

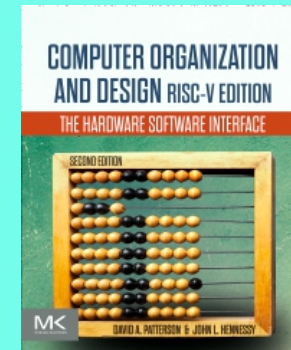
# CSC 411

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Lecture 14: FP Addition and Multiplication

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Some of the following slides are adapted from:  
Computer Organization and Design (Patterson and Hennessy)  
The Hardware/Software Interface



## IEEE 754 encoding of FP numbers

Single precision		Double precision		Object represented
Exponent	Fraction	Exponent	Fraction	
0	0	0	0	0
0	Nonzero	0	Nonzero	$\pm$ denormalized number
1–254	Anything	1–2046	Anything	$\pm$ floating-point number
255	0	2047	0	$\pm$ infinity
255	Nonzero	2047	Nonzero	NaN (Not a Number)

## FP 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
  - $1.0015 \times 10^2$
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
  - $1.002 \times 10^2$

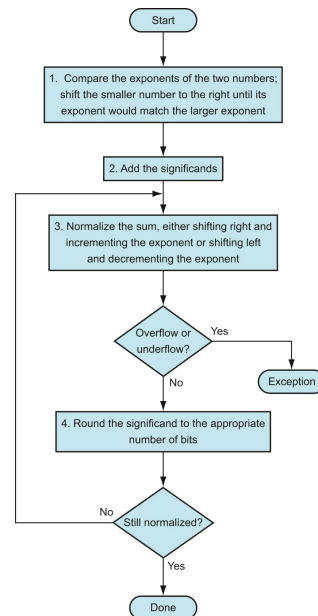
## FP addition

- 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) =  $0.0625$

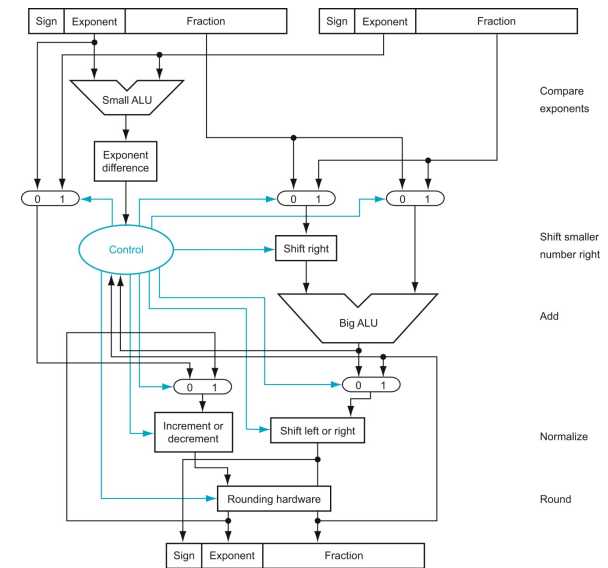
## FP adder hardware

- 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 addition



Block diagram of an ALU dedicated to FP addition



## FP mult

- 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
  - $1.0212 \times 10^6$
- 4. Round and renormalize if necessary
  - $1.021 \times 10^6$
- 5. Determine sign of result from signs of operands
  - $+1.021 \times 10^6$

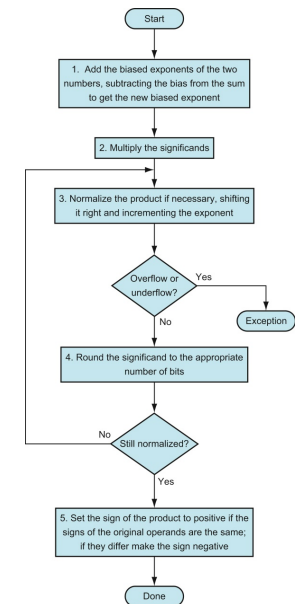
## FP mult

- Now consider a 4-digit binary example
  - $1.000_2 \times 2^{-1} \times -1.110_2 \times 2^{-2}$  ( $0.5 \times -0.4375$ )
- 1. Add exponents
  - unbiased:  $-1 + -2 = -3$
  - biased:  $(-1 + 127) + (-2 + 127) = -3 + 254 - 127 = -3 + 127$
- 2. Multiply significands
  - $1.000_2 \times 1.110_2 = 1.110_2 \Rightarrow 1.110_2 \times 2^{-3}$
- 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:  $+ve \times -ve \Rightarrow -ve$ 
  - $-1.110_2 \times 2^{-3} = -0.21875$

## 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  $\leftrightarrow$  integer conversion
- Operations usually takes several cycles
  - can be pipelined

## FP multiplication



### RISC-V floating-point operands

32 floating-point registers	f0 - f31	An <i>f</i> -register can hold either a single-precision floating-point number or a double-precision floating-point number.
2 <sup>30</sup> memory words	Memory[0], Memory[4], ..., Memory[4,294,967,292]	Accessed only by data transfer instructions. RISC-V uses byte addresses, so sequential word accesses differ by 4. Memory holds data structures, arrays, and spilled registers.

### RISC-V floating-point assembly language

Arithmetic	FP add single	fadd.s f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 + f2$	FP add (single precision)
	FP subtract single	fsub.s f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 - f2$	FP subtract (single precision)
	FP multiply single	fmul.s f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 * f2$	FP multiply (single precision)
	FP divide single	fdiv.s f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 / f2$	FP divide (single precision)
	FP square root single	fsqrt.s f0, f1	$f0 = \sqrt{f1}$	FP square root (single precision)
	FP add double	fadd.d f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 + f2$	FP add (double precision)
	FP subtract double	fsub.d f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 - f2$	FP subtract (double precision)
	FP multiply double	fmul.d f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 * f2$	FP multiply (double precision)
	FP divide double	fdiv.d f0, f1, f2	$f0 = f1 / f2$	FP divide (double precision)
	FP square root double	fsqrt.d f0, f1	$f0 = \sqrt{f1}$	FP square root (double precision)
Comparison	FP equality single	feq.s x5, f0, f1	$x5 = 1$ if $f0 == f1$ , else 0	FP comparison (single precision)
	FP less than single	flt.s x5, f0, f1	$x5 = 1$ if $f0 < f1$ , else 0	FP comparison (single precision)
	FP less than or equals single	fle.s x5, f0, f1	$x5 = 1$ if $f0 \leq f1$ , else 0	FP comparison (single precision)
	FP equality double	feq.d x5, f0, f1	$x5 = 1$ if $f0 == f1$ , else 0	FP comparison (double precision)
	FP less than double	flt.d x5, f0, f1	$x5 = 1$ if $f0 < f1$ , else 0	FP comparison (double precision)
	FP less than or equals double	fle.d x5, f0, f1	$x5 = 1$ if $f0 \leq f1$ , else 0	FP comparison (double precision)
Data transfer	FP load word	flw f0, 4(x5)	$f0 = \text{Memory}[x5 + 4]$	Load single-precision from memory
	FP load doubleword	fld f0, 8(x5)	$f0 = \text{Memory}[x5 + 8]$	Load double-precision from memory
	FP store word	fsw f0, 4(x5)	$\text{Memory}[x5 + 4] = f0$	Store single-precision from memory
	FP store doubleword	fsd f0, 8(x5)	$\text{Memory}[x5 + 8] = f0$	Store double-precision from memory