



# Zero Knowledge Ethereum Virtual Machine

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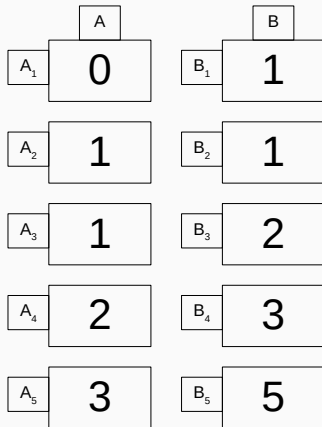
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# First Example: The Fibonacci Sequence i



- We can build the Fibonacci state machine with two registries:  $A$  and  $B$ .
- Then, we have the following relations between the states of these registries:

$$A_{i+1} = B_i,$$

$$B_{i+1} = A_i + B_i,$$

for  $i \in [5]$ .

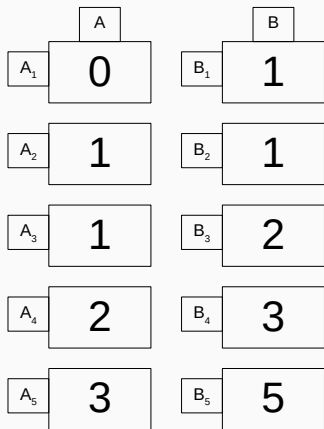
- Now, represent these states as polynomials evaluated on the group  $H = \{\omega, \omega^2, \omega^3, \omega^4, \omega^5 = 1\}$ :

$$A(\omega^i) = A_i \implies A = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3]$$

$$B(\omega^i) = B_i \implies B = [1, 1, 2, 3, 5]$$

for  $i \in [5]$ .

## First Example: The Fibonacci Sequence ii



- We can now translate the previous relations to the polynomial setting:

$$A(x\omega) = B(x),$$

$$B(x\omega) = A(x) + B(x).$$

- However, this is not completely correct, since when we evaluate in  $\omega^5$  we obtain:

$$A(\omega^6) = A(\omega) = 0 \neq 5 = B(\omega^5),$$

$$B(\omega^6) = B(\omega) = 1 \neq 8 = A(\omega^5) + B(\omega^5).$$

- Let's add an auxiliary registry C to solve this problem.
- To create simple polynomial identities that can be described as relations between successive points in H, we will make the state machine cyclic, that is, to start again in (0,1).

## First Example: The Fibonacci Sequence iii

<div>A<sub>1</sub></div>	<div>A</div> <div>0</div>	<div>B<sub>1</sub></div>	<div>B</div> <div>1</div>	<div>C<sub>1</sub></div>	<div>C</div> <div>1</div>
<div>A<sub>2</sub></div>	<div>1</div>	<div>B<sub>2</sub></div>	<div>1</div>	<div>C<sub>2</sub></div>	<div>0</div>
<div>A<sub>3</sub></div>	<div>1</div>	<div>B<sub>3</sub></div>	<div>2</div>	<div>C<sub>3</sub></div>	<div>0</div>
<div>A<sub>4</sub></div>	<div>2</div>	<div>B<sub>4</sub></div>	<div>3</div>	<div>C<sub>4</sub></div>	<div>0</div>
<div>A<sub>5</sub></div>	<div>3</div>	<div>B<sub>5</sub></div>	<div>5</div>	<div>C<sub>5</sub></div>	<div>0</div>

- Similarly to  $A$  and  $B$ , represent the state  $C$  as a polynomial evaluated on  $H$ :

$$C(\omega^i) = C_i \quad \forall i \in [5] \quad \implies \quad C = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0].$$

- With this auxiliary state, we can now fix the polynomial identities as follows:

$$A(x\omega) = B(x)(1 - C(x\omega)),$$

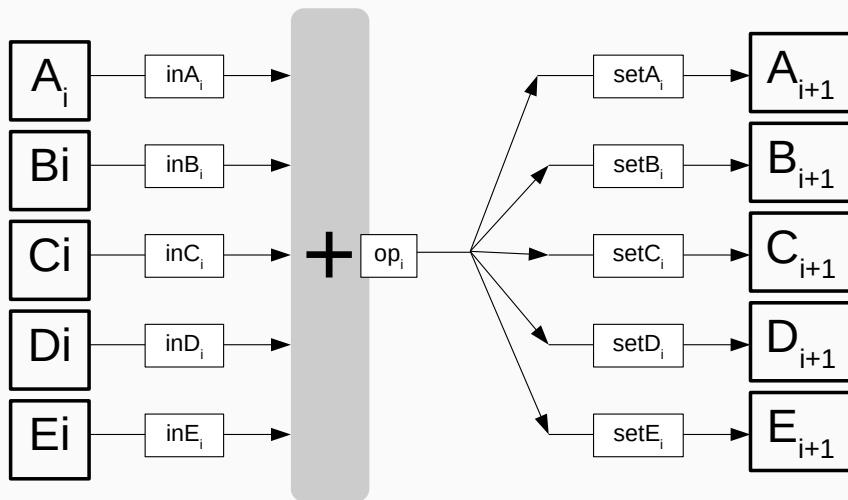
$$B(x\omega) = (A(x) + B(x))(1 - C(x\omega)) + C(x\omega).$$

Notice that now, when  $x = w^5$ :

$$A(Xw) = A(w^6) \neq B(X); A(Xw) = A(w^6) = 0.$$

$$B(Xw) = B(w^6) \neq A(X) + B(X); B(Xw) = B(w^6) = 1.$$

## Starting from the Basics: Move State Machine $i$



## Starting from the Basics: Move State Machine ii

- We have used the following notation:
  - a) **inX**: 1 or 0 depending if the state  $X_i$  is included in the sum or not.
  - b) **op**: The resulting operation between the included states.
  - c) **setX**: 1 or 0 depending if one state (or a combination or more) will be moved into  $X_{i+1}$ .
- The relations between the states of the registries can be expressed as follows:

$$op_i = A_i \cdot inA_i + B_i \cdot inB_i + C_i \cdot inC_i + D_i \cdot inD_i + E_i \cdot inE_i,$$

$$A_{i+1} = setA_i \cdot (op_i - A_i) + A_i,$$

$$B_{i+1} = setB_i \cdot (op_i - B_i) + B_i,$$

$$C_{i+1} = setC_i \cdot (op_i - C_i) + C_i,$$

$$D_{i+1} = setD_i \cdot (op_i - D_i) + D_i,$$

$$E_{i+1} = setE_i \cdot (op_i - E_i) + E_i.$$



# How to Encode the Move State Machine i

- Let's assume that we want to perform the following instructions:

`MOV B,A   MOV C,D   MOV A,D   MOV E,B.`

Position	inA	inB	inC	inD	inE	setA	setB	setC	setD	setE	Inst. Value
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0x41
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0x88
2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0x28
3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0x202

- We code the instruction value as follows:

$$\text{inst} = \text{inA} + 2 \cdot \text{inB} + 2^2 \cdot \text{inC} + 2^3 \cdot \text{inD} + 2^4 \cdot \text{inE} + 2^5 \cdot \text{setA} + 2^6 \cdot \text{setB} + 2^7 \cdot \text{setC} + 2^8 \cdot \text{setD} + 2^9 \cdot \text{setE}.$$

## How to Encode the Move State Machine ii

- We can write the previous table values as the following polynomial identity:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{inst}(x) = & \text{inA}(x) + 2 \cdot \text{inB}(x) + 2^2 \cdot \text{inC}(x) + 2^3 \cdot \text{inD}(x) + 2^4 \cdot \text{inE}(x) \\ & + 2^5 \cdot \text{setA}(x) + 2^6 \cdot \text{setB}(x) + 2^7 \cdot \text{setC}(x) + 2^8 \cdot \text{setD}(x) + 2^9 \cdot \text{setE}(x).\end{aligned}$$

- Now, to build a program, every instruction will be uniquely identified by its value and the position in which it is executed.
- We define the polynomial  $\text{rom}(x)$  which consists on an instruction value concatenated with the position:

Position	Instruction	Inst. Value	Rom = inst + $2^{16} \cdot \text{position}$
0	<b>MOV</b> B, A	0x0041	0x00041
1	<b>MOV</b> C, D	0x0088	0x10088
2	<b>MOV</b> A, D	0x0028	0x20028
3	<b>MOV</b> E, B	0x0202	0x30202

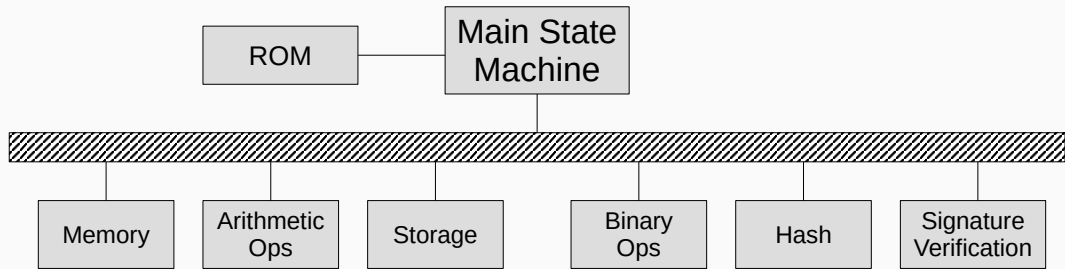
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All the relations between the different state machines are described as polynomial identities.

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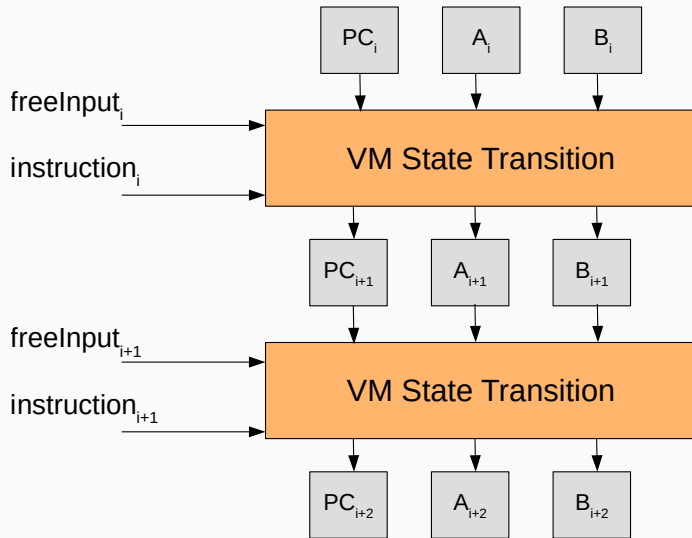
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# Main State Machine of a Simplified Virtual Machine



## Example Program i

- Let's now work with a real program:

Position	Instruction	
0	FREELOAD	A
1	MOV	B, 3
2	JMP (if B = 0)	6
3	MUL	A, A
4	DEC	B
5	JMP	2
6	STOP	∅

## Example Program ii

- First, we encode each instruction in hexadecimal as follows:

**FREELOAD**  $A \rightarrow 0x00010000$

**MOV**  $B, n \rightarrow 0x00020000 + n$

**JMP** (*if*  $B = 0$ )  $n \rightarrow 0x00040000 + n$

**JMP**  $n \rightarrow 0x00080000 + n$

**MUL**  $A, A \rightarrow 0x00100000$

**DEC**  $B \rightarrow 0x00200000$

**STOP**  $\rightarrow 0x00400000$

Position	Instruction		Inst. Value
0	<b>FREELOAD</b>	$A$	$0x00010000$
1	<b>MOV</b>	$B, 3$	$0x00020003$
2	<b>JMP</b> ( <i>if</i> $B = 0$ )	$6$	$0x00040006$
3	<b>MUL</b>	$A, A$	$0x00100000$
4	<b>DEC</b>	$B$	$0x00200000$
5	<b>JMP</b>	$2$	$0x00080002$
6	<b>STOP</b>	$\emptyset$	$0x00400000$



## Example Program iii

- With the support of this encoding, now we can compute the whole trace of the execution of this program:

Position	Instruction		Inst. Value	freeLoad	PC	A	B
0	FREELOAD	A	0x00010000	10	0	0	0
1	MOV	B, 3	0x00020003	0	1	10	0
2	JMP (if B = 0)	6	0x00040006	0	2	10	3
3	MUL	A, A	0x00100000	0	3	10	3
4	DEC	B	0x00200000	0	4	100	3
5	JMP	2	0x00080002	0	5	100	2
6	JMP (if B = 0)	6	0x00040006	0	2	100	2
7	MUL	A, A	0x00100000	0	3	100	2
8	DEC	B	0x00200000	0	4	1000	2
9	JMP	2	0x00080002	0	5	1000	1
10	JMP (if B = 0)	6	0x00040006	0	2	1000	1
11	MUL	A, A	0x00100000	0	3	1000	1
12	DEC	B	0x00200000	0	4	10000	1
13	JMP	2	0x00080002	0	5	10000	0
14	JMP (if B = 0)	6	0x00040006	0	2	10000	0
15	STOP	∅	0x00400000	0	6	10000	0

- The question that arises now is:

**How do we actually verify that we are executing the correct program?**

- The solution seems obvious: Check that every row of the trace of the execution coincides with some row of the program.
- Then, the question becomes to:

**How do we actually verify that we are executing the correct program  
in an efficient manner?**

- We can do it with Plookup!

## Checking the Correct Program Execution ii

- On the one side:

Position	Instruction		Inst. Value	$\text{Rom} = \text{inst} + 2^{32} \cdot \text{position}$
0	FREELOAD	A	0x00010000	0x0.00010000
1	MOV	B, 3	0x00020003	0x1.00020003
2	JMP (if B = 0)	6	0x00040006	0x2.00040006
3	MUL	A, A	0x00100000	0x3.00100000
4	DEC	B	0x00200000	0x4.00200000
5	JMP	2	0x00080002	0x5.00080002
6	STOP	∅	0x00400000	0x6.00400000

## Checking the Correct Program Execution iii

- On the other side:

Position	Instruction		Inst. Value	freeLoad	PC	A	B	$\text{instTrace} = \text{inst} + 2^{32} \cdot \text{PC}$
0	FREELOAD	A	0x00010000	10	0	0	0	0x0.00010000
1	MOV	B, 3	0x00020003	0	1	10	0	0x1.00020003
2	JMP (if B = 0)	6	0x00040006	0	2	10	3	0x2.00040006
3	MUL	A, A	0x00100000	0	3	10	3	0x3.00100000
4	DEC	B	0x00200000	0	4	100	3	0x4.00200000
5	JMP	2	0x00080002	0	5	100	2	0x5.00080002
6	JMP (if B = 0)	6	0x00040006	0	2	100	2	0x2.00040006
7	MUL	A, A	0x00100000	0	3	100	2	0x3.00100000
8	DEC	B	0x00200000	0	4	1000	2	0x4.00200000
9	JMP	2	0x00080002	0	5	1000	1	0x5.00080002
10	JMP (if B = 0)	6	0x00040006	0	2	1000	1	0x2.00040006
11	MUL	A, A	0x00100000	0	3	1000	1	0x3.00100000
12	DEC	B	0x00200000	0	4	10000	1	0x4.00200000
13	JMP	2	0x00080002	0	5	10000	0	0x5.00080002
14	JMP (if B = 0)	6	0x00040006	0	2	10000	0	0x2.00040006
15	STOP	∅	0x00400000	0	6	10000	0	0x6.00400000

- So, to check that the correct program is being executed, we simply have to use Plookup to determine if:

$$\text{instTrace} \subset \text{Rom}$$

- In simple words, the trace being executed is an execution of the actual program if the instruction trace is contained in the ROM of the program.

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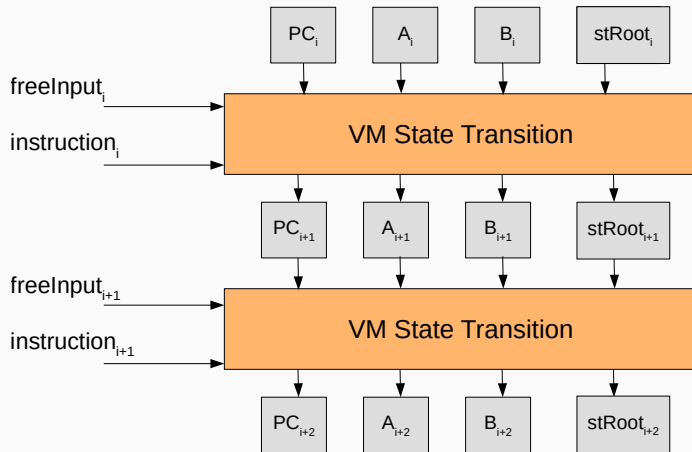
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# Main State Machine of a Virtual Machine



# Main State Machine of a Virtual Machine

Position	Instruction		freeLoad	stRoot	A	B	oldStRoot	newStRoot	Key	Value
0				st1			0	0	0	0
1				st1			0	0	0	0
2				st1			0	0	0	0
3	SSTORE	[A], B	st2	st1	0x4C76	1232	st1	st2	0x4C76	1232
4				st2	0x4C76	1232	0	0	0	0
5				st2			0	0	0	0
6				st2			0	0	0	0
7	SSTORE	[A], B	st3	st2	0x8E12	7765	st2	st3	0x8E12	7765
8				st3	0x8E12	7765	0	0	0	0
9				st3			0	0	0	0
10	SSTORE	[A], B	st4	st3	0xAA23	9812	st3	st4	0xAA23	9812
11				st4	0xAA23	9812	0	0	0	0
12				st4			0	0	0	0
13				st4			0	0	0	0
14	SSTORE	[A], B	st5	st4	0x2213	8610	st4	st5	0x2213	8610
15				st5	0x2213	8610	0	0	0	0



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# Memory in the Main State Machine

Position	Instruction		freeLoad	A	B	mRead	mWrite	Address	Value
0						0	0	0	0
1						0	0	0	0
2						0	0	0	0
3	MWRITE	[A], B		0x4C76	1232	0	1	0x4C76	1232
4				0x4C76	1232	0	0	0	0
5	MREAD	B, [A]	1232	0x4C76	1232	1	0	0x4C76	1232
6				0x4C76	1232	0	0	0	0
7	MWRITE	[A], B		0x8E12	7765	0	1	0x8E12	7765
8				0x8E12	7765	0	0	0	0
9						0	0	0	0
10	MWRITE	[A], B		0x2213	8610	0	1	0x2213	8610
11				0x2213	8610	0	0	0	0
12						0	0	0	0
13						0	0	0	0
14	MREAD	B, [A]	7765	0x8E12	7765	1	0	0x8E12	7765
15				0x8E12	7765	0	0	0	0

# Memory State Machine

Free Inputs					Intermediary State		Results
Position	mRead	mWrite	Address	ValueIn	stOld	stNew	Value
3	0	1	0x4C76	1232	0	1232	1232
5	1	0	0x4C76		1232	1232	1232
7	0	1	0x8E12	7765	1232	7765	7765
14	1	0	0x8E12		7765	7765	7765
10	0	1	0x2213	8610	7765	8610	8610

- Using Plookup, prove that the polynomial:

$$\text{main.position}(x) + v \cdot \text{main.mRead}(x) + v^2 \cdot \text{main.mWrite}(x) + v^3 \cdot \text{main.Address}(x) + v^4 \cdot \text{main.Value}(x),$$

is included in the polynomial:

$$\text{mem.position}(x) + v \cdot \text{mem.mRead}(x) + v^2 \cdot \text{mem.mWrite}(x) + v^3 \cdot \text{mem.Address}(x) + v^4 \cdot \text{mem.Value}(x).$$

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# Checking Binary Operations: XOR

## Operation

$$f(x) \oplus g(x) = h(x).$$

1. Check byte decomposition:

$$f(x) = f_0(x) + 2^8 f_1(x) + 2^{16} f_2(x) + \dots$$

$$g(x) = g_0(x) + 2^8 g_1(x) + 2^{16} g_2(x) + \dots$$

$$h(x) = h_0(x) + 2^8 h_1(x) + 2^{16} h_2(x) + \dots$$

2. Check byte form elementwise:

$$f_0(x) \subset \text{byte}(x) \quad g_0(x) \subset \text{byte}(x) \quad h_0(x) \subset \text{byte}(x)$$

$$f_1(x) \subset \text{byte}(x) \quad g_1(x) \subset \text{byte}(x) \quad h_1(x) \subset \text{byte}(x)$$

$$f_2(x) \subset \text{byte}(x) \quad g_2(x) \subset \text{byte}(x) \quad h_2(x) \subset \text{byte}(x)$$

$$\vdots$$
$$\vdots$$
$$\vdots$$

3. Check XOR operation:

$$f_0(x) + 2^8 g_0(x) + 2^{16} h_0(x) \subset \text{XOR}(x)$$

$$f_1(x) + 2^8 g_1(x) + 2^{16} h_1(x) \subset \text{XOR}(x)$$

$$f_2(x) + 2^8 g_2(x) + 2^{16} h_2(x) \subset \text{XOR}(x)$$

$$\vdots$$

x	byte
$\omega^0$	0x00
$\omega^1$	0x01
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\omega^{123}$	0x7B
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\omega^{255}$	0xFF

x	XOR
$\omega^0$	0x000000
$\omega^1$	0x010001
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\omega^{5028}$	0xB713A4
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\omega^{65535}$	0x00FFFF

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# Checking Arithmetic Operations: Multiplication

10 Bytes <b>a<sub>2</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>a<sub>1</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>a<sub>0</sub></b>			
10 Bytes <b>b<sub>2</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>b<sub>1</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>b<sub>0</sub></b>			
10 Bytes <b>c<sub>2</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>c<sub>1</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>c<sub>0</sub></b>			
11 Bytes <b>d<sub>5</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>d<sub>4</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>d<sub>3</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>d<sub>2</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>d<sub>1</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>d<sub>0</sub></b>
10 Bytes <b>e<sub>2</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>e<sub>1</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>e<sub>0</sub></b>	10 Bytes <b>f<sub>2</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>f<sub>1</sub></b>	11 Bytes <b>f<sub>0</sub></b>

$$A = a_2 \cdot 256^{22} + a_1 \cdot 256^{11} + a_0,$$

$$B = b_2 \cdot 256^{22} + b_1 \cdot 256^{11} + b_0,$$

$$C = c_2 \cdot 256^{22} + c_1 \cdot 256^{11} + c_0,$$

$$D = d_5 \cdot 256^{55} + d_4 \cdot 256^{44} + d_3 \cdot 256^{33}$$

$$+ d_2 \cdot 256^{22} + d_1 \cdot 256^{11} + d_0,$$

$$E = e_2 \cdot 256^{22} + e_1 \cdot 256^{11} + e_0,$$

$$F = f_2 \cdot 256^{22} + f_1 \cdot 256^{11} + f_0,$$

$$A \cdot B + C = D = E \cdot 2^{256} + F$$

$$d_0 = f_0,$$

$$d_1 = f_1,$$

$$d_2 = f_2 + \text{carry}_1 \cdot 256^{10},$$

$$d_3 \cdot 256 + \text{carry}_1 = e_0 + \text{carry}_2 \cdot 256^{11},$$

$$d_4 \cdot 256 + \text{carry}_2 = e_1 + \text{carry}_3 \cdot 256^{11},$$

$$d_5 \cdot 256 + \text{carry}_3 = e_1.$$

$\text{carry}_1, \text{carry}_2, \text{carry}_3 \subset \text{byte}.$

# Multiplying

Step	mA	mB	acc <sub>5</sub>	acc <sub>4</sub>	acc <sub>3</sub>	acc <sub>2</sub>	acc <sub>1</sub>	acc <sub>0</sub>
0	$a_0$	$b_0$	$d_5$	$d_4$	$d_3$	$d_2$	$d_1$	$d_0$
1	$a_0$	$b_1$	$d_0$	$d_5$	$d_4$	$d_3$	$d_2$	$d_1$
2	$a_1$	$b_0$	$d_0$	$d_5$	$d_4$	$d_3$	$d_2$	$d_1$
3	$a_0$	$b_2$	$d_1$	$d_0$	$d_5$	$d_4$	$d_3$	$d_2$
4	$a_1$	$b_1$	$d_1$	$d_0$	$d_5$	$d_4$	$d_3$	$d_2$
5	$a_2$	$b_0$	$d_1$	$d_0$	$d_5$	$d_4$	$d_3$	$d_2$
6	$a_1$	$b_2$	$d_2$	$d_1$	$d_0$	$d_5$	$d_4$	$d_3$
7	$a_2$	$b_1$	$d_2$	$d_1$	$d_0$	$d_5$	$d_4$	$d_3$
8	$a_2$	$b_2$	$d_3$	$d_2$	$d_1$	$d_0$	$d_5$	$d_4$

q <sub>shift</sub>	q <sub>same</sub>	q <sub>set</sub>	q <sub>result</sub>	q <sub>a0</sub>	q <sub>a1</sub>	q <sub>a2</sub>	q <sub>b0</sub>	q <sub>b1</sub>	q <sub>b2</sub>
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1