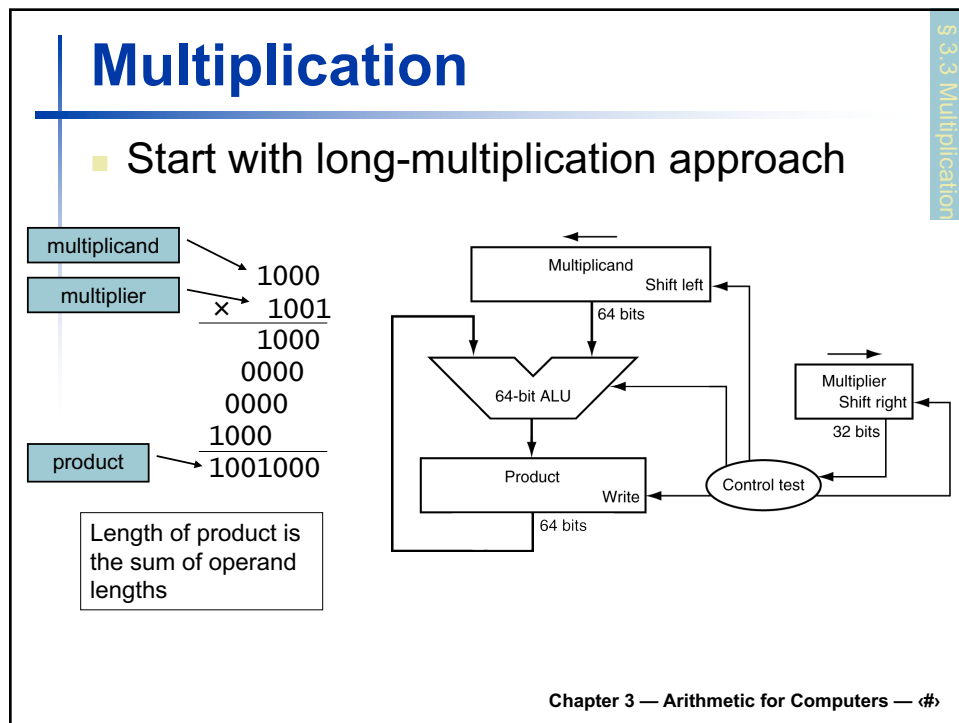
- Some languages (e.g., C) ignore overflow
 - Use MIPS `addu`, `addui`, `subu` instructions
- Other languages (e.g., Ada, Fortran) require raising an exception
 - Use MIPS `add`, `addi`, `sub` instructions
 - On overflow, invoke exception handler
 - Save PC in exception program counter (EPC) register
 - Jump to predefined handler address
 - `mfc0` (move from coprocessor reg) instruction can retrieve EPC value, to return after corrective action

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Overflow Detection

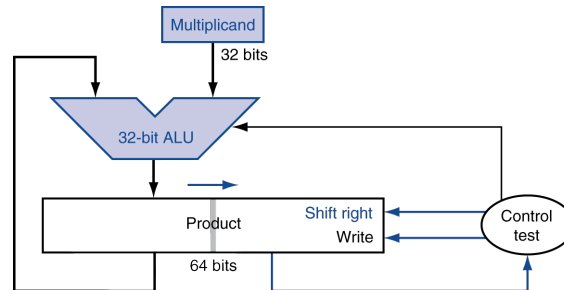
- For two's complement arithmetic
 - $OVF = C(n+1) \text{ xor } C(n)$
 - OVF is the exclusive or of the Carry into the MSB and the Carry out of the MSB

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Optimized Multiplier

- Perform steps in parallel: add/shift

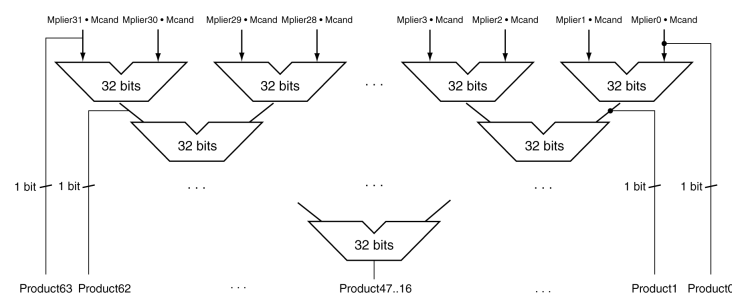


- One cycle per partial-product addition
 - That's ok, if frequency of multiplications is low

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Faster Multiplier

- Uses multiple adders
 - Cost/performance tradeoff



- Can be pipelined
 - Several multiplication performed in parallel

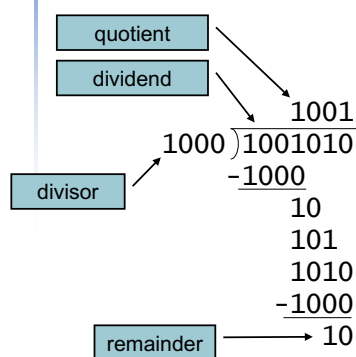
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MIPS Multiplication

- Two 32-bit registers for product
 - HI: most-significant 32 bits
 - LO: least-significant 32-bits
- Instructions
 - `mult rs, rt / multu rs, rt`
 - 64-bit product in HI/LO
 - `mfhi rd / mflo rd`
 - Move from HI/LO to rd
 - Can test HI value to see if product overflows 32 bits
 - `mul rd, rs, rt`
 - Least-significant 32 bits of product → rd

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Division



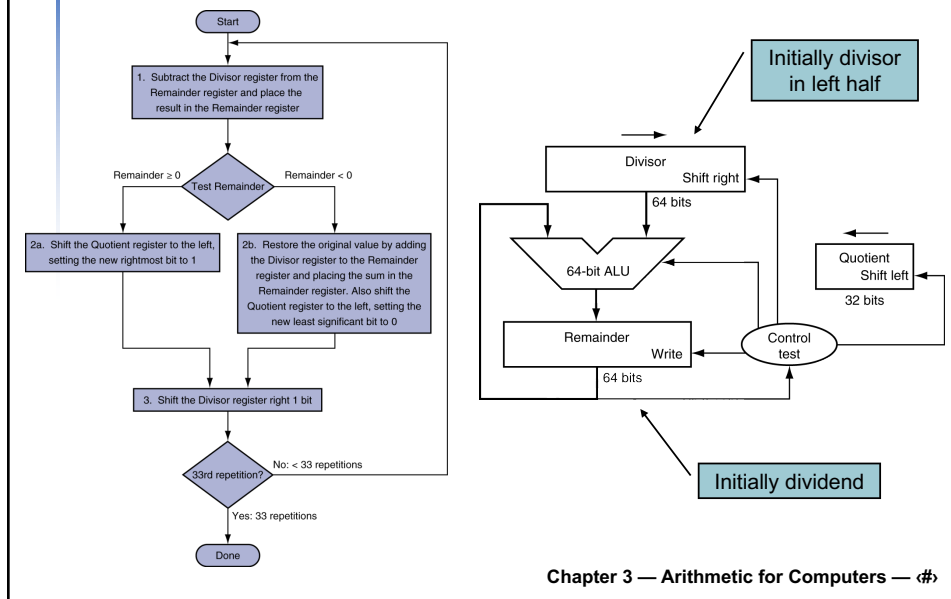
n-bit operands yield *n*-bit quotient and remainder

- Check for 0 divisor
- Long division approach
 - If divisor \leq dividend bits
 - 1 bit in quotient, subtract
 - Otherwise
 - 0 bit in quotient, bring down next dividend bit
- Restoring division
 - Do the subtract, and if remainder goes < 0 , add divisor back
- Signed division
 - Divide using absolute values
 - Adjust sign of quotient and remainder as required

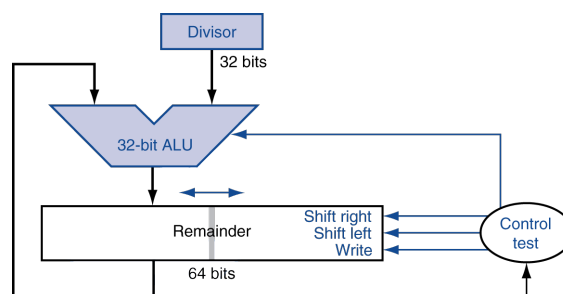
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Division Hardware



Optimized Divider



- One cycle per partial-remainder subtraction
- Looks a lot like a multiplier!
 - Same hardware can be used for both

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Faster Division

- Can't use parallel hardware as in multiplier
 - Subtraction is conditional on sign of remainder
- Faster dividers (e.g. SRT division) generate multiple quotient bits per step
 - Still require multiple steps

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MIPS Division

- Use HI/LO registers for result
 - HI: 32-bit remainder
 - LO: 32-bit quotient
- Instructions
 - `div rs, rt` / `divu rs, rt`
 - No overflow or divide-by-0 checking
 - Software must perform checks if required
 - Use `mfhi`, `mflo` to access result

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Floating Point

§ 3.5 Floating Point

- Representation for non-integral numbers
 - Including very small and very large numbers
- Like scientific notation
 - -2.34×10^{56} ← normalized
 - $+0.002 \times 10^{-4}$ ← not normalized
 - $+987.02 \times 10^9$ ← not normalized
- In binary
 - $\pm 1.xxxxxxx_2 \times 2^{yyyy}$
- Types `float` and `double` in C

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Floating Point Standard

- Defined by IEEE Std 754-1985
- Developed in response to divergence of representations
 - Portability issues for scientific code
- Now almost universally adopted
- Two representations
 - Single precision (32-bit)
 - Double precision (64-bit)

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IEEE Floating-Point Format

single: 8 bits
double: 11 bits

single: 23 bits
double: 52 bits

S	Exponent	Fraction
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$$x = (-1)^S \times (1 + \text{Fraction}) \times 2^{(\text{Exponent} - \text{Bias})}$$

- S: sign bit (0 \Rightarrow non-negative, 1 \Rightarrow negative)
- Normalize significand: $1.0 \leq |\text{significand}| < 2.0$
 - Always has a leading pre-binary-point 1 bit, so no need to represent it explicitly (hidden bit)
 - Significand is Fraction with the “1.” restored
- Exponent: excess representation: actual exponent + Bias
 - Ensures exponent is unsigned
 - Single: Bias = 127; Double: Bias = 1023

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Single-Precision Range

- Exponents 00000000 and 11111111 reserved
- Smallest value
 - Exponent: 00000001
 \Rightarrow actual exponent = $1 - 127 = -126$
 - Fraction: 000...00 \Rightarrow significand = 1.0
 - $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{-126} \approx \pm 1.2 \times 10^{-38}$
- Largest value
 - exponent: 11111110
 \Rightarrow actual exponent = $254 - 127 = +127$
 - Fraction: 111...11 \Rightarrow significand ≈ 2.0
 - $\pm 2.0 \times 2^{+127} \approx \pm 3.4 \times 10^{+38}$

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Double-Precision Range

- Exponents 0000...00 and 1111...11 reserved
- Smallest value
 - Exponent: 00000000001
 \Rightarrow actual exponent = $1 - 1023 = -1022$
 - Fraction: 000...00 \Rightarrow significand = 1.0
 - $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{-1022} \approx \pm 2.2 \times 10^{-308}$
- Largest value
 - Exponent: 11111111110
 \Rightarrow actual exponent = $2046 - 1023 = +1023$
 - Fraction: 111...11 \Rightarrow significand ≈ 2.0
 - $\pm 2.0 \times 2^{+1023} \approx \pm 1.8 \times 10^{+308}$

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Floating-Point Precision

- Relative precision
 - all fraction bits are significant
 - Single: approx 2^{-23}
 - Equivalent to $23 \times \log_{10} 2 \approx 23 \times 0.3 \approx 6$ decimal digits of precision
 - Double: approx 2^{-52}
 - Equivalent to $52 \times \log_{10} 2 \approx 52 \times 0.3 \approx 16$ decimal digits of precision

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Floating-Point Example

- Represent -0.75
 - $-0.75 = (-1)^1 \times 1.1_2 \times 2^{-1}$
 - $S = 1$
 - Fraction = $1000...00_2$
 - Exponent = $-1 + \text{Bias}$
 - Single: $-1 + 127 = 126 = 01111110_2$
 - Double: $-1 + 1023 = 1022 = 01111111110_2$
- Single: $1011111101000...00$
- Double: $1011111111101000...00$

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Floating-Point Example

- What number is represented by the single-precision float
 $11000000101000...00$
 - $S = 1$
 - Fraction = $01000...00_2$
 - Exponent = $10000001_2 = 129$
- $x = (-1)^1 \times (1 + 01_2) \times 2^{(129 - 127)}$

$$= (-1) \times 1.25 \times 2^2$$

$$= -5.0$$

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Denormal Numbers

- Exponent = 000...0 \Rightarrow hidden bit is 0

$$x = (-1)^S \times (0 + \text{Fraction}) \times 2^{-\text{Bias}}$$

- Smaller than normal numbers
 - allow for gradual underflow, with diminishing precision

- Denormal with fraction = 000...0

$$x = (-1)^S \times (0 + 0) \times 2^{-\text{Bias}} = \pm 0.0$$

Two representations
of 0.0!

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Infinities and NaNs

- Exponent = 111...1, Fraction = 000...0
 - \pm Infinity
 - Can be used in subsequent calculations, avoiding need for overflow check
- Exponent = 111...1, Fraction \neq 000...0
 - Not-a-Number (NaN)
 - Indicates illegal or undefined result
 - e.g., 0.0 / 0.0
 - Can be used in subsequent calculations

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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/underflow
 - 1.0015×10^2
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
 - 1.002×10^2

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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

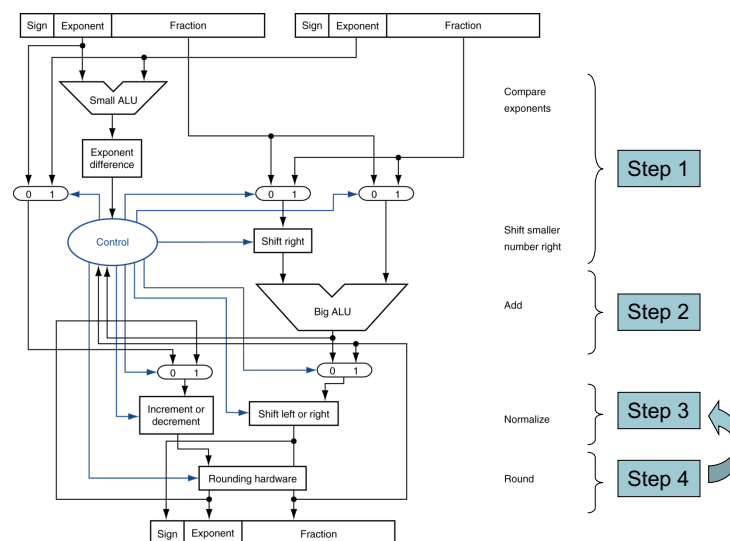
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FP Adder Hardware

- 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

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FP Adder Hardware



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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
 - 1.0212×10^6
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
 - 1.021×10^6
- 5. Determine sign of result from signs of operands
 - $+1.021 \times 10^6$

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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: $+ve \times -ve \Rightarrow -ve$
 - $-1.110_2 \times 2^{-3} = -0.21875$

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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

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FP Instructions in MIPS

- FP hardware is coprocessor 1
 - Adjunct processor that extends the ISA
- Separate FP registers
 - 32 single-precision: \$f0, \$f1, ... \$f31
 - Paired for double-precision: \$f0/\$f1, \$f2/\$f3, ...
 - Release 2 of MIPS ISA supports 32×64 -bit FP reg's
- FP instructions operate only on FP registers
 - Programs generally don't do integer ops on FP data, or vice versa
 - More registers with minimal code-size impact
- FP load and store instructions
 - lwc1, ldc1, swc1, sdc1
 - e.g., ldc1 \$f8, 32(\$sp)

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FP Instructions in MIPS

- Single-precision arithmetic
 - `add.s`, `sub.s`, `mul.s`, `div.s`
 - e.g., `add.s $f0, $f1, $f6`
- Double-precision arithmetic
 - `add.d`, `sub.d`, `mul.d`, `div.d`
 - e.g., `mul.d $f4, $f4, $f6`
- Single- and double-precision comparison
 - `c.xx.s`, `c.xx.d` (`xx` is `eq`, `lt`, `le`, ...)
 - Sets or clears FP condition-code bit
 - e.g. `c.lt.s $f3, $f4`
- Branch on FP condition code true or false
 - `bc1t`, `bc1f`
 - e.g., `bc1t TargetLabel`

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Accurate Arithmetic

- IEEE Std 754 specifies additional rounding control
 - Extra bits of precision (guard, round, sticky)
 - Choice of rounding modes
 - Allows programmer to fine-tune numerical behavior of a computation
- Not all FP units implement all options
 - Most programming languages and FP libraries just use defaults
- Trade-off between hardware complexity, performance, and market requirements

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Interpretation of Data

The BIG Picture

- Bits have no inherent meaning
 - Interpretation depends on the instructions applied
- Computer representations of numbers
 - Finite range and precision
 - Need to account for this in programs

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Right Shift and Division

§ 3.8 Fallacies and Pitfalls

- Left shift by i places multiplies an integer by 2^i
- Right shift divides by 2^i ?
 - Only for unsigned integers
- For signed integers
 - Arithmetic right shift: replicate the sign bit
 - e.g., $-5 / 4$
 - $11111011_2 \gg 2 = 11111110_2 = -2$
 - Rounds toward $-\infty$
 - c.f. $11111011_2 \ggg 2 = 00111110_2 = +62$

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Who Cares About FP Accuracy?

- Important for scientific code
 - But for everyday consumer use?
 - “My bank balance is out by 0.0002¢!” ☹
- The Intel Pentium FDIV bug
 - The market expects accuracy
 - See Colwell, *The Pentium Chronicles*

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Concluding Remarks

- ISAs support arithmetic
 - Signed and unsigned integers
 - Floating-point approximation to reals
- Bounded range and precision
 - Operations can overflow and underflow
- MIPS ISA
 - Core instructions: 54 most frequently used
 - 100% of SPECINT, 97% of SPECFP
 - Other instructions: less frequent

§ 3.9 Concluding Remarks

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