

Computer Organization

Multiplication of signed
operands using Booth's
Algorithm- Illustration

Points to remember

- When using Booth's Algorithm:
 - You will need twice as many bits in your **product** as you have in your original two operands.
 - The **leftmost bit** of your operands (both your multiplicand and multiplier) is a SIGN bit, and cannot be used as part of the value.

To begin

- Decide which operand will be the **multiplier** and which will be the **multiplicand**
- Convert operands to **two's complement** representation using X bits
 - X must be at least one more bit than is required for the binary representation of the numerically larger operand
- Begin with a product that consists of the multiplier with an additional X leading zero bits

Example

- consider an example of multiplying $2 \times (-5)$
 - The numerically larger operand (5) would require 3 bits to represent in binary (101). So we must use AT LEAST 4 bits to represent the operands, 1 bit to allow for the sign bit.
- Let's use 5-bit 2's complement:
 - -5 is 11011 (multiplier)
 - 2 is 00010 (multiplicand)
 - 1's complement of 5 = 11010
 - 2's complement of 5 = $11010 + 1 = 11011$

Beginning Product

- The multiplier is:

11011

- Add 5 leading zeros to the multiplier to get the beginning product:

00000 11011

Step 1 for each pass

- Use the **LSB** (least significant bit) and the **previous LSB** to determine the arithmetic action.
 - If it is the FIRST pass, use **0** as the previous LSB.
- Possible arithmetic actions:
 - **00** → no arithmetic operation
 - **01** → add multiplicand to left half of product
 - **10** → subtract multiplicand from left half of product
 - **11** → no arithmetic operation

Step 2 for each pass

- Perform an **arithmetic right shift (ASR)** on the entire product.
- NOTE: For X-bit operands, Booth's algorithm requires X passes.

Example

- Let's continue with our example of multiplying $(-5) \times 2$
- Remember:
 - -5 is **11011** (multiplier)
 - 2 is **00010** (multiplicand)
- And we added 5 leading zeros to the **multiplier** to get the **beginning product**:

00000 11011

Example continued

- Initial Product and previous LSB

00000 11011 0

(Note: Since this is the first pass, we use 0 for the previous LSB)

- Pass 1, Step 1: Examine the last 2 bits

00000 11011 0

The last two bits are 10, so we need to:

subtract the multiplicand from left half of product

Example: Pass 1 continued

- Pass 1, Step 1: Arithmetic action

(1) 00000 (left half of product)

= (multiplicand)

00010

1111 (uses 2's complement)

0

- Place result into left half of product

11110 11011 0

Example: Pass 1 continued

- Pass 1, Step 2: ASR (arithmetic shift right)

- Before ASR

11110 11011 0

- After ASR

11111 01101 1

(left-most bit was 1, so a 1 was shifted in on the left)

- Pass 1 is complete.

Example: Pass 2

- Current Product and **previous LSB**

11111 01101 1

- Pass 2, Step 1: Examine the last 2 bits

11111 01101 1 1

The last two bits are **11**, so we do NOT need to perform an arithmetic action --

just proceed to step 2.

Example: Pass 2 continued

- Pass 2, Step 2: ASR (arithmetic shift right)

- Before ASR

11111 01101 1

- After ASR

11111 10110 1

(left-most bit was 1, so a 1 was shifted in on the left)

- Pass 2 is complete.

Example: Pass 3

- Current Product and **previous LSB**

11111 10110 1

- Pass 3, Step 1: Examine the last 2 bits

11111 10110 1

The last two bits are **01**, so we need to:

add the **multiplicand** to the left half of the product

Example: Pass 3 continued

- Pass 3, Step 1: Arithmetic action

~~(1)~~ 11111 (left half of product)

+00010 (multiplicand)

00001 (drop the leftmost carry)

- Place result into left half of product

00001 10110 1

Example: Pass 3 continued

- Pass 3, Step 2: ASR (arithmetic shift right)

- Before ASR

00001 10110 1

- After ASR

00000 11011 0

(left-most bit was 0, so a 0 was shifted in on the left)

- Pass 3 is complete.

Example: Pass 4

- Current Product and previous LSB

00000 11011 0

- Pass 4, Step 1: Examine the last 2 bits

00000 11011 0

The last two bits are 10, so we need to:

subtract the multiplicand from the left half of the product

Example: Pass 4 continued

- Pass 4, Step 1: Arithmetic action

(1) 00000 (left half of product)

- 00010 (multiplicand)

11110 (use two's complement arithmetic)

- Place result into left half of product

11110 11011 0

Example: Pass 4 continued

- Pass 4, Step 2: ASR (arithmetic shift right)

- Before ASR

11110 11011 0

- After ASR

11111 01101 1

(left-most bit was 1, so a 1 was shifted in on the left)

- Pass 4 is complete.

Example: Pass 5

- Current Product and **previous LSB**

11111 01101 1

- Pass 5, Step 1: Examine the last 2 bits

11111 01101 1 1

The last two bits are **11**, so we do NOT need to perform an arithmetic action --

just proceed to step 2.

Example: Pass 5 continued

- Pass 5, Step 2: ASR (arithmetic shift right)

- Before ASR

11111 01101 1

- After ASR

11111 10110 1

(left-most bit was 1, so a 1 was shifted in on the left)

- Pass 5 is complete.

Final Product

- We have completed 5 passes on the 5-bit operands, so we are done.
- Dropping the **previous LSB**, the resulting final product is:

11111 10110

Verification

- To confirm we have the correct answer, convert the 2's complement **final product** back to decimal.

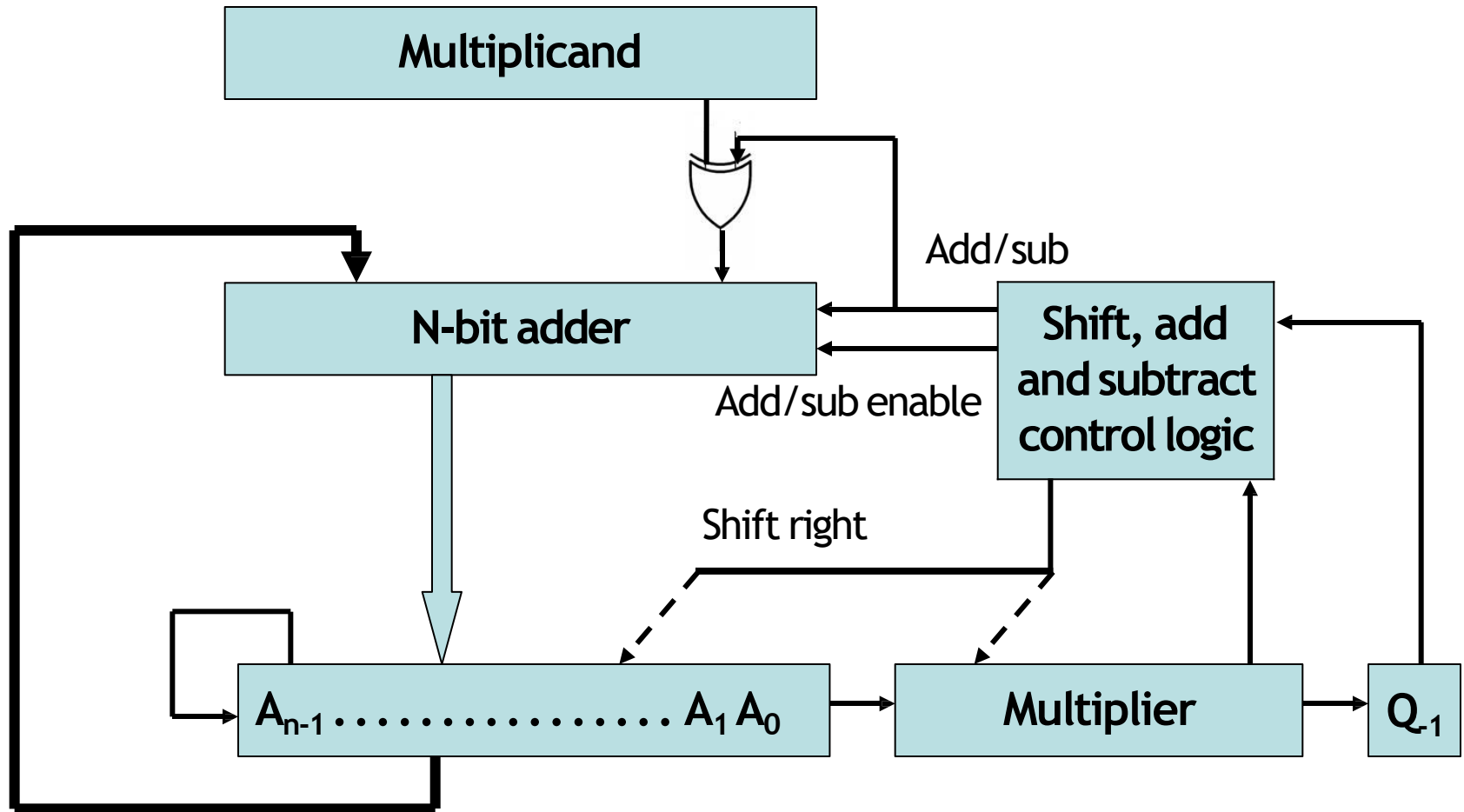
- Final product: **1111 10110**

- Decimal value: **-10**

which is the CORRECT product of:

$$\mathbf{(-5) \times 2}$$

Hardware Implementation



Multiplication

Booth's Algorithm:

Multiply 14 times -5 using 5-bit numbers (10-bit result).

14 in binary: 01110

-14 in binary: 10010 (so we can add when we need to subtract the multiplicand)

-5 in binary: 11011

Expected result: -70 in binary: 11101 11010

Multiplication

Step	Multiplicand	Action	Multiplier upper 5-bits 0, lower 5-bits multiplier, 1 "Booth bit" initially 0
0	01110	Initialization	00000 11011 0
1	01110	10: Subtract Multiplicand	00000+10010=10010 10010 11011 0
		Shift Right Arithmetic	11001 01101 1
2	01110	11: No-op	11001 01101 1
		Shift Right Arithmetic	11100 10110 1
3	01110	01: Add Multiplicand	11100+01110=01010 (Carry ignored because adding a positive and negative number cannot overflow.) 01010 10110 1
		Shift Right Arithmetic	00101 01011 0
4	01110	10: Subtract Multiplicand	00101+10010=10111 10111 01011 0
		Shift Right Arithmetic	11011 10101 1
5	01110	11: No-op	11011 10101 1
		Shift Right Arithmetic	11101 11010 1

Modified Booth Multiplier

Booth Recoding: Advantages and Disadvantages

Depends on the architecture

- Potential advantage: might reduce the # of 1's in multiplier

- In the multipliers that we have seen so far:

- Doesn't save speed

- (still have to wait for the critical path, e.g., the shift-add delay in sequential multiplier)

- Disadvantage: Increases area , recoding circuitry AND subtraction

Modified Booth Multiplier: Idea (cont.)

- Can encode the digits by looking at three bits at a time
- Booth recoding table:

i+1	i	i-1	add
0	0	0	$0 * M$
0	0	1	$1 * M$
0	1	0	$1 * M$
0	1	1	$2 * M$
1	0	0	$-2 * M$
1	0	1	$-1 * M$
1	1	0	$-1 * M$
1	1	1	$0 * M$

- Must be able to add *multiplicand* times -2 , -1 , 0 , 1 and 2
- Since Booth recoding got rid of 3's, generating partial products is not that hard (shifting and negating)

$$-9 \times -13 = 117$$

$$N = -9 \Rightarrow 11011$$

$$Q = -13 \Rightarrow 110011$$

$$9 \rightarrow 001001$$

$$-9 \rightarrow 110111$$

$$13 \rightarrow 001101$$

$$-13 \rightarrow 110011$$

Initial setting:

Accumulator Register A = 000000

Register Q (Multiplier) = 110011 \rightarrow (-13)

Register N (Multiplicand) = 110111 \rightarrow (-9)

	A	Q	Q ₋₁
I	000000	110011	0
A = A - M	001001		
	001001	110011	0
ASR	000100	111001	1
ASR	000010	011100	1
II	110111		
A = A + M	111001	011100	1
	111001	101110	0
ASR	111100	010111	0
ASR	111110		
III	001001		
A = A - M	000111	010111	0
	000111	101011	1
ASR	000011	110101	1
ASR	000001		
D+P Q ₋₁ (previous step)			
Product = 000001 110101 = 117			

Reference

- Computer Organization, Designing for Performance
by *William Stallings*