Integer Arithmetic-Resource Constraints: QuizSolution

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In order to implement additions with DSPs we should use the RESOURCE directive and bind the addition to AddSub_DSP core.

```
#pragma HLS RESOURCE variable=r core=AddSub DSP
```

In this directive, we should explicitly mention the name of the target variable (here r). But some additions may be removed or added to the expression by the synthesis optimisation techniques.

To prevent this phenomenon, we can define a separate function for addition and disable the *inilining* feature. Then add the resource directive as shown in the code below. In this code, all additions are implemented by DSPs, and LUTs implement all multiplications.

```
int mult_func(int a, int b) {
#pragma HLS INLINE off
      int r;
#pragma HLS RESOURCE variable=r core=Mul_LUT
      r = a*b;
      return r;
}
int add_func(int a, int b) {
#pragma HLS INLINE off
#pragma HLS RESOURCE variable=r core=AddSub DSP
      r = a+b;
      return r;
}
void arith_exp_dsp(int a, int b, int c, int *f ) {
#pragma HLS INTERFACE ap_ctrl_none port=return
#pragma HLS INTERFACE ap_none port=a
#pragma HLS INTERFACE ap_none port=b
#pragma HLS INTERFACE ap none port=c
#pragma HLS INTERFACE ap none port=f
    int m1 = mult_func(a, b);
    int m2 = mult_func(a, c);
    int m3 = mult_func(c, b);
    int m4 = mult func(m1, c);
    int a1 = add_func(m1, m2);
    int a2 = add_func(a1, m3);
    *f = add_func(a2, m4);
```

The synthesis report shown in Figure 1 shows that the resulted hardware utilises only 2 instances of DSPs.

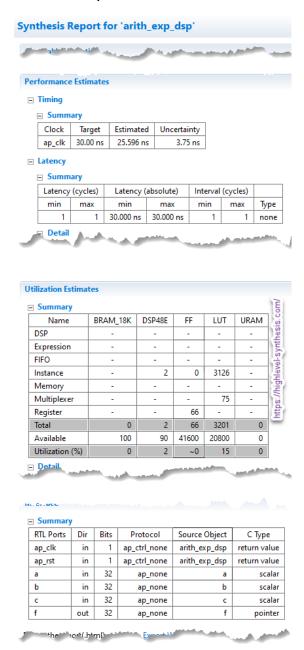


Figure 1

To make sure that DSPs implement all additions, you can have a look at the analysis perspective, as shown in Figure 2. As can be seen, the addition operator (labelled with 1) inside the corresponding function is implemented by the AddSub_DSP code labelled by 2.

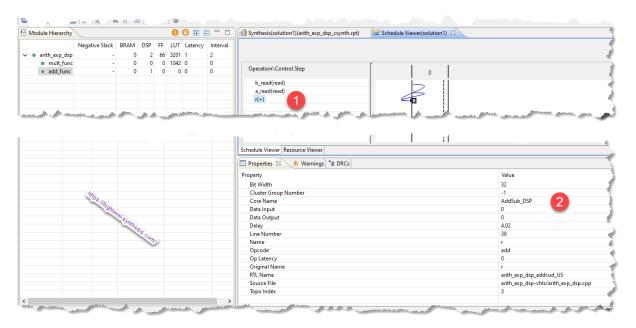


Figure 2