Chapter 3

Arithmetic for Computers

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§3.1 Introduction

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

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

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

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

Overflow Detection

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

Multiplication

§3.3 Multiplication

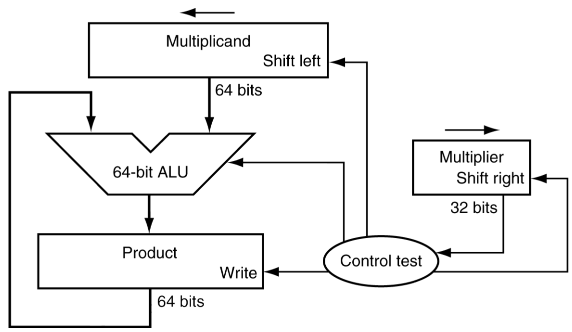
- Start with long-multiplication approach

multiplicand → 1000
multiplier → × 1001

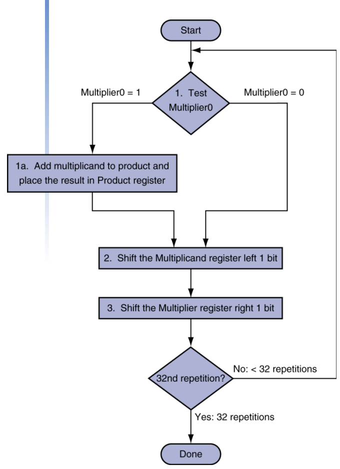
```
     1000
   × 1001
   ------
     1000
    0000
   0000
  1000
  -------
  1001000
```

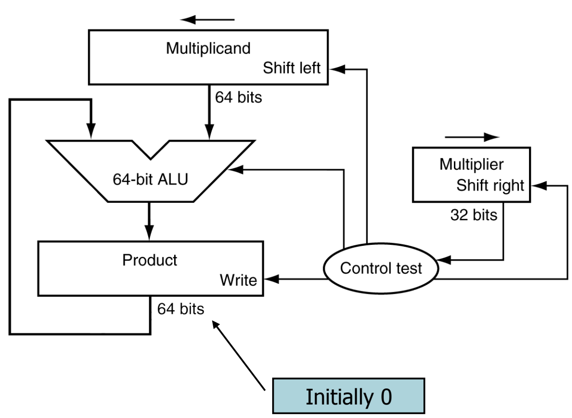
product → 1001000

Length of product is the sum of operand lengths



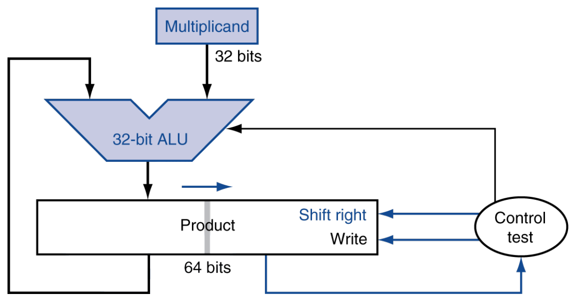
Multiplication Hardware





Optimized Multiplier

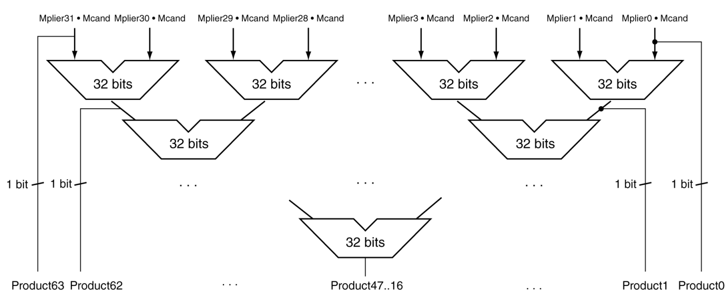
- Perform steps in parallel: add/shift



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

Faster Multiplier

- Uses multiple adders
  - Cost/performance tradeoff



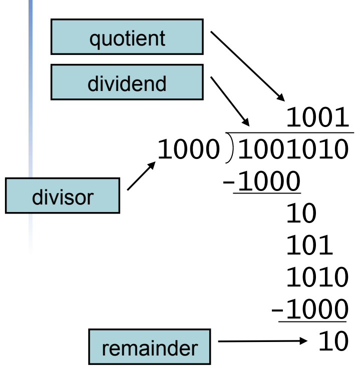
- Can be pipelined
  - Several multiplication performed in parallel

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

Division

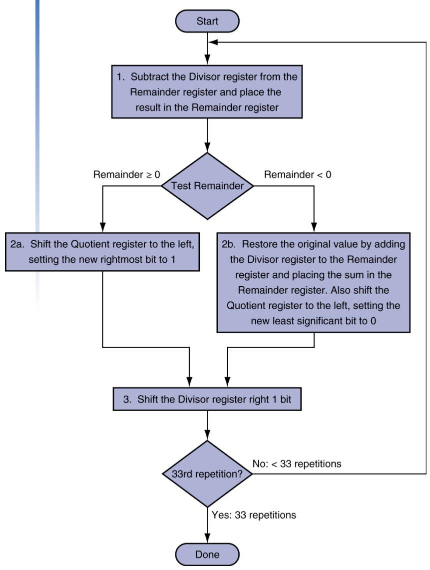
§3.4 Division

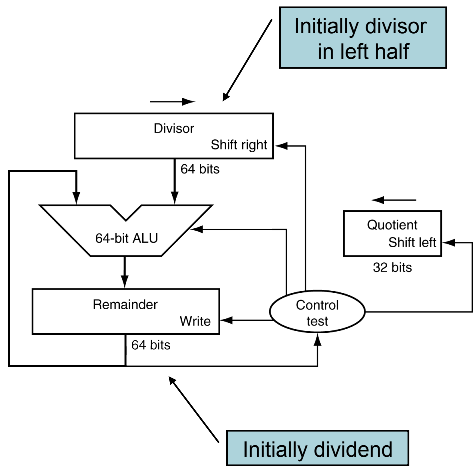


n-bit operands yield *n*-bit quotient and remainder

- Check for 0 divisor
- Long division approach
  - If divisor ≤ 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

Division Hardware





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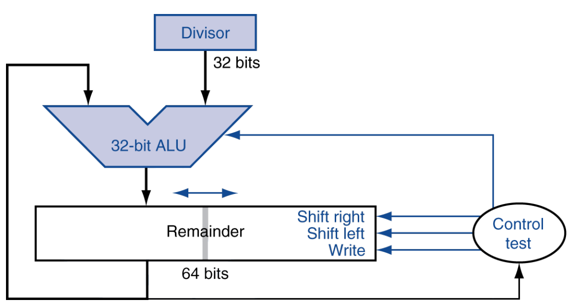
Optimized Divider



- 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 devision) 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

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

- S: sign bit (0 ⇒ non-negative, 1 ⇒ negative)
- Normalize significand: 1.0 ≤ |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

Single-Precision Range

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

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 = $1000\ldots00_2$
  - Exponent = –1 + 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 = $01000\ldots00_2$
  - Fxponent = 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 ⇒ 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!

Infinities and NaNs

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

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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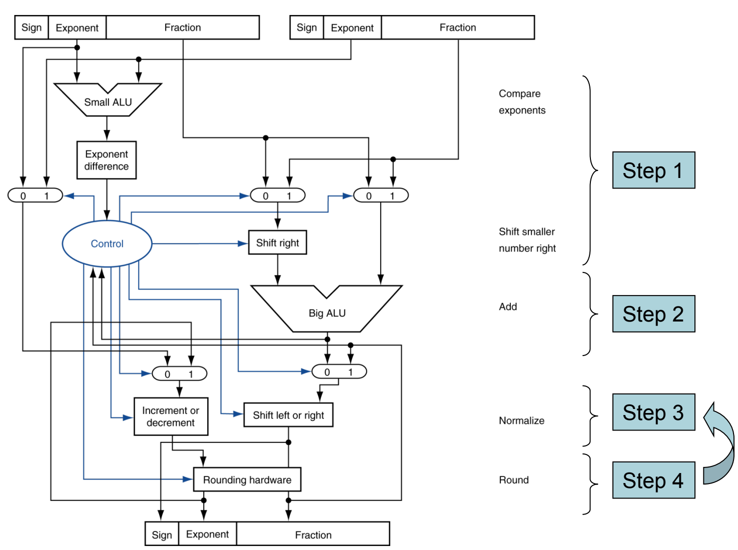
FP Adder Hardware

- 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

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
  - 1.0212×10^{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×-0.4375)
- 1. Add exponents
  - Unbiased: –1 + –2 = –3
  - Biased: (–1 + 127) + (–2 + 127) = –3 + 254 – 127 = –3 + 127
- 2. Multiply significands
  - $1.000_2 \times 1.110_2 = 1.1102 \Rightarrow 1.110_2 \times 2^{-3}$
- 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 × –ve ⇒ –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
  - FP ↔ integer conversion
- Operations usually takes several cycles
  - Can be pipelined

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)`

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 >> 2 = 11111110_2 = –2
    - Rounds toward –∞
  - c.f. 11111011_2 >>> 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*

Concluding Remarks

§3.9 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