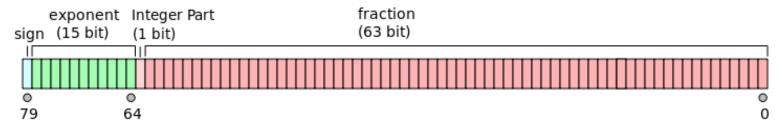
- Floating Point Unit (FPU) executes F.P. instructions
 - Has its own set of 8 registers
 - FPU & CPU execute their instructions concurrently
 - FPU uses 80-bit internal format for all operations
 - Converts IEEE-754 formatted operands to/from 80-bit format



Bit 79 is the sign bit (s)

Bits 64 – 78 give the 15-bit excess-16383 exponent (e)

Bit 63 = 1 for normalized values, = 0 for denormalized (i)

Bits 0 – 62 give the 63-bit fraction (f) [there is no hidden bit]

Number point is between bits 62 & 63

Value represented is $(-1)^s \times i.f \times 2^{e-16383}$

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Floating Point Stack

- The 8 FPU registers are organized as a stack
 - ST(0) to ST(7) from top to bottom
 - Modulo-8 pointer defines top of stack
- FLD copies its single memory operand onto stack ST(0)
- FST writes contents of ST(0) into memory
 - FSTP does the same but also pops ST(0) from stack
- FIST converts ST(0) to 32-bit integer & stores in memory
 - FISTP does same but also pops ST(0)

- Floating Point Load/Store examples
 - FLD DWORD PTR[EAX]
 - Converts 32-bit float in memory into 80-bit float in ST(0)
 - 80-bit value is pushed onto FPU stack
 - FST QWORD PTR [EDX + 8]
 - converts 80-bit float in ST(0) into 64-bit float in memory
 - FST writes contents of ST(0) into memory
 - FSTP does the same but also pops ST(0) from stack
 - FISTP [EDX + 8]
 - Pops ST(0) converts to 32-bit integer and stores in memory

Floating Point Arithmetic Instructions

- FADD QWORD PTR[EAX]
 - Converts 32-bit float in memory into 80-bit float & adds to ST(0)
- FSUBP ST(1),ST(0)
 - puts ST(1)-ST(0) into ST(1), pops ST(0), so result is now ST(0)
- FSUBR ST(2),ST(0)
 - Puts ST(0) ST(2) into ST(2) [reverse subtract]
 - FDIVR is similar
- FISUB DWORD PTR [EDX + 8]
 - Converts 32-bit integer, sets ST(0) = ST(0) float equivalent
 - FIADD, FIMUL & FIDIV are similar

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Floating Point Compare Instructions

- FCOMI ST(0),ST(4)
 - Compares register with ST(0) and sets condition codes
 - ST(0) must be destination operand
- FCOMIP ST(0),ST(2)
 - Similar to FUCOMI but also pops stack
- Additional Float Instructions
 - FCHS changes sign of implicit operand ST(0)
 - FABS takes absolute value
 - FSQRT computes square root of ST(0)
 - FSIN & FCOS compute sine and cosine of ST(0)
 - FLDZ & FLD1 push 0.0 & 1.0 as 80-bit float
 - FLDPI pushes π as 80-bit float

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