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Fast Division - SRT Algorithm

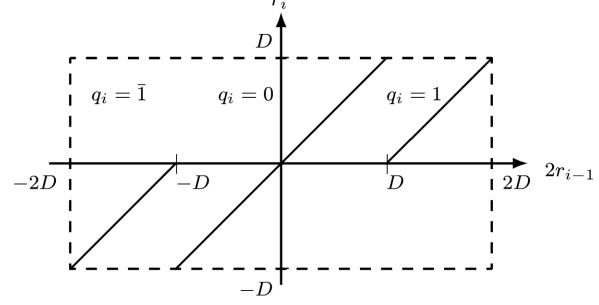
♦2 approaches:

- * First conventional uses add/subtract+shift, number of operations linearly proportional to word size n
- * Second uses multiplication, number of operations logarithmic in \mathbf{n} , but each step more complex
- * SRT first approach
- Most well known division algorithm named after Sweeney, Robertson, and Tocher
- ◆ Speed up nonrestoring division (n add/subtracts)
 allows 0 as a quotient digit no add/subtract:

$$q_{i} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 2r_{i-1} \geq D \\ 0 & \text{if } -D \leq 2r_{i-1} < D \\ \bar{1} & \text{if } 2r_{i-1} < -D \end{cases}$$

$$r_i = 2r_{i-1} - q_i \cdot D$$

Modified Nonrestoring Division



- ◆Problem: full comparison of 2ri-1 with either D or -D required
- ◆ Solution: restricting D to normalized fraction 1/2≤|D|<1
- ♦ Region of 2ri-1 for which qi=0 reduced to

$$-D \le -\frac{1}{2} \le 2r_{i-1} < \frac{1}{2} \le D$$

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Modified Nonrestoring → SRT

- ♦ Advantage: Comparing partial remainder 2r_{i-1} to 1/2 or -1/2, not D or -D
- ◆ Binary fraction in two's complement representation
 - $* \ge 1/2$ if and only if it starts with 0.1
 - $* \le -1/2$ if and only if it starts with 1.0
- ♦ Only 2 bits of 2ri-1 examined not full comparison between 2ri-1 and D
 - * In some cases (e.g., dividend X>1/2) shifted partial remainder needs an integer bit in addition to sign bit 3 bits of 2ri-1 examined
- Selecting quotient digit:

$$q_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 2r_{i-1} \ge 1/2 \\ 0 & \text{if } -1/2 \le 2r_{i-1} < 1/2 \\ \bar{1} & \text{if } 2r_{i-1} < -1/2. \end{cases}$$

SRT Division Algorithm

- Quotient digits selected so |ri| ≤ |D| ⇒ final remainder < |D|
- lacktriangledown Process starts with $-1/2^{T}$ normalized divisor normalizing partial remainder by shifting over leading 0's/1's if positive/negative

 $q_i = \bar{1}$

 $q_i = 0$

-1/2

 $q_i = 1$

◆ Example:

- * $2r_{i-1}=0.001xxxx$ (x 0/1); $2r_{i-1}<1/2$ set $q_{i=0}$, $2r_{i=0}.01xxxx$ and so on
- * 2ri-1=1.110xxxx; 2ri-1>-1/2 set qi=0, 2ri=1.10xxxx
- ♦ SRT is nonrestoring division with normalized divisor and remainder

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Extension Divisors

to
$$q_i = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} 0 & ext{if} & |2r_{i-1}| < 1/2 \\ 1 & ext{if} & |2r_{i-1}| \geq 1/2 & \& & r_{i-1} ext{ and } D ext{ have the same sign} \\ ar{1} & ext{if} & |2r_{i-1}| \geq 1/2 & \& & r_{i-1} ext{ and } D ext{ have opposite signs} \end{array}
ight.$$

♦ Example: =5/16 =3/4

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Dividend 2r_1 = r_2 1 .1 1 0 0 \geq -1/2 set q_2 = 0 X=(0.0101)2 2r_2 = r_3 1 .1 0 0 0 \geq -1/2 set q_3 = 0 1 .0 0 0 0 \leq -1/2 set q_4 = \bar{1}
Divisor r_4 r_
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           negative remainder & positive X
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 0
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         correction
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           corrected final remainder
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- \blacklozenge Before correction $Q=0.100\overline{1}$ minimal SD repr. of Q=0.0111 - minimal number of add/subtracts
- ♦ After correction, Q = 0.0111 ulp = 0.01102 = 3/8; final remainder = $1/2 \cdot 2^{-4} = 1/32$

Example

 $+ X=(0.00111111)_2=63/256$ D=(0.1001)_2=9/16

```
r_0 = X
                      1 1 1 1 1 0 < 1/2 set q_1 = 0
               0. 0
2r_0
               0 .1 1 1 1 1 0 0 \geq 1/2 set q_2 = 1
2r_1
Add - D + 1 .0 1 1
                               1
                   0.
                               0
                                           0
                                               0
r_2
                                                 \geq 1/2 \ \text{set} \ q_3 = 1
               0
                      1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 1
                                       0
                                           0
                                               0
2r_2
Add - D + 1 .0
                                1
               \mathbf{0}
                   .0
                               0
                                   1
                                           0
                                               0
r_3
                                          0 \quad 0 \geq 1/2 \text{ set } q_4 = 1
2r_3
                 .1
                          0 \quad 1
                                   0
                                       0
Add -D + 1 .0 1 1
                               1
                                                   zero final remainder
                    0.
                           0
                               0
                                   0
                                       0
                                           0
                                               0
r_4
```

- ♦ Q =0.01112=7/16 not a minimal representation in SD form
- ◆ Conclusion: Number of add/subtracts can be reduced further

Properties of SRT

- ◆ Based on simulations and analysis:
- ♦ 1. Average "shift"=2.67 n/2.67 operations for dividend of length n
 - * $24/2.67 \sim 9$ operations on average for n=24
- ♦ 2. Actual number of operations depends on divisor D smallest when $17/28 \le D \le 3/4$ average shift of 3
- ♦ If D out of range $(3/5 \le D \le 3/4)$ SRT can be modified to reduce number of add/subtracts
- ♦2 ways to modify SRT

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Two Modifications of SRT

- ♦ Scheme 1: In some steps during division -
 - * If D too small use a multiple of D like 2D
 - * If D too large use D/2
 - * Subtracting 2D (D/2) instead of D equivalent to performing subtraction one position earlier (later)
- ♦ Motivation for Scheme 1:
 - * Small D may generate a sequence of 1's in quotient one bit at a time, with subtract operation per each bit
 - * Subtracting 2D instead of D (equivalent to subtracting D in previous step) may generate negative partial remainder, generating sequence of 0's as quotient bits while normalizing partial remainder
- ♦ Scheme 2: Change comparison constant K=1/2 if D outside optimal range allowed because ratio D/K matters partial remainder compared to K not D

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Example - Scheme 1 (Using 2D)

♦ Same as previous example -

+ X=(0.001111111)2=63/256 D=(0.1001)2=9/16

```
r_0 = X
                             1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0
2r_0
                          0.
                                                               < 1/2 \text{ set } q_1 = 0
                        .1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 0
2r_1
                                                                subtract 2D
Add -2D + 1 = 0
                        .1 1
                                                                instead of D
                                                                set q_1 = 1 and q_2 = 0
                                                       0
r_2
                                                  0
                                                     0
2r_2
                                                                set q_3 = 0
                                                         0 \leq -1/2 \text{ set } q_4 = 1
                                   1 \quad 1
                                            0
                                                     0
                          .0
                                                  0
2r_3
Add D
                      0
                          .1
                                0
                                    0
             +
                      0
                           0.
                                    0
                                         0
                                             0
                                                                zero final remainder
                                0
                                                  0
                                                       0
                                                           0
r_4
```

 \blacklozenge Q =0.10012=7/16 - minimal SD representation

Scheme 1 (Using D/2)

- ◆ Large D one 0 in sequence of 1's in quotient may result in 2 consecutive add/subtracts instead of one
- ◆ Adding D/2 instead of D for last 1 before the single 0 - equivalent to performing addition one position later - may generate negative partial remainder
- ◆ Allows properly handling single ○
- ◆ Then continue normalizing partial remainder until end of sequence of 1's

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Example

- $\star X=(0.01100)2=3/8$; D=(0.11101)2=29/32
- ♦ Correct 5-bit quotient Q=(0.01101)2=13/32
- Applying basic SRT algorithm Q=0.10111 single
 not handled efficiently
- ◆ Using multipleD/2 -

```
r_0 = X
                                                     \geq 1/2 \ \text{set} \ q_1 = 1
2r_0
Add - D
              + 1 .0
r_1
2r_1
                                            0
                                                     set q_2 = 0
                    1 .0 1
                                                     add D/2 \ q_3 = \bar{1}
2r_2
Add D/2
                                                     instead of D
                                                     set q_3 = 0 and
r_3
                                                     q_4=\bar{1}
2r_3
                                                      \leq -1/2 \text{ set } q_5 = \bar{1}
                        .0
                                  0
                                            0
2r_4
Add D
                         .0
                                                     final remainder = 7/32 \cdot 2^{-5}
r_5
```

 $\mathbf{Q} = (0.10011)^2 = 13/32$ - single 0 handled properly

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Implementing Scheme 1

- ◆ Two adders needed
 - *One to add or subtract D
 - *Second to add/subtract 2D if D too small (starts with 0.10 in its true form) or add/subtract D/2 if D too large (starts with 0.11)
- Output of primary adder used, unless output of alternate adder has larger normalizing shift
- ◆ Additional multiples of D possible 3D/2 or 3D/4
- ◆ Provide higher overall average shift about 3.7
 - but more complex implementation

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Modifying SRT - Scheme 2

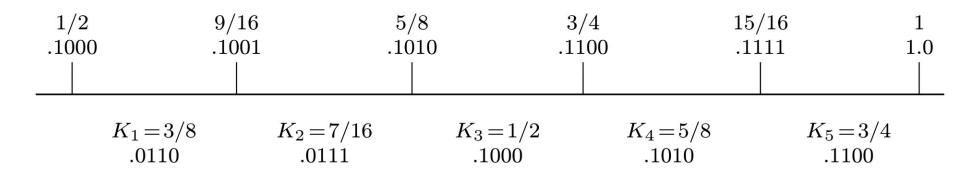
♦ For K=1/2, ratio D/K in optimal range $3/5 \le D \le 3/4$ is

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6/5 \le D/K = D/(1/2) \le 3/2 or (6/5)K \le D \le (3/2)K
```

- ◆If D not in optimal range for K=1/2 choose a different comparison constant K
- ♦ Region $1/2 \le |D| < 1$ can be divided into 5 (not equally sized) sub-regions
- ◆ Each has a different comparison constant Ki

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Division into Sub-regions



- 4 bits of divisor examined for selecting comparison constant
- ♦ It has only 4 bits compared to 4 most significant bits of remainder
- ◆ Determination of sub-regions for divisor and comparison constants - numerical search
- Reason: Both are binary fractions with small number of bits to simplify division algorithm

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Example

- $\star X=(0.001111111)2=63/256$; D=(0.1001)2=9/16
- ♦ Appropriate comparison constant K2=7/16=0.01112
- ♦ If remainder negative compare to two's complement of K2 = 1.10012

```
r_0 = X
                          0.0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \geq 0.0111 \text{ set } q_1 = 1
2r_0
Add -D + 1 .0 1 1 1
                                                                      0
r_1
                                                                      0 \geq 1.1001 \text{ set } q_2 = 0
2r_1 = r_2
                                                                0
                                   0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \geq 1.1001 \text{ set } q_3 = 0
2r_2 = r_3
                                                                            < 1.1001 \text{ set } q_4 = \bar{1}
                             .0
2r_3
Add D
                       \mathbf{0}
                                   0
                                                                            zero final remainder
                       0
                             0.
                                    \mathbf{0}
                                                     \mathbf{0}
                                                           \mathbf{0}
                                                                0
r_4
```

 $\Phi Q = 0.1001 = 0.01112 = 7/16$ - minimal 5D form

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High Radix Division

- * Number of add/subtracts in radix-2 SRT is data-dependent
- * Asynchronous circuit needed to use reduced number of nonzero bits in quotient
- * Increasing number of 0's in quotient limited practical significance
- \blacklozenge Number of add/subtracts reduced by increasing radix β
 - * $\beta = 2^m$ m quotient bits generated each step
 - * Number of steps reduced to [n/m]
- ◆ Recursive equation for remainder -
- $ri = \beta ri-1 qi D$
 - * Multiply by $\beta=2^m$ shift left remainder by m bit positions
- ♦ Digit set for quotient:
 - * $0,1,\ldots,\beta-1$ for restoring division
 - * Up to $\overline{\beta}-1,\ldots,\overline{1},0,1,\ldots,\beta-1$ for high-radix SRT division

High Radix Restoring Division

- ♦ All previous division algorithms can use radix > 2
- ♦ Restoring division -
 - * Initial guess qi=1
 - * If remainder $\beta r_{i-1} D > 0$ increase to $q_{i=2}$
 - * Subtract D from temporary remainder: $\beta r_{i-1}-2D$
 - * Repeat until $q_{i=j}$: temporary remainder $\beta r_{i-1} jD$ negative
 - * Remainder restored by adding D: $\beta r_{i-1} (j-1)D$; $q_{i}=j-1$
- ◆ Time-consuming no advantage over binary algorithm
- lacktriangle Can be parallelized by circuits comparing βr_{i-1} to several multiples jD selecting smallest positive remainder; substantial hardware requirement
- ♦ Binary nonrestoring division similar changes

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High-Radix SRT Algorithm

- ♦ Faster than binary version
- Quotient digit q_i signed digit in range $\overline{\alpha}, \overline{\alpha-1}, ..., \overline{1}, 0, 1, ..., \alpha$, where $\lceil 1/2(\beta-1) \rceil \le \alpha \le \beta-1$
- ullet Finding possible choices for α in high-radix division:
- \blacklozenge Quotient digit qi selected so that $|r_i| < |D|$; otherwise, next quotient digit may be β or larger
 - * Guarantees convergence of division procedure
 - *For maximal remainder $r_{i-1}=D-ulp$ and positive D, largest value for $q_i=\alpha$ should guarantee r_i in allowable region

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Reducing Remainder Range

 r_i/D

- ♦ ri = β (D-ulp) αD ≤ D-ulp
- ♦ Select for α only maximum value β 1
- ♦ May consider division where $|r_i| \le k|D|$, (k is a fraction)
 - * reduce size of allowable region for remainder:
- ♦ $r_i = β k(D-ulp)-αD$ ≤ k(D-ulp)



- * $1/2 \le k \le 1$ allows selection of any α in $\lceil (\beta-1)/2 \rceil \le \alpha \le \beta-1$
- * Larger $k \Rightarrow$ larger redundancy for quotient

 $-k\beta$

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 $\beta r_{i-1}/D$

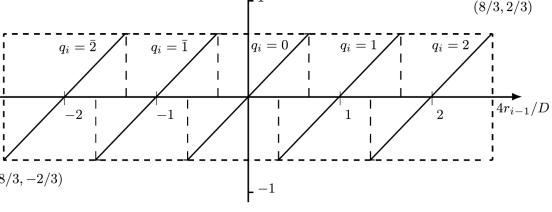
Example

- ♦ Digit set for qi ={2,1,0,1,2}
- ♦ Region for selecting $q: -2/3 \le 4r_{i-1}/D q \le 2/3$ or $-2/3 + q \le 4r_{i-1}/D \le 2/3 + q$

♦ Region examples:

* For selecting $q_{i=2}$: $4/3 \le 4r_{i-1}/D \le 8/3$

* For selecting $q_{i=1}$: 1/3 \leq 4 $r_{i-1}/D \leq$ 5/3 (-8/3, -2/3)



- * Overlapping region: $4/3 \le 4r_{i-1}/D \le 5/3$ select either $q_{i=1}$ or $q_{i=2}$
- * Similar overlapping regions exist for any 2 adjoining digits

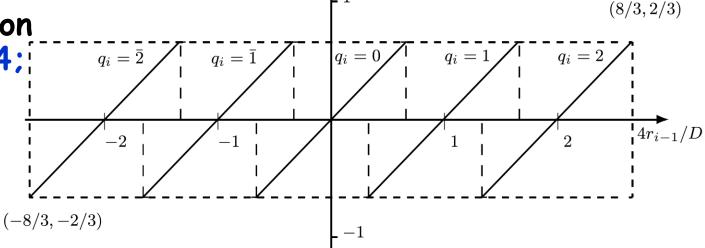
Measure of Redundancy

- \Rightarrow Ratio $k=\alpha/(\beta-1)$ measure of redundancy in representation of quotient
 - * Larger $k \Rightarrow \text{larger overlap regions in plot of ri/D vs } \beta r_{i-1}/D$

 r_i/D

- ♦ Example: $\alpha=3$; $\beta=4$; k=1 maximum redundancy
 - * Region for $q_{i=1}: 0 \le 4r_{i-1}/D \le 2$,
 - * Region for $q_{i=2}$: $1 \le 4r_{i-1}/D \le 3$
 - * Overlapping region : $1 \le 4r_{i-1}/D \le 2$
- Larger than overlap region

for $\alpha = 2; \beta = 4;$ k=2/3:



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Implication of Overlap Region

- Provides choice of comparison constants for partial remainder and divisor
 - * Can be selected to require as few digits as possible
 - * Reducing execution time of comparison step when determining quotient digit
- ♦ Larger $\alpha \Rightarrow$ larger overlap region \Rightarrow larger choice \Rightarrow fewer digits
- ♦ On the other hand, larger $\alpha \Rightarrow$ more αD multiples \Rightarrow extra hardware and/or time required
- lacktrianglet For given lpha determining number of bits of partial remainder and divisor to be examined is the most difficult step when developing high-radix SRT
 - * Can be done numerically, analytically, graphically, or by combination of techniques

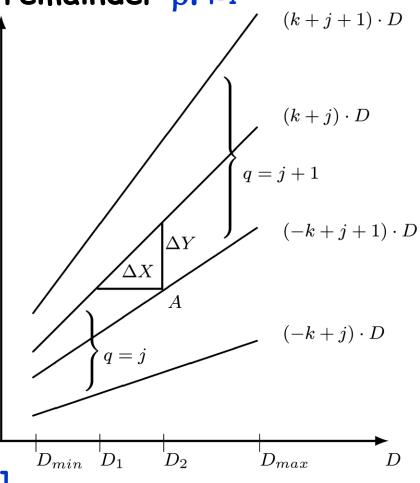
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Graphical Approach: P-D Plot

◆ Basic equation for partial remainder - βri-1=ri+qiD

♦ Notation: $P = \text{previous partial remainder } \beta r_{i-1}$

- * Partial remainder vs. $P = \beta r_{i-1}$ Divisor plot - indicates regions in which given values of q may be selected
- * Limits on P for given q:
- $* kD \le ri \le kD$
- * Pmin=(-k+q)D ; Pmax=(k+q)D
- * Regions for q=j and q=j+1overlap
- * Only positive values of divisor and partial remainder - 1/4 of complete P-D plot - plot symmetric about both axes
- * Only values of |D| in [Dmin, Dmax] are of interest - e.g. [0.5,1);[1,2) (IEEE floating-point)

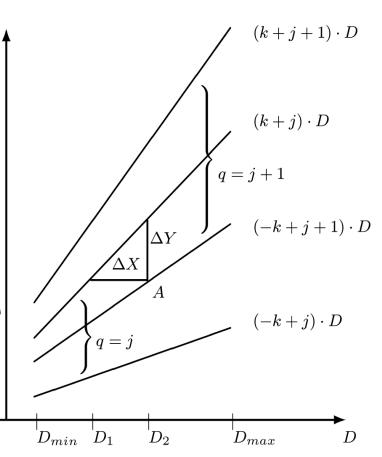


Separating Selection Regions

- \blacklozenge Value of P separating selection regions of q=j & q=j+1
 - * Serves as comparison constant
 - * Its number of bits determines necessary precision when examining partial remainder to select q
- ♦ Line separating regions is horizontal (P=c; selection of q independent of D) if and only if

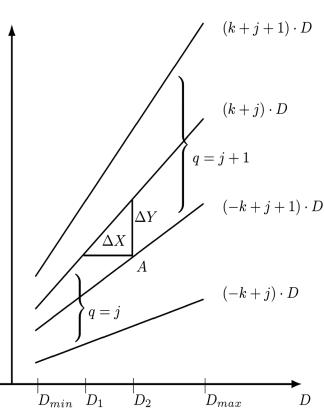
$$(k+j)Dmin \ge c \ge (-k+j+1)Dmax$$

- ♦ Otherwise line is stairstep:
 - * partitioning [Dmin, Dmax) into sub-intervals
 - * "Stepping" points determine precision
 number of digits of examining D
 - * Height of steps determines precision of examining partial remainder



Determining Precision

- ♦ Notation: ΔX (ΔY) maximum width (height) of a step between D1 and D2
 - * Horizontal (vertical) distance between the 2 lines defining overlap region $P = \beta r_{i-1}$
- $\Delta X = D_2 D_1 = P/(-k+j+1) P/(k+j)$ = P(2k-1)/[j(j+1)+k(1-k)]
 - * ΔX minimal when j is max and P is min
 - * $j_{max}=\alpha-1$; P minimal when D1=Dmin
 - * Δ Xmin=Dmin(k+ α -1)(2k-1)/ [$\alpha(\alpha$ -1)+k(1-k)]
 - * $\Delta Y = (k+j)D (-k+j+1)D = (2k-1)D$
 - * ΔY is minimal when D = Dmin
- ♦ It is sufficient to consider overlapping region between $q=\alpha$ and $q=\alpha-1$ near Dmin



Precision - Cont.

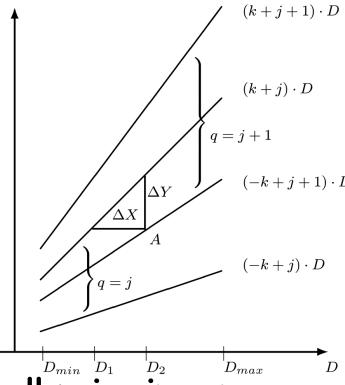
- ♦ Notation: NP (ND) number of examined bits of partial remainder (divisor);
 - EP (ED) number of fractional bits in NP (ND)
- ◆ Selecting q look-up table implemented in a PLA (programmable logic array) with NP+ND inputs
- Minimizing size of look-up table speeds up division
- ◆ Precision of partial remainder ("truncated" divisor) 2^{-Ep} (2^{-ED})
- ♦ 2 - ϵ_{D} ≤ Δ Xmin ; 2 - ϵ_{p} ≤ Δ Ymin
- Only upper bounds for precision the 2 extreme points $\Delta X, \Delta Y$ may require higher precision more than EP,ED fractional bits

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Using P-D Plot

 $P = \beta r_{i-1}$

- * To determine precision
- * To select q for each P,D when truncated to NP, ND bits
- * Limited precision taken into account
- ◆ Point (P, D) represents all partial remainder-divisor pairs with $P \le partial remainder \le P+2^{-\epsilon_p}$ $D \le divisor \le D+2^{-\epsilon_D}$



- ♦ Selected q must be legitimate for all pairs in range
- ♦ Example: Point A
- ♦ Divisor=D2 select q=j+1; divisor=D2+2 = select q=j
- \blacklozenge Conclusion: do not select q=j+1 for point A or any other point in overlap region whose horizontal distance from the line $(-k+j+1)D \le 2^{-\epsilon D}$

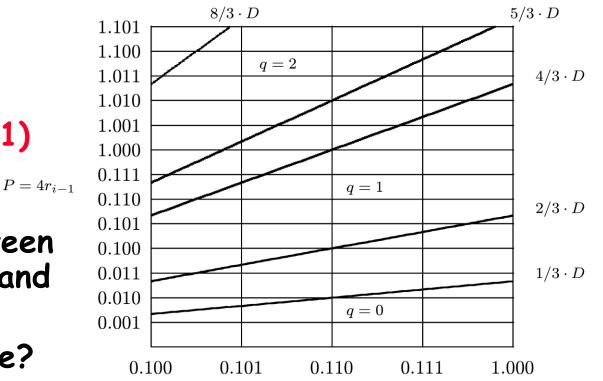
Example:

P-D Plot for $\beta=4, \alpha=2, D \in [0.5, 1)$

- Overlapping region
 for q=1,q=2 between
 P=(k+α-1)D=5/3 D and
 P=(-k+α)D=4/3 D
- ♦ Single horizontal line?
 - * (k+1)Dmin=5/6 < (-k+2)Dmax=4/3 no single line
- ♦ Smallest horizontal and vertical distances:

*
$$\Delta$$
Xmin=Dmin·5/3·3/20=1/8=2⁻³ \Rightarrow $\epsilon_D \geq 3$

- * Δ Ymin=Dmin·1/3=1/6 $\Rightarrow \varepsilon_p \geq 3$
- ♦ For pair (0.110,.100) no q legitimate for all points in corresponding rectangle resolved by $\epsilon_{b=4}$



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Example Cont.:

Ep=3 ; ED=4

- Heavy lines one out of many possible separations
- Designer can select solution to minimize $P = 4r_{i-1}$ PLA (look-up table for q)
- ♦ PLA has ND+NP=4+6 inputs - 3 more bits needed for integer part of remainder and its sign $(-8/3 \ge P \ge 8/3)$
- Number of inputs can be reduced to NP+ND-1=9 -
- $\mathbf{2}$ $\mathbf{2}$ 1.100 1 or 21.011 $4/3 \cdot D$ 1 or 2 $\mathbf{2}$ 1.010 1 or 21 $\mathbf{2}$ 1.001 1 or 2 $\mathbf{2}$ 1 1.000 $\mathbf{2}$ 1 0.111 $\mathbf{2}$ 1 0.110 $2/3 \cdot D$ 1 0.101 1 0.100 $0 \, \mathrm{or} \, 1$ 1 $0 \, \mathrm{or} \, 1$ 0 or 10 or 10.011 $1/3 \cdot D$ 1 1 0 or 1 $0 \, \mathrm{or} \, 1$ 0 0 0.010U 0 0.001 0.10000.10100.11000.1110 1.0000 most significant bit of D is always 1 - can be omitted

 $15/3 \cdot D$

 $8/3 \mid D$

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♦ $2/3 \cdot 1/2 \le 1/3$ \Rightarrow single line possible between q=1, q=0 - requires high-precision comparison of partial remainder - divisor interval partitioned into two subintervals

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Example

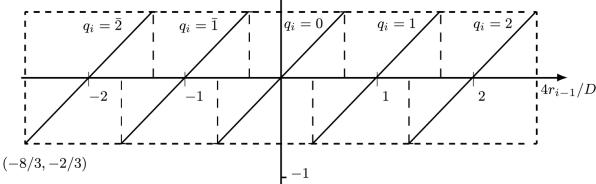
- $\star X=(0.001111111)2=63/256$; D=(0.1001)2=9/16
- ♦ Comparison constants 1/4 (0.010), 7/8 (0.111)

♦ Resulting quotient:

Numerical Calculation of Look Up Table

- ♦ Example start with initial guess $E_p=E_{D=3}$ attempt to calculate q for D=0.100 and P=0.110 (worst case)
- ♦ Divisor truncated consider values from 0.100 to 0.101; partial remainder from 0.110 to 0.111
- ♦ P/D between 0.110/0.101=1.2 (q=1) and 0.111/0.100=1.75 (q=2)
- ◆ Insufficient precision increase number of bits of either divisor or partial remainder try again

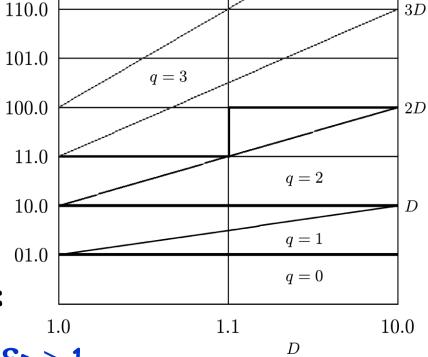
♦ Numerical search determining q for each (P,D) pair can be programmed



(8/3, 2/3)

Example - Lower Precision of Higher α

- ϕ β=4; α=3; k=α/(β-1)=1
- ♦ Region for q=2 between P=(k+q)D=3D; P=(-k+q)D=D $P=4r_{i-1}$
- ♦ Region for q=3 between P=4D; P=2D
- ◆ Overlapping region between
 P=3D and P=2D
- ♦ For D∈[1,2) (IEEE standard):



4D

*
$$\Delta$$
Xmin=Dmin·3·1/6=3/6=2⁻¹ \Rightarrow $\epsilon_D \geq 1$

- * Δ Ymin=Dmin·1=1 \Rightarrow $\epsilon_p \geq 0$
- ♦ Based on diagram $\epsilon_{D=1}$; $\epsilon_{p=0}$ $\epsilon_{D=2}$; $\epsilon_{p=4}$ instead of $\epsilon_{D=4}$; $\epsilon_{D=6}$ for $\epsilon_{D=2}$
- ◆ Simpler quotient selection logic costly multiple 3D

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Example

- $\star X=(01.0101)2=21/16$; D=(01.1110)2=15/8
- ◆ Partial remainder comparison constants 1,2,4

- \bullet Quotient: Q=(0.31)4=(0.1101)2 = 11/16
- ♦ Verification: