Arithmetic for Computers

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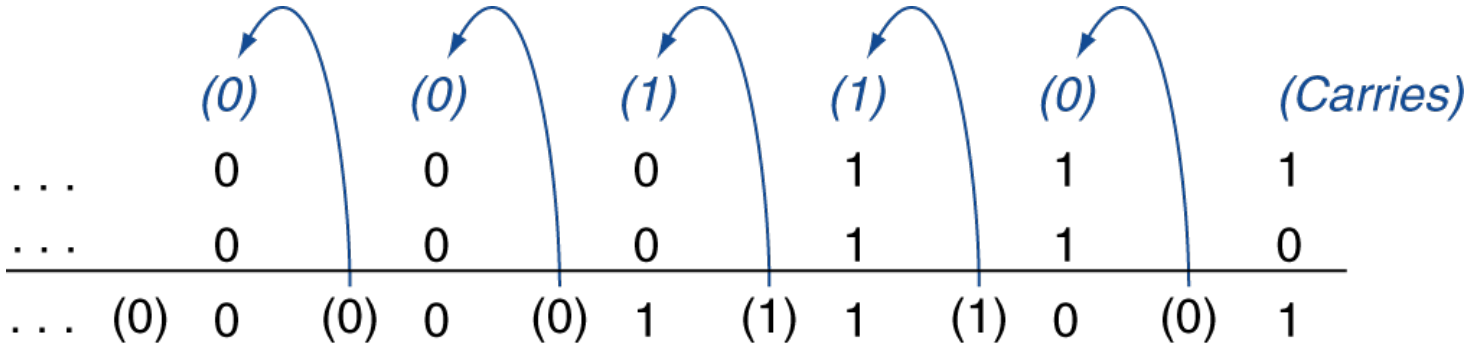
- Operations on integers
  - Addition and subtraction
  - Multiplication and division
  - Dealing with overflow
- Floating-point real numbers
  - Representation and operations

Integer Addition

- Example: 7 + 6



- Overflow if result out of range
  - Adding +ve and –ve operands, no overflow
  - Adding two +ve operands
    - Overflow if result sign is 1
  - Adding two –ve operands
    - Overflow if result sign is 0

Integer Subtraction

- Add negation of second operand
- Example: 7 – 6 = 7 + (–6)

+7:	0000 0000 … 0000 0111
–6:	1111 1111 … 1111 1010
+1:	0000 0000 … 0000 0001

- Overflow if result out of range
  - Subtracting two +ve or two –ve operands, no overflow
  - Subtracting +ve from –ve operand
    - Overflow if result sign is 0
  - Subtracting –ve from +ve operand
    - Overflow if result sign is 1

Dealing with Overflow

- Some languages (e.g., C) ignore overflow
  - Use MIPS `addu`, `addui`, `subu` instructions
- Other languages (e.g., Ada, Fortran) require raising an exception
  - Use MIPS `add`, `addi`, `sub` instructions
  - On overflow, invoke exception handler
    - Save PC in exception program counter (EPC) register
    - Jump to predefined handler address
    - `mfc0` (move from coprocessor reg) instruction can retrieve EPC value, to return after corrective action

Arithmetic for Multimedia

- Graphics and media processing operates on vectors of 8-bit and 16-bit data
  - Use 64-bit adder, with partitioned carry chain
    - Operate on 8×8-bit, 4×16-bit, or 2×32-bit vectors
  - SIMD (single-instruction, multiple-data)
- Saturating operations
  - On overflow, result is largest representable value
    - c.f. 2s-complement modulo arithmetic
  - E.g., clipping in audio, saturation in video

Multiplication

- Example: Multiply 1000 by 1001
- Start with long-multiplication approach

multiplicand

multiplier

product

```
  1000
× 1001
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  1000
 0000
0000
1000
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1001000
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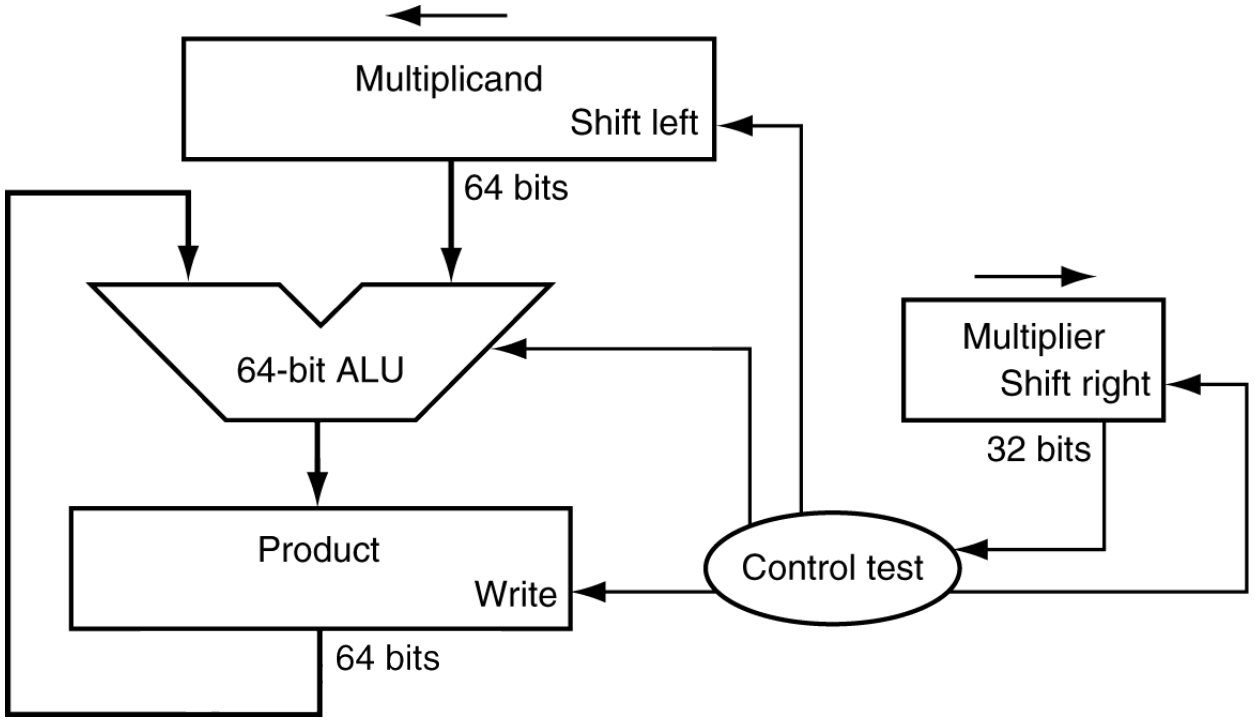
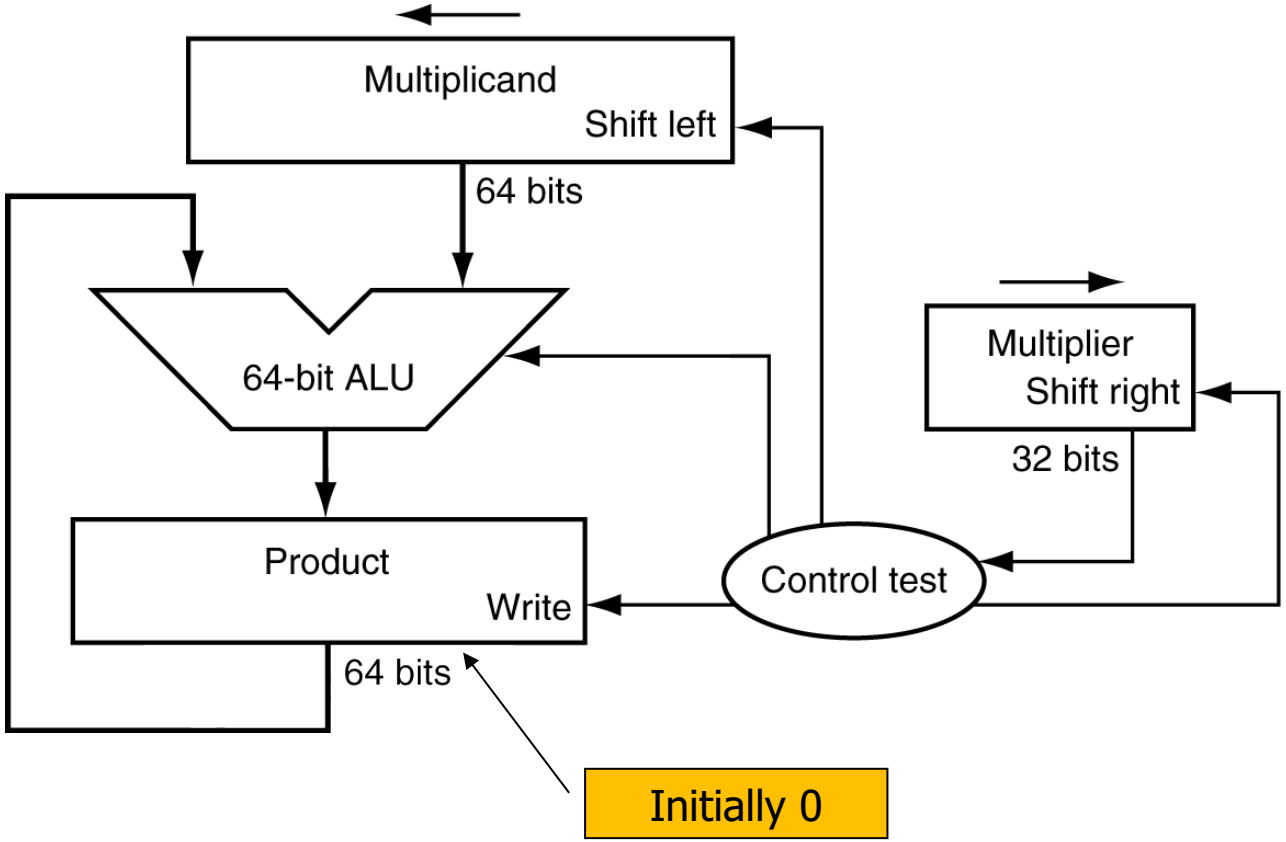
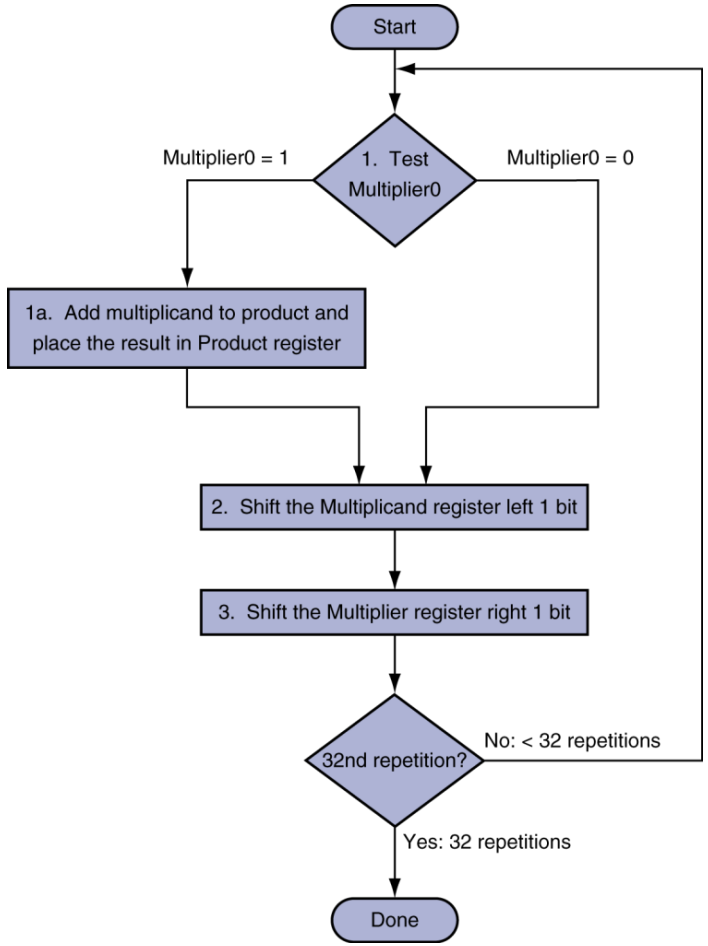
Length of product is the sum of operand lengths



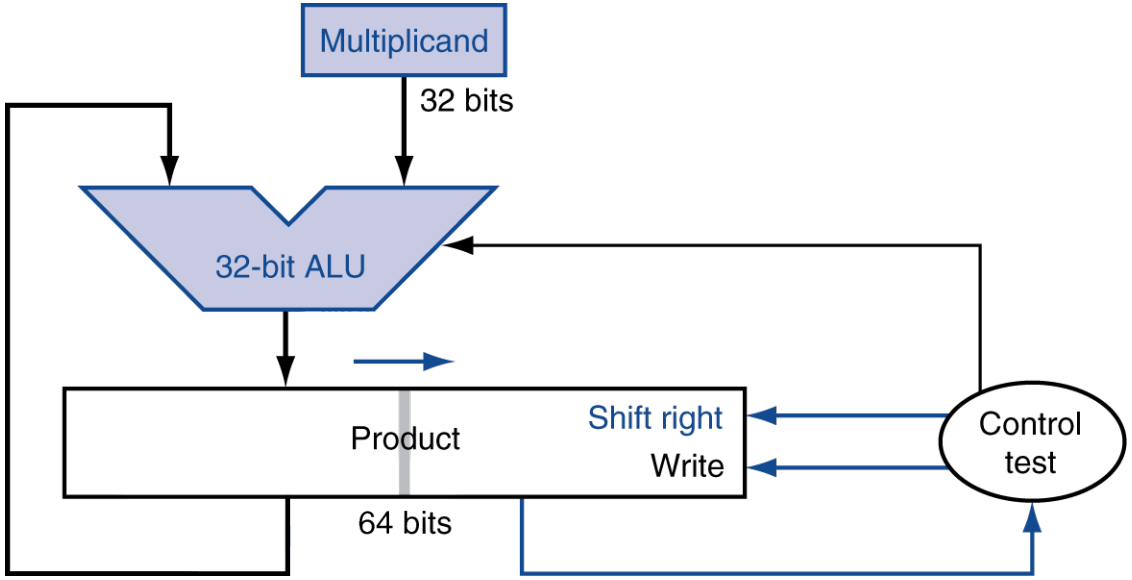
Multiplication Hardware





Optimised Multiplier

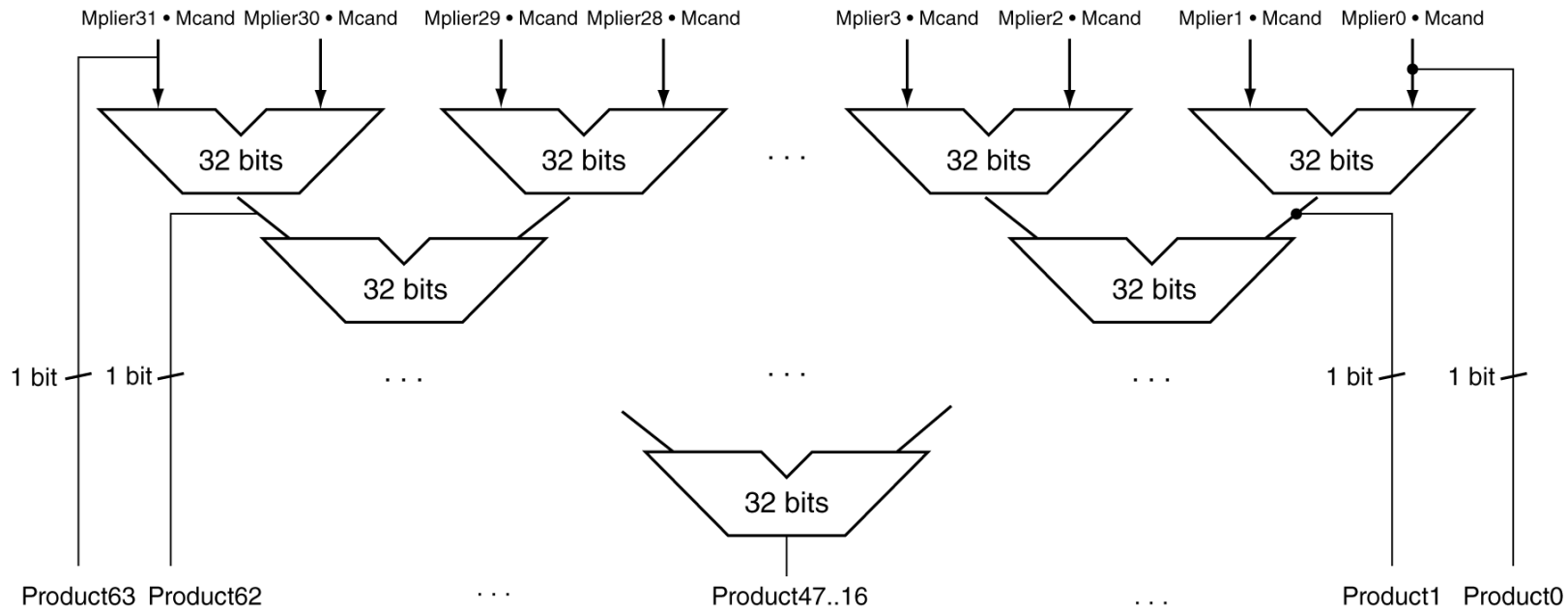
- Perform steps in parallel: add/shift



- One cycle per partial-product addition
  - That's ok, if frequency of multiplications is low

Faster Multiplier

- Uses multiple adders
  - Cost/performance tradeoff

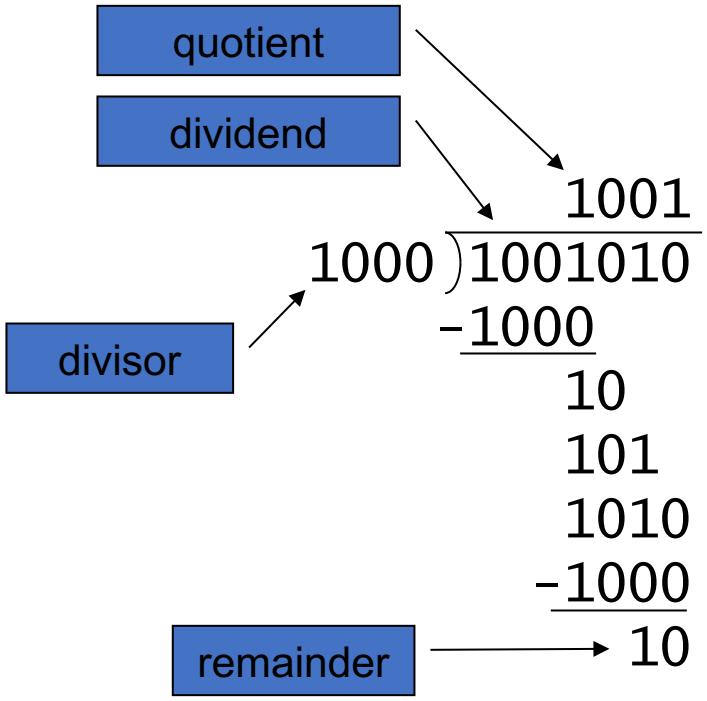


- Can be pipelined
  - Several multiplication performed in parallel

MIPS Multiplication

- Two 32-bit registers for product
  - HI: most-significant 32 bits
  - LO: least-significant 32-bits
- Instructions
  - `mult rs, rt  /  multu rs, rt`
    - 64-bit product in HI/LO
  - `mfhi rd  /  mflo rd`
    - Move from HI/LO to rd
    - Can test HI value to see if product overflows 32 bits

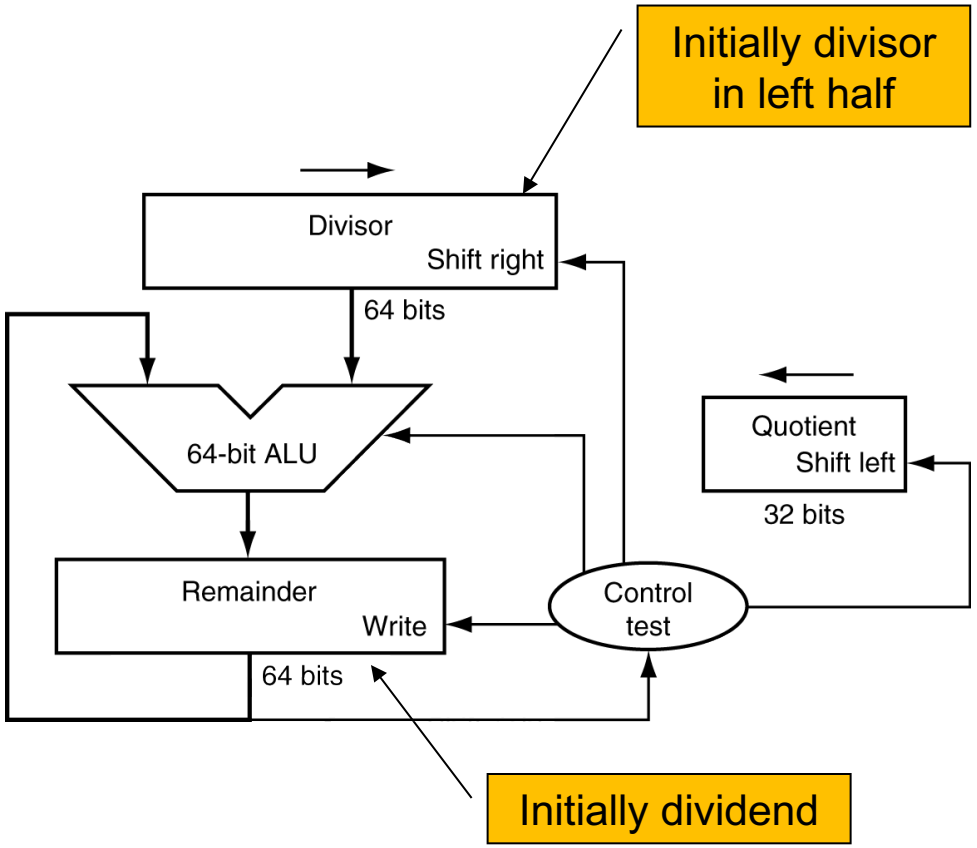
Division

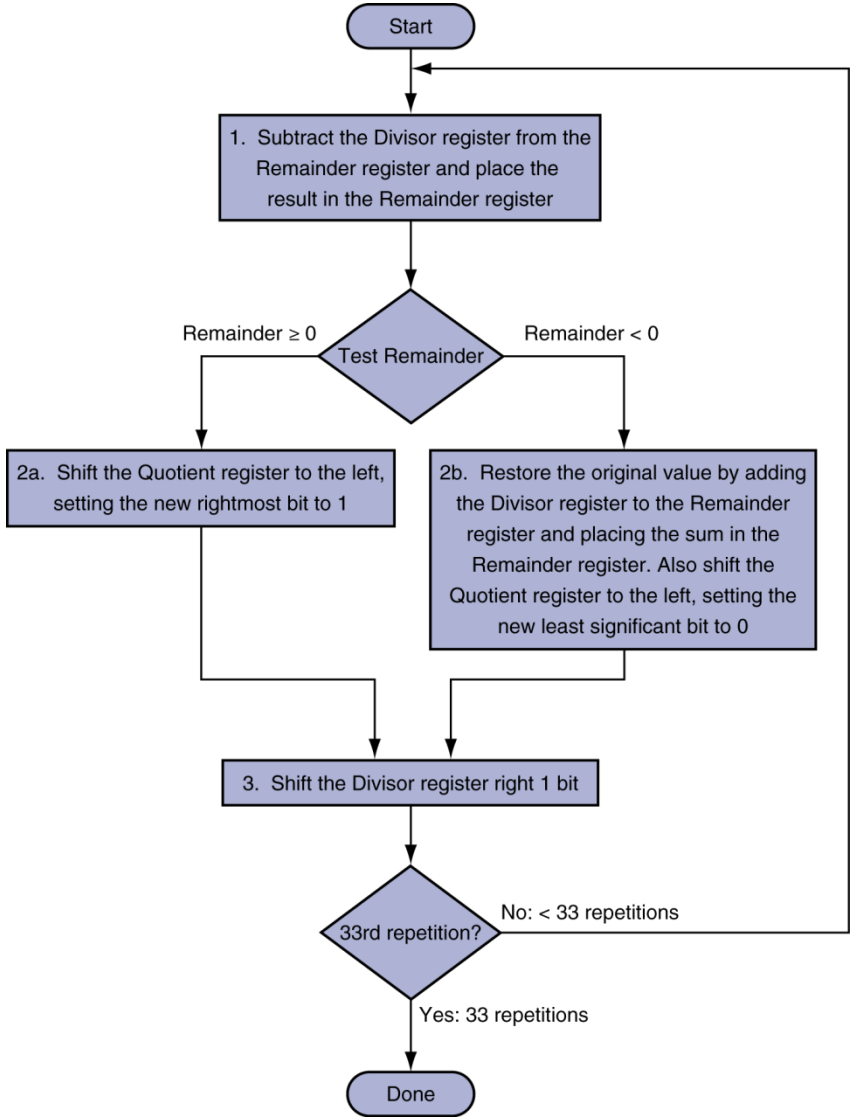


n-bit operands yield *n*-bit quotient and remainder

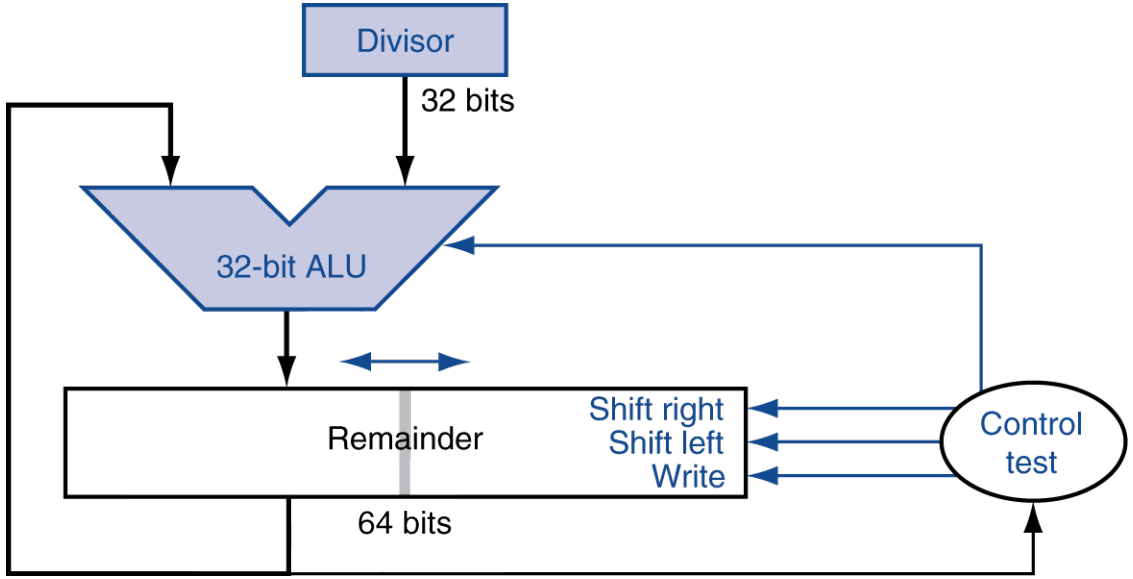
- Example divide 1001010_2 by 1000_2
- Check for 0 divisor
- Long division approach
  - If divisor ≤ dividend bits
    - 1 bit in quotient, subtract
  - Otherwise
    - 0 bit in quotient, bring down next dividend bit
- Restoring division
  - Do the subtract, and if remainder goes < 0, add divisor back
- Signed division
  - Divide using absolute values
  - Adjust sign of quotient and remainder as required

Division Hardware





Optimised Divider



- One cycle per partial-remainder subtraction
- Looks a lot like a multiplier!
  - Same hardware can be used for both

Faster Division

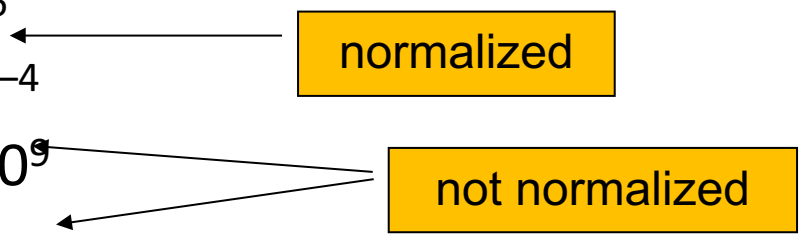
- Can’t use parallel hardware as in multiplier
  - Subtraction is conditional on sign of remainder
- Faster dividers generate multiple quotient bits per step
  - Still require multiple steps
  - Solution currently uses future prediction and correction strategy

MIPS Division

- Use HI/LO registers for result
  - HI: 32-bit remainder
  - LO: 32-bit quotient
- Instructions
  - `div rs, rt  /  divu rs, rt`
  - No overflow or divide-by-0 checking
    - Software must perform checks if required
  - Use `mfhi`, `mflo` to access result

Floating Point

- Representation for non-integral numbers
  - Including very small and very large numbers
- Like scientific notation
  - -2.34×10^{56}
  - $+0.002 \times 10^{-4}$
  - $+987.02 \times 10^{9}$



- In binary
  - $\pm 1.xxxxxxx_2 \times 2^{yyyy}$
  - Called binary points
- Types `float` and `double` in C

Floating Point Standard

- Defined by IEEE Std 754-1985
- Developed in response to divergence of representations
  - Portability issues for scientific code
- Now almost universally adopted
- Two representations
  - Single precision (32-bit)
  - Double precision (64-bit)

IEEE Floating-Point Format

single: 8 bits
double: 11 bits

single: 23 bits
double: 52 bits

$$x = (-1)^S \times (1 + \text{Fraction}) \times 2^{(\text{Exponent} - \text{Bias})}$$

- S: sign bit (0 ⇒ non-negative, 1 ⇒ negative)
- Normalize significand: 1.0 ≤ |significand| < 2.0
  - Always has a leading pre-binary-point 1 bit, so no need to represent it explicitly (hidden bit)
  - Significand is Fraction with the "1." restored
- Exponent: excess representation: actual exponent + Bias
  - Ensures exponent is unsigned
  - Single: Bias = 127; Double: Bias = 1203

Single-Precision Range

- Exponents 00000000 and 11111111 reserved
- Smallest value
  - Exponent: 00000001
    $\Rightarrow$ actual exponent = 1 – 127 = –126
  - Fraction: 000…00 $\Rightarrow$ significand = 1.0
  - $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{-126} \approx \pm 1.2_{10} \times 10^{-38}$
- Largest value
  - exponent: 11111110
    $\Rightarrow$ actual exponent = 254 – 127 = +127
  - Fraction: 111…11 $\Rightarrow$ significand ≈ 2.0
  - $\pm 2.0 \times 2^{+127} \approx \pm 3.4_{10} \times 10^{+38}$

Double-Precision Range

- Exponents 0000…00 and 1111…11 reserved
- Smallest value
  - Exponent: 00000000001
    $\Rightarrow$ actual exponent = 1 – 1023 = –1022
  - Fraction: 000…00 $\Rightarrow$ significand = 1.0
  - $\pm 1.0 \times 2^{-1022} \approx \pm 2.2_{10} \times 10^{-308}$
- Largest value
  - Exponent: 11111111110
    $\Rightarrow$ actual exponent = 2046 – 1023 = +1023
  - Fraction: 111…11 $\Rightarrow$ significand ≈ 2.0
  - $\pm 2.0 \times 2^{+1023} \approx \pm 1.8_{10} \times 10^{+308}$

Floating-Point Precision

- Relative precision
  - all fraction bits are significant
  - Single: approx 2^{-23}
    - Equivalent to $23 \times \log_{10}2 \approx 23 \times 0.3 \approx 6$ decimal digits of precision
  - Double: approx 2^{-52}
    - Equivalent to $52 \times \log_{10}2 \approx 52 \times 0.3 \approx 16$ decimal digits of precision