# Integer & Fixed Point Addition and Multiplication

CENG 329 Lab Notes

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Generally we use 8-bits, 16-bits, 32-bits or 64-bits to store integers.

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20 = 16+4 = (0001 0100)<sub>2</sub> 8-bits
20 = 16+4 = (0000 0000 0001 0100)<sub>2</sub> 16-bits

←padded with zeros→
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 We use 2's complement format for the notation of negative signed numbers:

$$20 = (0...01 \ 0100)_2$$
  
 $-20 = (1110 \ 1100)_2$  8-bits  
 $-20 = (1111 \ 1111 \ 1110 \ 1100)_2$  16-bits  
Sign bit

- How to store integers in registers?
- Consider that we have 8-bit registers.
- $20 = (10100)_2$
- As 8-bit integer: (r1)

$$- r1 = 20 = (0001 \ 0100)_2$$

- As 16-bit integer: (r1 r2)
  - $r1 = 0 = (0000\ 0000)_2$
  - $r2 = 20 = (0001 \ 0100)_2$
  - $(r1 r2) = 20 = (0000 0000 0001 0100)_2$
- As 32-bit integer: (r1 r2 r3 r4)
  - $r1 = r2 = r3 = 0 = (0000\ 0000)_2$
  - $r4 = 20 = (0001 \ 0100)_2$

- Represent 123456789 in 32-bit integer:
  - $-123456789 = (111\ 0101\ 1011\ 1100\ 1101\ 0001\ 0101)_{2}$
  - Convert to 32-bits:
  - 0000 0111 0101 1011 1100 1101 0001 0101
  - $r1 = (0000 0111)_2 = 0x07 = 7$
  - $r2 = (0101 \ 1011)_2 = 0x5b = 91$
  - $r3 = (1100 \ 1101)_2 = 0xcd = 205$
  - $r4 = (0001 \ 0101)_2 = 0x15 = 21$
  - (r1 r2 r3 r4) = 0x075bcd15  $= (0000 0111 0101 1011 1100 1101 0001 0101)_{2}$  = 123456789

- Given following values of registers, find the value of (r4 r3 r2 r1)?
- r1 = 72, r2 = 100, r3 = 250, r4 = 255

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r1 = 72 = (0100\ 1000)_2

r2 = 100 = (0110\ 0100)_2

r3 = 250 = (1111\ 1010)_2

r4 = 255 = (1111\ 1111)_2

(r4\ r3\ r2\ r1) = (1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1010\ 0110\ 0100\ 0100\ 1000)_2

The number is negative! Take 2's complement:

(0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0101\ 1001\ 1011\ 1011\ 1000)_2

= -367544
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Assume that you have an operator that adds only two digits:

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A Sum is a digit.

+ B
But carry is just a bit, can either be zero or one.
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Note that the sum of two single-digit yields one digit and extra one bit at most!

 Assume that we have an operator that adds only two digit. How can we add two numbers with multiple digits?

Solution: Add digits individually

Also add carry!

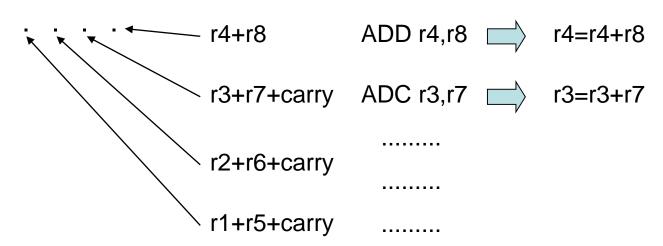
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5 6 3 9
+ 1 4 2 7
----6 (Carry=1)
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1
5639
+ 1427
----66 (Carry=0)
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0
5 6 3 9
+ 1 4 2 7
0 6 6 (Carry=1)
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Now consider that we are working in base 256.

Put each digit in a register so that we'll have 4 register for each 32-bit number.



- What about signed numbers?
- Use 2's complement for negative numbers and just add! Ignore the last produced carry.
- How does it work? Explained later...
- What about subtraction?
- Subtraction can easily be implemented by taking 2's complement of the second operand first and then applying addition:
  - A-B = A+(-B)

Assume that you have an operator that multiplies only two digits:

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Each digit is a number in a base b.

b=10 => numbers: 0-9 		 Times table!

b=2 => numbers: 0-1 		 AND Operator

b=2<sup>8</sup>=256 => numbers: 0-255 		 MUL for Intel(x86)

MULT for Zilog
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Note that the product of two single-digit yields two digits at most!

- Assume that we have an operator that can multiply the numbers in base 10. (1x1, 1x2, ..., 1x9, 2x1, 2x2, ...,2x9, ... 9x9)
- You have more than one digit to multiply:

By using the operator, we can calculate: 7x8 = 56

7x5 = 35

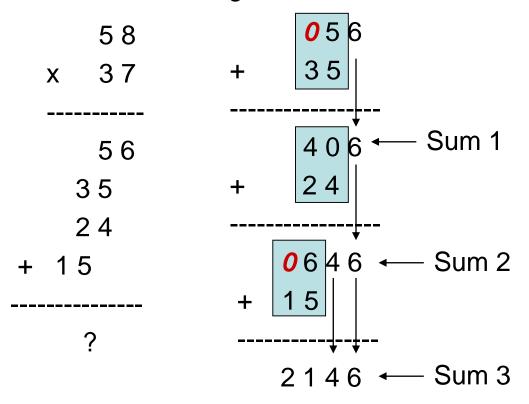
3x8 = 24

3x5 = 15

How can we use these values to calculate the result?

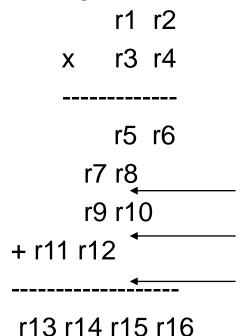
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58
x 37
-----56
35
24
+ 15
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We can use integer addition to find the result.



- This operation is equivalent to 16-bit multiplication using 8-bit addition.
- Note that the number of digits in the result is equal to the sum of the number of input digits.

- Now assume that the digits are in base 2<sup>8</sup> = 256.
   (8-bit are necessary for each digit)
- Then, 16-bit multiplication is done by using 8-bit multiplication and 8bit addition. Each 8-bit register can hold only one digit!

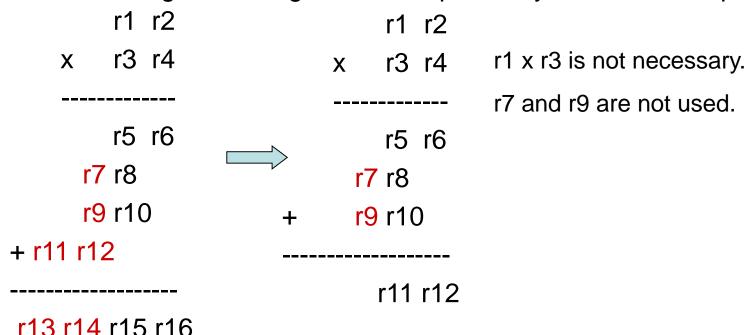


In fact, we do not need 16 registers to accomplish 16-bit multiplication.

If we compute the partial sums, we can re-use the registers which hold the values that are unnecessary.

- What about negative numbers?
- If we use 2's complement format and fix the number of bits, the multiplication will give correct results for multiplication.
- 2's complement format behaves such that the negative numbers are forced to be in the positive range of a modulo of 2<sup>n</sup>.
- For example n = 8, the modulo M = 256.
   Then -10 (mod 256) = 246 (mod 256) is also equal to 2's complement of 10.
   (a b c d)<sub>2</sub>8 mod 2<sup>16</sup> = (c d)<sub>2</sub>8
- $A \pmod{M} + B \pmod{M} = (A+B) \pmod{M}$
- A (mod M) \* B (mod M) = (A\*B) (mod M)
- Therefore, we compute 16-bits for 16-bit addition/multiplication.
   (Not the whole 32-bits)

- If we multiply two 16-bit numbers, we get 32-bit number. (16+16)
- We have 32-bit integers in C. On the contrary, if we multiply two integers, we again obtain 32-bit integer.
- Do we need to multiply all of the digits?
- We can omit high order digits and compute only the low 16-bit part.

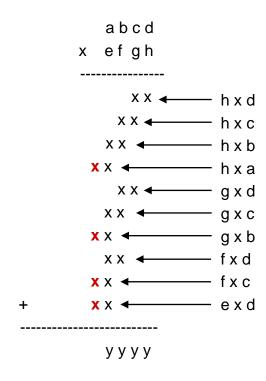


Let's consider the partial sums and re-use free registers.

Further optimizations can be done depending on the CPU architecture.

- -Register limitations?
- -Number of registers?
- -Allowed registers for addition and multiplication?

- What about 32-bit multiplication?
- We need 4 registers for each number.



Try to optimize 32-bit multiplication by computing partial sums.

#### **Fixed-Point Numbers**

- Fixed-point numbers are generally stored in "In.Qm" format (sometimes referred as Qn.m format)
- n = number of bits in integer part.
- m = number of bits in fractional part.
- Example: I8.Q16

2 <sup>7</sup>	2 <sup>6</sup>	2 <sup>5</sup>	24	2 <sup>3</sup>	<b>2</b> <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	20	2-1	<b>2</b> -2	<b>2</b> -3	2-4	2 <sup>-5</sup>	2 <sup>-6</sup>	2-7	2-8	2 <sup>-9</sup>	2 <sup>-10</sup>	2 <sup>-11</sup>	<b>2</b> -12	2 <sup>-13</sup>	2 <sup>-14</sup>	2 <sup>-15</sup>	2 <sup>-16</sup>
0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$$= 32 + 8 + 4 + 2 + 1/2 + 1/4 + 1/16$$

# Signed Fixed-Point Numbers

- Positive fixed-point numbers are the same as unsigned fixed-point numbers.
- Negative fixed-point numbers are obtained by simply calculating 2's complement as they are integers.

I8.Q8: 01000110.1100000 = 70.75

2's comp. 10111001.0100000 = -70.75

#### Fixed-Point Addition

- Fixed-point addition is the same as integer addition!
- Align two fixed point number and apply integer addition:

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r1 r2 . r3 r4
+ r5 r6 . r7 r8
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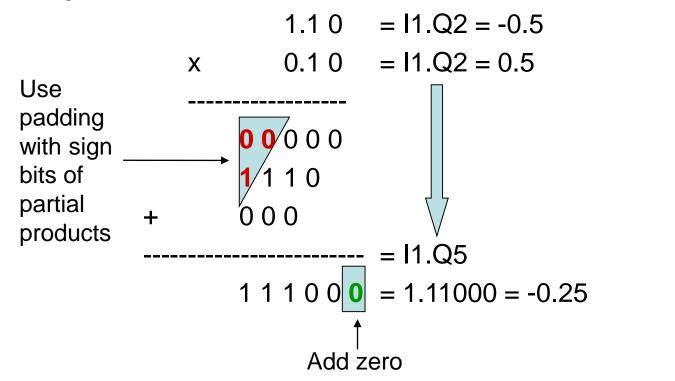
- Unsigned fixed-point multiplication is similar to integer multiplication.
- Consider the following multiplications:

	58		5.8	I1.Q1	la.Qb
X	37	X	3.7	I1.Q1	lc.Qd
2	146		21.46	I2.Q2	I(a+c).Q(b+d)

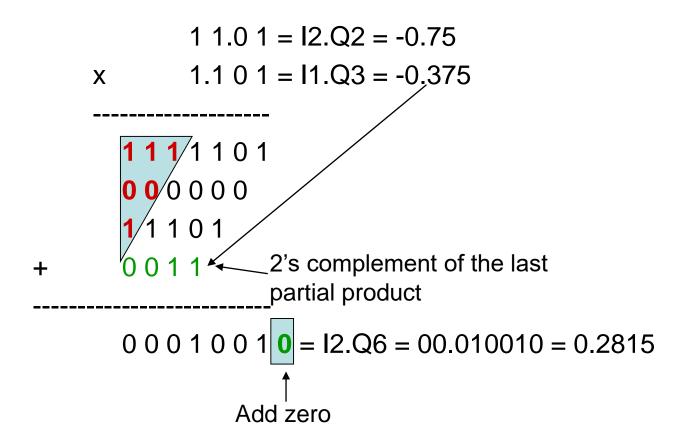
Just multiply like integer multiplication. Align the numbers according to the point (.)

You can optimize the operation by considering the partial sums and the output format you need (Im.Qn).

- Use 2's complement format for fixed-point numbers.
- (Ia.Qb) \* (Ic.Qd) = I(a+c-1) . Q(b+d+1)
- Take 2's complement of the last partial product if multiplier is negative!



Example:



- How can we use registers (e.g. 8-bit) to accomplish 16-bit (or more) signed fixed-point multiplication?
- Alternative solution 1:
  - Take 2's complement of negative numbers.
  - Apply unsigned fixed-point multiplication.
  - Finally, Take 2's complement of the result if necessary.
- Alternative solution 2:
  - 16-bit signed fixed-point multiplication is equivalent to 32-bit unsigned fixed-point multiplication (hence similar to 32-bit integer multiplication).

16-bit signed fixed-point multiplication (I8.Q8):

