

3_11 Floating-Point Code

- The **floating-point architecture** for a processor consists of:
 - How floating-point values are stored and accessed – some registers.
 - Instructions that operate on floating-point data.
 - The conventions used for passing floating-point values as arguments to functions and for returning them as results.
 - The conventions for how registers are preserved during function calls.

Float Architecture Revision	Register Name	Register Size
MMX – Multi Media Extensions	MM	64 bits
SSE – Streaming SIMD Extensions	XMM	128 bits
AVX – Advanced Vector Extensions (on book)	YMM	256 bits
AVX-512 – (Advanced Vector Extensions 512)	ZMM	512 bits

- Gcc will generate AVX2 code when given the command-line parameter `-mavx2`.
- The scalar AVX instructions (标量AVX指令) intend for operating on entire data vectors arise.
 - Scalar data – a **single value or element**, as opposed to a collection of values or elements (such as arrays, vectors, or matrices). Scalar data types represent individual quantities and are the simplest form of data in programming and computer science.

255	127	0
%ymm0	%xmm0	1st FP arg./Return value
%ymm1	%xmm1	2nd FP argument
%ymm2	%xmm2	3rd FP argument
%ymm3	%xmm3	4th FP argument
%ymm4	%xmm4	5th FP argument
%ymm5	%xmm5	6th FP argument
%ymm6	%xmm6	7th FP argument
%ymm7	%xmm7	8th FP argument
%ymm8	%xmm8	Caller saved
%ymm9	%xmm9	Caller saved
%ymm10	%xmm10	Caller saved
%ymm11	%xmm11	Caller saved
%ymm12	%xmm12	Caller saved
%ymm13	%ymm13	Caller saved
%ymm14	%xmm14	Caller saved
%ymm15	%xmm15	Caller saved

- **AVX floating-point** architecture allows data to be stored in 16 YMM registers, named `%ymm0-%ymm15`.
 - Each YMM register is 256 bits (32 bytes) long.
- Dealing with scalar data:
 - When operating on scalar data, these registers only hold floating-point data, and only the low-order 32 bits (for float) or 64 bits (for double) are used.
 - The assembly code refers to the registers by their SSE XMM register names `%xmm0-%xmm15`, where each XMM register is the low-order 128 bits (16 bytes) of the corresponding YMM register.

3.11.1 Floating-Point Movement and Conversion Operations

Floating-point Movement Instructions

Instruction	Source	Destination	Description
<code>vmovss</code>	M_{32}	X	Move single precision
<code>vmovss</code>	X	M_{32}	Move single precision
<code>vmovsd</code>	M_{64}	X	Move double precision
<code>vmovsd</code>	X	M_{64}	Move double precision
<code>vmovaps</code>	X	X	Move aligned, packed single precision
<code>vmovapd</code>	X	X	Move aligned, packed double precision

- These operations above transfer values between memory and XMM registers, as well as between pairs of XMM registers.

`vmovss` and `vmovsd`

- Memory and XMM registers data movement - The first 4 instructions (`vmovss`, `vmovsd`) that reference memory above are **scalar instructions**, meaning that they operate on individual, rather than packed, data values.
 - The data are held either in memory (indicated in the table as M_{32} and M_{64}) or in XMM registers (shown in the table as X).
 - These instructions will work correctly regardless of the alignment of data, although the code optimization guidelines recommend that 32-bit memory data satisfy a 4-byte alignment and that 64-bit data satisfy an 8-byte alignment.
 - Memory references are specified in the same way as for the integer `mov` instructions, with all of the different possible combinations of displacement, base register, index register, and scaling factor.

`vmovaps` and `vmovapd`

- `vmovaps` for single precision and `vmovapd` for double-precision values.
- When used for XMM registers and XMM registers data movements:
 - For these cases, whether the program copies the entire register or just the low-order value affects neither the program functionality nor the execution speed, and so using these instructions rather than ones specific to scalar data makes no real difference.
- When used for XMM registers and memory data movements:
 - The letter 'a' in these instruction names stands for "aligned".
 - When used to read and write memory, they will cause an exception if the address does not satisfy a 16-byte alignment.

Example

```
1 float float_mov(float v1, float *src, float *dst) {
2     float v2 = *src;
3     *dst = v1;
4     return v2;
5 }
```

- Assembly code:

```
1 # float float_mov(float v1, float *src, float *dst)
2 # v1 in %xmm0, src in %rdi, dst in %rsi
3
4 float_mov:
5     vmovaps %xmm0, %xmm1      # Copy v1
6     vmovss (%rdi), %xmm0      # Read v2 from src
7     vmovss %xmm1, (%rsi)      # Write v1 to dst
8     ret                      # Return v2 in %xmm0
```

- `vmovaps` - copy data from `xmm0` to `xmm1`;
- `vmovss` - copy data from memory (`M(rdi)`) to an `xmm0` register and from an `xmm1` register to memory (`M(rsi)`).

Converting between Floating/Double point and Integer

- Convert from a floating-point value read from either an XMM register or memory and write the result to a general-purpose register (e.g., `%rax`, `%ebx`, etc.):

Instruction	Source	Destination	Description
<code>vcvtts2si</code>	X/M_{32}	R_{32}	Convert with truncation single precision to integer
<code>vcvttsd2si</code>	X/M_{64}	R_{32}	Convert with truncation double precision to integer
<code>vcvtts2siq</code>	X/M_{32}	R_{64}	Convert with truncation single precision to quad word integer
<code>vcvttsd2siq</code>	X/M_{64}	R_{64}	Convert with truncation double precision to quad word integer

- When converting floating-point values to integers, they perform **truncation**, rounding values toward zero.
- Convert from integer to floating point:

Instruction	Source 1	Source 2	Destination	Description
<code>vcvttsi2ss</code>	M_{32}/R_{32}	X	X	Convert integer to single precision
<code>vcvttsi2sd</code>	M_{32}/R_{32}	X	X	Convert integer to double precision
<code>vcvttsi2ssq</code>	M_{64}/R_{64}	X	X	Convert quad word integer to single precision
<code>vcvttsi2sdq</code>	M_{64}/R_{64}	X	X	Convert quad word integer to double precision

- Three-operand format, with two sources and a destination.
- These instructions above convert from the data type of the first source to the data type of the destination. The second source value has no effect on the low-order bytes of the result.
- For our purposes, we can ignore the second operand, since its value only affects the upper bytes of the result.
- The destination must be an XMM register.
- In common usage, both the second source and the destination operands are identical.
- Example:

```
1 vcvttsi2sdq %rax, %xmm1, %xmm1
```

- Reads a long integer from register `%rax`.
- Converts it to data type double.
- Stores the result in the lower bytes of XMM register `%xmm1`.

Converting from Single Precision to Double Precision

- Logically, we use `vcvtss2sd` - convert a single-precision value to a double-precision value:
 - suppose the low-order 4 bytes of `%xmm0` hold a single-precision value

```
1    vcvtss2sd %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0
```

- convert a single-precision value in `%xmm0` to a double-precision value and store the result in the lower 8 bytes of register `%xmm0`.
- In reality, GCC generate code below:

```
1    # Conversion from single to double precision
2    vunpcklps %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0      # Replicate first vector element
3    vcvtps2pd %xmm0, %xmm0             # Convert two vector elements to double
```

- `vunpcklps` instruction is normally used to interleave the values in two XMM registers and store them in a third.
 - Example - if register `%src0` contains words `[s3, s2, s1, s0]` and the other register `src1` contains words `[d3, d2, d1, d0]`, then after `vunpcklps %src0, %src1, %dest`, the value of the destination register `dest` will be `[s1, d1, s0, d0]`.
 - So, if the original register `%xmm0` held values `[x3, x2, x1, x0]`, then after `vunpcklps %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0`, the instruction will update the register to hold values `[x1, x1, x0, x0]`.
 - Please notice that `x0, x1, x2` and `x3` are all single precision value.
- `vcvtps2pd` instruction expands the two low-order single precision values in the source XMM register to be the two double-precision values in the destination XMM register.
 - If the original register `%xmm0` held values `[x3, x2, x1, x0]`, then after `vcvtps2pd %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0`, `%xmm0` will be `[dx0, dx0]`, while `dx0` is the result of converting `x` to double precision.
- Therefore, suppose `%xmm0` held values `[x3, x2, x1, x0]`, the `%xmm0` value will update as below:

```
1    # Conversion from single to double precision
2    vunpcklps %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0      # xmm0 = [x1,x1,x0,x0]
3    vcvtps2pd %xmm0, %xmm0             # xmm0 = [dx0,dx0]
```

- The single precision value `x0` has been converted to double precision value `dx0` successfully.

Converting from Double Precision to Single Precision

- Logically, we use `vcvtsd2ss` - convert a double-precision value to a single-precision value:

```
1   vcvtsd2ss %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0
```

- In reality, GCC generate code below:

```
1   # Conversion from double to single precision
2   vmovddup %xmm0, %xmm0      # Replicate first vector element
3   vcvtpd2psx %xmm0, %xmm0    # Convert two vector elements to single
```

- Suppose register `%xmm0` holding two double-precision values `[dx1, dx0]`.
- `vmovddup %xmm0, %xmm0` – set `%xmm0` to `[dx0, dx0]`.
- `vcvtpd2psx %xmm0, %xmm0` – convert to single precision, pack them into the low-order half of the register, and set the upper half to 0, yielding a result `[0.0, 0.0, sx0, sx0]`.

- Example:

- C code:

```
1   double fcvt(int i, float *fp, double *dp, long *lp)
2   {
3       float f = *fp; double d = *dp; long l = *lp;
4       *lp = (long) d;
5       *fp = (float) i;
6       *dp = (double) l;
7       return (double) f;
8   }
```

- Assembly code:

```
1   # double fcvt(int i, float *fp, double *dp, long *lp)
2   # i in %edi, fp in %rsi, dp in %rdx, lp in %rcx
3   fcvt:
4       vmovss (%rsi), %xmm0      # xmm0=M(rsi):      Get f = *fp
5       movq (%rcx), %rax         # rax=M(rcx):        Get l = *lp
6       vcvtsd2siq (%rdx), %r8    # r8=(long)M(rdx):   Get d = *dp and convert to long
7       movq %r8, (%rcx)         # M(rcx)=r8:          Store at lp
8       vcvtsi2ss %edi, %xmm1, %xmm1 # xmm1=(float)edi: Convert i to float
9       vmovss %xmm1, (%rsi)      # M(rsi)=xmm1:       Store at fp
10      vcvtsi2sdq %rax, %xmm1, %xmm1 # xmm1=(double)rax: Convert l to double
11      vmovsd %xmm1, (%rdx)      # M(rdx)=xmm1:       Store at dp
12
13      # The following two instructions convert f to double
14      vunpcklps %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0
15      vcvtps2pd %xmm0, %xmm0
16      ret                      # Return f in xmm0
```

Practice Problem 3.50

For the following C code, the expressions `val1 – val4` all map to the program values `i`, `f`, `d`, and `l`:

```
1   double fcvt2(int *ip, float *fp, double *dp, long l)
2   {
3       int i = *ip; float f = *fp; double d = *dp;
4       *ip = (int) val1;
5       *fp = (float) val2;
6       *dp = (double) val3;
7       return (double) val4;
8   }
```

Determine the mapping, based on the following x86-64 code for the function:

```
1  # double fcvt2(int *ip, float *fp, double *dp, long l)
2  # ip in %rdi, fp in %rsi, dp in %rdx, l in %rcx
3  # Result returned in %xmm0
4
5  fcvt2:
6      movl (%rdi), %eax
7      vmovss (%rsi), %xmm0
8      vcvttss2sd (%rdx), %r8d
9      movl %r8d, (%rdi)
10     vcvtsi2ss %eax, %xmm1, %xmm1
11     vmovss %xmm1, (%rsi)
12     vcvtsi2sdq %rcx, %xmm1, %xmm1
13     vmovsd %xmm1, (%rdx)
14     vunpcklps %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0
15     vcvtps2pd %xmm0, %xmm0
16     ret
```

Solution:

Firstly, go through all asm instructions:

```
1  # double fcvt2(int *ip, float *fp, double *dp, long l)
2  # ip in %rdi, fp in %rsi, dp in %rdx, l in %rcx
3  # Result returned in %xmm0
4
5  fcvt2:
6      movl (%rdi), %eax           # eax=M(rdi):  eax = *ip
7      vmovss (%rsi), %xmm0       # xmm0=M(rsi):  xmm0= *fp
8      vcvttss2sd (%rdx), %r8d    # r8d=M(rdx):  r8d = (int)(*dp)
9      movl %r8d, (%rdi)         # M(rdi)=r8d:  *ip = r8d
10     vcvtsi2ss %eax, %xmm1, %xmm1 # xmm1=(float)eax=(float)(*ip)
11     vmovss %xmm1, (%rsi)       # M(rsi)=xmm1:  (*fp) = xmm1 = (float)(*ip)
12     vcvtsi2sdq %rcx, %xmm1, %xmm1 # xmm1=(double)rcx: xmm1=(double)l
13     vmovsd %xmm1, (%rdx)       # M(rdx)=xmm1:  (*dp)=xmm1=(double)l
14     vunpcklps %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0 # convert float in xmm0 to double
15     vcvtps2pd %xmm0, %xmm0
16     ret
```

Secondly,

- val1

From `*ip = (int) val1`, we need to find out `*ip`.
From line 8 and 9, `*ip` is from `*dp` by converting to `int`.
So `val1 = d`.

- val2

From `*fp = (float) val2`, we need to find out `*fp`.
From line 11, `*fp` is from `*ip` by converting to `float`.
So `val2 = i`.

- val3

From `*dp = (double) val3`, we need to find out `*dp`.
From line 13, `*dp` is from `l` by converting to `double`.
So `val3 = d`.

- val4

The function returns `double` type, so the return value is stored in `xmm0`. From line 7, `xmm0` is from `f`.
So `val4 = f`.

Practice Problem 3.51

The following C function converts an argument of type `src_t` to a return value of type `dst_t`, where these two types are defined using `typedef`:

```

1  dest_t cvt(src_t x)
2  {
3      dest_t y = (dest_t) x;
4      return y;
5  }

```

For execution on x86-64, assume that argument `x` is either in `%xmm0` or in the appropriately named portion of register `%rdi` (i.e., `%rdi` or `%edi`). One or two instructions are to be used to perform the type conversion and to copy the value to the appropriately named portion of register `%rax` (integer result) or `%xmm0` (floating-point result). Show the instruction(s), including the source and destination registers.

T_x	T_y	Instructions
long	double	<code>vcvtsi2sdq %rdi, %xmm0</code>
double	int	
double	float	
long	float	
float	long	

Solution:

T_x	T_y	Instructions
long	double	<code>vcvtsi2sdq %rdi, %xmm0</code>
double	int	<code>vcvtt2sd2si %xmm0, %eax</code>
double	float	<code>vcvtsd2ss %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0</code> In gcc it's like: <code>vmovddup %xmm0, %xmm0</code> <code>vcvtpd2psx %xmm0, %xmm0</code>
long	float	<code>vcvtsi2ssq %rdi, %xmm0, %xmm0</code>
float	long	<code>vcvttss2siq %xmm0, %rax</code>

3.11.2 Floating-Point Code in Procedures

- With x86-64, the XMM registers are used for passing floating-point arguments to functions and for returning floating-point values from them.
- The following conventions are observed:
 - Up to eight floating-point arguments can be passed in XMM registers `%xmm0-%xmm7`.
 - Additional floating-point arguments can be passed on the **stack**.
 - A function that returns a floating-point value does so in register `%xmm0`.
 - All XMM registers are caller saved.
 - When a function contains a combination of pointer, integer, and floating point arguments, the pointers and integers are passed in general-purpose registers, while the floating-point values are passed in XMM registers.
- Examples:

```

1  double f1(int x, double y, long z);

```

- `x` in `%edi`, `y` in `%xmm0`, and `z` in `%rsi`.

```

1  double f2(double y, int x, long z);

```

- `y` in `%xmm0`, `x` in `%edi`, and `z` in `%rsi`. Same as above.

```
1 double f1(float x, double *y, long *z);
```

- x in `%xmm0`, y in `%rdi`, and z in `%rsi`.

Practice Problem 3.52

For each of the following function declarations, determine the register assignments for the arguments:

A. `double g1(double a, long b, float c, int d);`

B. `double g2(int a, double *b, float *c, long d);`

C. `double g3(double *a, double b, int c, float d);`

D. `double g4(float a, int *b, float c, double d);`

Solution:

A.

```
1 double g1(double a, long b, float c, int d);
2 a - %xmm0
3 b - %rdi
4 c - %xmm1
5 d - %esi
```

B.

```
1 double g2(int a, double *b, float *c, long d);
2 a - %edi
3 b - %rsi
4 c - %rcx
5 d - %rdx
```

C.

```
1 double g3(double *a, double b, int c, float d);
2 a - %rdi
3 b - %xmm0
4 c - %esi
5 d - %xmm1
```

D.

```
1 double g4(float a, int *b, float c, double d);
2 a - %xmm0
3 b - %rdi
4 c - %xmm1
5 d - %xmm2
```

3.11.3 Floating-Point Arithmetic Operations

- A set of scalar AVX2 floating-point instructions that perform arithmetic operations:

Single	Double	Effect	Description
vaddss	vaddsd	$D \leftarrow S_2 + S_1$	Floating-point add
vsubss	vsubsd	$D \leftarrow S_2 - S_1$	Floating-point subtract
vmulss	vmulsd	$D \leftarrow S_2 \times S_1$	Floating-point multiply
vdivss	vdivsd	$D \leftarrow S_2 / S_1$	Floating-point divide
vmaxss	vmaxsd	$D \leftarrow \max(S_2, S_1)$	Floating-point maximum
vminss	vminsd	$D \leftarrow \min(S_2, S_1)$	Floating-point minimum
sqrtps	sqrtsd	$D \leftarrow \sqrt{S_1}$	Floating-point square root

- S_1 can be either an XMM register or a memory location.
- S_2 and D must be XMM registers.
- Each operation has an instruction for single precision and an instruction for double precision.
- The result is stored in the destination register.
- Syntax: `vsubsd S1, S2, D` means `D = S2 - S1`

- Example:

```

1 double funct(double a, float x, double b, int i)
2 {
3     return a*x - b/i;
4 }

```

- Assembly code on book:

```

double funct(double a, float x, double b, int i)
a in %xmm0, x in %xmm1, b in %xmm2, i in %edi
1 funct:
    The following two instructions convert x to double
2 vunpcklps    %xmm1, %xmm1, %xmm1
3 vcvtps2pd    %xmm1, %xmm1
4 vmulsd %xmm0, %xmm1, %xmm0      Multiply a by x
5 vcvtsi2sd    %edi, %xmm1, %xmm1 Convert i to double
6 vdivsd %xmm1, %xmm2, %xmm2      Compute b/i
7 vsubsd %xmm2, %xmm0, %xmm0      Subtract from a*x
8 ret                                Return

```

- `a`, `x`, and `b` are passed in XMM registers `%xmm0-%xmm2`, while `i` is passed in register `%edi`.
- lines 2–3: standard two-instruction sequence is used to convert argument `x` to double.
- line 5: convert argument `i` to double.
- Return in register `%xmm0`.
- In real life, it's like:

- **AVX** – Compile in `avx` code with `-mavx` option: `gcc -mavx -Og -fno-stack-protector -S funct.c -o funct_avx.s`

```

1 vcvts2sd    %xmm1, %xmm1, %xmm1    # convert xmm1 from float to double
2 vmulsd %xmm0, %xmm1, %xmm1          # xmm1=xmm0*xmm1: xmm1=a*x
3 vxorps %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0          # clear xmm0
4 vcvtsi2sdl %edi, %xmm0, %xmm0       # convert edi from int to double, store it in
    xmm0
5 vdivsd %xmm0, %xmm2, %xmm2          # xmm2=xmm2/xmm0: xmm2=b/(double)i
6 vsubsd %xmm2, %xmm1, %xmm0          # xmm0=xmm1-xmm2: xmm0=a*x-b/i
7 ret

```

- **SSE2** – Compile in `sse2` code with `-mavx` option: `gcc -msse2 -Og -fno-stack-protector -S funct.c -o funct_sse2.s`

```

1 cvts2sd    %xmm1, %xmm1    # xmm1=(double)x
2 mulsd %xmm0, %xmm1          # xmm1=a*x

```

```

3    pxor    %xmm0, %xmm0          # clear xmm0
4    cvtsi2sdl    %edi, %xmm0      # xmm0=(double)i
5    divsd    %xmm0, %xmm2          # xmm2=b/(double)i
6    subsd    %xmm2, %xmm1          # xmm1=a*x-b/i
7    movapd   %xmm1, %xmm0          # xmm0=a*x-b/i
8    ret

```

Practice Problem 3.53

For the following C function, the types of the four arguments are defined by typedef:

```

1  double funct1(arg1_t p, arg2_t q, arg3_t r, arg4_t s)
2  {
3      return p/(q+r) - s;
4  }

```

When compiled, gcc generates the following code:

```

1  # double funct1(arg1_t p, arg2_t q, arg3_t r, arg4_t s)
2
3  funct1:
4      vcvtsi2ssq    %rsi, %xmm2, %xmm2
5      vaddss        %xmm0, %xmm2, %xmm0
6      vcvtsi2ss     %edi, %xmm2, %xmm2
7      vdivss        %xmm0, %xmm2, %xmm0
8      vunpcklps     %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0
9      vcvtps2pd     %xmm0, %xmm0
10     vsubsd         %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm0
11     ret

```

Determine the possible combinations of types of the four arguments (there may be more than one).

Solution:

```

1  # double funct1(arg1_t p, arg2_t q, arg3_t r, arg4_t s)
2
3  funct1:
4      vcvtsi2ssq    %rsi, %xmm2, %xmm2  # xmm2=(float)rsi: rsi - type long
5      vaddss        %xmm0, %xmm2, %xmm0  # xmm0=xmm0+xmm2=xmm0+(float)rsi refer to (q+r)
6                                          # so q and r can be xmm0 or rsi while type is float
7  or long
8      vcvtsi2ss     %edi, %xmm2, %xmm2  # xmm2=(float)edi:
9                                          # p can only be edi which type is int
10     vdivss        %xmm0, %xmm2, %xmm0  # xmm0=xmm2/xmm0=((float)edi)/xmm0: xmm0=
(float)p/(q+r)
11     vunpcklps     %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0
12     vcvtps2pd     %xmm0, %xmm0        # xmm0 = (double)xmm0
13     vsubsd         %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm0 # xmm0=xmm0-xmm1
14                                          # s = xmm1 - type double
15     ret

```

Therefore, there's 2 possibilities:

```

1  double funct1(int p, float q, long r, double s);
2  or
3  double funct1(int p, long q, float r, double s);

```

Practice Problem 3.54

Function `funct2` has the following prototype:

```
1 double funct2(double w, int x, float y, long z);
```

Gcc generates the following code for the function:

```
1 # double funct2(double w, int x, float y, long z)
2 # w in %xmm0, x in %edi, y in %xmm1, z in %rsi
3
4 funct2:
5     vcvtsi2ss    %edi, %xmm2, %xmm2
6     vmulss       %xmm1, %xmm2, %xmm1
7     vunpcklps    %xmm1, %xmm1, %xmm1
8     vcvtps2pd    %xmm1, %xmm2
9     vcvtsi2sdq   %rsi, %xmm1, %xmm1
10    vdivsd        %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm0
11    vsubsd        %xmm0, %xmm2, %xmm0
12    ret
```

Write a C version of `funct2`.

Solution:

Firstly, analyze assembly code:

```
1 # double funct2(double w, int x, float y, long z)
2 # w in %xmm0, x in %edi, y in %xmm1, z in %rsi
3
4 funct2:
5     vcvtsi2ss    %edi, %xmm2, %xmm2    # xmm2=(float)edi: xmm2 = (float)x
6     vmulss       %xmm1, %xmm2, %xmm1    # xmm1=xmm1*xmm2: xmm1 = y*(float)x
7     vunpcklps    %xmm1, %xmm1, %xmm1
8     vcvtps2pd    %xmm1, %xmm2          # xmm2=(double)xmm1: xmm2 = (double)(y*(float)x)
9     vcvtsi2sdq   %rsi, %xmm1, %xmm1     # xmm1=(double)rsi: xmm1 = (double)z
10    vdivsd        %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm0    # xmm0=xmm0/xmm1: xmm0 = w/(double)z
11    vsubsd        %xmm0, %xmm2, %xmm0    # xmm0=xmm2-xmm0: xmm0 = (double)(y*(float)x) -
    w/(double)z
12    ret
```

Secondly, easily get the function code below:

```
1 double funct2(double w, int x, float y, long z)
2 {
3     return y*x - w/z;
4 }
```

3.11.4 Defining and Using Floating-Point Constants

- Unlike integer arithmetic operations, AVX floating-point operations **cannot have immediate values as operands**.
- For AVX floating-point operations, the compiler must allocate and initialize storage for any constant values. The code then reads the values from memory.
- Example:
 - C code:

```
1 double cel2fahr(double temp)
```

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```

2    {
3        return 1.8 * temp + 32.0;
4    }

```

- **Assembly Code:**

```

1  # double cel2fahr(double temp)
2  # temp in %xmm0
3
4  cel2fahr:
5      vmulsd .LC2(%rip), %xmm0, %xmm0    # Multiply by 1.8
6      vaddsd .LC3(%rip), %xmm0, %xmm0    # Add 32.0
7      ret
8
9  .LC2:
10     .long 3435973837    # Low-order 4 bytes of 1.8
11     .long 1073532108    # High-order 4 bytes of 1.8
12
13  .LC3:
14     .long 0             # Low-order 4 bytes of 32.0
15     .long 1077936128    # High-order 4 bytes of 32.0

```

- **Firstly, review the representation of double precision floating.**

- Easy to find that `1.8` and `32.0` are normalized form of double precision floating-point.

- The equation is like:

$$V = (-1)^s \times (1 + 0.f_{51} \dots f_1 f_0) \times 2^{[e_{10} \dots e_1 e_0] - (2^{11-1} - 1)} = (-1)^s \times 1.f_{51} \dots f_1 f_0 \times 2^{[e_{10} \dots e_1 e_0] - 1023_{10}}$$

($e \neq [0 \dots 0]$ or $[1 \dots 1]$)

- If $V = 1.8$, $V = (-1)^0 \times 1.f_{51} \dots f_1 f_0 \times 2^{[e_{10} \dots e_1 e_0] - 1023_{10}}$

- If $1.f_{51} \dots f_1 f_0 = 1.8$, then $f = 0b\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1101 = 0x\ ccccccccccd$

- If $E = [e_{10} \dots e_1 e_0] - 1023_{10} = 0$, then $e = 1023 = 0b\ 011\ 1111\ 1111 = 0x\ 3ff$

- $s = 0$

- So, the full representation

$$= 0b\ 0011\ 1111\ 1111\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1100\ 1101$$

$$= 0x\ 3ffc\ cccc\ cccc\ cccd$$

- If $V = 32.0$, $V = (-1)^0 \times 1.f_{51} \dots f_1 f_0 \times 2^{[e_{10} \dots e_1 e_0] - 1023_{10}}$

- If $1.f_{51} \dots f_1 f_0 = 1.0$, then $f = 0b\ 0$.

- If $E = [e_{10} \dots e_1 e_0] - 1023_{10} = 5$, then $e = 1028 = 0b\ 100\ 0000\ 0100 = 0x\ 404$

- $s = 0$

- So, the full representation

$$= 0b\ 0100\ 0000\ 0100\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000$$

$$= 0x\ 4040\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000$$

- The machine uses little-endian byte ordering, the first value gives the low-order 4 bytes, while the second gives the high-order 4 bytes.

Practice Problem 3.55

Show how the numbers declared at label `.LC3` encode the number `32.0`.

Solution: already showed above.

3.11.5 Using Bitwise Operations in Floating-Point Code

- Bitwise operations on packed data:

Single	Double	Effect	Description
vxorps	xorpd	$D \leftarrow S_2 \wedge S_1$	Bitwise EXCLUSIVE-OR
vandps	andpd	$D \leftarrow S_2 \& S_1$	Bitwise AND

- These instructions perform Boolean operations on all 128 bits in an XMM register.
- These operations all act on packed data, meaning that they update the entire destination XMM register, applying the bitwise operation to all the data in the two source registers.

Practice Problem 3.56

Consider the following C function, where `EXPR` is a macro defined with `#define`:

```
1 double simplefun(double x) {
2     return EXPR(x);
3 }
```

Below, we show the AVX2 code generated for different definitions of `EXPR`, where value `x` is held in `%xmm0`. All of them correspond to some useful operation on floating-point values. Identify what the operations are. Your answers will require you to understand the bit patterns of the constant words being retrieved from memory.

A.

```
1     vmovsd .LC1(%rip), %xmm1
2     vandpd %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm0
3 .LC1:
4     .long 4294967295
5     .long 2147483647
6     .long 0
7     .long 0
```

B.

```
1     vxorpd %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0
```

C.

```
1     vmovsd .LC2(%rip), %xmm1
2     vxorpd %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm0
3 .LC2:
4     .long 0
5     .long -2147483648
6     .long 0
7     .long 0
```

Solution:

A.

Firstly, convert to hex representation:

2147483647 = 0x 7FFF FFFF

4294967295 = 0x FFFF FFFF

Secondly, analyze the assembly code:

```

1      vmovsd .LC1(%rip), %xmm1      # xmm1 = 0x 7FFF FFFF FFFF FFFF
2      vandpd %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm0    # xmm0=xmm0&xmm1: xmm0 = x & 0x 7FFF FFFF FFFF FFFF
3      .LC1:
4          .long 4294967295
5          .long 2147483647
6          .long 0
7          .long 0

```

Thirdly, we find that `xmm0 = x & 0x 7FFF FFFF FFFF FFFF` is to clear the sign bit to get the absolute value.

So the result is like:

```

1      #include <math.h>
2      # define EXPR(x) fabs(x)

```

B.

```

1      vxorpd %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0    # xmm0 = xmm0^xmm0 is to clear xmm0

```

So the result:

```

1      # define EXPR(x) 0.0

```

C.

Firstly, convert to hex representation:

$-2147483648 = 0x \text{ FFFF FFFF } 8000 \text{ } 0000$

Secondly, analyze the assembly code:

```

1      vmovsd .LC2(%rip), %xmm1      # xmm1 = 0x 8000 0000 0000 0000
2      vxorpd %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm0    # xmm0 = x ^ 0x 8000 0000 0000 0000
3      .LC2:
4          .long 0
5          .long -2147483648
6          .long 0
7          .long 0

```

Thirdly, we find that `xmm0 = x ^ 0x 8000 0000 0000 0000` is to simply change the sign bit. So, the result is like:

```

1      # define EXPR(x) -x

```

3.11.6 Floating-Point Comparison Operations

- AVX2 provides two instructions for comparing floating-point values:

Instruction	Based on	Description
ucomiss S_1, S_2	$S_2 - S_1$	Compare single precision
ucomisd S_1, S_2	$S_2 - S_1$	Compare double precision

- As with `cmpq`, they follow the ATT-format convention of listing the operands in reverse order.
- S_2 must be in an XMM register, while S_1 can be either in an XMM register or in memory.

- The floating-point comparison instructions set three condition codes: the zero flag ZF, the carry flag CF, and the parity flag PF.

Ordering $S_2:S_1$	CF	ZF	PF
Unordered	1	1	1
$S_2 < S_1$	1	0	0
$S_2 = S_1$	0	1	0
$S_2 > S_1$	0	0	0

- PF flag:
 - For integer operations, PF flag is set when the most recent arithmetic or logical operation yielded a value where the least significant byte has even parity (i.e., an even number of ones in the byte).
 - For floating-point comparisons, however, the flag is set when either operand is NaN.
 - For example, even the comparison `x == x` yields 0 when `x` is NaN.
 - The unordered case occurs when either operand is NaN. This can be detected with the parity flag.
 - Example: the `jp` (for “jump on parity”) instruction is used to conditionally jump when a floating-point comparison yields an unordered result.
 - ZF is set when the two operands are equal.
 - CF is set when $S_2 < S_1$.
 - Instructions such as `ja` and `jb` are used to conditionally jump on various combinations of these flags.

Example:

- C code:

```

1  typedef enum {NEG, ZERO, POS, OTHER} range_t; // 0 (NEG), 1 (ZERO), 2 (POS), and 3 (OTHER)
2
3  range_t find_range(float x)
4  {
5      int result;
6      if (x < 0)
7          result = NEG;
8      else if (x == 0)
9          result = ZERO;
10     else if (x > 0)
11         result = POS;
12     else
13         result = OTHER;
14     return result;
15 }
```

- Assembly code:

```

1  # range_t find_range(float x)
2  # x in %xmm0
3
4  find_range:
5      vxorps %xmm1, %xmm1, %xmm1      # Set %xmm1 = 0
6      vucomiss %xmm0, %xmm1           # Compare 0:x
7      ja .L5                          # If >, goto neg
8      vucomiss %xmm1, %xmm0           # Compare x:0
9      jp .L8                          # If NaN, goto posornan
10     movl $1, %eax                   # result = ZERO
11     je .L3                          # If =, goto done
12
13     .L8:                            # posornan:
14     vucomiss .LC0(%rip), %xmm0      # Compare x:0
```

```

15         setbe %al                # Set result = NaN?1:0
16         movzbl %al, %eax         # Zero-extend
17         addl $2, %eax            # result += 2 (POS for > 0, OTHER for NaN)
18         ret                      # Return
19
20     .L5:                          # neg:
21         movl $0, %eax            # result = NEG
22
23     .L3:                          # done:
24         rep; ret                 # Return

```

• 4 possible comparison results:

- $x < 0.0$ The `ja` branch on line will be taken, jumping to the end with a return value of 0.
- $x = 0.0$ The `ja` (line 7) and `jp` branch (line 9) will not be taken, but the `je` will, returning with `%eax` equal to 1.
- $x > 0.0$ None of the three branches will be taken. The `setbe` (line 15) will yield 0, and this will be incremented by the `addl` instruction (line 17) to give a return value of 2.
- $x = \text{NaN}$ The `jp` branch (line 9) will be taken. The third `vucomiss` (line 14) will set both the carry and the zero flag, and so the instruction `setbe` instruction (line 15) and the following instruction will set `%eax` to 1. This gets incremented by the `addl` instruction (line 17) to give a return value of 3.

Practice Problem 3.57

Function `funct3` has the following prototype:

```
1 double funct3(int *ap, double b, long c, float *dp);
```

For this function, gcc generates the following code:

```

1  # double funct3(int *ap, double b, long c, float *dp)
2  # ap in %rdi, b in %xmm0, c in %rsi, dp in %rdx
3
4  funct3:
5      vmovss    (%rdx), %xmm1
6      vcvtsi2sd (%rdi), %xmm2, %xmm2
7      vucomisd  %xmm2, %xmm0
8      jbe      .L8
9      vcvtsi2ssq %rsi, %xmm0, %xmm0
10     vmulss    %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm1
11     vunpcklps %xmm1, %xmm1, %xmm1
12     vcvtps2pd %xmm1, %xmm0
13     ret
14
15     .L8:
16     vaddss    %xmm1, %xmm1, %xmm1
17     vcvtsi2ssq %rsi, %xmm0, %xmm0
18     vaddss    %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm0
19     vunpcklps %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0
20     vcvtps2pd %xmm0, %xmm0
21     ret

```

Write a C version of `funct3`.

Solution:

```

1  # double funct3(int *ap, double b, long c, float *dp)
2  # ap in %rdi, b in %xmm0, c in %rsi, dp in %rdx

```



```

3
4  funct3:
5      vmovss      (%rdx), %xmm1      # xmm1=M(rdx): xmm1 = (float)(*dp)
6      vcvtsi2sd   (%rdi), %xmm2, %xmm2 # xmm2=(double)M(rdi): xmm2 = (double)(*ap)
7      vucomisd    %xmm2, %xmm0      # cmp xmm0:xmm2: compare b:(double)(*ap)
8      jbe         .L8               # if xmm0<=xmm2: b<=(double)(*ap), goto .L8
9      vcvtsi2ssq  %rsi, %xmm0, %xmm0 # xmm0=(float)rsi: xmm0 = (float)c
10     vmulss      %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm1 # xmm1=xmm0*xmm1: xmm1 = (float)c * (float)(*dp)
11     vunpcklps   %xmm1, %xmm1, %xmm1
12     vcvtps2pd   %xmm1, %xmm0      # xmm0=(double)xmm1: xmm0 = (double)((float)c *
(float)(*dp))
13     ret
14
15     .L8:
16     vaddss      %xmm1, %xmm1, %xmm1 # xmm1=xmm1+xmm1: xmm1 = 2*(float)(*dp)
17     vcvtsi2ssq  %rsi, %xmm0, %xmm0 # xmm0=(float)rsi: xmm0 = (float)c
18     vaddss      %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm0 # xmm0=xmm0+xmm1: xmm0 = (float)c + 2*(float)(*dp)
19     vunpcklps   %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0
20     vcvtps2pd   %xmm0, %xmm0      # xmm0 = (double)((float)c + 2*(float)(*dp))
21     ret

```

Thus, we may easily get the c code below:

```

1  double funct3(int *ap, double b, long c, float *dp)
2  {
3      if(b <= (double)(*ap))
4      {
5          return (double)((float)c + 2*(*dp));
6      }
7      else
8      {
9          return (double)((float)c * (*dp));
10     }
11 }

```