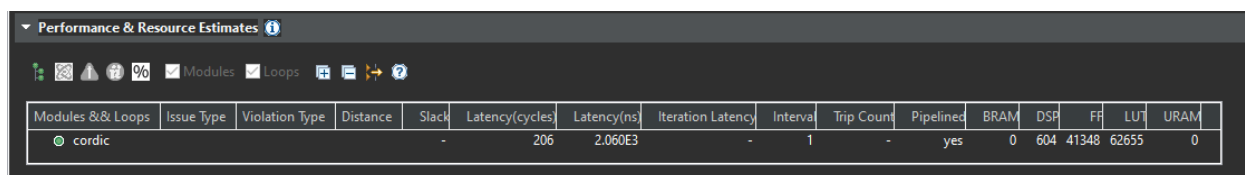


Report

Project: CORDIC

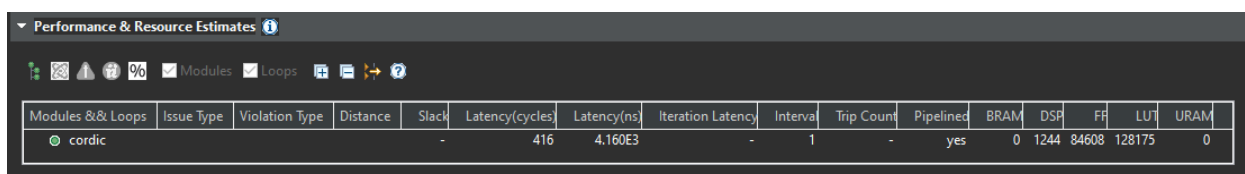
Question 1: One important design parameter is the number of rotations. Change that number to numbers between 10 and 20 and describe the trends. What happens to performance? Resource usage? Accuracy of the results? Why does the accuracy stop improving after some number of iterations? Can you precisely state when that occurs?



The screenshot shows the 'Performance & Resource Estimates' window for a CORDIC design with 10 iterations. The table below represents the data shown in the window.

Modules & Loops	Issue Type	Violation Type	Distance	Slack	Latency(cycles)	Latency(ns)	Iteration Latency	Interval	Trip Count	Pipelined	BRAM	DSP	FF	LUT	URAM
cordic				-	206	2.060E3	-	1	-	yes	0	604	41348	62655	0

Figure 1 Iterations = 10



The screenshot shows the 'Performance & Resource Estimates' window for a CORDIC design with 20 iterations. The table below represents the data shown in the window.

Modules & Loops	Issue Type	Violation Type	Distance	Slack	Latency(cycles)	Latency(ns)	Iteration Latency	Interval	Trip Count	Pipelined	BRAM	DSP	FF	LUT	URAM
cordic				-	416	4.160E3	-	1	-	yes	0	1244	84608	128175	0

Figure 2 Iterations = 20

Accuracy is another common design evaluation metric alongside performance and resource usage. The difference between 10 and 20 iterations is approx. double. The trend is that the latency time and resources increase that makes performance decrease. We find that double CORDIC iterations are self-correcting and compensate possible wrong rotations in subsequent iterations. Additional iterations produce a more precise output result.

The increase of error should be related to the simplified conversion between floating-point and fix-point, which was used for the preparation of the input data. The mantissa of 32 bit floating-point numbers holds only 23 bits. So sometimes the last four iterations yield no improvement. Therefore, some trailing bits are advisable to buffer accumulating truncation errors

Question 2: Another important design parameter is the data type of the variables. Is one data type sufficient for every variable or is it better for each variable to have a different type? Does the best data type depend on the input data? What is the best technique for the designer to determine the data type(s)?

digital representation of numbers has a huge impact on the complexity of the logic to compute with those numbers. In many cases, HLS tools are able to optimize the representation of each value to simplify the generated hardware. Today code and the amount of data has grown

exponentially it's become even more critical to optimize data and datatypes. The size of data doesn't just impact storage size and costs, it also affects code performance.

Yes, the best data type depends on the input data because we need to gather clean and consistent data. Optimizing schema and datatypes good logical and physical design is the cornerstone of high performance.

The basic strategy for selecting the best data type is to select the smallest data type that matches the kind of data you have and that allows for all the feasible values of your data.

Question 3: *What is the effect of using simple operations (add and shift) in the CORDIC as opposed to multiply and divide? How does the resource usage change? Performance? Accuracy?*

these operations are not easy to implement in hardware. For example, sine, cosine, square root, and arctan are not simple operations and they require significant number of resources. But we can use the CORDIC to perform these operations using a series of simple iterative rotation operations.

Having a CORDIC, which eliminates the need for costly multiplication. Additions and shifts are very easy to perform for computers, while multiplications and divisions are usually more expensive. shift-and-add allows the possibility to solve items with cheap and simple hardware components.

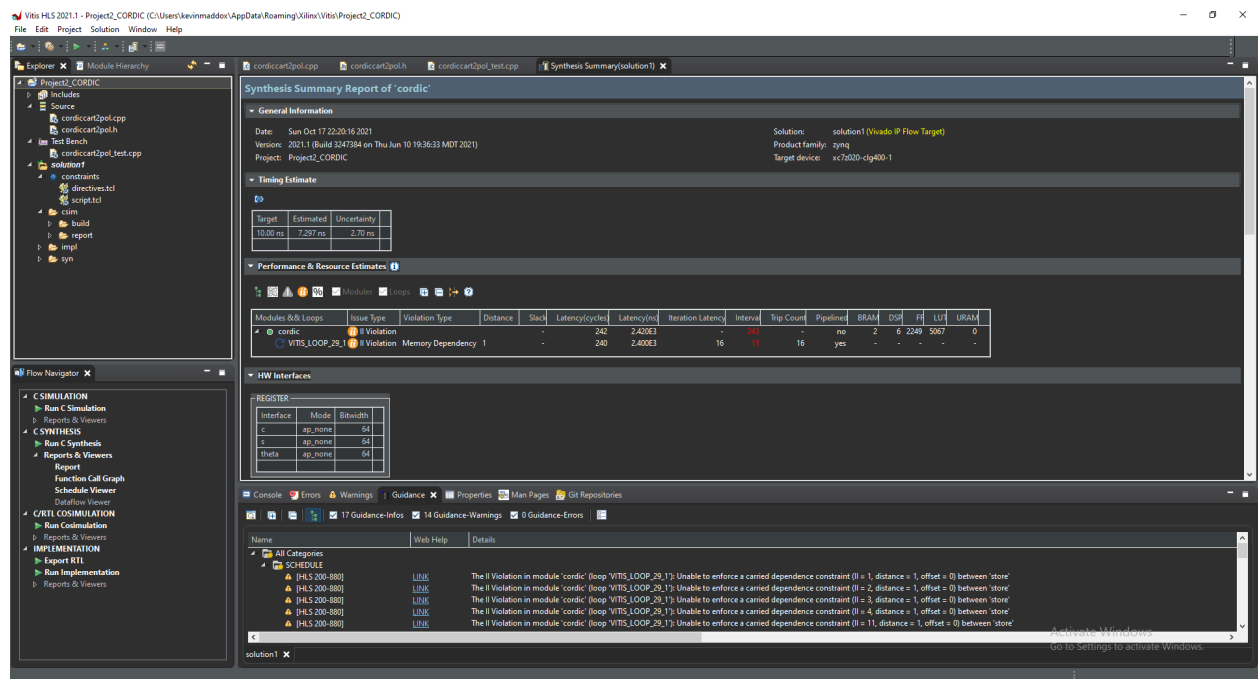


Figure 3 Baseline 1

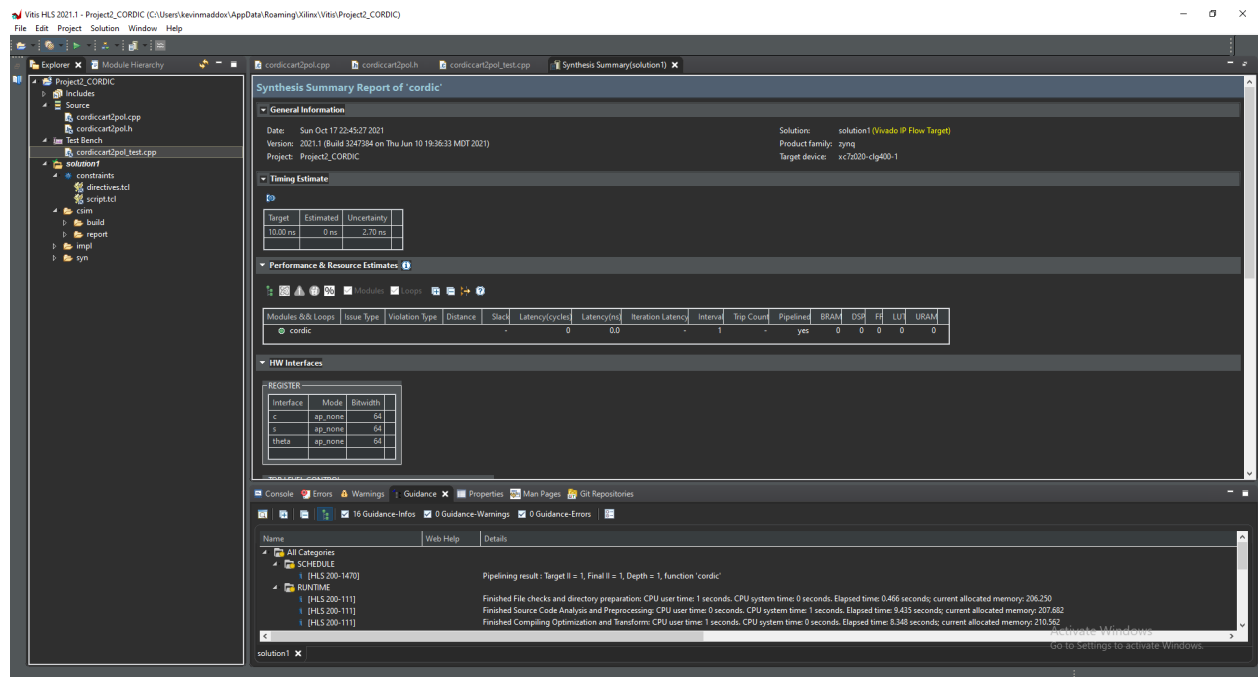


Figure 4 Baseline 2

Finished Command `csynth_design` CPU user time: 5 seconds. CPU system time: 1 seconds. Elapsed time: 22.153 seconds; current allocated memory: 295.963 MB.

Total CPU user time: 8 seconds. Total CPU system time: 3 seconds. Total elapsed time: 27.443 seconds; peak allocated memory: 295.977 MB.

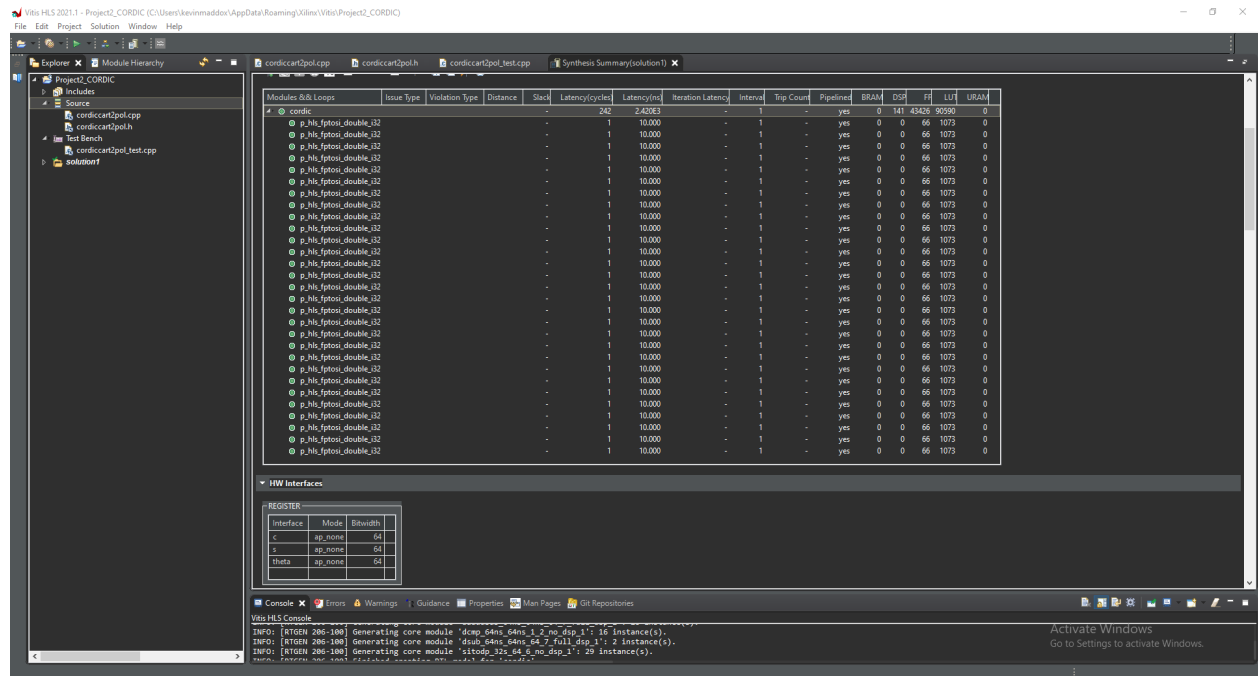


Figure 5 Optimization w/unrolling

Finished Command `csynth_design` CPU user time: 16 seconds. CPU system time: 2 seconds. Elapsed time: 42.06 seconds; current allocated memory: 348.343 MB.

Total CPU user time: 19 seconds. Total CPU system time: 5 seconds. Total elapsed time: 47.196 seconds; peak allocated memory: 1.072 GB.

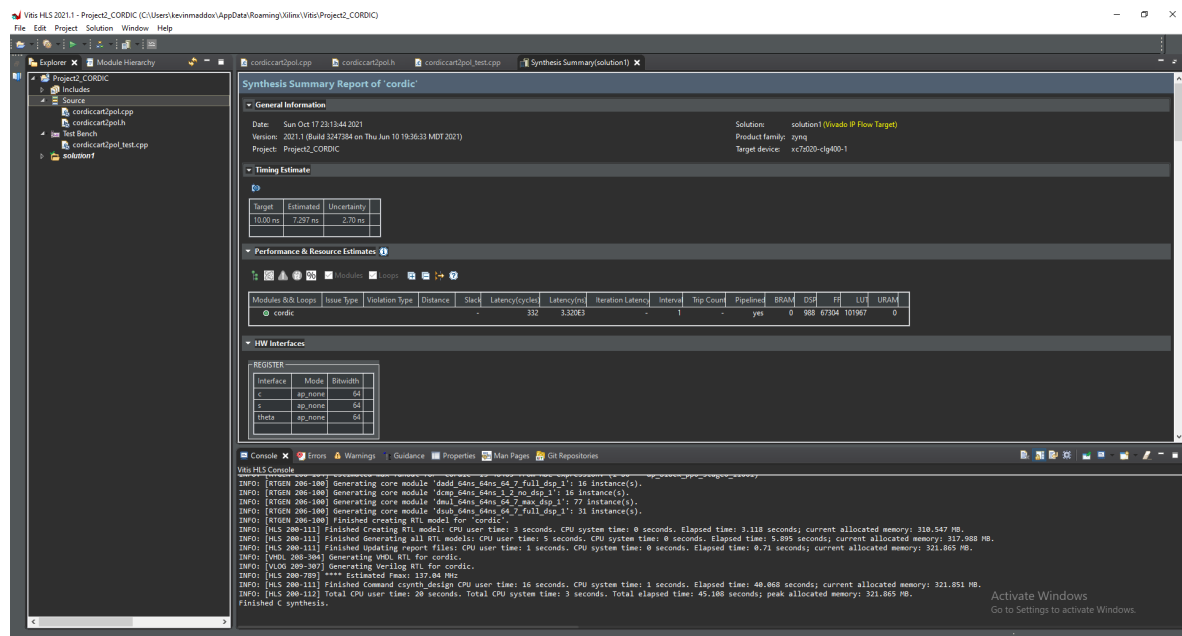


Figure 6 optimization wo if/else

Finished Command `csynth_design` CPU user time: 16 seconds. CPU system time: 1 seconds. Elapsed time: 40.068 seconds; current allocated memory: 321.851 MB.

Total CPU user time: 20 seconds. Total CPU system time: 3 seconds. Total elapsed time: 45.108 seconds; peak allocated memory: 321.865 MB

Question 4: How does the input data type affect the size of the LUT? How does the output data type affect the size of the LUT? Precisely describe the relationship between input/output data types and the number of bits required for the LUT.

The memory limitations of the system constrain the overall size of a lookup table. Lookup tables must use consistent dimensions so that the overall size of the table data reflects the size of each breakpoint data set.

The following input and output values define the 2-D lookup table that is graphically shown.

Row index input values: [1 2 3]

Column index input values: [1 2 3 4]

Table data: [11 12 13 14; 21 22 23 24; 31 32 33 34]

	1	2	3	4
1	11	12	13	14
2	21	22	23	24
3	31	32	33	34

The sizes of the vectors representing the row and column indices are 1-by-3 and 1-by-4, respectively. Consequently, the output table must be of size 3-by-4 for consistent dimensions.

In real life, we deal with real number; numbers with fractional part. Most modern computer have native (hardware) support for floating point numbers. However, the use of floating point is not necessarily the only way to represent fractional numbers.

4.2 The testbench assumes that the inputs x , y are normalized between $[-1,1]$. What is the minimum number of integer bits required for x and y ? What is the minimal number of integer bits for the output data type R and Θ ?

4 bytes

4.3 Modify the number of fractional bits for the input and output data types. How does the precision of the input and output data types affect the accuracy (RMSE) results?

RMSE is a good measure of accuracy. Highly precise data does not necessarily correlate to highly accurate data nor does highly accurate data imply high precision data. They are two separate and distinct measurements. As data is more precise overall the output data will have better accuracy, the tradeoff is latency but using fractional has a lower latency over floating-point.

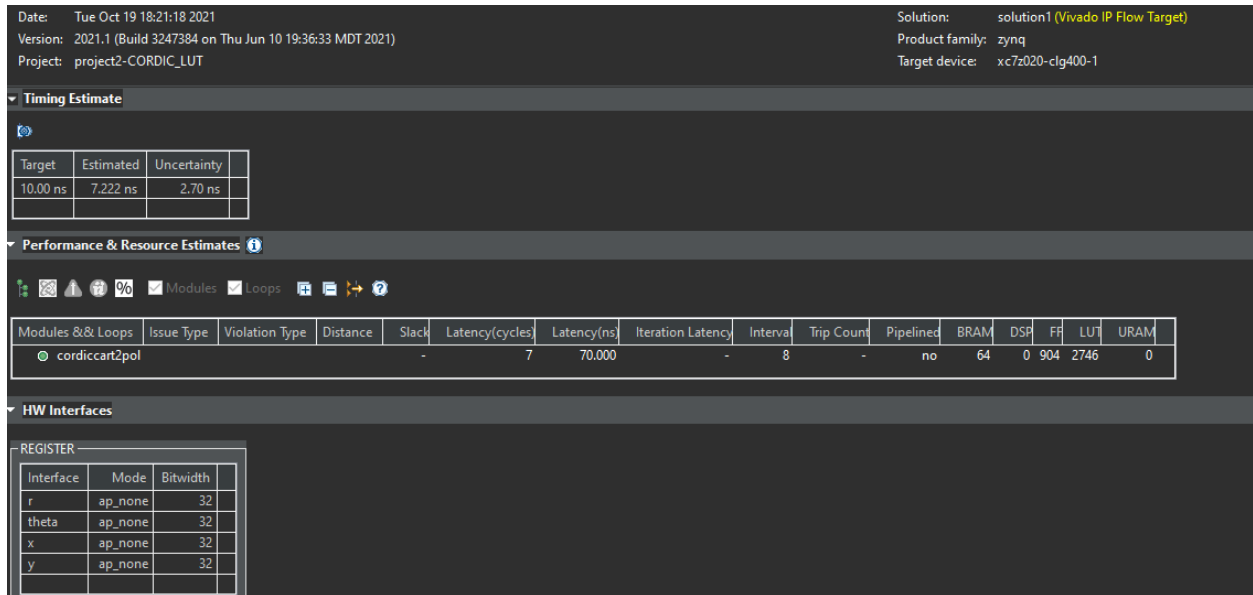


Figure 7 CORDIC_LUT_1

4.4 What is the performance (throughput, latency) of the LUT implementation? How does this change as the input and output data types change?

The primary benefit of using these different data types in software revolve around the amount of storage that the data type requires. The LUT is using ap_◇

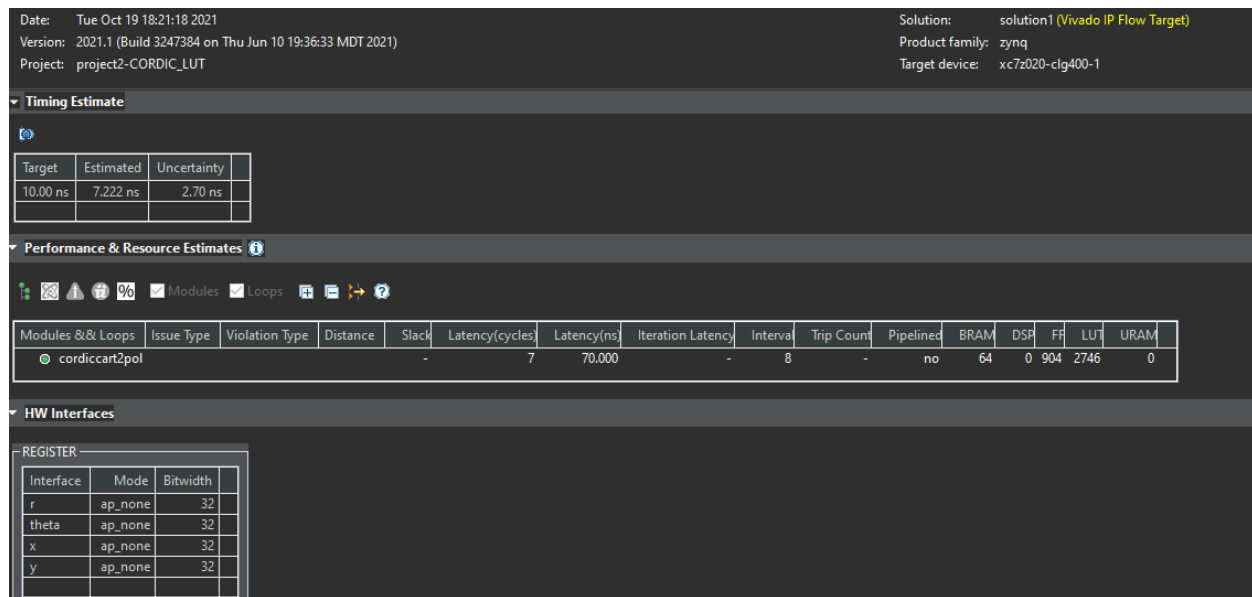


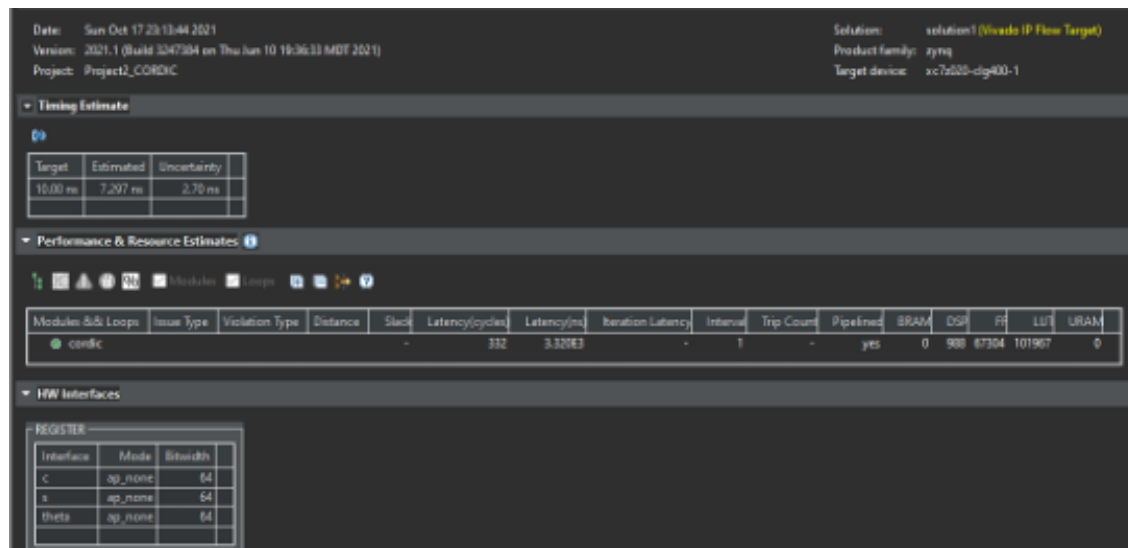
Figure 8 CORDIC_LUT_1

4.5 What advantages/disadvantages of the CORDIC implementation compared to the LUT-based implementation?

High-Speed- in a DSP microprocessor, table look-up methods are generally quicker than just CORDIC algorithm. Since FPGA technology is primarily based on referring to the look-up tables the time taken to execute is much less compared to ASIC technology.

LUT based increases that amount of memory used. LUT can increase the memory exponentially and HW complexity while the output word size increases.

// you have to answer to this question: What happens if you uncomment these pragma?
#pragma HLS RESOURCE variable=my_LUT_th core=RAM_IP_LUTRAM



Project: Phase Detector

Question 1: What is the throughput of your Phase Detector? How does that relate to the individual components (FIR, CORDIC, etc.)? How can you make it better?

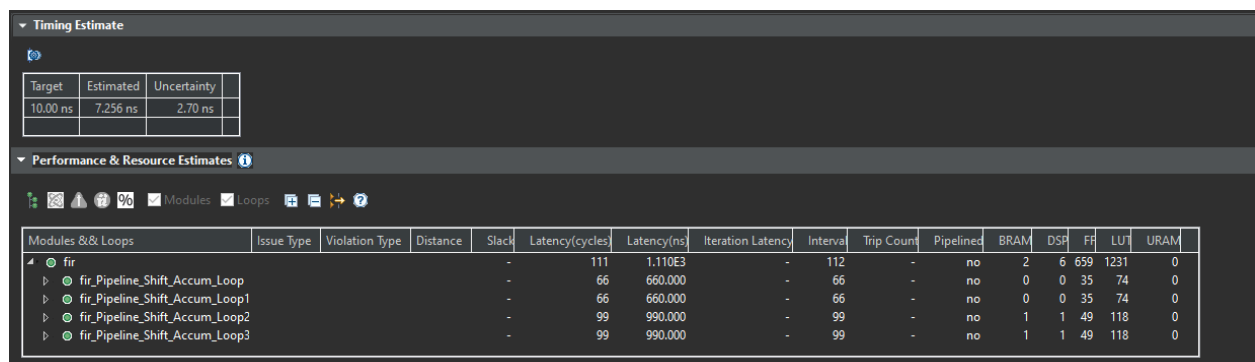


Figure 9 wo CORDIC

Finished Command `csynth_design` CPU user time: 6 seconds. CPU system time: 2 seconds. Elapsed time: 23.389 seconds; current allocated memory: 288.616 MB.

Total CPU user time: 10 seconds. Total CPU system time: 4 seconds. Total elapsed time: 32.934 seconds; peak allocated memory: 288.630 MB.